



St. Theresa's Catholic School Newsletter - 31st 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, Dzień/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.

Kia ora katou katoa and happy sunny spring greetings to you all. We are beginning to feel some real heat in the sun when it shines and this is a great reminder that children need sunblock and a hat at school everyday. Sunblock only lasts on your skin for 2 hours – no matter what the SPF factor is, so we do have extra sunblock available at school for the children to use. Learning to apply sunblock to the exposed areas correctly is a skill we all need to practise so please work on this with your children to help support their independence and increase their awareness of sun safety.

Last week we participated in the National Shakeout Day and held an earthquake drill as part of our programmed emergency drills. These drills help to normalise the procedures if there was a major emergency during school time and help the children to understand that there are procedures in place and their role in those. Research has shown that regular practice helps reduce anxiety around possible emergency situations and empowers both adults and children to cope in stressful situations.

It was wonderful to see the children from Room 1 using the Play Pod this morning. They were creating all types of structures, collaborating in their designs and working together. This is a great example of design concepts in action, decision making, negotiating skills and was definitely firing their creative neurons.

Thank you to **Angela Brown**, for giving up her time to support the children in Room 6 with their gardening project. They were able to plant the fruit trees they had purchased through a Hutt Mana grant and we are all looking forward to the 'fruits' of their labour.

Over the next 2 weeks, the Year 5 and 6 children will be finalising their plans for both Camp and the Year 5 overnight Zoo trip planned for Week 6. Pauline MacLean and Trish Fitzsimons will be taking the Year 6 children to camp in Nelson this year. I will be teaching the Year 5 children and taking them to the Zoo with support from Sheena Beales and some (lucky!) parents. I am sure this will be a fun and educational week for everyone involved and I know the children are already very excited.

The Board would like to conduct a very short survey over the next few weeks, to gather community voice. We will be asking 3 - 4 very short questions about your experiences at St Theresa's. Please look out for the link that will be attached to next week's newsletter.

We are currently planning for next year. If you have any information you would like to share with classroom teachers or myself with regards to your child's specific needs for 2020, could you please contact us as soon as possible? The staff at St Theresa's work together when looking at class placements, taking into consideration a wide range of information and options available.

Kia pai te wiki

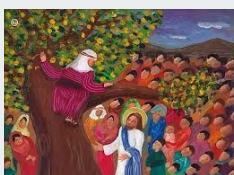
Donna McDonald - Principal



*He aroha whakato,
he aroha puta mai.
If kindness is sown
then kindness you shall receive.*

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus offers another chance to someone who has done wrong. Through the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, God forgives our sins and gives us opportunities to improve upon our previous attempts to follow Him.



MUSIC & CREATING COMMUNITY:

St. Theresa's Parish are looking at starting Mainly Music here next year. This is a Christian based music and movement programme which is an ideal way to involve young mums and dads and to create community, especially after they have had their child baptised. We need two or three leaders for this – mums, dads, grandparents, caregivers. We would provide the music and the instruments. If this is something you would be interested in being part of, please contact Jocelyn at the Parish office.

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PLAY 24th DECEMBER:

We are looking for someone – or a team of people – to produce the Christmas play this year. We have a wonderful, funny but simple play but we need someone to organise the production of it. If you can help, please contact Jocelyn at the Parish office.

Eliza Zvirzdinas, sister of Mia and Samuel and daughter of Andrew and Theresa, has joined the students in Room 3 this week. Have a happy and memorable time here at St. T's, Eliza!



CARNIVAL 2020

Saturday, 14th March

We know how time flies so it's never too early to start!

If you have any contacts for prizes, donations or sponsorship and/or if you have any new ideas or suggestions for games or stalls, please let Jen Jermy know. As always, we want our event to be fun for everyone and very successful.

We need your support!

jenjermy@gmail.com



We have some people to thank A huge thank you to **Angela Brown**, Dylan's Mum, for doing the planting of some fruit trees and a big tidy up behind the Learning Hub and to **Mike Montgomery**, Hannah Greenham's Grandad who comes in every week and does our (very random!) maintenance jobs. We really appreciate your generosity.

Miniball Results: St. T's Eagles had an amazing first game today with 3 players who haven't played before and our super sub **Jackson Croasdale**. All did so well and were not afraid to get stuck in. We lost (5 - 18) however, but it's all about having fun. PoD **Siena Brennan** for amazing defense.

Please come along!

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.



GET YOUR TEA TOWEL ORDERS IN BY TOMORROW!



Class of the Week - Room 1

We all came back from the long weekend ready for the week. Vane from the ASB visited to talk to us about financial literacy. We had lots of fun learning about needs and wants. We have written speeches and are practising so we can share these with the class. It has been great to see the sun and have some of our learning time outside.



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

- Friday, 1st Nov.: Uniform fittings
- Thursday, 7th Nov.: Powhiri and Mass of Welcome
- 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.



Money matters - it really does!

As we near the end of the year, we ask that school accounts, sports fees and any other outstanding items be paid. If you have any concerns around payment, please call Gina to make an appointment to meet with Donna.

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

ENROLMENTS 2020

If you are aware of any pre-schoolers who are looking at enrolling at St. Theresa's, please ask them to get in touch with us as soon as possible.

Bread tags and Yummy Apple stickers - please keep these rolling in!