



St. Theresa's Catholic School Newsletter - 22nd August, 2019

"To live, learn and love with Jesus, being the best we can be."



Principal's Note

Hello, Kia Ora, Talofa lava, Hola, Namaste, Mabuhay, Ciao, Kia Orana, Ahalan, Konnichiwa, Ni hao, Selam, Xin chao, Bonjour, Bula, Dzień/Dobry, Shalom, Dia duit, Mauri, Halo, Bom dia, Giday, Gutentag

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

Thank you to everyone who joined us today for another wonderful powhiri and Mass of Welcome. This is always such a special celebration and a wonderful opportunity to welcome new families to our very special school.

Below you will find the first of a number of communications I will be sharing with you over the next few weeks, to explain the CoL we are part of and share a bit more of the work we are doing:

North Porirua Kāhui Ako /Community Of Learning

Our school is one of ten schools from Aotea College in the south to Pukerua Bay in the north that make up the North Porirua Kāhui Ako. More than 3000 children are part of our community of learning.

Our Vision

To engage all learners in a culturally responsive, future-focussed and innovative learning community.

Our Values

Across our community, we value:

Equity · Respect · Collaboration · Community

We will build on existing co-operative relationships between schools, in order to create a Kāhui Ako that is collaborative and responsive to the needs of all students.

Our Focus

We have three work streams that our leadership roles and goals are aligned to.

Hauora Wellbeing

• Cultural, Social, Emotional

Pathways Ara Tika

• Connections
• Transitions
• Pathways

Innovation Auaha

• Through STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

Over the next 2 weeks, the staff and children will be very busy finalising dances, learning new songs and rehearsing their lines for our upcoming production on 11 and 12 September. We have an opportunity to again have the production videoed and edited into a movie at the much reduced cost of \$12 per family and we will be sending out a flyer on Monday with all the information you need in one place. We will also attach an order form for tickets and to purchase the recording of the production.

We are constantly reviewing how we communicate with the community and what works well. This week we are running a draw to see how many people read the newsletter. So once you have read this, ask your children to go to the Office and ask Gina to put your family into the draw for a special prize. We will make the draw on Monday afternoon - good luck!

Donna McDonald - Principal



In the uncertainty that we feel both inside and out, the Lord gives us a certainty:
He remembers us.—*Pope Francis*



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear we are all invited to share eternal life with God forever in Heaven but Jesus is warning us that we cannot take that invitation for granted. We need to pay attention, to stay focussed and to take advantage of the opportunities we have to grow closer to our Lord.



It's not too late! There's still time to sign up for tomorrow night's DISCO. Come and get a form from the Office.

Parenting Faith Seminar Thurs., 29 August 2019,

7.30pm-9pm Connolly Hall, Thorndon.

Nurturing your child's Catholic faith at home. Parents are children's first educators in the faith. An interactive and informative evening to equip parents with ideas and resources to 'do' faith at home. Come and join the discussion! Presented by Dr Chris Duthie-Jung. Entry by KOHA. To book your place go to

<https://parentingfaith.eventbrite.co.nz>
or contact Felicity Giltrap on f.giltrap@wn.catholic.org.nz
or (04) 496 1719.



This week we warmly welcome Billy Swift, brother of Sadie in Room 8 and son of Jonathon and Chrissie. Billy has joined the students in Room 4. We wish you many happy years as part of the St. T's community.

Money matters: If you have any concerns regarding payment of your school account, please call the Office to make an appointment to meet with Donna.

AUGUST

Fri. 23rd - Disco

Fri. 30th - Uniform fittings

Fri. 30th - Yellow Mufti Day

SEPTEMBER

Tues. 10th - Production
Dress rehearsal

Wed. 11th - Production
First night

Thurs. 12th - Production
Second night

Wed 18th - Board meeting 6p.m.

Fri. 30th - Uniform fittings

Fri. 27th - End of Term 3

TWO REALLY AWESOME RAFFLES

from the Year 6 Camp
Fundraisers

School Holiday Programme
for 1 week (Valued at \$250)
valid for 1 year. The venue
for this is at Pauatahanui
School.

**2 Hour House Clean plus
Norwex** cleaning products.
Who wouldn't want to win
this?!

Tickets only \$2 each or 3 for
\$5. You don't want to miss

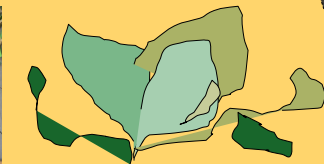
Fr. Maurice goes bush!!



From Fr. Maurice: On Thursday, I enjoyed time in the bush with the Bush Sprouts from our Parish school. I was delighted to spend time with the children getting to know the local bush, taste kawa kawa leaves and see the efforts that are being made to free our local area from stoats and rats. I couldn't quite manage mud sliding or tree climbing beyond the first few feet. One's age, you know!!

CLASS OF THE WEEK - ROOM 7

In Room 7 it's been exciting and busy. We have been practicing really hard for our production songs, we have been making props and learning our dance. We have also been reading the Enchanted Wood by Enid Blyton and making our own miniature characters for our classroom Faraway Tree. It's been very challenging thinking of different characters to make.



Reporters: Adventurous Aden,
Crazy Kannika and Cool Carys



Thanks to everyone who supported the QUIZ NIGHT. It was heaps of fun!

Sparks of God - Term 3, Week 4



Back: Sophie McBride, John Tyrell, Micah Jordan,
Xavier Jordan

Front: Jack Buchanan, Daniel Gilmour,
Olivia Grace Todd, Edi Simonlehner, Hannah Murphy

Get ready for YELLOW WEEK!

This year we are supporting the Cancer Society's 'Paint August Yellow' and Daffodil Day campaigns. We will be having a colouring in competition, daffodils are available for a ko-ha from the Office and on Friday next week, we have a yellow Mufti Day which requires a gold coin donation. We would really appreciate your support for this very worthy cause.

Named Fence Pickets At the end of this term, we will be sending in our orders so if you're keen, get a form from Gina or our website.



Year 6 Camp BRING & BUY DAY Doing a spring clean? We want what you don't!



Our annual children's Market Day takes place on **Wednesday, 25th September**. Please send along any preloved ornaments, toys, books, knick-knacks, etc. Room 10 is the place to drop them off. More details about the actual day will be shared later.