



**St. Theresa's Catholic School  
Newsletter - 8th November, 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, Dzień/Dobry, Shalom, Dia duit, Mauri, Halo, Bom dia, Gidday**

*Mai i te Kopae ki te Urupa, tatou ako tonu ai - From the cradle to the grave, we are forever learning.*

**Voice of the Community Consultation Evening** - Thank you to everyone who was able to make it to our evening on Tuesday night. This was a great opportunity to get together and talk about our collective vision for the future however, if you feel you still have more you would like to add, please email me. We understand that not everyone was able to make this date and would welcome feedback via email on our three key questions:

1. What's been going well?
2. What do we need to elevate or do more of?
3. What new initiatives would you like to see over the next three years?

In an increasingly digital world, we are able to share photographs of our children on many different platforms. As a school we use our school Facebook page and our website to post photographs of our children engaged in learning activities. These photographs form a part of the agreement between family and school and are not used for any other purpose than to inform the community of our learning. Please be aware of Facebook etiquette when sharing photographs of other people's children and ask for permission.

Over the next few weeks we will be collecting goods for two very worthwhile campaigns that are supporting those in need over Christmas. In Weeks 5 and 6 we will be collecting unwrapped new toys/games, etc. to go to the St. Vincent de Paul Society for their 'A Merry Vinnies Christmas' appeal. Details can be found on the link in our email. In Weeks 7 and 8 we will be collecting cans and other non-perishable foods for the St. Theresa's Parish Foodbank to support their Xmas hampers. Both of these initiatives are totally voluntary and we will have a Christmas tree set up in the foyer where they can be left.

Thank you to the family and whanau who helped support our final powhiri for 2018, with morning tea, etc. Our termly powhiri is unique to St. Theresa's and a very moving and fitting way to welcome all of our new families.

Sadly this week we learned that Deana Collis, our wonderful Room 1 teacher, will be leaving us at the end of the year. Deana is moving to Palmerston North and has secured a position at St Mary's Catholic School. We will farewell her officially at the end of the term and wish her well for the future.

We are looking forward to celebrating our final Parish/School Mass for 2018 on Sunday at 9.30a.m. We invite you to stay afterwards and share morning tea and a sausage sizzle together in the hall.

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



Sunday Mass is at the heart of the Church's life. There we encounter the Risen Lord, we listen to His Word, we are nourished at His table and thus we become Church. - *Pope Francis*

**WELCOME!** This week we welcome Brooke Barber to Room 2. She is the daughter of Luke and Bronagh and cousin to the Baker family. We wish you many happy and memorable years at St. Theresa's.

**Board Talk from John Mallon, Chairperson, Board of Trustees**

The Board of Trustees had its first meeting for the 4<sup>th</sup> Term last week. Where has the year gone?

As you will know, the Board has undertaken consultation with the community on the Charter and Strategic Plan review process. This included sessions with our staff, faith community and School community. We want to thank those people who gave up their valuable time to attend the sessions and share their thoughts on the School and contributed many bold ideas for the future.

The Board has a planning day on 17th November with the Strategic Plan to be finalised in February and presented to the Community in March 2019.

The Board would like to remind the community that the NZEI has signalled further stop-work action for all primary teacher and principal members via full day regional rolling strikes over 12th -16th November, 2018. The stop-work action will be dependent on further negotiation between NZEI and the Government, which we hope is successful but may not be confirmed until closer to 12th November.

The Board has again made the decision to close the School on the day of the strike, which would be Friday, 16th November, 2018. We will provide further update once we know whether the stop-work action is proceeding.

Finally, I would like to especially acknowledge Jenny Jermy, who through her hard work has successfully secured grants totalling over \$25,000 for the new playground, upgrade of the pool and kapa haka uniforms. We cannot thank her enough.

Enjoy the last term of the year. Take care and God bless.

