



St. Theresa's Catholic School Newsletter - 24th October, 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, Dzien/Dobry, Shalom, Dia duit, Mauri, Halo, Bom dia, Giddy, Gutentag

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

Term 4, as always, is packed full of activities and events for the whole community. We have set the dates for our Final Assembly, whole school Prizegiving, Year 6 Leavers' dinner and our final Mass. These will be on the community calendar so please pencil them in early, as they are wonderful celebrations for the whole school.

The next two, short weeks are particularly busy and the staff would like to thank you for your support with our Teacher Only Day tomorrow. We will be working on our curriculum planning for the next 2 years and have our Te Reo Maori facilitator coming to work with us for the afternoon. We will be looking at how we implement dramatic inquiry and digital technology over the next 2 years and also planning for Tier 2 in PB4L.

We revealed at our assembly last week, our PB4L incentives for this term and the children are enthusiastically working towards voting for their chosen reward. We have seen a marked improvement already in general awareness of respecting our grounds and property and showing our SPARK value of respect in Assembly, Mass and class.

Have you seen our KiVa sign on the fence? We are now in our 3rd year of KiVa and are about to survey the children again so that we can analyse the data and look for trends and patterns. We are really pleased with the results of surveys up till now and will be looking at how to continue this programme in the future.



Last night I completed the Springboard Trust Strategic Leadership programme for Principals. This has been a year of work focussed on strategic planning. It was wonderful to be able to present the work we started last year through consultation with the community, our SPARK values and the many innovative and future-focussed initiatives we have started and have planned for the future. I was very proud to be able to share our draft school vision, values and plan, which will be available in an eBook format for you all to view before the end of the year. Thank you for supporting the Board of Trustees and me, as we continue to develop this.



Kia pai te wiki
Donna McDonald - Principal



Let us thank the Lord for all the good done, in the world and in our hearts, through the words, actions and holiness of [#JohnPaulII](#). Let us remember always his call to: "Open the doors to Christ!" – Pope Francis

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us of the importance of humility. This is the act of seeing ourselves as we are, accepting faults and limitations and not thinking that we are better than others. Mary, the mother of Jesus, is a perfect example of humility. When Mary found out that she was going to become the mother of Jesus, she did not react with pride. Instead, she humbly surrendered to God's will and praised God for blessing her with this gift.



Powhiri and Mass of Welcome

Please join us in welcoming our new families on **Thursday, 7th November at 9.am**. This will be followed by morning tea in the Parish Hall.



WELCOME!

This week we welcome **Ana Robinson**, sister of Mila in Room 1 and daughter of Chris and Sasha. Ana has joined the Room 4 whanau and we wish her many happy years here at St. T's!

Sparks of God - Term 4, Week 1



Back: Dominique Hearfield, Breanna Butler,
Andre Hesp, Isaac Ringrose, Isabella Ringrose
Front: Edward Higgins, Ara van Schaik, Nicholas Aubrey

As usual, Term 4 is pretty busy! Please mark these dates in your diary - you wouldn't want to miss anything!

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
Thursday, 7th Nov.: Powhiri
Monday, 18th - Friday, 22nd Nov.: Camp and EOTC week
Friday, 22nd Nov.: Uniform fittings
Thursday, 21st Nov.: Year 5 Zoo Sleepover
Sunday, 24th Nov.: Whole School/Parish Mass
Wednesday, 4th Dec.: Board Meeting 6p.m.
Friday, 6th Dec.: Final Assembly 9a.m.
Thursday, 12th Dec.: Prizegiving 6p.m.
Wednesday, 18th Dec.: Leavers' Mass 11a.m. and close of school for 2019.

Class of the Week - Room 4

Term 4 has got off to a great start in Room 4. We have got 5 new friends in our class, 3 new iPads, we are starting to read chapter books and we are even writing a chapter story. We are learning lots of things when we use Reading Eggs as well. We are all kind friends to each other in Room 4. This shows that the Holy Spirit is working in our hearts.



Reporters: **Holly, Angelo, Brianna, Brooke**

Tea Towel Fundraiser and a great Christmas gift idea!

A named mini self-portrait done by every child will feature on our School tea towel for 2019. The cost is \$15 for 1 or \$12 each if ordering 2 or more. **PLEASE SEE THE IMAGE ON THE RIGHT FOR AN IDEA OF HOW THIS WILL LOOK!** An order form is attached to our email and is also available at the Office. Payment can be made via the internet (12 3254 0109325 00), in cash or via Eftpos at School. Orders must be in by Fri., 1st Nov.



Congratulations to **Charlie Stewart** who competed in the Solway Spring Series 2 day dressage competition in the school holidays. Charlie won reserve champion in her class (under 15) and received a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbon on the second day. The second place was before splitting the class to U15 which meant she was competing against adults! An amazing achievement.

Thanks for supporting our Bring and Buy Day at the end of Term 3! It was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by all. (Not sure if parents loved all the treasures their children brought home!) 😁

Bits & Pieces

Weet-Bix Tryathlon - 15th March, 2020

Contact the Tohills for more info
yvetteandmike@yahoo.co.nz

Bread Tags and Yummy Apple Stickers - Please keep collecting these!

Lost Property (unnamed): There's a lot of it!

**SAVE THIS DATE!
CARNIVAL 2020 IS
ON SATURDAY,
14TH MARCH
FROM 10 - 2**

Go the All Blacks!