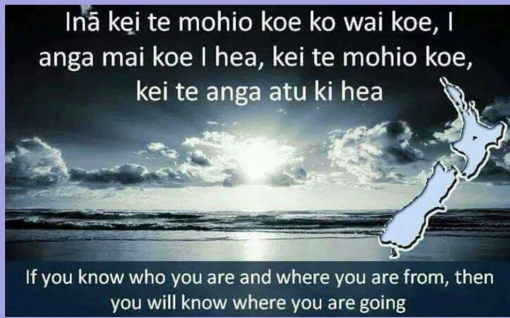




Principal's Note

Hello, Kia Ora, Talofa lava, Hola, Namaste, Mabuhay, Ciao, Kia Orana, Ahalan, Konnichiwa, Ni hao, Selam, Xin chao, Bonjour, Bula, Dzien/Dobry, Shalom, Dia duit, Mauri, Halo, Bom dia, Gidday, Gutentag
Mai i te Kopae ki te Urupa, tatou ako tonu ai - From the cradle to the grave, we are forever learning.



This term we have been learning about our *pepeha*. This forms part of the mihi we use when we introduce ourselves to others and helps us to form connections. *Pepeha* is used in a Māori context and has a formal basis but the idea is universal. Everyone has a *pepeha* which links them to their ancestors. It's like a story that connects you to your waka, your hapū and iwi. It identifies important places like your maunga, awa and marae. The children and staff are increasingly able to use their mihi to explain who they are and where they are from.

As part of our PB4L focus on our SPARK values, we have been using the gold tokens to reward the children when they are seen displaying our values. The children voted for the 3 options they would like to have and when they receive a gold token they can put it in their preferred option. 'Swap a teacher' was the winner by a landslide and we will be celebrating this next Wednesday. The children will find out what is happening next week and they are sure to have lots of fun as a reward for their hard work.



Nature School NZ Trust have been chosen for the 'Good in the Hood' promotion and have a box in Z Mana and Z Mungavin, running for the month of September. When someone makes a purchase at these Z stations, they get a token to vote. We stand to get a share of the \$4000 that each Z is giving away to their chosen charities - how much we get depends on how many votes we get.

PLEASE VOTE FOR NATURE SCHOOL NZ TRUST!

This week has been very quiet and the children have settled back into routine after the excitement of production last week. Thank you once again to all of you for supporting the staff and students to present such a wonderful show. We are already looking forward to 2021.

Kia pai te wiki

Donna McDonald - Principal



God waits for us. He doesn't get tired. He doesn't lose heart. Because it is each one of us who is that child embraced again, that coin found again, that sheep caressed and put back on His shoulders (Luke 15:1-32). *Pope Francis*

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us that we cannot serve God and money. He is not telling us that money is bad but He wants us to know that true happiness does not come from money but from God.

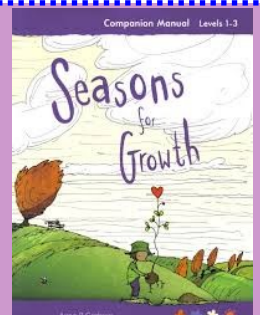


Let's learn! In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. *Ki te ingoa o te Matua, o te Tamati, o te Wairua Tapu, Amene.*



Seasons for Growth

Seasons for Growth is a successful education program companioning children through the process of grief and loss that affects our lives – small groups which focus on self-esteem, managing feelings, problem-solving, support networks, etc. A programme will be run here at School next term. More information, including details about an info session for parents is attached to our email. Any questions? Email Angela Cole angela-cole@st-theresas.school.nz



This week we warmly welcome **Elias Hasse** and his parents, Mike and Yvonne and little sister Tessa. Everyone in Room 7 is very happy that he has joined them.



We wish the family many happy years as part of our St. Theresa's community.

LOST PROPERTY: Please check the bucket at the end of the passage (Outside Room 1). At the end of the term, this will be emptied out so if your child is missing something, now would be the time to check.

'Are we there yet?'
Production recording

Wasn't our Production simply awesome? There is still an opportunity to purchase the link (only \$12) so you and your family can watch this over and over, for many years to come! Please let Gina know as soon as possible if you would like to order one.

On behalf of all the staff, we would like to thank you for everything you do for us - support, help, transport, managing of teams, sewing, painting - the list is endless. You certainly make things easier!

Dates for your diary:

Tomorrow: Uniform fittings

Tomorrow: Mastermind

Friday, 27th Sept.: Bring and Buy Day and close for school for the holidays!

Monday, 14th Oct.: Start of Term 4

Friday, 25th Oct.: Teacher Only day - NO SCHOOL

Monday, 28th Oct.: Labour Day NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, 30th Oct.: Board meeting 6p.m.

Monday, 18th - Friday, 22nd Nov.: Camp week

Thursday, 21st Nov.: Year 5 Zoo Sleepover

PLEASE NOTE: More dates and events will be added in, so keep checking.

**THERE WILL BE NO NEWSLETTER
NEXT WEEK -
THURSDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER.**

CLASS OF THE WEEK - ROOM 3

We really enjoyed our Inquiry and our Production about journeying. We have thought a lot about why people had to leave their countries and how they might have come to Aotearoa New Zealand. We made waka to show how the first humans might have travelled across the Pacific.



Miniball - Term 4 If you intend playing, please email me directly. Notices are overdue and at this stage we do not have enough players for any of the year levels.

Year 3&4 Summer Hockey - If your child is interested in playing, please email Trish Fitzsimons. Games are on at Elsdon on a Monday afternoon. The cost is \$20. The season runs from 14 October - 6 December. trish-fitzsimons@st-theresas.school.nz

Bring and Buy Day

'Children only' shopping and fun day - Friday, 27th SEPTEMBER



CHILDREN: Please bring your coins in a purse as well as a carry bag for all the treasures you're going to buy.

PARENTS: There is still time to donate any old toys, books, etc. Rooms 9 and 10 are waiting to receive them!