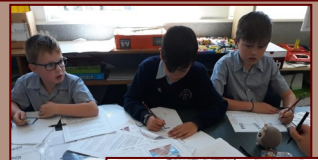
**This Sunday's Gospel** 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus made the poor widow's gift of a few coins, a memorable example of generosity. Even though she gave a lesser amount to the treasury than others, her small donation required a greater sacrifice than the large donations contributed by those who were rich. God wants us to share generously with others, giving not just from our surplus but from our whole self.



## Class of the Week - Room 6

Over the last two weeks we have been doing our speeches and Around the World in 8 days. Firstly, in our 'Around the World' project, we have five countries we need to visit: 1. Mexico, 2. Alaska, 3. India, 4. Africa, 5. Russia. In each of these countries we have certain tasks we need to do. We started with \$900 to spend. If there is a dot on one of the tasks, it is a buddy task and if there is a star on one of the tasks, it earns you money. On most of the countries you have to draw or colour in something. Now about our speeches. We had to pick a topic and find lots of facts about it. Once we finished writing it, we needed to publish it and print it. Now we know all about Mr. Pham's baby. His name is Leo - so it's a boy! Mr. Pham came back on Tuesday. We have been sending him things on Padlet of what we think his baby is going to be when he grows up. Mrs. Meyer has been doing this with us. Mr. Byrne has been working on basic facts with Room 6. We have been trying to improve. The people who improved the most got certificates. Oh also, the people who did the best at the 'Around the World' project got certificates. We have been playing a game called Buzz. We improved our thinking from the first time. Some of us were bad but we got better!

Reporters: **Holly Wilkie, Ishara Nandika & Naledi Tshenko-Rusbach**



## Miniball Results:

**STARS** lost 8 - 9. PoD: **Isaac Ringrose**  
**TIGERS:** A hard first game for the team (previously called the Saints) with a result not in their favour. However, they didn't give up despite the heaps to zero result! PoD went to **Mia Macintosh** for really strong defence effort. Keep it up!

**ROCKETS** lost 2 - 5. POD was **Abby Macintosh**

Pizza Fridays are a fundraising thing of the past! From next week onwards, there won't be any more for this year. Many thanks to everyone for supporting this Camp 2018 fundraising initiative.



## Kids Art Works Fundraiser

This year, the Parents & Friends and School are using Kids Art Works to turn your child's pictures into unique products e.g. calendars, notebooks, cards, journals & mousepads. Prices range from \$14 - \$18 each. The school receives a percentage of every order placed.

The children's artwork is sent in to be scanned and coded. Once we receive these codes back at school, we will pass your unique code on to you for your online viewing and ordering. The prices for the different options will be online, after we have received the codes.

These make wonderful Christmas gifts for friends and family while at the same time, supporting our School.

## POOL KEYS FOR THE SUMMER SEASON

We will be selling keys once again this year. The cost is \$100 and covers the period December - March. Everything you need to know is in the Key Holder's Agreement which is attached to our email.



## Sparks of God - Term 4, Week 2



**Back:** Daniel Lovett, Leo Hutchins, Ava Duncan, Finlay Blank, Jacob Fordham

**Front:** Jorja-Maree Hockings, Austin Perridge, Dante Johnson-Bates, Alexandra Baker, Georgia Carter

**Photographer:** Ava Wrenn

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun., 11th November - Whole School/Parish Mass 9.30a.m.

Wed., 5th December - Board Meeting 6p.m.

Fri., 14th December - Final Assembly 9a.m.

Tues., 18th December - Prizegiving 6p.m.

Thurs., 20th December - Leavers' Mass and close of school.

## Whole School/Parish Mass

**Sunday, 11th November at 9.30a.m.**

All children to attend wearing their school uniform. Bring a plate to share for morning tea and the School and Parish will provide a sausage sizzle.

Non attendance needs to be notified in writing to the classroom teacher as well as Donna at [donna-mcdonald@st-theresas.school.nz](mailto:donna-mcdonald@st-theresas.school.nz)

