



St. Theresa's Catholic School Newsletter - 7th November, 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, Gidday, Gutentag

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

Kia ora and welcome to our newsletter for Week 4.

On Tuesday, our Year 3 - 6 children participated in their school Athletics programme up at Grenada North Park. This was a wonderful opportunity for them to experience a range of different activities and test themselves. Thank you to Trish Fitzsimons and the staff for co-ordinating the day and to the parents who helped support us with transport and supervision. My special thanks to the boys from St. Patrick's College who came out and gave so generously of their time to help run the day. Congratulations to the children who qualified to go through to the zone athletics and we wish them luck.

On Sunday, 24 November, we will be having a Spring Working Bee. This Working Bee replaces that earlier one which unfortunately was cancelled due to bad weather. We will be waterblasting, weeding and doing some planting, so if you are available for a couple of hours after Mass, please come along and support us. We always supply a drink and pizza at the end so please email the Office if you are available to ensure we have enough.



Just a reminder that school starts at 8.50am and finishes at 2.45pm. The children are able to access classrooms from 8.20am. Often the children play here after school which is fine as long as they are supervised by a parent. We understand the difficulties of drop offs and pick ups however, prior to 8.20am and after 2.45pm teachers are often in meetings both on and off site, so cannot be supervising children. The YMCA After School Care is available in the Hall and information can be found on our school website. The YMCA have indicated that they will consider Before School Care if there is a great enough need. We thank you for your support in helping to keep all of our children safe.



Today was our final powhiri and Welcome Mass for the year. Thank you to everyone who came out to welcome our new families. Also special thanks to Fr John van der Kaa for celebrating the Mass for us.

Have a happy and safe weekend.

Kia pai te wiki

Donna McDonald - Principal



Holiness is the fruit of God's grace and of our free response to it. Holiness is a gift and a call.
- Pope Francis



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus' response to the Sadducees shows that sometimes we miss the most important things about what God has planned for us because we get stuck in the details of human existence. Jesus wants us to open our minds and hearts to the possibilities that God has in store for us. Our faith tells us that when we die our life is changed, not ended. This is good news because we know that we will continue to share a relationship with God even after our death.



In the month of November, we especially remember our friends and family who have died. May they rest in peace.



Carnival 2020



Get in quickly!
Pick the role you want on the day by going to our website under the Carnival 2020 tab. We really need everyone to register so that we can have a successful and happy time on the day.

2020 School Term Dates

Term 1: 3rd February - 9th April

Term 2: 28th April - 3rd July

Term 3: 20th July - 25th September

Term 4: 12th October - 16th December TBC



Diary for the rest of the year

NOVEMBER:

Wednesday, 13th - Senior speech competition finals 1 p.m.

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

Thursday, 21st - Year 5 Zoo Sleepover

Friday, 22nd - Uniform fittings

Sunday, 24th - Whole School/Parish Mass

DECEMBER:

Friday, 6th - Final Assembly 9a.m.

Wednesday, 11th - Board Meeting 6p.m.

Thursday, 12th - Prizegiving 6p.m.

Wednesday, 18th - Leavers' Mass 11a.m. and close of school for 2019.



WORKING BEE

following our Whole School/Parish Mass on Sunday, 24th November

Please come along after Mass and help out for a couple of hours (or as long as you can). Many hands make light work!

Use of our school pool for the summer season. We will once again be selling keys. The pool will be available from the beginning of December until around the end of March. The cost remains the same for this season - \$100.



Weet-Bix TRYathlon - 15th March 2020

This is such a fantastic experience for all children. Any questions? Contact Mike and Yvette Tohill yvetteandmike@yahoo.co.nz



Miniball Results:

Year 1 & 2 Miniball team - St T's Magic

Last week: A loss (0 - 12) and the PoD was Alex Stewart

This week: A loss (5 - 11) and the PoD was Izzy Cato

??? I don't have wings but I can fly. I don't have eyes but I can cry. What am I?

A cloud!

Last week was another Board of Trustees meeting. We were lucky enough to have our school accountant, Jocelyn Best, come to part of the meeting. She talked us through the school accounts so we all had a good understanding of the various documents and what to keep an eye on in terms of budgets. It was a very useful presentation with next year's budget currently being prepared.

We also discussed sending out a short survey to the parents of the school. It's important that we are continually seeking out your voice, your ideas and your suggestions. It will only take a few minutes to complete but will go a long way to informing the Board of what is important to you, so I encourage you to do the survey when it is emailed out.

Pauline MacLean talked about the session she attended with Disability Rights Commissioner, Paula Tesoriero. One aspect of this session was talking about ensuring the school environment is accessible and usable for all of our students, teachers, whanau and visitors. With the development of our outdoor area and junior area coming up, this was very timely and something we will keep this at the forefront of our minds.

I would like to congratulate Donna on completing the Springboard Trust leadership programme. She has put a lot of effort into this throughout the year, on top of her incredibly busy schedule. One of the many benefits this has had for the school was that Donna worked on turning our School Charter document into a much more readable and user friendly document. We will now more easily be able to see how our values, learning principles, goals and strategic plan are all interlinked and how we are going to measure success when we get there. Donna is putting the final touches on the document but I can tell you it is really clear and a very polished document. Thank you Donna for all your great work on this.

Ngā mihi,

Mike Tohill - Chairperson - St Theresa's Catholic School Board of Trustees

BOARD TALK

Class of the Week - Room 6

Athletics Day was really, really fun. We did lots of fun things like 150m sprints and 80m sprints. In between, we had lunch and morning tea. My personal favourite event was the High Jump. It was so enjoyable and you got to hang out with your friends. We even had fun at events that we didn't like. We had our own playground to play on - it was probably the best school trip I've ever experienced. The events were Shotput, High Jump, Vortex, Long Jump, Discus, 150m run and 80m sprint. Everyone had a lot of fun.



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