



Note from the Acting Principal

Tomorrow is Kelly Ross's last day at St. Theresa's before she takes up a new teaching position at Bishop Viard College after the holidays. Kelly has contributed in so many ways to our school community: Acting DRS this year, organizing masses, coordinating the school RE programme, running exciting school camps for Year 6's, coordinating the PHINK (Parents Helping Increase Number Knowledge) programme to ensure children get support when needed, managing IT within the school, coordinating interschool sports events, Acting AP and syndicate leader, directing a school production, not to mention providing fantastic teaching and learning opportunities for her classes each year. Thank you Kelly for all you have done at St. Theresa's. We all wish you well in your new position. God bless you.

This is also my last week as Acting Principal. Zita will be back after the holidays. Thank you for all the support I have received during the term. I have enjoyed my time in the office and look forward to getting back with the 5 year olds next term.

Summer uniform can be worn from the beginning of next term, but as the weather can still be a bit unreliable it is not compulsory until after Labour Weekend. Please remember that if you are buying sandals in the holidays they need to be all black with ankle and back straps.

Thank you to everyone who has helped us at school during the term in any way: reading tutors, PHINK tutors, parents who have helped on trips and in the classroom, morning tea providers, P&Fs, BOT and the multitude of other wonderful people who help make St. Theresa's the great place it is.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

I wish you all a happy, safe and blessed holiday.

Deborah Norris - Acting Principal

**ASSEMBLY AT
9A.M. TOMORROW**

VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE

Early Close of School - Thursday, 21st October

NZEI Paid Union Meeting

School will close at 12.20p.m. on this day to allow teachers to attend this meeting. The school bus will leave school at 12.30p.m.

There will be supervision at school for children who are unable to be picked up.

Whanaungatanga Joshua Todd, from Room 5, displayed the value of Whanaungatanga at school last week when he showed care and concern for an injured child in the playground. Joshua took time out to sit and talk with this child until he felt better. Congratulations on winning the value draw at assembly, Joshua. You are a shining star at St. Theresa's.

Vinnies' Report

Term 3 has been very busy for the Vinnies helping others in the community. They have continued to provide the food bank with fresh veges from their garden as well as simple recipes. They have visited the Whitby Rest Home to converse, sing and paint with the residents. They have visited Refugee Services to donate two heaters, hug-rugs and paper bricks that they have made to help keep the new refugees to Porirua warm. Parent Centre NZ Inc. have provided over 100 nappies, growth charts and we have made encouraging bookmarks. As I am moving on from my position as Coordinator, I would like to say thank you to all the Vinnies for their commitment, creativity, responsible attitude and generosity in helping others. Lisa Lemaire will be the new Coordinator and is looking forward to helping you do more for your community by putting faith into action.

God Bless, Ange Reiher.



**No school on Friday, 22nd October
TEACHER ONLY DAY**

Diary Dates For Term 4

OCTOBER

- Mon. 11th: School starts
- Wed. 13th: BOT meeting 6pm
- Wed. 20th: Stationery Market Day for Leauva'a School, Samoa
- Thurs. 21st: **Teachers attending a paid union meeting. Closing 12.20 p.m.**
- Fri. 22nd: **Teachers Only Day**
- Mon. 25th: Labour Day
- Wed. 27th: Powhiri and Welcoming Mass
- Sun. 31st: Whole School Mass

NOVEMBER

- Tues. 2nd Y1- 4 Speech finals
- Thurs. 4th Y5 - 6 Speech Finals
- 8th - 12th: Arts Intensive Week
- Wed. 10th: BOT meeting 6pm
- 15th - 19th: Year 6s on camp in Nelson
- Sun. 21st: Parish First Eucharist. 9.30am

DECEMBER

- Wed. 8th: BOT meeting 6pm
- Tues. 14th Prize giving
- Thurs. 16th: Leavers' Mass and last day of the school year.

Please note that there are a number of other dates yet to be finalized so keep updating your calendar as we add them.

Quiz Night

Saturday, 16th October

See the PARISH QUIZ NIGHT advertisement going out with this Newsletter for all the details. This is your opportunity to be a part of the fund-raising venture to put ranch sliders in the Parish Hall. Gather up your friends, make up a team, register and make a night of it!

If you live in Aotea and are keen to see the school bus service extended to Aotea, please email Tasi Tamamasui (Brayden Algar's mum) on tango-cash82@hotmail.com advising the number of children who would currently use the bus service and the number of prospective users over the next 2 years.



Congratulations to **Jack England** who has won the St Theresa's Chess Tournament and to **Sam Penney** who has won the St. Theresa's Chess Ladder.



Class of the Week - Room 1

Room One are all mixed up this week ! We have been working with Room 7 on lots of different activities in two mixed Year3/4 groups. Some of the things we have done include a BP Challenge, a weird mixed animal painting and making butter AND ice cream. How cool! It has been really busy - no wonder we are looking forward to the holidays! Every day we pray for our friend Ruby and we can't wait for her to get back. Enjoy the holidays everyone and farewell Miss Ross.



AFTER SCHOOL CARE REQUIRED

After school care needed for our lovely 6 year old boy, 4 days per week. Please contact Paula on 027 215-8338 for more details.

Pastoral Care

Thank you so much to everyone who has provided meals for families in our community who need this support. There are quite a number of plates and trays that have been returned to school that are unnamed. These will be left outside the office until the end of term. If one belongs to you, please claim it. A big thank you to all families who have shown their love and care by providing meals. As I am sure you realize this has been most appreciated.



GST increase

Stationery and uniform prices will reflect the new GST rate from the beginning of next term.



St. Theresa's Soccer Results

Great Goalers Christina Burrell
Slick Shooters Tom Mulvey
Bold Booters Regan Mallon & Jacob Tooman
Well played everybody!!



Island style in Room 2



Thank you, Thank you, Thank you

From all the staff to all of you.....
For all the help (in so many ways), support, kind words, greetings, meetings, tasty treats - simply for all that you do for us and our school.

Kids of the Week
17th September, 2010

Katie O'Hagan,
Harry Rudkin
Sally Wiffen
Ben Reiher

Congratulations and very well done!



TOMORROW is the last day for **Yummy Apple Stickers**. Please get yours in as we need as many as we can get. Thanks to all those families who have already brought theirs in.



Driver's Prayer

Each time I drive Lord, may I feel Your hands on mine upon the wheel.
Give me a careful, watchful eye, for young and old as I pass by.
I want to use this car for You, to drive my friends (family) in safety too,
But all these things can never be, unless O Lord, You drive with me. Amen.