

St. Theresa's Catholic School

Thursday, 28th July 2016

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

Hello, Kia Ora, Talofa lava, Namaste, Mabuhay, Ciao, Kia Orana, Ahalan, Konnichiwa, Ni hao, Selam, Xin chao, Bonjour, Bula, Dzien/Dobry, Nee how, Shalom, Dia duit, Mauri, Halo

Welcome back to Term 3 everyone. Those holidays certainly went quickly and I hope that you managed to spend some time relaxing with your children. If you are organising holidays during term time could you please be sure to let the classroom teacher, Gina and myself know so that this can be loaded into our electronic student management system.

The Senior Syndicate were very excited to be using the 20 new Chromebooks we acquired this week. These Chromebooks were purchased using funds from the Carnival and our next step will be to purchase devices for the Junior Syndicate.

In the holidays a disability carpark was marked up outside the school gate at Room 8 - please be aware of this at pick up and drop off times.

Board of Trustees news: We are very fortunate to welcome Gail Saipani and Daniel Blank onto the Board. Gail will fill the casual vacancy position and Daniel will be a Proprietor's Appointee. Thank you to you both for agreeing to fill these essential roles.

Maths Information Evening: We will be offering a parent evening on how we teach Mathematics at St Theresa's on Thursday, 25 August from 6 - 7p.m. Please diarise this. More details to follow.

This term we welcome Yvette Pierce who will be working with target students on accelerated learning in Mathematics - a short term intervention funded by the Ministry of Education. We also welcome two new students: Isadora Leone (who started at the end of last term and is in Room 4) and her parents,

Alysha and lerome. Alex Cousins, brother of Joshua and son of Rob and Helen has joined Room 3 this week. We look forward to sharing a rewarding and happy time at St. Theresa's.

Kia pai tō rā whakatā - atua manaaki

Donna McDonald - Principal

Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets for the Year 6 Camp fundraising initiative

at the end of last term:

The lucky winners were:

Prize 1 - Trudi Lovett

Prize 2 - The Locke-Fearon Family

Prize 3 - Bernadette Arthur

(Hayden's Grandma)

Prize 4 - Helen Joronen



Family Contributions

Thank you to all those families who have already made their payment for the year. These contributions are tax deductible and essential for all our students to benefit from the extra activities provided to complement and enhance our delivery of the NZ Curriculum. If you require any more information or wish to discuss payment options please feel free to come and talk to Donna. A great way to make this more affordable, is to set up an Automatic Payment which Gina is happy to help you with.

This Sunday's Gospel:

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus uses a parable to explain to His disciples and us that when we care for the needs of the poor, we are

giving them what is theirs, not ours. We are not just performing works of mercy; we are paying a debt of justice. Life does not consist of possessions but in sharing what we possess with others. In this Year of Mercy let us put this into action in our own lives.

St Theresa's Parishioners' Pilgrimage to Sacred Heart Cathedral, Thorndon Sunday, 21st August

Set aside this date to take part in a Catholic practice which has its origins in the 4th Century.

2:45 - Arrival and assemble outside the piazza at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Hill Street. Please check the Parish Newsletter for options on how to travel in there, walk, bike, train or car. What an opportunity for all our children to experience this too!



Sparks of God - Term 2, Week 10



Back: Room 10, Courtney Tyrell,

Grace Tia, Aiden Harrison, Kira Sidoti

Front: William Baker, William Kendall, Harrison Croasdale, Keira Savea,

Kate Vincent, Olivia Murphy

NZ Sign Language Club at St. T's!

Congratulations to these students who belong to the Sign Language Club that Vinny Thompson runs on a Monday at lunchtime. Children come every week, are really keen signers and are starting to sign sentences. They remember their new vocab and practise at home too!



James Tohill Elice Mzila Stella Smith Ella Fordham

Unihoc Results:

Thunderbirds Results from end of Term 2. There was a draw for this 5th versus 6th place play-off. Well done to all the players. Rockets won 5 - 0. A fantastic fast-paced game. Great attacking and defending from the whole team who gave it their all.

PoD William Haywood

2nd game for the Rockets: They won 2 - 0. The whole team got Player of the Day as well as Best Effort!

Netball Results:

Angels won 20 - 4. PoD Alysse Saipani

Science Inquiry

A huge thanks to the team at Paremata New World for freezing a whole lot of water for us so the children can watch the ice melt as part of their immersion activity for the Science Inquiry.



Thought for the Week:

Procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday.

Don Marquis

Scholastic Book Club orders need to be in by next Friday, 5th August. You can order online too!

2nd Hand Uniform - For buying or selling, check this out on our Facebook Page.

REMIX: This Friday night from 7 - 8.30p.m. in the Hall for sacramental programme children and those up to Year 7.

Uniform fittings on site for Term 3.

5th August/26th August/16th September Please call Gina to make an appointment.

Term dates for 2016

Term 3 Mon., 25th July - Fri., 23rd September

Term 4 Mon., 10th October - Thurs., 15th December

Term dates for 2017

Term 1 Tues., 7th February - Thurs., 13th April

Term 2 Mon., 1st May - Fri., 7th July

Term 3 Mon., 24th July - Fri., 29th September

Term 4 Mon., 16th October - Wed., 20th December

CLASS OF THE WEEK - ROOM 7 In room 7 this week, we have

been very excited to use our new Chromebooks. We were able to work in pairs for our reading response and look up what the weather would be like in different parts of New Zealand in the coming days. We have also started to look closely at things. We have magnified leaves in jars of water. We got this idea from our Journal reading.

