



St. Theresa's Catholic School Newsletter - 11th April 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, Giddyay

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

What a fantastic term this has been, with a huge range of learning opportunities happening across the School. We have been really impressed with the way that the children have supported and encouraged each other both in and out of the classroom this term and the enthusiasm they show everyday for their learning. Our annual Carnival was a huge success and a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community.



We are really excited to start the development of our school playground environment and would like to thank Trust House Foundation for their very generous grant that has supported us to purchase a container, playground design and equipment to begin this project. Thanks also to Mike Pennington for his enthusiasm and support in pulling together our ideas to create a design concept. We hope to have a draft of this for you to comment on before the beginning of Term 2.

We have our ERO visit on the first day of Term 2 and will be welcoming our reviewers at 10.30a.m. with a powhiri. Please feel free to come along and support us with this powhiri as we would love to have our family/whanau present, to truly show our value of manaakitanga.

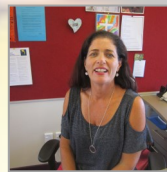
Just a heads up that we have our 3-way Interviews in Week 2 of Term 2 - 8th and 9th May. The booking process will be online again and we will open booking closer to the end of April. We have intentionally held off having these meetings until Term 2, to give teachers and children an opportunity to develop goals, etc. We will also be discussing the reporting through Seesaw process. Please mark your diaries now so your ready to lock in a time.

We have been invited to attend the Porirua ANZAC Day celebrations again this year. Any child who would like to march with the School is welcome and just needs to meet me in the paid public carpark on Hagley Street at 8.30a.m. The children need to be in full school uniform please (no hoodies for this one!).

A huge thank you to Andrea Hancox who has volunteered to run a Code Club in our School next term. Thanks also to Arnie Pham and Dele Oluwole for helping get this initiative started. The Code Club will initially be open to Yr 5 and 6 students only and we can only take 14 registrations to start. An email has gone out to the Room 9 and 10 families today, so if you are interested please click on the link to register your child.

We have a big line up tomorrow for our last day of term, with cultural and Easter celebrations. We will start with Assembly, then continue with our cultural celebrations. You are all welcome to join us for hot cross buns at morning tea before we move into the Church for our Easter Pageant at 11.15a.m. All the details are in the attached invitation and we look forward to seeing you all there.

Have a great break and very happy Easter. Travel safely and enjoy some relaxing moments with family and friends.



Donna McDonald - Principal



May the Lord always give us hope for the future and the strength to keep going. [#SantaMarta](#) - Pope Francis

Holy Week & Easter Schedule at St. Theresa's Parish

Sat., 13th April – 6pm Palm Sunday Vigil **Sun., 14th April** – 9:30am Palm Sunday Eucharist **16th Tues., April** – Chrism Mass at St Teresa's Karori
Wed., 17th April Holy Wednesday – Eucharist 9:30am
18th April Holy Thursday – Eucharist 7:30pm
19th April Good Friday – 9:30am Procession of the Cross from Plimmerton Boating Club
19th April Good Friday – Memorial of the Lord's Passion 3pm
20th April Saturday - 6pm Vigil (YES 6pm)
21st April Easter Sunday – 9:30am Eucharist

Caritas Challenge - Living our lives with Love!
Thanks to everyone for getting involved with this initiative. Over \$230 was raised and will go towards supporting the people of South Sudan.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Throughout Holy Week, we will continue to reflect on the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in His obedient suffering and dying, revealed Himself to us as God's Son and brought to fulfilment the Kingdom of God.



BOARD ELECTIONS: Board Elections will take place on 7th June, 2019. Please give some thought to putting yourself forward for nomination. For more info on trusteeship, please go to the NZSTA website.

Class of the Week - Room 3

In Room 3, we have had so much fun with our learning this term. We have learnt so much about ourselves. We know that we are all different. We looked at each other and noticed we were different colours and shapes. We are all unique and beautiful and we all love being together as one family whanau in Room 3.



Indoor soccer finals

Thunderbirds won by default and **EVERY TEAM MEMBER** was the PoD!

Saints - well, they WON 4 - 3 with only 4 players in their team! The team's overall PoD was **Xavier Jordan** and EVERY team member was PoD on the day. Thanks managers and supporters!



Flag results: The final game of the Flag competition had a great result. Saint Theresa's won 11-2. We officially finished 3rd for the season. The whole team played well and they can all be very proud of the result. Thanks to Matt Greenham for this report.



Working Bee - Sunday, 5th May from around midday for a couple of hours. We'll provide a sausage sizzle and a beer - afterwards! If you think you can help, please contact Jen Jermy on 021-612345 or email her jenjermy@gmail.com. More details will follow and please remember - more hands, less work! Thanks in anticipation.

BoardTalk

The Board of Trustees met on 3 April and a key agenda item was the School's Strategic Plan for the next few years. The Strategic Plan has now been finalised with the key strategic aims being:

- ◆ We will strengthen the Faith journey for our students, through developing partnerships between family/whanau, School and Parish.
- ◆ Children will engage in a range of learning opportunities to ensure we are growing holistic learners.
- ◆ Our students are proud of their own and others' cultures.
- ◆ Students and teachers will develop skills and tools to connect with the digital world to support learning.

The above aims reflect the key themes that came from the community consultation process undertaken by the Board and will provide the key focus of the Board, staff and community over the coming years. The full Charter and Strategic Plan will be available on the School website.

The Carnival was again a day to remember and a big success for the School community. We raised close to \$29,000; an impressive effort from everyone involved on the day. Our special thanks go to Jen Jermy and Maria Gair who put in a huge amount of time to make the Carnival a success for the School.

The Board of Trustee elections will be held on 7 June and there are 5 parent representative positions to be filled. If you are interested in serving as a trustee, please do put your name forward.

Finally, Tafaofali'i Tuna Talamaivao has stepped down from the Board of Trustees and I would like to thank him on behalf of the School Community for his time and effort on the Board. We wish him and his family all the best.

Take care and God bless. **John Mallon** - Chairperson, Board of Trustees

You up for a challenge?

If you like getting muddy and dirty then the **Junior Tough Girl/Guy Challenge** is for you! This year we're hoping to get the biggest St. Theresa's team yet. We're entering our school team for Thursday, 23rd May. Follow the link in our email and see Abigail, Kate or Anna Vincent if you have any questions.

THANK YOU! We'd like to say a really BIG thanks to **Mike Montgomery** (Hannah Greenham's grandad) who is our general Mr. Fix-it guy! We really appreciate everything you do for us, Mike!



Sparks of God - Term 1, Week 9

Back: Sadie Swift, Charles Tyrell, Ava Woodley, Kannika Smith, Lilyana Wrenn
Front: Kyle Sichampanakhone, Esther Davies, Logan Holmes

Lost property Arabella's named jersey is still missing. We ask that you all have a good look through your child's clothing to see if you inadvertently have her or someone else's property and return to school please. The big bin outside Rm 1 will be emptied during the holidays so if your child is missing something, you need to check SOON!