



Kia Ora Tatou

This is the last Newsletter of the year! We hope you have had an enriching year as part of St Theresa's school. Written reports go out today, along with the Stationery list and your child's class and teacher for 2011. A lot of thought has gone into decisions about classes for the good of the children and we have taken into account the information some of you gave us (as requested in the Newsletter of Oct 28th). There will be no further discussion on classes and placements.

Teachers have been very busy writing reports. I believe your child's report has captured their abilities, progress and achievements over the 2010 year.

We have just been informed that the new classrooms (Rooms 9 and 10) will not now be ready for use until Term 2, so the two Y5/6 classes will have a very exciting place to be next year, but will have to wait till Term 2 to enjoy it! I know it's disappointing for all of us but it's out of our control and it will give us something to look forward to.

See you at Prizegiving - 7pm Tuesday 14th.

May God Bless us all as we approach the end of the school year.

Kia tau te rangimārie ki a tātou katoa

Zita Smith



Christmas Gifts and food donations

We will collect items until the end of school on Tuesday, 14th December. The Missionary Sisters of Mother of Teresa will be here at 10a.m. on Wednesday. Thank you to everyone who has donated so generously.



Board of Trustees—Casual Vacancy

A casual vacancy has occurred on the Board of Trustees for an elected parent representative.

The Board has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act 1989, to fill the vacancy by selection.

If ten per cent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the Board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the Board to hold a by-election should write to:

The Chairperson, Board of Trustees, St. Theresa's School,

The **Donation** amount for next year will increase to \$145 per year for one child, \$263 for 2 children and \$324 for 3 or more children. This represents a 5% increase in our fees which have remained unchanged for the past couple of years.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society would appreciate your help delivering Christmas food parcels in the Porirua area. We will have them packed and ready for distribution at 11:00am WEDNESDAY 15 DECEMBER. If you could come to the church hall around this time and collect 1 or 2 we would be really grateful. Thank you.



Prizegiving Tuesday 7pm - 8pm

All children are expected to attend in their full summer uniform (without jerseys).



This is a key occasion in the School's year to celebrate the year we have had and to recognize outstanding achievement.

School Leaver's Supper follows at 8pm

School Phone

We now have a new option (Press 4) that will have notice updates e.g. sports cancellations, bus leaving late, etc.

Thursday, 16th December

Leavers' Mass at 11a.m.
School Closes at 12.15p.m.
School bus at 12.30p.m.

Pool keys



These are for sale at the Office - \$80 per key per family and includes a \$20 refundable bond.



Farewell to our Year 6s



Goodbye, good luck and God bless to all our Year 6 children who are leaving St. Theresa's next week to move on to new schools. We hope you will always have a special place in your heart for all of us.

Hannah Bagley, Christina Burrell, Max Christensen, Kody Clueard, Jack England, Olivia Ludgate, Brenda Luong, Glen McLaughlin, Tom Mulvey, Katie O'Hagan, Sophie Parker, Michael Pratt, Shannon Reid, William Scott-Rodriguez, Adam Stella, Liam Tooman, Stevve Welch, Allie Wiffen



Mums (with or without pre-schoolers) come and meet other mums for a Christmas celebration in the Parish Hall on **Tuesday, 14th December** from 9.30 - 11.30. Any queries, phone Anne Dodds on 239-9543.



Kids of the Week

3rd December

Christina Burrell
Jacob Brown
Rafe Persson
Freya Hodge

Congratulations to all of you!

Miniball News

Good luck to all the Miniballers for their finals next week. Please could all Players of the Day return the trophies to Miss B. by next Tuesday.

Christmas Mass Times

Friday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

7p.m. Family Eucharist - Drama "The Blanket Man"

10p.m. Eucharist

Saturday 25th December (Christmas Day)

9a.m. Eucharist

(Please note there **will be NO** 6p.m. Vigil on Christmas Evening)

Sunday 26th December

9.30a.m. Eucharist

11a.m. - Ecumenical Service at St. Barnabas Church, Mana Esplanade.



What an achievement!

Kody Clueard has made the following representative teams so far this season:

- **Wellington Provincial Under 15 Boys Development Team**
- **Western Bays Under 15 Boys Development Team**
- **Western Bays Under 13 A Boys Team**

Congratulations Kody - we are very proud of you!

PLEASE! PLEASE! PLEASE!

Lost Property that needs to be found

Jessica Reiher's black & purple Brand New togs (Size 10) are missing. (Rm 7)

School jerseys: Faith Ward (Rm 1), David Gilliland (Rm 2) and Liam Wilson (Rm 7)

Lost property bucket - All leftover items will be removed at the end of this term so make sure you have checked to see if anything belongs to your child!

If you are traveling over this holiday period, please take extra care on the roads and to help you with that - **The Traveller's Prayer:**

Each time I drive Lord, may I feel
Your hand 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 family in safety too

But all these things may never be,
Unless O Lord, you drive with me.

Amen.



School Closes on Thursday, 16th December at 12.15p.m. and re-opens on Tuesday, 1st February, 2011 at 8.50a.m.