



### Principal's Note

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

Donna, Pauline, some keen Year 6 parents and all the Year 6 students are having a fabulous time at Bridge Valley Camp in Nelson this week. After a year of fundraising and anticipation, they arrived safely, have had a mix of rain and sun and are having a blast!

Congratulations Deana Collis and Arnie Pham for graduating with their Diploma in Religious Studies this week. Cardinal John Dew presented these awards at a special ceremony in Wellington on Tuesday night. Deana and Arnie have been studying part time over the last 2 years for this Diploma. (There are rumours that these two are going to be the poster kids on the TCI website!)



Thank for so much to all of you who contributed to the appeal for Christmas gifts over the past few weeks. The St Vincent de Paul group who are co-ordinating 'A Merry Vinnies Christmas Appeal' wish to pass on their gratitude for the generosity of our School community. They were overwhelmed by all gifts that you donated. I am sure there will be many more happy children this Christmas. We are now supporting our Parish SVDP Christmas food bank appeal. Please see the information about this in the main body of the newsletter.

*He hari, he pai te wiki. Whakapai te Atua,*  
Deborah Norris - Deputy Principal

### CALENDAR

- ◆ 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 .

### St. Theresa's Parish Food bank

**Until the end of next week,** we will be collecting cans and other non-perishable food items to support the Christmas hampers which are distributed locally. Any contributions can be left at our Christmas tree and Nativity scene which are set up in Reception!

THANK YOU to all those who have already made a contribution.



### THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

#### 1st Sunday of Advent

This Sunday we hear that we don't need to be fearful about difficult things or about changes in our lives either. We can bring these things to God in our prayers and God will give us the strength to face everything and anything that might happen in our lives.



#### Speech Competition Winners

Congratulations to everyone for their participation. The winners for 2018 are:

Year 6: 1st Tyler Duncan  
2nd Courtney Tyrell  
3rd Nina Stevenson

Year 5: 1st Luis Meo  
2nd Mia Macintosh  
3rd Vaughn Lynch

Year 4: 1st Abigail Vincent  
2nd Ella Fordham  
3rd Hunter Tomlinson

Adjudicator: Judith Dunlop

## LEARNING HUB NOTICES

from Sarah Hunt, our Librarian

The annual **stocktake** is underway. PLEASE return all your library books so that we have none outstanding by the end of term.

### Summer Reading Programme:

Information about this will be sent out next week. This is available to St. Theresa's students who are returning in 2019 and also only to those who have no outstanding books.



Have you seen our beautifully decorated pohutukawa tree? In anticipation of Christmas, it will become a Jesse tree so keep an eye out for what's been added.



*The spectacle we're treated to everyday! What's not love about this?! Lest we forget.*



## Class of the Week - Room 7

This week in Room 7, we have been very busy. We have been practising our speeches and on Tuesday we presented them to the class. They were fantastic. We have been busy learning through Play, creating burger shops, dances and paper crafts. We even managed to do PE indoors with balloons. We can't wait for 'St Theresa's Got Talent'.

**Reporters: Gabriella Staniforth, Abby Macintosh, Logan Simmons, Max Ramm, Samuel Zvirzginas, Asha Stewart**

### Miniball results:

**The STARS had another win this week!**  
**PoDs were Maya James and Sacha Baldwin**  
**The TIGERS played great defence against a great team. PoD: Lila Ablett**

## St. Theresa's Parish Nativity Play Christmas Unwrapped

Calling all school-aged children (up to Year 6) who are keen to be part of our Christmas Eve liturgy. We need enthusiastic participants who are available to come to rehearsals in the days leading up to Christmas.

Parents and caregivers of children wanting to take part, please email me so that I can contact you about our rehearsals and other details.

Janet McClean

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2019 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME is open for enrolment. Children who are in Year 4 (next year) or older, are welcome to join the programme. Enrolments need to be in **by 20th December** when school closes. Please contact Jocelyn at the Parish office if you need further information. [st.theresas@xtra.co.nz](mailto:st.theresas@xtra.co.nz)



## Sparks of God - Term 4, Week 6

**Back:** Anna Curran, Max Lewer, Isabella Ringrose  
**Front:** Isabelle Aubrey (insert), Paige McLaughlin, \*, Felix McMinn, Jack Buchannan