



Principal's Note

Hello, Kia Ora, Talofa lava, Namaste, Mabuhay, Ciao, Kia Orana, Ahalan, Konnichiwa, Ni hao, Selam, Xin chao, Bonjour, Bula, Dzien/Dobry, Shalom, Dia duit, Mauri, Halo, Bom dia, Gidday

Manaakitanga - Kindness

He aroha whakatō, he aroha ka puta mai If kindness is sown, then kindness is what you shall receive.

It has been another super busy week for the children, with a huge range of learning opportunities happening around the school.

Our Chess team competed at the Wellington Regional Chess Tournament at Mana College on Tuesday. Thank you to Ross Lynch for organising the players and to the parents for transporting and supervising them. These tournaments are a fantastic opportunity for the children to meet other similar players and test their skills.

Mrs. Fitzsimons took our swimmers to the Parumoana Zone Swimming Sports on Wednesday. Thank you to the parents who helped with supervision, transport, etc. and to the children for proudly representing our school.

Today we celebrated our Term 3 powhiri and Mass of Welcome. This is always a highlight of the term and an opportunity to come together, recognising our growing cultural diversity and unique special character. We are always so proud of the way our children step up and support one another in the many aspects of powhiri. We were especially proud of one former student Brayden Algar who, while supporting his younger brothers, delivered his whaikorero (speech) on behalf of the manuhiri. Thank you Brayden for role-modelling tuakana/teina.

It has been wonderful to listen to the senior students practising and proclaiming their Scripture readings this term. We were grateful to have Alan Grant from the Archdiocese of Wellington here today to judge the competition side of our Scripture Reading. We look forward to congratulating and supporting our Year 5 and 6 representatives at Our Lady of Kapiti School in the Kapiti Zone Scripture Competition.

Thank you to our Young Vinnies group, who together organised the Cans for Christmas mufti day. This was a student led initiative to support the food bank. The Young Vinnies worked together on the concept, advertising, collection and co-ordination of the items donated. Another great example of service in action.

Donna McDonald - Principal



The **#Family** is where hope is forged. - Pope Francis



Congratulations and many blessings on Lachlan Wilkie and his family. Lachie was baptised last Sunday by Fr. Des Derby. Please pray for him as he begins his faith journey.

This Sunday's Gospel - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

As we mature in our faith, we learn to accept the Church's profession of faith as our own. However, we can't do this without God's help and the help of the community of faith, the Church. We pray that God will help us be like Simon Peter and the disciples who chose to follow Jesus.



PLEASE!

If your child is not going to be at school (for whatever reason) and you email the classroom teacher, could you PLEASE add the Office in as well? office@st-theresas.school.nz
Best option is the Absence Line to leave a message.

CLASS OF THE WEEK - Room 8

In Room 8, we have been talking about what God looks like. The more we talked, the more we realised we all have a different and unique image of God. We also realised that as we learn more about God, our images sometimes change. We have also been learning to sign what our image of God looks like. Come along to this week's Assembly to see some of us signing our image of God. **Images of God by Jack, Kiahna, Sophia, Piata, Dominique & Ava W.**



CHILDREN'S BRING & BUY DAY - Wednesday, 26th September Since it's nearly time for spring-cleaning, we would love all those old toys, ornaments, knick-knacks, etc. that you intend getting rid of! Please send them along to school. All contributions gratefully received in Room 10.

Some important dates coming up

Camellia Project: Tuesday, 28th Aug.
P & F Meeting: Thursday, 30th Aug 7.30p.m. at D4
Uniform fittings: Friday, 31st Aug.
Tongan Language Week: 3 - 7th Sept.
Maori Language Week: 10 - 14th Sept.



SPARKS OF GOD 2018 - T3, Week 4

Back: Esmee Hope, Max Lewer, Vaughn Lynch, Emerson Allen

Front: Tommy Carter, Taylor Perridge, Noah Lewer, Will Croasdale, Kerys Cuddihy

Photographer: Euan Watkins



A huge thanks to everyone for bringing along their can/s for the Cans for Christmas initiative. Lucy, Ava & Hollie set up the display of all the cans that were donated - a really awesome effort!



Community Art Installation : Camellia Project

Artist Wendy Hannah is building the largest Chandelier in NZ that will transform used drink bottles into glittering, eco-friendly jewels. The work is part of the celebration of the **125th ANNIVERSARY OF SUFFRAGE IN NEW ZEALAND WHAKATU WAHINE: Votes For Women - A Salute to our New Zealand Heroines.** Wendy will be running workshops through schools teaching families how to make the jewels which they can pledge to the installation. She is hoping to use 32,872 (the number of signatures on the Suffrage petition) recycled flower cut outs.

WE NEED YOU - in more ways than one!

* We need lots more **drink bottles** with the flowery bottoms - PLEASE! Ask everyone you know. Deliver to the bottle bank in Room 10.

*We need you to **join us** on Tuesday, 28th August to be part of this fabulous installation. Mums, Dads, Grandparents, relatives - everyone!

*Have a **look at the video** link in our email - it's going to be amazing.

CAN YOU HELP? We are looking for people to support us with celebrating Maori Language Week, 10-14th Sept. Do you know of anyone who could share or read a story, teach a song, a dance or some weaving, lead children in Maori art, share Maori knowledge of our local area, etc.? If so, we want to hear from you. Please contact either Shona Hockings on shona-hockings@st-theresas.school.nz or Joanna Beasley on joanna-beasley@st-theresas.school.nz.

