



St. Theresa's Catholic School

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

Thursday
23 February 2012

He Kupu nā te Tumuaki

We extend a warm welcome to new student Bailey Tobin-Collins and her mum Madisson Tobin. We hope you will be very happy at St. Theresa's!

We welcome all our new children and their families on Tuesday with our Powhiri and Mass. This is a whole community event so we hope to see you here.

Thank you for your great attendance at the Beach Picnic and the Family Evening. It was such a lovely way to spend two glorious summer days!

Parents, you are the greatest role model to your children as having the Spark of God! (see box) This is an ongoing reminder to us all, that the challenge to live a Christian life is a daily one, often achieved through small acts.

Using the ideas of parents at our Monday meeting, a timetable and the topics for Parent Information meetings we will hold over the course of the year will soon be published. We hope there will be something for everyone!

My prayer and hope during this time of Lent is that, as members of this community, we will all understand a little more, the gift we have been given and how each of us has a crucial and unique part to play in bringing light to the world.

Kia tau te rangimarie kia tatou katoa.

Zita Smith



VERY IMPORTANT - PLEASE TAKE NOTE

ALL families should now be getting the newsletter and other correspondence in hardcopy form as well as via email. If you have not been getting the newsletter emailed to you, PLEASE let Gina know so she can either add you to the list or amend the current email address we have recorded. If you want info emailed to more than one address in the family and if you haven't already done so, please advise Gina of this too. This year we intend to use email as a regular means of communication.



This weekend, we hear these words of Jesus:

The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.

What does this mean to me? What does this look like in my life?

Living Above the Line as the Spark of God

Just as classes and staff have done, the many parents who attended the Family Evening have developed a Spark of God sheet that outlines what being the best we can be looks like in our parent community.

You will find a copy attached to this Newsletter.

We hope you will refer to it often and even print it out to stick on your fridge!

We have our staff copy up so that we are continually challenged to live 'above the line'.

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

We are working very hard to start at 9am sharp! It would be extremely helpful to us if parents could go straight to the hall when the bell goes, rather than into your child's classroom. Children need to be focused on roll call and following instructions to be ready quickly for Assembly.

We appreciate your support in this.

Sacramental Programme 2012

Reconciliation - Confirmation - First Eucharist

If you would like your child to take the next step in their journey of faith, now is the time to register for this year's programme. It is open to children aged 8 and over (or turning 8 by June this year).

To register your child or find out more information, please email Belinda at belindabarber0606@gmail.com or phone 239-9922.

Registrations close 8 March.



FEBRUARY	
Tues. 28th	Powhiri - 9a.m. Followed by Mass Followed by Morning Tea
MARCH	
Mon. 12th	School Photos
Tues. 13th (morning)	Junior Swimming Sports
Thurs. 15th (morning)	Senior Swimming Sports
Sat. 17th	St. Patrick's Day
Tues. 20th & Thurs. 22nd	Parent Teacher Interviews
Sat. 24th	!SALSA! CARNIVAL
APRIL	
Sun. 1st	Palm Sunday
Wed. 4th April	Parents & Friends Meeting 7.30 p.m. in the staffroom
Thurs. 5th	10.30am Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea 11am Holy Week Pageant 2.45pm School Closes for the holidays
Fri. 6th	Good Friday
Mon. 23rd	Start of Term 2

SHOWING the SPARK OF GOD - WEEK 2



Back: *Carlin Hanley, Joseph Cole, Hannah Aunoa,*

Ryan Scott-Rodriguez

Front: *Astin Hartle, Noah Cole, Jacob Beuerlein, Jack Hurcomb*

CLASS OF THE WEEK - ROOM 8

In Room 8 we have been enjoying our swimming lessons in the school pool, getting ready for our swimming sports. We have been learning about writing narratives and about the life of Jesus and the Kingdom of God.

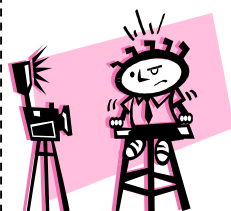
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School photos

Our school photos will be taken on **Monday, 12th March**. Each child will have been given an order form and photos need to be prepaid. If you intend having a family or sibling photograph, you need to get a special envelope from the office.

There are full details on the order form and there are more forms available at the office. Please return your orders to your child's classroom teacher for safekeeping.



School Powhiri and Welcome Mass

Tuesday, 28th February at 9a.m.

On Tuesday we are welcoming new children and their families into the school as well as our new priest Fr. Mika. It is the turn of the **families of Rm 9 and Rm 10** to supply the morning tea following the Powhiri. Your contribution of either a packet of biscuits, a savoury item or baking can be dropped off in the hall kitchen on Tuesday morning or your child can bring it over.

Many hands make light work! If you have some time to spare on Tuesday morning and can help with setting up, serving or cleaning up after the morning tea, it would be very much appreciated.

Many thanks,

Karla Gilliland - P&F Social Ctte