



*"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**

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

Over the next few weeks, there will be many activities and celebrations happening around the school. Our senior students are preparing to take the next step in their learning journey, while others are taking up opportunities in a new environment. This can be an emotional and unsettling time and while we enjoy the excitement of looking forward, we need to remain mindful of enjoying this day and our time together right now.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has expressed their deep gratitude to the whole community for the very generous support of their first 'A Merry Vinnies Christmas' Appeal. The Christmas tree is looking very well-stocked and I will be dropping the presents off to them tomorrow so that means there is still 1 day left if you want to pop something under the tree. A reminder that we are also collecting food items for the St. Theresa's Parish Christmas food parcels and boxes for this collection will also be under our tree.

Thank you for your support of the teaching staff on Friday, as we joined our colleagues in Wellington for our planned strike day. It was so heartening to see many of you tooting as we walked to Te Rauparaha Arena. As you will be aware, discussions are ongoing and we pray that a resolution and agreement come quickly so as not to cause any further disruption to our community.

Sadly, Miss Collis is leaving us as she is moving to Palmerston North next year and although we wish her well, she will be missed by all. We have advertised for her replacement and hope to advise you all of the outcome of this appointment before the end of the year.

#### Class structure for 2019:

Pohutakawa Yr 5/6 - Trish Fitzsimons and Pauline MacLean

Pihinga Yr 3/4 - Arnie Pham, Lizzie Meyer, Deb Neave

Kakano Yr 0/1 - Jo Beasley, Deborah Norris, Elizabeth McKee and Yr 1/2 - Angela Cole and our new teacher.

Shona Hockings and Shona Croasdale will not be continuing their job share in Room 2, however Shona Hockings will be working in a part-time capacity releasing teachers across Kakano and Pihinga pods and Shona Croasdale will return as a reliever. At this time of teacher shortages and reported burnout and pressure, I am so grateful to have a stable, highly effective and passionate team of teachers who bring to life the school's curriculum, vision and mission statement everyday.

*He hari, he pai te wiki. Whakapai te Atua,*

Donna McDonald - Principal



Do not follow Jesus only when you feel like it, rather, seek Him every day. Find in Him the God who loves you always, the meaning of your life and the strength to give of yourself. - Pope Francis

### CALENDAR

- ◆ TOMORROW - Uniform fittings
- ◆ Mon. 26th Nov. - Fri. 30th Nov. CAMP Week
- ◆ Wed., 5th Dec. - Board Meeting 6p.m.
- ◆ Fri., 7th Dec. - Uniform fittings
- ◆ Fri., 14th Dec. - Final Assembly 9a.m.
- ◆ Tues., 18th Dec. - Prizegiving 6p.m.
- ◆ Thurs., 20th Dec. - Leavers' Mass and close of school .

### CHRISTMAS IS A TIME OF GIVING

For the next two weeks, we will be collecting cans and other non-perishable food items for the St. Theresa's Parish Foodbank to support their Christmas hampers. This is totally voluntary and any contributions can be left at our Christmas tree and Nativity scene which are set up in Reception!



**THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed gifts for the Merry Vinnies Christmas Appeal. We are so amazed at the generosity of our families.



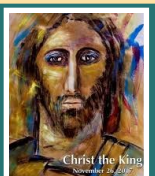
**School finishes at 12.30p.m. on Thursday, 20th December and reopens on Thursday, 7th February, 2019.**



### THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

#### The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King

This Sunday is feast of Christ the King. We believe that Jesus is our king, but His kingdom is heaven. He is a heavenly king who shows us how to live. All who believe in Him want to obey Him because they know He teaches us how to be truly happy.



# CARNIVAL

Saturday, 16th March, 2019

IF you have any new ideas, suggestions, contacts - anything that will help us to make our Carnival a huge success, please contact any one of our 3 Carnival Co-ordinators:  
**Jen Jermy 021-612345/ Maria Gair 021-390041/Chrissie Swift 021-02994599**

**Class of the Week - Rm 10**  
**Speeches, Kaitiaki competitions, Camp and Zoo next week! We can't be any more excited! Come to Assembly to see and hear about our wonderful work. We'll be posting our videos on Seesaw after Friday!**



## Miniball Results

**TIGERS:** Tigers had a great game this week with a pretty evenly matched team. It was nail biting at times. POD went to Luis Meo, who had a consistent game both on attack and defence. Final score 14 v 18 to Papakowhai Orange.

**ROCKETS** drew 12 all. POD: **Alexandra Baker**

**STARS** had a win! POD: **Edward Higgins & Ethan Ho**

## Lost Property:

Stella Smith (Rm 9) has lost her named jersey and Christian Jermy (Rm 2) has also lost his. Please check to see if your child mistakenly has any of these items.

Please Note: The big, red bucket outside Rm 1 is full of unnamed school uniform items as well as some jackets and random bits and pieces. At the end of the term, this will all be gone!

School Speech Competition We're so proud of EVERYONE for the effort they put into their speeches this year. On Friday at 1p.m. in the Church, we will be having the Year 4 presentation and the Year 5 & 6 finals. Parents are welcome to attend.

Congratulations to the Year 4 students: **Abigail Vincent, Ella Fordham and Hunter Tomlinson.**  
The Year 5 finalists are: **Domíníc Souza-Galle, Mia Macintosh, Luis Meo, Ryder Duncan, Brooke Jones & Vaughn Lynch.**

The Year 6 finalists are: **Tyler Duncan, Leo Hutchins, Amelie Carter, Riley Seque, Courtney Tyrell & Nina Stevenson.**

Well done to all of you and good luck for tomorrow!

**CAMP 2018** Bright and early on Monday morning, the Year 6 students will be off to the South Island. Mrs. McDonald along with Mrs. MacLean and some very lucky parents will be going with them! Travel well, have the best time ever and come back safely to us all. While the cat's away?!? - JUST KIDDING!



There are lots of notices in the **Community Connections** tab on our website, specifically one about auditioning for being in a music video! You will find all the events under the 'For Parents' tab.



**2019 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME** (First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist) is open for enrolment. Children who are in Year 4 (next year) or older, are welcome to join the programme. It will run in the first three terms of the school year. Please contact Jocelyn at the office if you need further information.



## Year 5 Zoo Trip

The parents of all our Year 5 students will be sent a notice confirming all the details for next week's sleepover. Mrs. Fitzsimons is the lucky teacher spending the night there. Perhaps we should change this to the 'Stay Awake-over'?!?

## Checklist - for your convenience!

- Buy a pool key - Only \$100 for more than 4 months' worth of super fun!
- Register for a role at the Carnival - Go to our website and click on the Carnival 2019 tab.
- Kids' Artwork gift ideas - Unique codes have been given to everyone so go online and order whatever you want. Cut-off date is Monday, 26th November.
- Uniform fittings - TOMORROW and 7th December - Call Gina to make an appointment