



St. Theresa's Catholic School Newsletter - 2nd May, 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 huge range of opportunities ako tonu ai - From the cradle to the grave, we are forever learning.

It has been lovely to welcome you all back to school this week for what is going to be another busy and exciting term. I hope that you all managed to have a lovely Easter break and those of you who made the most of the Easter, ANZAC Day extended break had a lovely time catching up with family and friends.

We have started the term off with a visit from Andrea Rodley and Jill Power from the Education Review Office who have been conducting an external review of the School. Thank you to the Board members who were able to attend on Monday as we welcomed them with a powhiri in Room 10. The children were passionate and proud in their powhiri welcome and our reviewers commented on how they could immediately feel a sense of manaakitanga from our school. The children, staff and community have truly lived our vision and values this week and I personally thank you all.

On Thursday, 25 April we proudly marched in the Porirua ANZAC Day parade with a small group of St. Theresa's students. Thank you to the group of students who represented our school and to the many other families who we saw in the crowd, for turning out to show our respect for the many veterans, both living and dead who have helped to make Aotearoa NZ the beautiful country we live in.



Just a reminder that next week the teaching staff and I will be attending a paid union meeting on Monday at 1.30p.m. The children will need to be collected from school by 1pm however, if your child needs to stay at school, please let us know immediately so we can ensure we have adequate cover at school for them.

Thanks to Jenny Jermy for co-ordinating the school Working Bee on Sunday, 5 May. This is greatly appreciated by us all here at school. Come along for an hour or two on Sunday (from midday) and stay for a sausage and a drink.

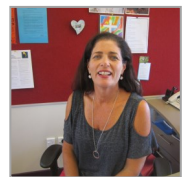
Don't forget to book a time for our 3-way interviews next week. These are a valuable opportunity for you to hear about the progress your child has made, ongoing next steps and goals and of course to discuss any issues or share information. We appreciate you making time to come into school and aim for 100% attendance or connection.

Yesterday Fr Maurice headed off to Rome to present his work on Mother Aubert. This is an exciting time for him and we are all very proud of the work he is doing. We look forward to seeing him back in school in early June and wish him safe travels.

Donna McDonald - Principal



May St Joseph, the humble workman of Nazareth, direct us toward Christ, support the sacrifice of those who do good and intercede for those who have lost their job or who are not successful in finding one. - Pope Francis



A warm welcome!
Carys Parry has joined the children in Room 7. We are very happy to welcome (back!) the Parry family; Kelyvn and Rachel, twins Mackenzie and Grace (former students of St. T's) and younger brother, Fergus. We hope that your time at our School will be a very memorable and happy one.

NZEI Paid Union Meeting As advised, teaching staff will be attending a meeting on Monday, 6th May and we ask that you collect your children by 1p.m. If you are unable to collect them, PLEASE email Gina today so we can ensure there are enough staff on site for supervision purposes.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS:

Board Elections will take place on 7th June, 2019. Nomination forms have been posted to everyone on the electoral roll. Please remember that if you send in a nomination form, it must be signed IN BOTH PLACES. Nominations close at noon on **Friday, 24th May, 2019.**

For more info on trusteeship, please go to the NZSTA website.



Third Sunday of Easter

In our Baptism, we were also entrusted with a mission to love and serve others in Jesus' name. Like Peter, we sin and turn away from Jesus and the mission He gives us. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we are forgiven. Our relationship with Jesus is healed and restored so that we can again be His disciples, sent to be people who love and serve others as Jesus did.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

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 hands, less work! Thanks in anticipation.

2019/2020 Entertainment Books

This year, we are offering online orders only. You can still order a hard copy which will be posted to you or the digital version. See the attachment in our email.

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 (Rm 10), Kate (Rm 8) or Anna Vincent (greaney@yahoo.co.uk) if you have any questions.

Sparks of God - Term 1, Week 10



Back: Elice Mzila, Gabriella Staniforth, Logan Simmons, Riley Seque, Russell Ngan
Front: Angelo Meo, Elle Jermy, Scarlett Patil, *

Uniform fitting dates for Term 2: All on a Friday, starting at 2p.m. 17th May, 7th June, 21st June.
Call Gina to book your appointment.

Pizza Fridays are back in town!

This Camp 2019 fundraiser takes place every Friday and is your chance for a day off from making lunches. \$1.50 per slice. Forms will be sent out each week and must be handed in by 9a.m. on Thursday. Please remember that if you prepay for the term (which you can do!) you still need to put your order in and mark it "paid for the term".

NEWSFLASH: Everyone on the School's electoral roll should have received a Board of Trustees nomination form and covering letter. It appears that some of the labels on the envelopes were dislodged during processing so if you didn't receive your own nomination form and letter through the mail, you can request one from the Office.



MAY, THE MONTH OF MARY

The month of May is a special time for us Catholics to pay homage to our Blessed Mother Mary. Don't ever feel afraid to approach her in prayer for grace, strength and her intercession to Jesus for your personal intentions.

Book Club Orders:

Please have these in by **Mon., 13th May**. You can order online if that suits you better!

Dates for your MAY diary:

Sun., 5th May Working Bee from around midday//**Wed., 15th May** Board meeting 6p.m.//**Fri., 17th May** Uniform fittings//**Week starting 27th May** NZ Book Week and Samoan Language Week//**Thurs., 30th May** Powhiri 9a.m.//Year 3- 6 Cross Country 11.30 - 12.30

Class of the Week - Room 4

Room 4 has had a busy week exploring measurement, learning to use rulers and describe and compare size and shape. We have learned lots of new words to describe size using te reo Māori and NZSL.

