

Principal's Note

# St. Theresa's Catholic School

Thursday, 17th Nov. 2016

"To live, learn and love with Jesus, being the best we can be $\cdot$  "

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, Bom dia, Gidday

This week has been a true display of resilience and a community coming together to support each other in an emergency situation. A heartfelt thank you to everyone for the part you played in ensuring our children were safe and helping to get the school operational again. We were very grateful to the people who were able to make arrangements to keep their children at home and those who were able to come down and lend a hand or drop off food to help sustain the troops. The Parish Hall, foyer and office were badly damaged by the flood and this will have an effect on school plans over the next few weeks. We will endeavour to keep you informed and up to date with changes as they develop however, please keep watching the calendar to keep informed.

The earthquake on Sunday night was a great opportunity for us to review our school-wide emergency plan and just as we were reviewing that the floods hit!

My thanks to all of our wonderful staff - what a team! There is still some cleaning up to be done however, classes were ready to be used this morning and I'm sure the children will be enjoying being back.

EOTC week has been postponed until Week 8 (28th November -2nd December) and more information will follow.

We are all praying for calmer times ahead and looking forward to finishing the term on a high note.

Kia pai tõ rā whakatā – atua manaaki

Donna McDonald - Principal

Donna has left the building!





POOL KEYS ON SALE FROM MONDAY, 21st November Keys cost \$100 for the whole season (what a bargain!) with a \$10 bond refund upon return of keys. You can pay by Internet, Eftpos at the Office, cash or cheque. Once payment has been made, you will need to sign the Agreement form and then you can collect your key.



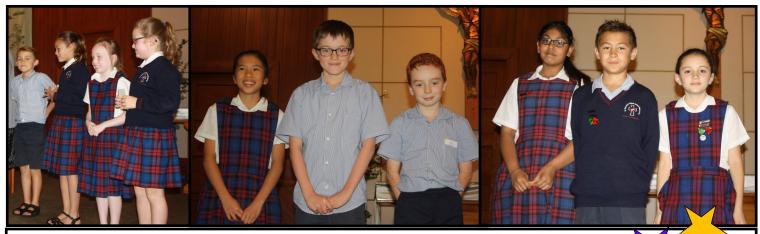
### This Sunday's Gospel: Feast of Christ the King

In this Sunday's Gospel, we learn that the Christian symbol of victory is the cross of Jesus. Jesus' Resurrection transformed a symbol of shame into a means of reconciliation with God. Let us remember that the Sign of the Cross is a prayer that proclaims our faith in the cross of Jesus.



What a fun week!





Year 4 Speech Competion Winners: 1st Tyler Duncan, 2nd Liana Saipani, 3rd Equal Teija Joronen & Riley Seque Year 5 Speech Competition Winners: 1st Celine Ngan, 2nd William Haywood, 3rd Jacob Beuerlein Year 6 Speech Competition Winners: 1st Azizah Isaako, 2nd Brayden Algar, 3rd Amy O'Hagan

#### Sparks of God Term 4, Week 4



Back: Charlotte Kemp, Ella Jones, Jayden Reynolds, Luke Gilmour

Front: Donel Kolangara Sinumon, Sadie Swift, Emily Beuerlein, George Franklin, Rose Franklin, Samuel Beuerlein

#### WEETBIX TRYATHLON - Sunday, 19th March

We are nearing the team of 15. It would be fabulous to have a minimum number register to make us a fully fledged group! If your 7+ child is interested but wants to know more, I can put them in touch with children who have already participated or if you are ready to register your child click on the website. If you have registered but haven't received an email from me confirming the registration, please get in touch with me on mushki@xtra.co.nz Many thanks, Michelle Cook

### Miniball results for this week:

SAINTS: Lost 4 - 10 PoD: Elijah Tia Best Effort: Liana Saipani



STARS lost. PoD Alysse Saipani SAINTS: Lost 2 - 13 PoD: Liana Saipani Best Effort: Mahi Meo

Taking out a home loan of \$150K or more through ASB? Please nominate our School - we will get \$500 donated to us for every loan drawn until the end of December, this year.

Preparing for Christmas with Vinny

## Carnival 2017

We still need someone to run Games and White Elephant . These are two good money earners - it would be great to have some one step up. It might be a sad Carnival without any games!! Contact Michelle on 027 270 4490 or <u>mushki@xtra.co.nz</u> for more information.

The Craft Stall need soft drink bottles (size 1.5L or up) to make rocket packs. Please bring to the Office. If you're interested in joining the Craft team, please contact Franchesca (Finlay's mum from Rm1) on: <u>fblank26@gmail.com</u>





## **Class of the Week - Room 9**

THE CHAOTIC WEEK! First a huge earthquake, then a flood ......what could be worse? Let's pray for those who don't have a home because of the flooding and earthquakes.



**Reporter: Nina Stevenson**