



St. Theresa's Catholic School Newsletter

6th September, 2018

"To live, learn and love with Jesus, being the best we can be."



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.*



Mālō e lelei!

Mālō e lelei! Tongan Language Week / Uike Kātoanga'i 'o e Lea Faka-Tonga is being held from Sunday 2 September – Saturday 8 September 2018.

At the time of the 2013 census, there were over 60 000 New Zealanders who identified as Tongan. Currently, there are more Tongan people born in New Zealand than there are in Tonga, giving *lea faka-Tonga* (the Tonga language) and *anga faka-Tonga* (Tonga culture) a special place here.


Tongan Language Week/Uike Kātoanga'i 'o e lea faka-Tonga gives students of all ethnicities the chance to learn some basic *lea faka-Tonga* and gives students who speak *lea faka-Tonga* the chance to be experts in the classroom.

Special thanks to Noah and Eden Pio, who proudly shared some of their Tongan treasures and language with the whole school this week.

This year we have introduced our golden token system of rewarding positive behaviours across the whole school. The children have responded well to the areas we have focussed on and have commented on how they like the whole school approach. We have aligned the focus areas with our SPARK values of Self Control, Positive, Aroha, Respect and Kindness. The next focus area the children will be earning tokens for is MANNERS which aligns with Respect. All of the staff will be looking for opportunities to highlight great manners and we hope that you will be showered with pleases and thank yous at home too!



He hari, he pai te wiki. Whakapai te Atua,
Donna McDonald - Principal

 The love of Christ, welcomed with an open heart, changes us, transforms us and makes us able to love. - *Pope Francis*



This Sunday's Gospel - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



The sacraments strengthen us to share the good news of Jesus with others, like the man and his friends in this week's Gospel. We have great news about Jesus that we can't help but share with others so that they might also know His love.

Last week we welcomed 10 new children to our School with a *powhiri* and Mass of Welcome. We are so happy to have you all here as part of our School community and wish you many happy years to come.



SCRIPTURE READING COMPETITION

Alan Grant, Primary RE Advisor, judged our School competition and we thank him for his great feedback and for the time he took to be here. The winners were: (Year 6) **Courtney Tyrell, Jayden Reynolds & Tyler Duncan**; (Year 5) **Kezia Franklin, Emily Beuerlein & Ryder Duncan**. These children all went on to participate in the Kapiti competition. Well done to all of you!

SUPPORTING SUCCESS IN OUR SCHOOL If you are a parent or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate \$500 (yes, \$500!) to us! Please consider nominating St. Theresa's!



VERY IMPORTANT ARTSPASH AND DANCESPLASH TICKET INFORMATION

From next Wed. (12th Sept.) onwards, we will be allowing any families who have asked for more than their allocated 2 tickets, to buy extras so you need to get in quickly! There will be door sales too so you will still be able to buy on the day if you haven't already bought yours from here.



SPARKS OF GOD 2018 - T3, Week 6

Left to Right: Euan Watkins, Logan Simmons, Rei-Penina Mareikura, Maddie Maclean, Isaac Ringrose, Cruz Algar, Liana Saipani, George Hutchins, Dominique Hearfield

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Congratulations to our Swim Team who placed 7th in the Parumoana Interschool Swimming Competition. Special mention must go to Amokura Royal and Lila Ablett who made several finals' events.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

Wed., 12th at 6p.m.: Board of Trustees Meeting

Wed., 19th: ArtSplash

Thurs., 20th: DanceSplash

Sun., 23rd from Noon - 3p.m.: Nature School NZ Local Bush clean up

Wed., 26th All day! Children's Bring and Buy Day

Fri., 28th: No prizes for guessing what day this is!!

Beauty and the Bush! Sunday, 23rd September from Noon - 3p.m. Meet on the field here at school. Sausage sizzle at the end! Please R.S.V.P. to Leo Smith - Director, Nature School NZ Ph: 027 438 5366 E: leo@natureschoolnz.co.nz

Lost Property:

Kaleb Brennan's named PE T-shirt is missing. He's in Room 6.

Christian Jermy's named school jersey is also missing. He's in Room 2.

PLEASE check your children's gear in case they mistakenly have either of these items.

P.S. We still find so many items that are not named which pretty much means NO NAME - NO HELP!

CLASS OF THE WEEK - Room 7

In Room 7 this week, we have been very busy. We shared our prayers and Psalms with the other classes in the Pod. We made aqueducts in our co-operative groups for Inquiry Play. Even the bad weather didn't stop us having indoor P.E. Some of us went out in the rain and tried to collect rain water in different ways.

