



# St. Theresa's Catholic School Newsletter - 14th 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, Dzien/Dobry, Shalom, Dia duit, Mauri, Halo, Bom dia, Giddyay

***Mai i te Kopae ki te Urupa, tatou ako tonu ai -  
From the cradle to the grave, we are forever learning.***

Great news ....there are only 2 sleeps to go until our much anticipated 2019 Carnival. The Carnival team have been working very hard to make this a huge success and we are nearly there. Don't forget to sign up for a job on the day if you haven't already done so and remind your friends and family to come along from 10am to 2pm on Saturday.

The staff will be involved in Te Reo Maori/Tikanga Maori PD throughout the year. This term, we have been learning the importance of pepeha simple sentence structures to ask and answer who you are and where you come from. These lessons are then shared in class with the children, so check in with your them about what they are learning. Te Reo Maori is unique to Aotearoa New Zealand and our point of difference to the rest of the world - *Dr Wayne Ngata*.

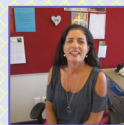
On Tuesday, 19 March, we will be holding our Immersion Day to launch our inquiry. We are looking at Captain Cook's voyages of discovery and will have a range of activities happening around the school - (there's a rumour there could even be a goat!). The children are asked to dress in clothes appropriate to the era and teachers will be emailing requirements over the weekend.

Yesterday I was fortunate to be able to spend the day with Rooms 9 and 10 on their Capital E experience. We were treated to 3 very different performances that showcased a huge range of talents. I know the children were both entertained and inspired and I thank Trish Fitzsimons and Pauline MacLean for ensuring our children have the opportunity to be part of these events.

Next week the NZEI (the Union for all Primary Teachers and Principals), are calling for paid union meetings. We have decided as a staff, to attend separate meetings throughout the week so that it does not disrupt the children's learning. We all appreciate the support we are receiving from the whole community and are holding out hope for a prompt resolution so that the strike scheduled for 3 April does not need to go ahead.

Have a wonderful weekend - see you all Saturday!

**Donna McDonald - Principal**



Women make the world beautiful, they protect it and keep it alive. They bring the grace of renewal, the embrace of inclusion, and the courage to give of oneself. - *Pope Francis* [#InternationalWomensDay](#)

## Sports Results

**Indoor Soccer:** Thunderbirds had a 1 all draw. Goal scored by **George Franklin**. POD - **Alex Cousins**. He played the first half with his wheels on his runners!  
**Flag Rugby Football:** We lost this week by quite a few tries to not many, although it was a great team effort and we never gave up. PoDs were **Seb Richards** and **Ryder Duncan**, both for fantastic speed and great running.

## Sunday's Gospel - 1st Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel, Jesus takes three of his disciples to the mountain to pray. During Lent, we slow down and seek out time for quiet prayer. In silence, we can be more attentive to Jesus who wants us to follow His word and example. Our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving help us to listen and follow Jesus more faithfully.



## Sunday, 24th March at 9.30a.m.

### Whole School/Parish Mass

All children are expected to attend, wearing their full school uniform. This will be followed by morning tea (please bring a plate to share) and a sausage sizzle which is provided by the Parish and School.

## Board Talk

The Board of Trustees had its first meeting for the year last week and a key item on the agenda was the Strategic Plan. The Board is currently finalising the Plan and are aiming to release it to the Community by the end of March 2019.

Like you, I can't wait for the Carnival this Saturday. There is still a need for some helpers on the day so if you haven't already volunteered, please do so. Remember, this is your Carnival and is to raise funds for our School and our own children. So it is up to everyone to help on the day to make it a success.

The Boards thanks go to **Jenny Jermy** and **Maria Gair** for their awesome efforts in pulling the Carnival together. Please everyone, get in behind them!

Finally, the Board of Trustee elections will be held this coming June. If you are interested in serving as a trustee, please do put your name forward.



Enjoy the Carnival on Saturday and fingers crossed for the weather. Take care and God bless.

**John Mallon** - Chairperson, BoT



# Class of the Week - Room 8

In Room 8, we have been learning about Statistics and following statistical inquiry. The 4 steps are:

- \* Ask a question
- \* Gather the data
- \* Record the data
- \* Analyse the data

We have been using tally charts to record the data and we have been learning to use bar graphs.

It was fun doing all the steps and everyone liked different things and had different questions.

Reporters: Jakson, Kate, Harlan, Ava and Gabriella



## Important dates for you to diarise:

Sat., 16th March CARNIVAL 2019 10 - 2

Sun., 24th March 9.30 am  
Whole School/Parish Mass

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

## First Reconciliation Candidate

Apologies to **Seb Richards** for not including him in our photo last week! Please keep him in your prayers.



## Carnival Silent Auction

A list of all the items is attached to our email. If you think you may be too busy or won't be there on the day, feel free to place a bid right now! Call Gina and she will sort this for you! (If you're not sure what a Silent Auction is, Gina can help with that too!



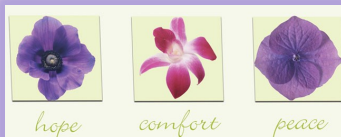
# SUPER RAFFLE

## Raffle tickets

We would love it if everyone could sell their allocated books and return the butts and money to the Office as soon as possible. The Raffle ticket sales form a large part of the final outcome of our Carnival and is a way everyone can support us.

On behalf of our whole School community, we offer condolences to **John, Chrissie, Sadie and Billie Swift** on the death of their Mum and Grandmother, Marg.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.



## St. Theresa's Catholic School Carnival

**THIS Saturday from 10a.m. - 2p.m.**

**You simply HAVE TO BE HERE!**



Miss Jones on playground duty - never a dull moment round here!



## Sparks of God - Term 1, Week 5

Back: Isabel Taylor, Theo Lewer, \*, Micah Jordan

Front: Sophia Todd, Daniel Gilmour, Jacob Song, Thomas Savea, Brooke Barber, Alessandra Staniforth

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