



### Principal's Note

**Hello, Kia Ora, Talofa lava, Namaste, Mabuhay, Ciao, Kia Orana, Ahalan, Konnichiwa, Ni hao, Salam, 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.*

It's hard to believe we are nearly at the end of Week 5 and halfway through Term 4. For our senior students, we have the excitement of Camp, the Zoo trip and a trip to Zealandia to look forward to in our EOTC week and of course, our younger students look forward to spreading out and having the place to themselves for a little while!

We are currently looking at class lists, teachers and spaces for next year. Details of teaching staff and year groupings will be shared with you as soon as we can.

All teaching staff are currently in the process of writing end of year reports for all students across the school. The format is slightly different this year. We have included an infographic on the back of each child's report that aligns the child's year group with the level of the New Zealand Curriculum that they should be working at and have included more information on how your child is learning across the whole of the NZC through the Key Competencies. For practical purposes, the level your child is working on may be represented as a letter and number, for example: L 1 is Level 1 of the NZC. Please talk to your child's teacher or drop in and see me if you are unsure of anything.

Thank you to all the family and whanau who with their support, have enabled the children to attend the many trips and activities offered this year. The teachers wouldn't be able to offer so many great experiences without your support. Thank you to Michelle Mair for creating a beautiful Christmas corner from a few bits of tatty decorations for our 'Merry Vinnies Christmas Appeal'. Thanks also to Libby Baker for offering to co-ordinate the Year 5 families who will host our Year 6 leavers' celebration. This is a huge job, so look out for your letter with details.

Some great news! Room 7 is having a makeover in December - how exciting! We intend making this as least disruptive for the children as we can and can't wait to see how awesome it will look.

Sadly, the NZEI and Government have not been able to come to an agreement over the Teachers and Principals collective agreement. This means that the proposed strike scheduled for Friday, 16th November will be going ahead as planned. We appreciate this is an inconvenience and thank you very much for your understanding and support.

Lastly, congratulations to all of the children for the amazing effort they are putting into their speeches this year. We have had such a huge range of topics and are proud of the way the children have pushed themselves out of their comfort zone.

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



**Praying means knocking at the door of a friend.  
God is our friend.** - Pope Francis



### CALENDAR

- ◆ Mon. 26th Nov. - Fri. 30th Nov. CAMP Week
- ◆ Wed., 5th Dec. - Board Meeting 6p.m.
- ◆ Fri., 14th Dec. - Final Assembly 9a.m.
- ◆ Tues., 18th Dec. - Prizegiving 6p.m.
- ◆ Thurs., 20th Dec. - Leavers' Mass and close of school .



This week, two new students joined the children in Room 4. We warmly welcome **Holly Reading**, daughter of Matt and Jacqui and also, **Oliva Grace Todd**, daughter of Joe and Ina and sister of Ethan and Sophia and past pupils Joshua and Eden. Happy days at St. T's!

### THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel, Jesus talks about the end times. He does not want us to be frightened by these signs, nor does He want us to be fearful about the fact that the world will one day come to an end. Many things in the world may change but Jesus' words to us and God's love for us, will never change.



**CHRISTMAS IS A TIME OF GIVING** 'A Merry Vinnies Christmas' is happening right here at School. Over the next few weeks we will be collecting goods for two very worthwhile campaigns that are supporting those in need over Christmas. For this week and next, we are collecting unwrapped new toys/games, etc. to go to the St. Vincent de Paul Society for their appeal. 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 Christmas hampers. Both of these initiatives are totally voluntary and any contributions can be left at our Christmas tree and Nativity scene which are all set up in Reception!



## Room 8 - Creative Writing

This term, we have had fun reading and writing poetry. We know that some poems rhyme and some poems have alliteration. This is when there is the same letter or sound at the beginning of each word.

Alliteration Poems by **Sadie, Ava W., Max and Tommy**



### Miniball Results:

**TIGERS:** Second game of the season and another tough encounter. Our Tigers fought against a well-drilled team of Giants. **POD: Ryder Duncan** for relentless effort on attack and defence. Final score Giants heaps, Tigers seven baskets.

**ROCKETS** lost 16 - 22.

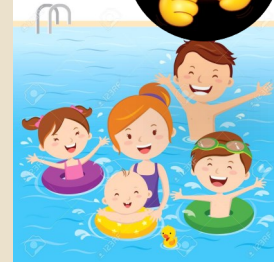
**POD: Nahla Taylor-Mallon.**

They are improving so much each week!

**STARS** had a draw. **POD: Will Croasdale**



Come buy your pool key now!  
For \$100, you get more than 4 months worth of swimming time - what a bargain!



*Swimming lessons on offer: A crash course of 5 lessons from 6th Dec - 12th Dec. There are a few spaces left for Beginners, Improvers and Stroke correction classes.*  
Contact Kieley on [kieleydh@yahoo.com](mailto:kieleydh@yahoo.com)



**Another National Achievement!**  
**Ava Wrenn's cheerleading team (Zeal) won:**

**Junior Level 1 - 1st Place, Level 1 Grand Champs and Best Stunts.** These results also mean that they have won a bid to compete in Australia.

**Congratulations, Ava!**



Sparks of God - Term 4, Week 4

**Back:** Ava Wrenn, Kira Tomlinson, Jade McLaughlin, Elice Mzila, Vaughn Lynch

**Front:** Holly Wilkie, Charlie Stewart, Max Gair, Jayden Blanchard, Wynthah Mair, Alessandra Staniforth

### Kids Art Works Fundraiser

Your children's artwork has been sent in for processing and you will each receive your unique code which you use to view and order online prior to purchasing. Your child's classroom teacher will be in touch with this information shortly.

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

Carnival 2019 - Please go to the link in our email and register yourself for a role on the day. We really need EVERYONE to help in some way and we're sure we can cater to everyone's needs. ALL our children will benefit from the success of this event. If you have any questions, please contact any of our 3 Carnival Co-ordinators:

**Jen Jermy 021-612345/ Maria Gair 021-390041/Chrissie Swift 021-02994599**

