



St. Theresa's Catholic School Newsletter - 21st February, 2019



"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.

What an exciting start to the day we had with the arrival of a container on the back of a truck. The children loved the opportunity to watch how the container was lifted off the truck and positioned, and open the doors to look inside. A huge thank you to Jen Jermy for organising the purchase and delivery. We also thank the Trust House Foundation for approving our grant application and supporting us in the work we are beginning to undertake to create an amazing outdoor environment for our children. The container will be used in the short term for storage for the Carnival. Then we will incorporate it into our outdoor plan.



Our first Parish/School Mass for the year will be held on Sunday, 24 March, 9.30am. It has become a bit of a tradition to have a sausage sizzle and morning tea after this Mass and the School and Parish work together to provide this. We need another co-ordinator from the school to work with Jodie Hickey-Smith on the role this year. We have 2 Masses per year and the role involves checking in with Jocelyn in the Parish office, getting out the BBQs out, cooking the sausages and helping with the morning tea. Please let Gina know if you can help with this.

Please come along next Tuesday evening to our first Information Evening for 2019. We will be sharing information on how we will be using the SeeSaw app this year, talking about our school Gospel Values and giving you some more information on the PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) framework. The evening starts at 5pm with a sausage sizzle and we will move into the Hall at 5.30pm. We aim to be finished by 7pm and will have child minding available.

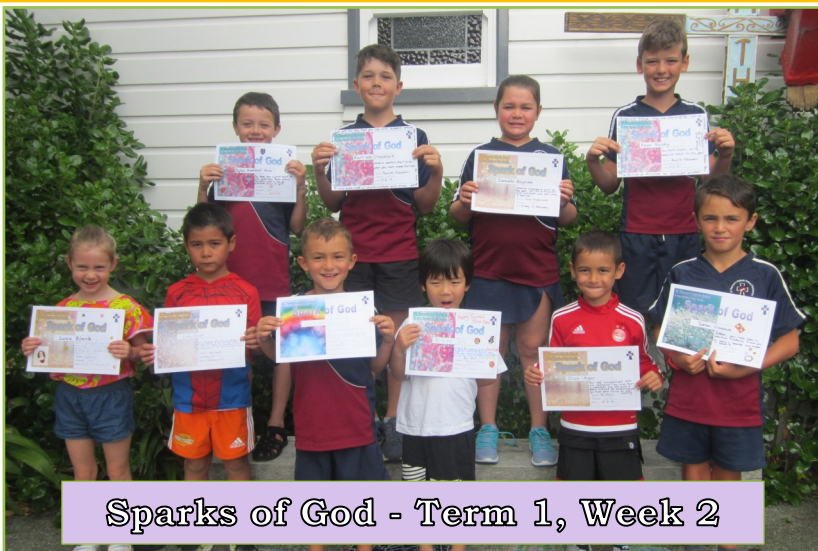
It has been great having Easyswim's Todd Morton and his team, Stacey, Katie, Rosie and Taff teaching the children over the past two weeks. We have been really impressed with the skill development and confidence the children have displayed. It was an extra bonus for our Senior students to be able to work with the instructors in the sea last week.



Thank you to everyone who supported us with our Beach Day on Friday, from walking with us to and from the beach, transporting equipment (and some very weary, wet children) to getting into the water to supervise swimming. Your support ensures these really valuable experience can happen. The sun shone just the right amount of time during the day and the longer walk to Karehana Bay was well worth it.



Whai I te Kirihimete oaoa, me te haumaru Donna McDonald - Principal

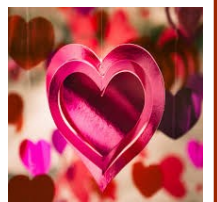


Sparks of God - Term 1, Week 2

Back: Dylan Goodstadt-Brown, Harrison Croasdale, Isabella Ringrose, Adam Murphy
Front: Luna Blank, Kobe Algar, Isaac Duncan, William Lin, Cruz Algar, Jakson Croasdale

Sunday's Gospel - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Gospel tells us that God gives us unlimited chances to act in loving ways toward others. We know that God shows mercy to us by forgiving us and by giving us another chance to choose to follow His ways. God wants us to be merciful just as He is merciful. This means that God expects us to give each other unlimited chances.



