



St. Theresa's Catholic School

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

Thursday,
27th Oct.
2016

Principal's Note

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

Today we celebrated our final powhiri and Mass of Welcome for 2016 and again we were blessed with a beautiful, sunny day. Thank you to all those people who have contributed in many different ways to the smooth and successful running of these celebrations.

We have set the date for our Whanau Day - this will be on Friday, 2nd December. We are planning the sharing of our cultures and more details will follow from class teachers. We will also have our Thank You Morning Tea on that day and invitations will follow.

The Rooms 3 and 4 furniture is due to arrive next week and the children are all very excited. If you are interested in taking any of the existing furniture to use at home, please come and talk to Gina in the Office.

On Tuesday this week, we welcomed **Donel Kolangara Sinumon** to Room 3. We wish him and his parents, Sinumon and Ambili, a very long and happy association with St. Theresa's.

Kia pai tō rā whakatā - atua manaaki

Donna McDonald - Principal



At this morning's powhiri, our Year 3 boys carried flags representing all the different countries that our new families are associated with. They really did us proud!



This Sunday's Gospel:

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus offers another chance to someone who has done wrong. Second chances encourage us to try harder. In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, God forgives our sins and gives us opportunities to improve upon our previous attempts to follow Jesus.



REMIX - The next gathering for all young people in our Sacramental Programme AND all our students up to Year 7, is **Fri., 28th October**. Bring a friend along and share your faith with fun and friends. See you in the Parish Hall from 7 - 8.30p.m.

Year 5 Fundraiser

Tickets for the movie, 'The Light Between Oceans', are available from the Office for \$20 each. This includes supper and a goodie bag! There is also a Raffle with two awesome prizes - tickets only \$2 each or 3 for \$5. If you can't make it into school, you can pay via the Internet and Gina will pick the winning tickets for you! Thank you in anticipation, for your support.



Lock these dates in!

Fri., 28th Oct.
Uniform Fittings

Tues., 1st Nov.
All Saints Day Mass at 9.30a.m. Whole school attending

Wed. 2nd Nov.
P&F meeting in the Staffroom at 7.30p.m.

Sun. 6th Nov.
Movie night 6.30pm for 7.30

All Saints Day Mass Tuesday, 1st November

We would like children to bring along a flower to school on this Feast Day. We will be placing them in front of the altar at Mass. Please don't go to any expense - just one bloom from your garden is all that's needed.



PARENTS & FRIENDS

Parents & Friends Meeting on **Wednesday, 2nd November at 7.30p.m.** in the Staffroom. Please come along! We extend a special invitation to all parents new to our school - this is a great way to get to know other families and to become part of the school community. If you have any questions, please contact Jodie Hickey-Smith on 021-450396 or email her jodie@southernbuild.co.nz.

Miniball Results for this week:

The **STARS** lost 0 - 4 (or 5!?).

Player of the Day: **Ryder Hodge**

Fair Play certificate: **Keira Savea** for helping show the rules to the new players who hadn't played before. Congratulations to everyone who participated and thanks to the manager and the supporters.



Mr. Winkel,
our Caretaker, has a
gazillion lemons on his
lemon tree. Come help
yourself here at school
on Friday.



Parking outside the School grounds:

Please be mindful of where you park when collecting your children from School. Parking in the Bus Stop zone isn't a good idea!

WEETBIX TRYATHLON - Sunday, 19th March

Swimming, cycling and running - a great challenge for the kids! It would be great to have a team of 15 or more entrants so that we can get the extra benefits of being a group, major school prizes and a team photo. Remember registration for this event sells out VERY quickly - so register your child now (must be 7 years and older). At the moment three children have been registered. If you have already registered as part of the School, Michelle will have sent you an email. If you registered your child and you haven't received an email from her, it means your registration isn't linked to the school. For more info look at the webpage (<https://tryathlon.co.nz>) or contact Michelle mushki@xtra.co.nz



CARNIVAL 2017 **Saturday, 25th March**

Things are starting to crank up behind the scenes now and we are looking for a couple of extra co-ordinators to help get things going. In particular we need some people to run the GAMES and WHITE ELEPHANT areas. For more information, please feel free to contact Michelle on mushki@xtra.co.nz or 027 270 4490. The Garden and Preserves stall is keen to run again but Jacqueline would love a hand to help build up the preserves and also the plant side. To find out more, you can contact her directly jacquelinewester@yahoo.co.nz or 021 608 804.

Year 4 cricket player needed! Porirua City Junior Cricket Club is looking for at least one more player - the team already has three St T's boys in it. Is your child keen to participate? If so, please contact Michelle Cook for more info 027 270 4490/ (mushki@xtra.co.nz) or the Club directly - Dave tonianddave@xtra.co.nz.

CLASS OF THE WEEK - ROOM 6

Every Wednesday we learn how to play softball. In our first week we learned how to run around the bases. We were split into two teams and each team competed against each other to see who could do it quicker. If your team lost, you needed to do 10 push-ups. In the second week we learned how to throw and catch. We were split into teams again and we competed against each other. One team would run round the bases and the other team would pass the ball between them. This week we learned how to bat and hit the ball off the T. It is really important that all your fingers are connected and your writing hand is on the top. It is fun learning about softball because you can improve your throwing, batting, catching and running.

We are also building our teamwork skills and encouraging and helping other in our class. It's great when we can cheer them on and encourage others. Softball is great sport to learn.

Reporters: **Ethan Todd & Maia Goodstadt-Brown**

