



# St. Theresa's Catholic School Newsletter - 13th February, 2020.



**"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, Giddyay, Gutentag

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

*Welcome to our first school newsletter for Term 1, 2020. It has been great to see how quickly the children have settled into school life after the summer holidays and to see some very smiley and relaxed parents dropping them off.*

*We welcome Olivia McKennie who is teaching in Room 2 this year. We also welcome Natasha Tarler, Hone Kingi, Keely Saunders and Aaron DeRose who will all be working in classrooms as support staff. We will be welcoming them and our new students at our first powhiri and Mass of Welcome of Friday, 21 February. You are all very welcome to join us.*

*This year the teachers have another year of exciting, educational, adventurous activities planned for our children and I have been proud and excited being involved in the planning and preparation that we have been doing.*

*The staff started the school year with a retreat in Featherston, where we stayed overnight in an historical building called Fareham House. We were able to make, create and rejuvenate as a team, learning to weave flax and paint and create.*

*This year our major focus for our staff professional development will be Dramatic Inquiry and Digital Technology. We have already begun workshops and planning in Dramatic Inquiry so I look forward to seeing the children engaging in this work. We will be working with our Kahui Ako on implementing the NZ Digital Technology Curriculum over the next 2 years with support from CORE Education and the staff are very excited about this new learning.*

*We will be using the Schoolzine platform this year to publish our newsletter and they have developed an App that you can download onto your phone to make receiving and reading school notices, etc. much simpler. This is currently work in progress and we have attached information on how to download the App. Once we have the majority of people accessing the App, we will switch over to using that system. Please click on the link and subscribe to the newsletter.*

<https://stcspimmerton.schoolzineplus.com/subscribe>

*We are really looking forward to our beach trip tomorrow. This is a lovely way to connect as a community and enjoy our local environment. Please pop down throughout the day if you have time and thank you to those people who have offered help with walking and swimming.*

*Have a happy and safe weekend.*

**Kia pai te wiki**

**Donna McDonald - Principal**



## St. Theresa's Catholic Parish

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2020:

Children who are in Year 4 and older are invited to enrol for the programme. It will run in the first three terms of the school year.

Please contact Jocelyn at the Parish office if you need more information. The first parents' meeting is on Sunday, 16th Feb. at 11a.m.



### This Sunday's Gospel - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus points out that the Law requires people to do the minimum. He has come to teach us how to go beyond the minimum requirements of the Law and to respond to others with love.



## February Dates for your Diary

**Fri. 14th - Beach Picnic**  
Leaving school at 10.15a.m.

**Wed. 19th - Board meeting**

**Fri. 21st - Powhiri and Mass of Welcome 9a.m.**

**Uniform fittings**

**Tues. 25th - School photographs**

*Beach picnic - TOMORROW  
Please join us!*

*Your child's classroom teacher will have emailed you all the details.*



### EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGE

Our school has a new domain address. Please update your records accordingly.

office@stp.school.nz  
donna@stp.school.nz

Your child's classroom teacher will have advised you of their change.



**Updated contact details forms: We are still waiting for the of forms for 59 children! Please check your forms (the ones with the bright orange covering note that went home with your child on the first day of the term) and send back to school as soon as possible.**

Parent teacher interviews  
4th & 5th March

Please make a note of this -  
booking details to follow.

A request from Sarah Hunt, our Librarian  
**Gruffalo toys**

PLEASE and THANK YOU !!!

I am currently creating new story baskets for titles in our collection and require some resources for the wonderful book "The Gruffalo". Before purchasing new and expensive toys I am asking our school community first. If you have any Gruffalo toys you no longer need, can you please contact me? I am happy to pay for these if required. Any items considered!! Thank you!



### Sparks of God - Term 1, Week 1

**Back:** Finlay Blank, Joshua Kerr, Ethan Ho,  
Alex Cousins

**Front:** Michael Bastian, Noah Hesp, Bella Woodley,  
Billy Swift, Thomas Savea

## CARNIVAL 2020-SATURDAY, 14TH MARCH

### WE NEED THE SUPPORT OF ALL OUR FAMILIES TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESS.

Each week, we will be asking families to contribute specific items so for last week and this week, we would really appreciate donations of packets and kitchen items. Packet suggestions: Anything and everything in a packet! Kitchen items suggestions: new tea towels, cleaning products, sets of mugs, new cutlery, BBQ tools, general purpose kitchen tools like chapping boards, whisks, spatulas, tongs, serviettes - any new items that you might need or find in a kitchen! Your donations will be used for the Quick Fire raffles.

Post Christmas clear up! Please send along any unwanted Christmas gifts. Everything should be handed in to the Office.

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 or come along and check out the list in Reception. We really do need EVERYONE to help in some way.



### Flag Football - Term 1, 2020

Your child will have brought home a 'Gauge of Interest' form. This needs to be in by TOMORROW please. This notice is also available on our website under 'What's on top/School notices'.

### A new baby boy!

Congratulations from all of us to Rick and Bree Stace on the birth of their baby. We wish you many blessings.



Welcome! Our best wishes go to **Indie Prinz** and her parents Johannes and Miranda, **Samuel Cato** and his parents Nicky and Tom, **Hugo Simmons** and his parents Aaron and Kerry, **Daisy Skirrow** and her parents Paul and Annie, **Oliver Blanchard** and his parents Brendon and Kate, **Olive Hope** and her parents Matthew and Jess, **Azriel Leone** and his parents Jerome and Alysha and **Niamh McMinn** and her parents Brady and Brigid. We hope you enjoy your time here at St. T's and that many happy memories are made.

### Class of the Week - Room 1

In Room 1 we have been writing about the play pod and what we want others to know about us. We have read stories together and from our boxes. We have made paper plate people that we turned into ourselves. They are in the corridor. Come and check them out! We loved having cricket on Tuesday and are enjoying our lessons in the pool.

Reporters: Aahil, Ara, Bella & George