NAMED PICKETS ON THE FENCE

At the end of this term we will once again be sending in orders, so if you're keen to have your child's name or family name on one, please get a form from the Office. They cost \$35 each.



Class of the Week - Room 1

In Room 1 we have been busy getting to know each other. We have been learning about graphs and making new friends. It has been great swimming every day.



Second-hand uniform sale - NEWSFLASH!!!

Unfortunately this will not be happening tomorrow. Due to illness, we are postponing the uniform sale to **Friday, 8th March**. Whatever we have will be laid out here in the 4Square (outside Room 4). If you need any uniform, come along and have a look. We are asking for a donation to be made at the Office for anything that is 'sold'.

Important dates for you to remember:

- Tues., 26th Feb.: School photographs
- Tues., 26th Feb.: Information Evening 5p.m. - 7p.m.
- Wed., 27th Feb.: BoT meeting 6 p.m.
- Thurs., 28th Feb.: Powhiri and Mass of Welcome 9a.m.
- Fri., 1st Mar.: Uniform fittings (for new items) - Appts from 2.15 onwards. Call the Office to book a time.
- Wed., 6th Mar.: Ash Wednesday 9a.m.
- Fri., 8th Mar.: 2nd hand Uniform sale



Stronger Together for Action on Climate

Stronger Together for Action on Climate – Porirua will be a series of 3 evenings to inform and inspire people in the Porirua area to consider realistic ways to respond to the challenges of climate change. There's no better time than now to commit to making a change, restoring our common home. It will run each Thursday 7, 14, 21 March from 7.30-9pm in St Theresa's Parish Hall. We encourage young people (12yrs and up) to attend. It is their future that's now coming into focus. More information phone the Parish office 2331279 or email Catherine Gibbs cmgibbs543@gmail.com

Lost Property:

Max Grimwood's named hat is missing from Room 3 and **Ryder Duncan's** PE t-shirt from Room 10.

Sports Results

Indoor Soccer:

Thunderbirds lost 0 – 1 PoD: **George Franklin** for being a great team player!

Rockets lost 0 - 3 PoD **William Lin**

Flag Rugby Football:

One game we won 9 - 5 and the other we lost 6 - 12. Everyone played really well!
PoDs: **Charlie Carter** (Top try scorer) and **Lachie Wilkie** (Best try of the day).



School Photographs - Tuesday, 26th February

Individual photos will be taken of every child next Tuesday however, there is no obligation to order them. If you want a family photo taken, please make sure you have filled out the card that was sent home with each child. If you would like any other siblings not at our school to be in the group, this can be arranged as well. Just let Gina know.

Carnival 2019 - Saturday, 16th March

VERY IMPORTANT INFO!

- * Please sign up if you haven't already done so - either on the website or here at the Office.
 - * The shed will be open every Sunday morning after Mass for drop-offs.
 - * Keep your donations coming in. This week is Jars and Bottles and then heading into next week, it will be 'Luxury items' for example chocolate, coffee, wine, beer, honey, pamper packs, stationery, kitchen items like tea towels or utensils - anything new that you might like to win yourself!
 - * Mystery Jars - please keep bringing those in too. You can make as many as you want to. If you need ideas for making them mysterious, there are samples at the Office.
 - * Raffle tickets - Thanks to those families who have already sold their books and asked for more! We would really appreciate it if all tickets could be sold and money returned as soon as possible.
- If you have any business contacts who you think could be approached for a donation, please let one of the Co-ordinators know.

THANK YOU SO MUCH TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE ALREADY MADE CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS.

Netball 2019 - Year 5 & 6

Children who registered their interest in playing have been given a slip to complete and return. If your child did not bring home a slip but is keen to play, you need to complete the form which is available on the website.

Morning tea after powhiri

It's the responsibility of all the families in Rooms 9 & 10 to supply a plate for this occasion. Thanks in advance!



Apologies from Gina to Kate Nickson for spelling her surname incorrectly in last week's newsletter!