



# St. Theresa's Catholic School Newsletter - 16th 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, Giday  
*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 great watching the children enthusiastically training for their cross country this week. All children have made personal gains and increased their fitness levels. It has been a little bit start-stop at times however, with the constant visits from our rabbit friends! This just adds to the excitement of training in a semi-rural environment.*

*Our netball and hockey teams have also been training hard and have played some fantastic games. The miniball teams down at Te Rauparaha also continue to entertain their supporters on a Tuesday afternoon - well done to all those children and a huge thank you to the parent volunteers who support them.*

*As you will be aware, nominations for Board positions are currently being called for. Our Board are on a 3 year cycle so all current elected members will be standing down and all positions apart from our Proprietor's Appointees are up for election. If you did not receive your nomination form in the mail, please see Gina.*

*Please see invitation below from Gerard Tully Acting Principal at Bishop Viard College:*

### **BISHOP VIARD COLLEGE OPEN DAY**

**THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 11 AM - 1PM**

**Come visit and experience the advantages of learning in a smaller school with a wonderful family atmosphere, where we really know all our students. Any inquiries to: [tullyg@viard.school.nz](mailto:tullyg@viard.school.nz)**

*We are also pleased to inform you that the Board of Trustees of Bishop Viard College have appointed Chris Theobald to the position of Principal, starting in Term 3. Chris is currently the Principal of Holy Family School in Cannons Creek and we wish him all the best on his new appointment.*

*Today we received our draft ERO report and we are very pleased with the outcomes so far. The Board will need to follow the process as outlined by the review office and then once signed off, it will become a public document and be published on their site.*

*On Wednesday, 29 May, all NZEI and PPTA members will be holding a joint strike day. This combined strike action between primary teachers, primary principals and secondary teachers is an indication of the importance of our campaign. The teaching staff at St Theresa's are grateful for the continued support we have received as we work through the bargaining process and are hopeful for a beneficial resolution in the very near future.*

### WHAT WE ARE CAMPAIGNING FOR?

- More teachers – so your kids can get more attention
- More resources/staff to support children with additional learning needs
- A pay jolt to salaries for teachers to address the teacher shortage – so that your children will have a teacher in the future.

*Please don't forget to send the children along with a gold coin and all dressed in pink on Friday as we raise funds for Pink Shirt Day and raise awareness for NZ Bully Free Week.*

**Donna McDonald - Principal**



God proposes Himself, He never imposes Himself; He enlightens us, but never blinds us. - Pope Francis



**PINK SHIRT DAY  
TOMORROW!  
PINK MUFTI  
for a gold coin!**

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

The kind of love Jesus modelled for us is difficult. It involves sacrifice. Jesus knew that the disciples would be called upon to follow His way of love unto death. That's why Jesus didn't tell us how to love, He showed us. The Gospel this week tells us that before Jesus died, He told His friends to love one another the way He had shown them to love.



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

Nominations close at noon on **Friday, 24th May, 2019.** For more info on trusteeship, please go to the NZSTA website.

**SCHOOL  
WILL BE  
CLOSED ON  
WEDNESDAY,  
29TH MAY**



A very warm welcome to **Matthew Bleach** and his parents Dan and Helen. Matthew will be joining the students in Room 3. We hope that your time here at St. T's is a very happy one.

## Sparks of God - Term 2, Week 2



**Back:** Holly Wilkie, Ruby-Rose Dennison, Noah Lewer, Tommy Carter

**Front:** Rei-Penina Mareikura, Nicholas Aubrey, Alex Cousins, Max Grimwood, Jacob Fordham, Eseta Ah Kuoi

**Rush to get our School \$500.00 - Get in now before 30th June expiry!** If you're a parent, staff member or a member of the school community and draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate \$500 to your chosen participating school - which is us!

## Class of the Week - Room 9

It has been a busy start to the term. Room 9 children are learning about ANZAC Day and what it means. Did you know that some of the soldiers were so weak they actually fell into the latrine - how terrible for them! We are writing a report and doing lots of research about this topic. In Week 5 we will have our Cross Country race. We are doing our training each week. Some kids are trying to make the Cross Country team and others are just trying to beat their goal. We were lucky enough to do the First Footprints trip where we learnt about our local area. We will investigate this further and present our information like a museum display. It's another busy term for Room 9.

Reporters: **Lilyana Wrenn & Lina Ramm**



### PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

#### Entertainment Books

Order online and select St. T's

#### Diary Dates:

**Wed., 15th May**

\* Board meeting 6p.m.

**Fri., 17th May**

\* Pink Shirt Day

\* Uniform fittings

**Fri., 24th May**

\* Board of Trustees nominations close at noon.

**Week starting 27th May**

\* Samoan Language Week

**Tues., 28th May**

\* Catholic Schools Day

**Thurs., 30th May**

\* Powhiri and Mass of Welcome starting at 9a.m.

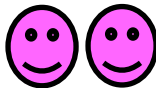
**Fri., 31st May**

\* Year 3 - 6 Cross Country  
11.30 - 12.30

**Wed., 5th June** Start of our Book Week

**Fri., 7th June**

\* Book Character Parade



### Camp 2019 Fundraiser:

Check out the attachment in our email - your chance to get some amazing wines at amazing prices. Your go to person for more info is Jodie Hickey-Smith.

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### Sports Results

**HOCKEY:** St. T's Phoenix had a loss this week. The result could have been a lot worse if not for the defensive skills of our team.

PoD: **Lila Ablett** for her awesome ability to defend and being kept on her toes for the whole game!

**MINIBALL:** St T's Tigers won 16 - 4 PoD: **Will Croasdale**  
St T's Rockets lost 0 - 5. PoD: **Alette Gibbons** Awesome first game!

St T's Angles lost 14 - 20. PoD **Samuel Zvirzdinas**

**UNIHOOC:** St T's Shining Stars lost 10-12. PoD **Flynn Croasdale**  
Both the above games were awesome and our teams were just unlucky on the day.



A heads up from the Learning Hub team  
**COMING SOON** ..... Book Fair 2019!

Arrives: Wednesday, 5th June

Book Character Dress Up Day: Friday, 7th June

This year's theme is "Enchanted Forest!"

Start planning those costumes now -

More details to follow!



**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE FOR SENIOR CROSS COUNTRY. It's now on Friday, 31st May at 11.30a.m.**