



# St. Theresa's Catholic School Newsletter - 25th October, 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, Giday**

Manaakitanga - Kindness

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

This week we were very excited to start the week with news that Mr Pham's baby arrived safely in the weekend. We congratulate Arnie and Rachel on the arrival of their new little boy, Leo Collins Pham and send our best wishes to Arnie as he enjoys these precious first days. Mr. Bryne will be teaching in Room 6 while Mr. Pham is on paternity leave.

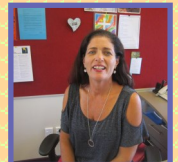
I am currently attending the New Zealand Principals Conference which is being held in Wellington. This conference brings together all of the Principals across the country and is a wonderful opportunity to collaborate and connect. We have been fortunate to hear from some very inspiring speakers such as Dr. Tony Wagner and Prof. Peter O'Connor on The Arts and Creating Innovators. My thanks go to the staff for supporting me to attend this opportunity.

The Board of Trustees have begun the consultation process to support the review of our School Charter and Strategic Plan. On Tuesday night we held the Faith Community Consultation. Our thanks go to the parents and members of our parish community who were able to share their thoughts and ideas which will support the development of our Strategic Plan for the next 3 years.

Attached to the newsletter email, you will find an invitation from the Board of Trustees to our Voice of the Community evening on Tuesday, 6th November. It is important we have a big turnout to gather ideas, so please check your diaries and mark the date.

We are currently in the process of deciding the class groups for next year. We are again projecting to end the year at capacity so if you know of any families with pre-schoolers who may possibly be thinking of enrolling their children, please ask them to contact us as soon as possible.

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



Sparks of God - Term 4, Week 1

Back: Tiarnan Curran, Harrison Croasdale,  
Kahukuranui Johnson-Bates, Logan Simmons  
Front: Sam Rousell, Scarlett Patil, Oakley Simmons,  
Kate Vincent  
Photographer: Ava Wrenn

**We have a new school baby!**  
Mr. Pham's wife gave birth to a gorgeous wee boy on Sunday, 21st October. They have named him Leo. We all can't wait to meet him and pass him round the staffroom for cuddles!



## This Sunday's Gospel

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

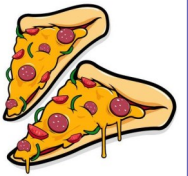
*In this Sunday's Gospel, Bartimaeus continues to call out to Jesus because he believes that Jesus will heal him. Jesus' words to Bartimaeus tell us that our persistence in prayer is a sign of our faith that God wants to save us.*



### Some dates for your diary

Wed., 31st October - Board of Trustees Meeting 6p.m.  
Thurs., 8th November - Powhiri and Mass of Welcome 9a.m.  
Sun., 11th November - Whole School/Parish Mass 9.30a.m.

**Pizza Fridays** are back - for 3 weeks only! Please get your orders in by Thursday morning. At least that's 3 times you don't have to make a school lunch!



### Inquiry learning in Room 1

Last term we were thinking about making a space project. We love space. We read some books and watched some videos about space to learn more. Then we made a plan to make our planets. First we blew up some balloons and we put glue all over them. Then we put newspaper over it. This made the balloons hard. When we were finished we painted the planets. We looked at the space book to make sure that we got the right colours. We started to make the Milky Way next and then we added our planets. We are showing our space project at Assembly tomorrow if you would like to come and see it.

Reporters: **Noah, Isaac and Teuaine**



### Carnival 2019

**Saturday, 16th March from 10a.m. - 2p.m.**

**Please mark this date in your diary NOW!**

**We need EVERYONE to get behind this event and do their bit - this is for the benefit of ALL our children. The co-ordinators are Jenny Jermy, Chrissie Swift and Maria Gair.**

### *Family Portrait Fundraiser*

*Saturday, 3rd & Sunday, 4th November*

*Please call Jodie Hickey-Smith on*

*021-450396 to find out more about it and/or to make a booking.*

*Check out the flier attachment in our email.*



Congratulations to the children who participated in the EPro8 Challenge. This technology challenge involved other schools in the area and the team on the left came 2nd.

They will now go on to the finals.

Well done to all the participants!

Left to Right: **Ryder Duncan, Courtney Tyrell, Victor Ablett, Leo Hutchins, Kira Tomlinson, Patch Dunne, Tyler Duncan, Lachlan Baker**

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**Our very own poppies!**



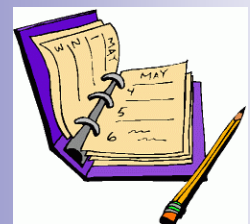
### School terms for 2019

T1: 7th Feb - 12th Apr

T2: 29th Apr - 5th July

T3: 22nd July - 27th Sept

T4: 14th Oct - 20th Dec. (TBC)



**SCHOOL CLOSSES THIS YEAR ON THURSDAY, 20TH DECEMBER at 12.30p.m.**