



St. Theresa's Catholic School

Newsletter - 21st November, 2019



"To live, learn and love with Jesus, being the best we can be."

Principal's Note

Kia ora. It's hard to believe it's the end of Week 6 already and we are only 34 sleeps away from Christmas – but who's counting?

This week has been amazing on so many levels. The whole school responded beautifully to our small fire in Room 8 and I was very proud of the way the staff and students quickly evacuated the buildings and moved (in the rain) to our gathering point. We have had the electrical socket checked and it is all safe, so we feel confident it was just a fault with the battery charger.

The singing and liturgical dance practices for this Sunday's Mass have been lovely and we are looking forward to seeing you all at our School/Parish Mass on Sunday. If you are able to stay after Mass, we have morning tea and a sausage sizzle, before we get into our Working Bee. We have lots of weeding, sweeping, water blasting, etc. to be done, so guarantee a job for everyone.

Throughout the year we have been utilising the Seesaw platform to report against your child's progress and achievement. We have posted each term, a statement of progress and next learning steps in reading, writing and mathematics, and also a post on progress against 1 of the key competencies. We have also included a different area of the curriculum to focus on to give a broader picture of your child's progress and achievement against the whole NZ Curriculum. At mid-year and end of year, we have used a range of assessments and through the Ministry's progress and achievement tool to make a judgement of where your child is sitting within the NZ Curriculum expectations. This has been reported in a personalised statement for your child, alongside a graph to indicate the range children should be, within certain year levels. This means that throughout the year you will have received 4 annotated posts on reading, writing and mathematics, with next learning steps. You will have also received 4 annotated posts on the key competencies, 4 annotated posts on other curriculum areas, a mid year statement and an end of year statement with a general comment. We believe that using Seesaw for reporting progress and achievement is far superior to having a mid year and end of year written report. It gives real time, relevant examples of your child's work, progress and next learning steps and an opportunity for you to discuss what is happening with both your child and their teachers. I appreciate that this is a new way of receiving information about your child's progress at school and welcome any thoughts and comments.

As you may be aware we were very fortunate to welcome Morgan Jones into the St Theresa's whanau at the start of the year. Morgan had only intended staying for 1 term, while we advertised for a junior teacher, however we were happy when her plans changed and she was able to stay until the end of 2019. We are very proud to let you know that Morgan has been offered a team leader position at a school in the city and whilst we are sad to see her go, we wish her all the best as she advances her career.

Next year, Deborah Norris will be released from the classroom to undertake a range of duties across the school, including continuing Reading Recovery and her Deputy Principals duties. I am also pleased to announce that we have appointed Olivia McKennie as a Year 1 and 2 teacher for 2020. Olivia is a beginning teacher who has strong links to the Parish and School community. She brings with her passion, energy and enthusiasm and is very excited to be joining a great junior team.

We are currently working on class lists for 2020. These lists are worked through in Pods, as a whole staff and then finalised by me. The children will have an opportunity before the end of term to spend time with their teachers and class mates for 2020.

Just quietly, I have heard from the Year 6 campers and can report they are having great weather and enjoying a range of challenging activities. Apparently the food is awesome and the beds comfy. We are looking forward to hearing all about it on Monday.

Have a happy and safe weekend, and enjoy the sun.

Kia pai te wiki

Donna McDonald - Principal



Our team for 2020 will be:
 Room 10 – Year 5/6 – Mrs Pauline MacLean
 Room 9 – Year 5/6 – Mrs Trish Fitzsimons
 Room 8 – Year 3/4 – Ms Deb Neave
 Room 7 – Year 3/4 – Mrs Liz Meyer
 Room 6 – Year 3/4 - Mr Arnie Pham
 Room 2 – Year 1/2 - Miss Olivia McKennie
 Room 1 – Year 1/2 – Mrs Angela Cole
 Room 3 – NE – Mrs Jo Beasley

Sunday, 24th November - Very important info

1. **Whole School/Parish Mass** at 9.30a.m.
2. **Shared morning tea**
3. **Sausage Sizzle**
4. **Working Bee** after that!



All children are expected to attend, wearing their full school uniform. They need to be in the courtyard by 9.15a.m. If your child/ren are unable to attend, please email their classroom teacher.

There will be a **shared morning tea** and you are asked to bring along a plate. This will be followed by a **sausage sizzle** provided by the Parish and School.

The **Working Bee** will start straight after the sausage sizzle so please come along, even if it's only for a short while. The more helpers there are, the sooner we will be done! Thanks in advance.

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

In this Sunday's Gospel, we learn what the Christian symbol of victory is. How unusual it is for a symbol of victory to depict someone in defeat.

However, Jesus' Resurrection transformed a symbol of shame into a means of reconciliation with God.



The Sign of the Cross is a prayer that proclaims our faith in the cross of Jesus as our symbol of victory.

Miniball Results:

St. T's All Stars (Year 5/6) had a win 26-6. There were no subs and everyone played awesomely, with great team work. PoD: **Luis Meo** for his good defence and attack

St. T's Magic (Year 1/2) had a narrow loss 4 - 6. PoD: **Alex Buchanan and Angelo Meo**

St. T's Eagles lost in the last 10 seconds of the game. We're so proud of them as they fought so hard. PoD: **Abby Macintosh**

Pool keys available to buy!

Today's weather is just a taste of what's to come and you don't want to regret not having access to the pool! Keys cost \$100 for the whole season (beginning December to the end of March). Terms and conditions in our email.



HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR CARNIVAL 2020 YET? Get the exact role you want on the day by going to our website or clicking on the link in our email. The outcome of this event is for the benefit of ALL our children and we rely on your support to make it a success. If you have any suggestions/sponsorship contacts/donations - please email the Carnival team: carnival@st-theresas.school.nz or let Jen Jermy know (021-612345).

Diary for the rest of the year

NOVEMBER:

Friday, 22nd - Uniform fittings
Sunday, 24th - Whole School/Parish Mass
Working Bee

DECEMBER:

Friday, 6th - Final Assembly 9a.m.
Wednesday, 11th - Board Meeting 6p.m.
Thursday, 12th - Prizegiving 6p.m.
Monday, 16th - Thank you morning tea 11a.m.
Wednesday, 18th - Leavers' Mass 11a.m. and close of school for 2019.

Sparks of God - Term 4, Week 5



Back: Max Ramm, Elias Hasse, Nahla Taylor-Mallon, Leto Moore, Mahi Meo
Front: Poppy-Lou Dennison, Milla Robinson, Ana Robinson, Elle Jermy, Esther Davies

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Can you help? Do you have any contacts for a barista and/or a coffee cart for Carnival 2020? Please contact Jen Jermy if you do! carnival@st-theresas.school.nz or (021-612345).



Class of the Week - Room 8

This term, we were reading Maui and the Sun and we wrote our own version of the story. Then for makerspace we made the story into a shadow puppet show. First, we had to learn how to make a shadow puppet theatre and we collected boxes. In our scrap books, we designed and planned our theatres which we made in groups. Then we learnt how to make the puppets out of black paper and kebab or bamboo sticks. These photos are of two groups presenting and filming their shadow puppet plays.

Reporters: Gabriella and Ms. Neave

