



# St. Theresa's Catholic School

## Newsletter - 5th December, 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, Giddyay, Gutentag**

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

Kia ora Te Kura Katorika O Hato Terehia whanau.

Only 9 more school days to go this year and it feels as if the very strong winds we have been experiencing are propelling us at high speed towards the end of the year.

As we have our end of year celebration next Thursday, this will be the last newsletter for 2019.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the staff here at St Theresa's, to thank you for all the support you have given us this year. We appreciate your enthusiastic responses to our calls for help, your engagement with your children's learning and the aroha we received from you on a daily basis. At St Theresa's, there is a true partnership between home and school, supporting our children to grow as amazing humans.

As you will be aware the Government announced a funding package for all state schools to complete much needed maintenance. All state integrated schools were left out of this funding boost, which is both disappointing and inequitable. Our children deserve to benefit from the tax payer money that is being given to schools in New Zealand for maintenance. Below is an extract from a letter all Boards of Trustees and Principals received from Paul Ferris, CEO of the New Zealand Catholic Education Office. I would urge you to please contact the office of our local MP Hon Kris Faafoi, to express your concern about this oversight. The email address you can contact Kris on, via his PA, is [Geoff.Hayward@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Geoff.Hayward@parliament.govt.nz).



*"Integrated schools are considering legal action against the Government after being left out of the \$396 million funding package announced at the weekend to upgrade state school properties.*

*Under the legal agreements covering integrated schools, the Government is required to pay for their maintenance on the same basis as state schools, once a school's proprietor has completed upgrading it to the same standard as state schools. Most of the state integrated schools, which have over 90,000 pupils, have completed the upgrades, many of them years ago.*

*"That's the partnership arrangement we believe we have with the Government. Because it's maintenance money they're giving, then we would share in maintenance money given out by the state".*

*"The Prime Minister says she has visited many schools in New Zealand and she is yet to see a school that does not need extra funds for maintenance. We can assume she has visited some integrated schools and will have seen the same need there.*

*"Is this a bias or an oversight? This is a government that highlights its desire to lower costs of education to parents in state and state-integrated schools. Why would it expect parents to pay more for the education of their children when we have a partnership with the Government? At integration, the Proprietor provides a free school to the Government and from that date the Government agrees to maintain it.*

Have a happy and safe Christmas and enjoy time with family and friends at a more relaxed pace. Farewell to those families who are moving on to new adventures and we look forward to welcoming our St Theresa's whanau back in 2020, refreshed, rested and ready for an exciting year.

**Kia pai te wiki**

**Donna McDonald - Principal**



### St. Theresa's Catholic Parish

#### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2020:

Registration for First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist is open for enrolment. Children who are in Year 4 (next year) and older, are welcome to join the programme. It will run in the first three terms of the school year. Please have enrolments into the Parish office by mid-January as the programme will start on 16th February, 2020. Please contact Jocelyn at the Parish office if you need more information.



#### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

**6p.m.** Christmas Vigil Family Mass at Bishop Viard College.

**9:30a.m.** Christmas Mass St. Theresa's Church

#### 2nd Sunday of Advent

During this Advent season, we listen to the words of John the Baptist as a reminder that we



are called to repentance as we prepare for Jesus' coming into our lives.

#### Diary for the rest of the year

##### 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.

#### Thank You Morning Tea

*Monday, 16th December at 11a.m. The staff invite you all to be our guests. This is our opportunity to thank you for all your support and help during the year.*



**EVERYTHING** you need to know about our end of year functions. We have attached all the details you may require and are sure we will have covered all your possible questions. Please find the time to read this.



THANK YOU to our Miniball teams' managers **Sarah Buchanan and Bodil Macintosh** and Year 5 & 6 parents for a sterling job! We really appreciate what you have done to ensure everything ran smoothly. Thanks also to all the parents for supporting their children to participate.



Congratulations to **Ella Fordham** who came 3rd in the Parumoana Interschool Speech Competition last week. What a great achievement!

Reminders for the week:

- Uniform fittings next Friday, 13th December
- Pool keys for sale - you know it's going to turn into summer soon!
- Carnival 2020: Sign up on our website and please send along some contributions
- Sacramental Programme registration as well as participation in the Nativity Play - Enquiries at the Parish Office
- Board meeting next Wednesday at 6p.m.

# CARNIVAL 2020

## Week 9: Bottles and Jars

Calling for all bottles and jars this week! The Quick-Fire raffles fill up beautifully with all kinds of bottles and jars – think wine, beer, sauces, condiments, jams, olive oil, schnapps... the list is endless!

## Week 10: Re-gifts/Giveaways

Did you open a gift this year that you don't need or want? We would LOVE to have it! If you are looking for somewhere to re-gift or donate your unwanted gifts or extra purchases to, the Quick-Fire raffle team would be so grateful to receive them! Please deliver to the school office - Gina is ready and waiting!

Thank you for all your generous donations!

## Notice for any 'new' parents or parents new to our St. T's School community:

We will hold a briefing for all new parents about our Carnival and can answer any questions you may have. This will be in the Staffroom at 2p.m. on Tuesday, 10th December. (Even if you're not new, you could come along for support!)

We would really appreciate it if you could start collecting jars and filling them with treats to be sold at the Mystery Jars stand. Any jars filled and wrapped can be left in the Resource Room adjacent to Room 1 or with Gina please .

Lastly, if you haven't already signed up for a role please do so by going to the Carnival 2020 tab on our School website.



## Sparks of God - Term 4, Week 7

**Back:** Isabella Ringrose, Kerys Cuddihy, Ruby-Rose Dennison, Aden Abraham, Willow Dunne  
**Front:** Khyan Elliott, Michael Bastian, Jayden Blanchard, Emily Mallon, Eliza Zvirzginas, Sacha Baldwin, Sapphire Churchill, Kira Sidoti

## Class of the Week - Room 2

Room 2 learnt about the celebration of Thanksgiving with the support of Alette and her mum Natalie. We found out about how the Pilgrims travelled to America from England on a boat called the Mayflower. They were on the boat for 66 days before they arrived. The celebration of Thanksgiving remembers the first harvest feast the Native Americans and Pilgrims shared together. Thank you so much to Alette's Mum, Natalie, who made a pumpkin pie for the children to try, as it is a staple dish at most Thanksgiving meals. Thanksgiving is a celebration of gratitude and being thankful for all the amazing things and people we have in our lives. The children wrote down what they are thankful for on an autumn/fall leaf as the first feast was celebrated in autumn/fall.

