



St. Theresa's Catholic School Newsletter - 6th December 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, wa, Ni hao, Selam, Xin chao, Bonjour, Bula, Dzień/Dobry, Shalom, Konnichi-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.

Welcome to our 2nd to last newsletter for 2018; we seem to say this every year - where does the time go?

Last week I was very fortunate to attend the Year 6 camp at Bridge Valley Adventure Centre. I was so impressed with our children. They displayed a can do attitude, pushed themselves out of their comfort zone and supported one another to create a really positive learning experience. Thank you so much to Helen Cartwright, Craig Bain, Chris Ablett and Ramona Tyrell for giving up their time to support the children to access this experience. A huge thank you to Pauline MacLean for the hours of work put into managing all the behind the scenes work that ensures we have a safe, fun, positive and slightly challenging time. I also wish to thank the parents of our Year 6 children for entrusting them to us for a week and ensuring they were well prepared.




This week I have been able to get into classes and spend time with the children. It was great to see how confident and relaxed Room 7 and 8 children were in the water. As we approach the summer holiday period, we are reminded of how important it is to understand water safety and we are fortunate to have the pool as a resource, right in our grounds.

In his tweet, Pope Francis talks about generosity and I see this shown in so many ways by the whole community here at St Theresa's. Thank you for the wonderful generosity you all showed to St Vincent DePaul Society for their Merry Vinnies Christmas Appeal. They were so very grateful. We are still collecting non-perishable food items and treats for the St Theresa's Parish Christmas food parcels, in the foyer.



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

 Let us ask the Lord for the grace of being generous, so that our hearts may be opened and we may become kinder. [#SantaMarta](#) - Pope Francis

CALENDAR

- * Fri., 7th Dec. - Uniform fittings
- * Fri., 14th Dec. - Final Assembly 9a.m. followed by our Thank You morning tea
- * Tues., 18th Dec. - Prizegiving 6p.m.
- * Thurs., 20th Dec. 11a.m. - Leavers' Mass and close of school

Thank you morning tea Friday 14th December

The staff invite you all to be our guests at morning tea after final Assembly. This is our opportunity to thank you for all your support and help during the year.



St. Theresa's Parish Food bank



For one more week, we will be collecting cans and other non-perishable

food items to support the Christmas hampers which are distributed locally.

The boxes are filling up nicely - THANK YOU to all those who have already made a contribution.

LEARNING HUB NEWS

Summer Reading - Information and permission slips were sent home yesterday. Please **return** by this Friday, **7th December** (one per child). This will avoid the holiday reading slump and encourage our students to develop a love of reading. Open to all students returning in 2019. Issuing will take place in Week 9. **PLEASE BRING A TOTE BAG FOR YOUR 8 BOOKS!**

Library stocktake: Our entire stock has now been scanned. Please return all outstanding library books by Week 9. All overdue/lost books will be invoiced next week. Please pay for these at the school office before the end of the term.

Christmas in the Learning Hub: Come have a look at this amazing creation!



THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL 2nd Sunday of Advent

During the season of Advent, the message of John the Baptist is particularly appropriate. During Advent, we seek forgiveness of our sins as we prepare for Jesus' coming.





Class of the Week - Room 3

Room 3 is really enjoying Bush Sprouts! Finally, it was our turn for Bush Sprouts. We had so much fun sliding down the mud, climbing trees and exploring the river. We loved swinging on the rope and checking the rat traps. Yay! No rats.



How's this for innovation?

Carnival 2019

Carnival Newsletter #2 is in our email and also available on the website. Please give this vital fundraiser your full support - we really need EVERYONE to help in some way. If you haven't already registered for a role on the day, please go to our website and take your pick. Thanks to those who have!

Mystery Jars: A great way to recycle your glass jars over the summer is to fill them up with awesome knick knacks and turn them into a Mystery Jar. Decorate/wrap them up - just make them look to look mysterious! Mystery Jars are a really great money earner for CARNIVAL and sell out quick so we need heaps! Kid-friendly please, as they are the main customers for Mystery Jars. If you need jars to make an early start, there are some available at Gina's office right now!

Toy Drive We are collecting donations of toys, both pre-loved (but not broken!) and new toys for our Carnival in March 2019! Donations can be dropped to the School reception by 14 December 2018. Thank you for your generosity!

Miniball Results

STARS won 38 - 10. PoD: Amelia Ho & Khloe Vu

ROCKETS won 24 - 6

PoD: Jayden Blanchard Awesome play by everyone for our last game.

TIGERS Missing our Yr 6s, the Yr 5s left behind put up a good defence and gave it their best but the opposition had it in the bag. The best thing about the St T's Tigers is that they don't give up!! Awesome attitude. PoD: Mahi Meo

Don't live to regret it! Get your pool key now because it's going to be a sizzling summer! Only \$100 for use from now until the end of March!

Money matters (It really does!)

School accounts have been sent out - hopefully for the last time this year. All items, except the Family Contribution, have already been paid for by us so it is important that we receive payment from you. With regards the Family Contribution: This is vital in enabling your children to receive the best quality education by providing resources for effective curriculum delivery.



Lost property: Alessanda Staniforth (Rm 3) and Stella Smith (Rm 9) have both lost their jerseys. Please check to see if your child mistakenly has either of them.

St. Theresa's Parish Nativity Play Christmas Unwrapped

Please contact Janet McClean if any of your school-aged children (up to Year 6) are keen to take part in our Christmas Eve liturgy. janetsmcclean@gmail.com



Sparks of God - Term 4, Week 7

Back: Luna Blank, Izzy Cato, Charles Tyrell, Maya James, Brooke Barber
Front: Andre Hesp, Olivia Murphy, Brianna Huynen, Harlan Baker

Photographer: Hannah Tohill