



St. Theresa's Catholic School Newsletter - 7th March, 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, Dzień/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.

Yesterday we celebrated Ash Wednesday with a lovely Mass in the Church. Thank you to Fr Maurice, Michelle Barber, Angela Cole, all the staff and especially the children and community for helping to make this a very special celebration.

Have you thought about becoming a board member for your child's school? Come along to NZSTA's Kōrari Programme to find out about becoming a school trustee on a school board!

NZSTA are holding a community hui at Aotea College in the school library on 7th March at 6.00 pm in the lead up to this year's Board of Trustees' elections.

At the hui you'll hear about:

- * What is a school board of trustees?
- * What do trustees do?
- * What skills do trustees need?
- * Who can become a trustee?
- * How do I become a trustee?
- * Who is on a board of trustees?
- * How is a board elected?
- * What help do school trustees get?
- * How does the board of trustees work?



We are very pleased to announce **Morgan Jones** who teaches in Room 2, will be staying on here at St Theresa's for the remainder of 2019. It has been lovely to see the way Morgan has been welcomed into our community and we all look forward to working with her this year.

Congratulations to **Deborah Norris, Deb Neave and Elizabeth McKee** who received certificates from The Catholic Institute for completing professional development in Catholic Education. These were presented at the Ash Wednesday Mass yesterday.



Donna McDonald - Principal



The Lenten journey begins on Ash Wednesday. I invite each of you to live this time in an authentic spirit of penance and conversion, like a return to the Father, who awaits us all with open arms. - Pope Francis

Our School is a KiVa school. What does that mean? We are part of the KiVa programme where we have zero tolerance towards bullying. We have a twofold approach to achieving this.

Prevention: Prevention such as student lessons and online games, is directed at all students, with a focus on changing the role of the bystanders.

Intervention: Schools need effective tools when a case of bullying comes to light.

Intervention is used when a bullying case is identified. It is targeted specifically to the children/adolescents who have been involved in bullying as perpetrators or victims, as well as to several classmates who are challenged to support the victim. The aim is to put an end to bullying.



Sunday's Gospel - 1st Sunday of Lent

During Lent, we can think more carefully about how we spend our time. We might choose to spend more time and energy on activities that lead us to God. Jesus' response to the devil's temptations reminds us that God is to take priority in our lives. Our Lenten practices prepare us to choose God above everything else in our lives.



Archdiocese of Wellington
Please make sure you read the attachment in our email - it's from the Attendance Dues team.

FOUND: A gold Casio watch was found in the roller door shed - we're not sure if was lost or if someone is donating it to the Carnival! It's running on time!

Class of the Week - Room 6

In Room 6 this term, we have been doing Makerspace. We have been trying to help Mr Bump to stop him from bumping into things. We have also been doing stop motion animation where we have to take lots of pictures and we have been making masks out of cardboard which we coloured in with pastels. We love being creative in Room 6.

Reporters: Ella, Asha & Elice



Important dates for you to diarise:

Fri., 8th Mar.: 2nd hand uniform sale
 Sat., 16th Mar.: CARNIVAL 2019 10 - 2
 Thurs., 28th Mar.: Senior Swimming Sports 1 - 2.30pm
 Fri., 29th Mar.: Uniform fittings
 Sun., 31st Mar.: First Reconciliation
 Fri., 12th Apr.: Whanau Day and the close of Term 1

Lost Property: Arabella's named school jersey is missing. She's in Room 2.

Congratulations to Klhoe Vu and her family on the birth of their wee baby. We hope he brings you much joy.



Sports Results

Indoor Soccer: The Thunderbirds went down by 1 goal to 3. Great effort by all, considering we don't have any subs. PoD: **Tom Rousell** for scoring the goal and listening to his coach's (Dad's) instructions!

Flag Rugby Football: A great game. We won 9 - 6!! The PoDs **Hannah Tohill** and **Harrison Croasdale** - both players made outstanding tags and never gave up.

Secondhand uniform sale tomorrow from 2.15p.m. in the 4Square outside Room 4 or the Staffroom if raining.

First Reconciliation candidates: Kahukuranui Johnson-Bates, Emily Aubrey, Harlan Baker, Breanna Butler, Georgia Carter, Olivia Carter, Ava Duncan, George Franklin, Dylan Goodstadt-Brown, Hannah Greenham, Cassidy Meli, Riley Meli, Olivia Murphy, Ella Seque, Kira Sidoti, Asha Stewart, Katherine Vincent. **Keep them in your prayers.**



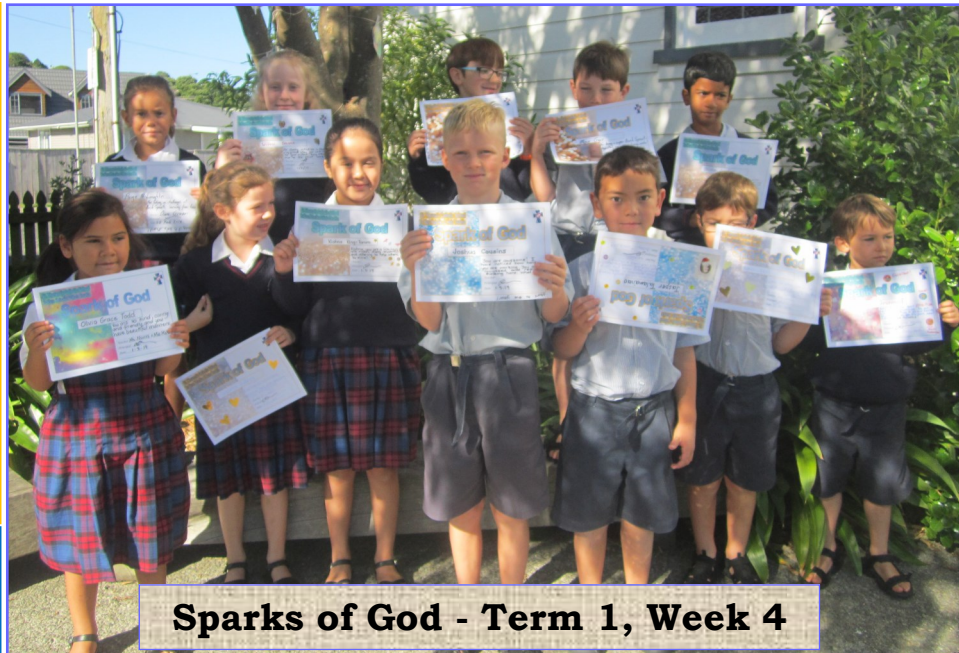
Carnival 2019 - Saturday, 16th March JUST OVER ONE WEEK TO GO!

Please continue with all your support and contributions. This event promises to be a fabulous occasion to be enjoyed by all and for the benefit of every child in our School.

Carnival Silent Auction

A list of all the items is attached to our email. Remember that if you can't be there on the day or you're working at a stall (as most of you probably will be!) you can still put in a bid by calling Gina. She will write your bid up for you so at least you're in with a chance! There's something for everyone and you definitely don't want to miss out.

Please note the change of date for **Senior Swimming Sports:** This is now on Thursday, 28th March from 1 - 2.30 at the Cannons Creek Pool. This is for Rooms 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10.



Sparks of God - Term 1, Week 4

Back: Paige McLaughlin, Willow Dunne, Hunter Tomlinson, Max Gair, Tristan Jeyathas
Front: Olivia Grace Todd, Isabelle Aubrey, Kiahna King-Tararo, Joshua Cousins, Jasper Talamaivao, Ryker Sidoti, Max Grimwood
Photographer: Leto Moore