



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.



Welcome back everyone - I hope you managed to have a bit of down time over the break. Judging by the red faces, tan lines and goggle marks it looks like many of you took the opportunity to head up the mountain skiing or across the ditch to the sun. We have another busy term ahead of us and as always with Term 4, we look forward to enjoying time in the pool, participating in our athletics programme and preparing for Christmas. Please keep an eye on the community calendar, newsletters and class emails for upcoming events.

This term, Gina and I will be moving the newsletter onto a more user friendly platform, using the Schoolzine App. This will be mobile friendly and we will share the App details for you to download onto your device once it is set up. This will be a more instant way of sharing information and a far more simple way for you to access school information.

Last term we mentioned our partnership with FamilyZone and the offer to all families to receive a free Family Zone pack to protect your children's devices when they are at home, at school or out and about. We are still currently working with the provider, getting all the information they need to them so look out for your invitation to register online in the next couple of weeks and my thanks for your patience with this.

As we are currently looking at class placements for 2020, if you are aware of any one looking at enrolling, please encourage them to come and talk to us as soon as possible so that we can ensure their place on the roll.

This year we have used the SeeSaw app to report student progress and achievement across the NZ Curriculum. This app creates a portfolio of your children's progress and achievement over their time at St Theresa's and gives on time, current data that is cumulative over the years. We will be using the app to share end of year progress and achievement and will give you details of how to download a printable version of the information, should you wish to print it out.

At the end of Term 3, we farewelled Nikki Vause who worked with us as a teacher aide and deaf communicator in Rm 8. We are very happy to welcome John Witchall (JC) onto the staff here at St Theresa's and we know he will enjoy getting to know the children, staff and community and will very quickly feel like one of the whanau.

The next two weeks are short weeks due to our Teacher Only Day and Labour Day, so here's hoping we manage to get some sunny, fine weather.

Kia pai te wiki

Donna McDonald - Principal

Educating is an act of love; it is like giving life. Pope Francis

SAVE THIS DATE! CARNIVAL 2020 IS ON SATURDAY, 14TH MARCH.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



This Sunday we hear Jesus telling us that God is not like the judge in the Gospel story. God is just, truthful and loving. We can approach Him in prayer with the same perseverance that the woman in the Gospel does, confident that our prayers will be heard.

Weet-Bix TRYathlon - 15th March 2020. We have a school group registered (St Theresa's School, Plimmerton) that you can join and depending on how many do so, we could be eligible for some prizes! Any questions? Contact Mike and Yvette Tohill yvetteandmike@yahoo.co.nz

Welcome! The following students have joined our School community.

In Room 3:

Michael Bastian, son of John and Vineetha;

In Room 4:

Noah Kerr, brother of Joshua (in Room 7) and son of Paul and Lucy;

Sapphire Churchill, daughter of Darryl and Marguerite;

Tobias Deere, son of Paul and Kate.

We wish you a very happy and memorable time here at St. T's!





Back: Patrick Reiher, Abby Macintosh, Blossom Dele-Oluwole, Olivia Carter, Kannika Smith
 Front: George Hutchins, Mikee Gayotin, Lucy Tohill, Cruz Algar, Jacob Song

Class of the Week - Room 9

This whole year has gone as fast as Usain Bolt! It's going to be another busy term. We will be writing and delivering speeches this term. The Year 6s will be working towards their badges, going to camp in Nelson and they will also be thinking about going to their new schools. The Year 5 students are doing a leadership week to prepare for next year and are also having an overnight stay at the Zoo. For PE, we are doing athletics and some kids will get to go to the Inter-school Competition. There will be lots of things that the Yr 6s will be doing for the last time - it was our last Disco, Production and Carnival and we will be having our final Prize-giving and Assembly at the end of the term. Things are exciting and scary but mostly exciting!

Reporters: **Charlie Carter & John Tyrell**

As long as you remember that you are always welcome to come back and see us all! Editor



We're just about to make your life a whole lot easier - what with Christmas coming up and all!!! TEA TOWEL FUNDRAISER

THE IDEA: Christmas present idea for grandparents and other family members! These tea towels make great gifts and are easily mailed to relatives, even overseas. They look great and are long lasting mementos of your children's school days - not to mention that they are great for drying dishes!

THE PRODUCT: The tea towels will feature a named self-portrait of each child, screen-printed onto high-quality cotton, approx. 50cmW X 70cmL. This image gives you an idea of what the finished product will look like.

THE COST: \$15 per tea towel or \$12 each if ordering 2 or more.

WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO: Prepaid orders are being taken now and need to be in by Friday, 1 November 2019. An order form is attached to our email and extra forms will be available from Office. If you have any questions contact Michelle Ablett on mushki@xtra.co.nz



Dates for your diary:

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

Monday, 28th Oct.: Labour Day - NO SCHOOL

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

Friday, 1st Nov.: Uniform fittings

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

Thursday, 21st Nov.: Year 5 Zoo Sleepover

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

A request from the Parish: Yoga classes were being offered on a weekly basis however, the instructor has now retired and the group are looking for someone who would like to run this group and earn a bit of money! Does this sound like you? Please contact Jocelyn Bryant at the Parish office on 233-1279 or email st.theresas@xtra.co.nz.

Netball & Hockey 2019 Prizegiving

Netball

St Theresa's Stars
 Most Valuable Player: **Mia Zvirzginas**
 Most Improved Player: **Lilyana Wrenn**

St Theresa's Angels
 Most Valuable Player: **Lila Ablett**
 Most Improved Player: **Olivia Carter**

Hockey

Most Valuable Player: **Mia Macintosh**
 Most Improved Player: **Luis Meo**

A huge thank you must go to the coaches - **Michelle Ablett & Holly Fordham** (Netball) and **Phillippa Carter** (Hockey) for the time and effort that they have put into their teams. All children have had a successful season, made progress and enjoyed themselves! We also thank the Managers - **Phillippa Carter and Gemma Savea** (Netball) and **Michelle Ablett** (Hockey) who have been such a fantastic support to the coaches and the team.

Cross Country: Congratulations to **Brooke Jones** who came 23rd and **Mia Macintosh** who came 26th at the nationals. We are all very proud of you both and admire your achievements.



Brooke Jones' team, the Misfits, came 2nd at the tournament in New Plymouth - second best U10 Rugby 7s team in NZ! They got to play their final on the No. 1 field at Yarrow Stadium and even got on the big screen!

