



St. Theresa's Catholic School Newsletter - 13th 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, 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.

Welcome to our final newsletter for 2018 - I bet you didn't see that coming! The year has flown by, with the children experiencing a huge range of broad curriculum activities. We are all very proud of the way our students at St. Theresa's embrace every learning opportunity presented to them, how they seek out new learning and support each other to safely challenge themselves in new and exciting ways.



Thank you for the ongoing support we receive from you all and the trust you put in us to care for, nurture and support your children to understand and believe in their unique abilities. We hope that you can join us at 10.15am tomorrow for morning tea so that the staff can show their appreciation of you all.

The last week of school is very full and exciting. This can be an emotionally exhausting time for our children and we will endeavour to have structure and routine as much as possible.

On Tuesday the children will spend time with their teachers for 2019 and the children in their classes and Pods. As you are aware, we follow a robust process in deciding on classes for the new year with many variables taken into account. Please encourage your children to see this as an opportunity to make new friends and learning connections.

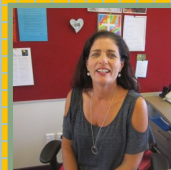
Sadly we are farewelling Deana Collis from Room 1. We have all loved having Miss Collis begin her teaching career with us here at St. Theresa's and are very proud of all she has achieved. The staff and students will be bidding her farewell at our final assembly tomorrow and you are all very welcome to attend.


As you may know, we had advertised for a Junior tagged teacher to fill Deana's vacant position. We have made the decision to re-advertise the Junior position early in 2019, and will keep you informed of the progress. We are very pleased to inform you however, that we have secured a wonderful, very qualified teacher to work in Room 1 for Term 1, 2019. Morgan Jones will be joining us next year for Term 1 and I know she will quickly feel welcome and a part of our St. Theresa's community.

Have a happy and safe holiday break. Enjoy spending time with whanau and friends and for those who are travelling, travel safely. We look forward to seeing you all back next year.

Whai I te Kirihimete oaoa, me te haumaruru

Donna McDonald - Principal



 Keep the faith. In this second week of Advent, we ask for the grace to prepare ourselves with faith to celebrate Christmas. - Pope Francis

CALENDAR

- * 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

Tomorrow at 10.15a.m. On behalf of all the Staff, we would like to thank you all for everything you have done for us during the year, both inside and outside of the classroom. Many of our events and trips couldn't happen without your support. Also, thank you for all the lovely gifts we have received - we appreciate them very much.

EVERYONE IS INVITED



THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL 3rd Sunday of Advent

Our desire to make ready for Jesus will be more sincere if we can identify one specific change we might make in our lives to prepare the way of the Lord.



Pihinga POD visited the **Soup Kitchen and the Home of Compassion**. We learned about Suzanne Aubert and how she looked after the poor and those in need. We decided to cook some devilled sausages to give to people in need. It was fun cooking the sausages and delivering them to the food bank. We also made some veggie soup. We loved grating the carrots and chopping the veggies for our soup. **Reporters – Teddy Green, Sophia Todd, Poppy-Lou Dennison** One group decided to bake some biscuits to sell to the Kakano children. We made biscuits in all shapes and sizes. We sold the biscuits for \$2 so we could give \$2 coins to the Soup Kitchen so they can pay for people's dinners. We raised \$128! We were very happy with that amount. Thank you, Kakano children, for supporting our bake sale. **Reporter – Olivia Murphy**



Christmas Mass Times

Monday, 24th at 6p.m.

Christmas Eve Family
Mass at Bishop Viard
College Hall 20
Kenepuru Drive

Tuesday, 25th at

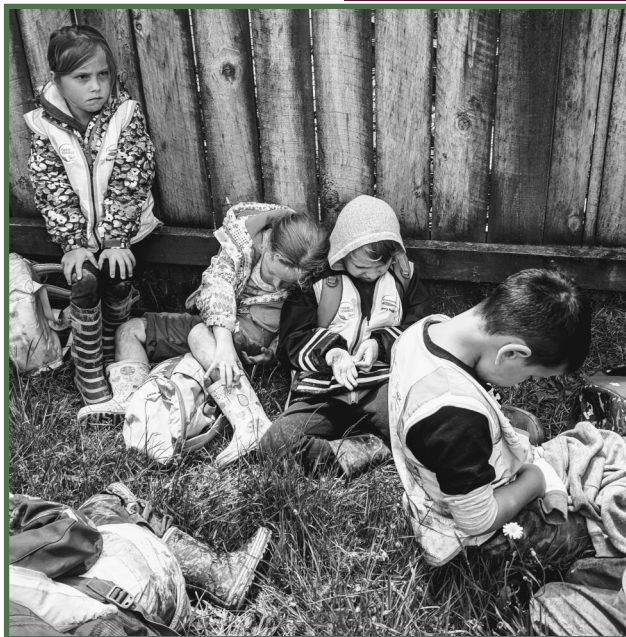
9:30a.m. Christmas
Mass at St. Theresa's
Church, Plimmerton

In Room 2, we have been learning about the Christmas story. We are making our own Nativity stables. They are a work in progress. We can't wait to get them finished so we can take them home.



Class of the Week
Room 2

We loved Wacky Wednesday. It was such a fun day. The senior students ran a fun sports afternoon.



Room 3 on their Bush Sprouts day last week. Thanks to Mac James for this gorgeous photograph.

Carnival 2019

Mystery Jars: We have plenty of empty jars waiting to be filled! Collect yours from the Office.

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 until tomorrow.

Everything else! If, during the holidays, you have a big clean out, we would love anything you think would be acceptable for our Carnival. Unwanted/excess gifts, pre-loved (but still good condition) toys, ornaments, bric-a-brac, etc.

Miniball Results

TIGERS: Fantastic effort by the Tigers. Within one basket of winning, it was a mighty nail-biting game - could have gone either way. PoD: Patch Dunne

STARS had a draw 12 all. PoD: Maya James

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Team Managers, parents and supporters - these games simply couldn't happen without your input. We really appreciate the effort you make for the sake of all team members.



Sparks of God - Term 4, Week 8

Back: Hunter Tomlinson, Joshua Cousins, Ella Seque, Ethan Todd, Harrison Croasdale, Riley Hockings

Front: Cruz Algar, Sam Rousell, Kobe Algar, Charlie Land, Aden Abraham, Lashini Jeyathas, Piata Gargiulo

Photographer: Ava Wrenn

* **Pool keys** - If you intend buying a key, please come to the Office to collect and pay. We would appreciate it if this wasn't on the last day of term.

* **Lost property** - In a week's time, everything in the bin will be gone so if you're missing something, you need to check real soon.

* **Parish Nativity Play** - Contact Janet McClean if your child is keen to be in this year's play.
janetsmcclean@gmail.com

* **Community Connections** on our website - Please check out all the local activities and events that are available in our area. It's under the 'For Parents' tab.

SCHOOL RE-OPENS ON
THURSDAY,
7TH FEBRUARY, 2019.

Enjoy the holidays, travel safely and see you next year!