



St. Theresa's Catholic School

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

Thursday,
1st June,
2017

Principal's Note

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, Malo ni

Talofa lava! This week is Samoan Language Week, 29th May - 3rd June. The Sāmoan language is the third most commonly spoken language in New Zealand, immediately following English and Te reo Maori and the theme for 2017 is: "Ma'au i lou ofaga. Maua'a lou fa'asinomaga" – "Keep your identity alive to thrive". In classes this week, the children have been learning some common words, phrases and songs in Samoan and we have been very fortunate to have some 'in class' experts to help support us.

Well done to all the children in the Senior Syndicate who participated in the Cross Country on Tuesday. Many of them surprised themselves by surpassing their goals and it was great to see all the effort the children have put into increasing their fitness. It is the Junior Syndicate's turn on Friday at 11.30a.m. and we are hoping for another clear day.

Please remember that this Friday, 2nd June, we will be holding our Reunification Drill. We intend leaving school at approximately 12.30p.m. The children need to be picked up between 1.15p.m. - 2p.m. from the Reunification Zone. The map of where to go is on the website under Civil Defence - Reunification Zone. All children who are still with us at 2p.m. will be taken back to school and released as usual. In case of wet weather, please ensure your child has a jacket and for those not being picked up, a change of clothing.

The staff are currently brainstorming and planning for our 2017 Production. A request has been made to please start collecting clean plastic milk bottles, as we will be requiring a large quantity of themare you curious yet?

Thank you to those parents who were able to support our behaviour systems feedback session on Tuesday night. It was great to have your input and we look forward to sharing updates throughout the process. My thanks to Deana and Cheryl for co-ordinating this.

This week we warmly welcome Helena Fasavalu and her parents Gerrard and Alana. We wish you many happy years of being part of our St. Theresa's community.

Maua se faaiuga o le vaiaso tele

Donna McDonald - Principal

O le gagana e la'e ai le aganu'u - Language characterises the essence of culture.



BOARDTALKJohn Mallon, Chairperson, St. Theresa's Catholic School Board of Trustees

It has been a busy start to the 2017 year for the School.

The Board of Trustees had its third meeting for the year last week. This followed a meeting which the Board attended at Aotea College to update Boards of Trustees from the 9 primary and one secondary school in our Community of Learning (CoL). Our CoL is formed from schools in our immediate area who work together to form a community, sharing and implementing common learning objectives. CoLs are a Ministry of Education initiative which has been implemented from Government policy. This meeting was an opportunity to discuss the CoL progress so far and the achievement challenge. St Theresa's is a member of the Northern Porirua CoL. We have been actively involved in this initiative, with Donna taking a leading role to ensure that St. Theresa's Catholic School's special character is reflected in targets and decisions made.

I am sure you have all heard the result of this year's Carnival!! A total of \$35,908 was raised - an awesome outcome. Many thanks go to the organising committee for another huge effort. The Carnival delivered a significant amount of funds that will be spent on continuing to create an innovative learning environment for our children.

You will also have noticed that the main School building was given a refresh and paint over the Christmas break. This is part of the School's 10 year property maintenance programme. Many thanks to Dan O'Hagan for managing this project and also Donna and the staff for putting up with the painters!

Finally I would like to thank Hannah Heberley for her contribution to the BoT over the last 12 months. Hannah stepped down from the BoT in anticipation of her family's move to Taranaki. We wish her all the best for the future.

This Sunday's Gospel

PENTECOST SUNDAY *The Feast of Pentecost celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' first disciples. After giving them the gift of the Holy Spirit, Jesus sent his disciples to forgive the sins of others. We too are sent to bring reconciliation to the world. We have also been given the gift of the Holy Spirit to help us with this task.*



Some dates for your diary:

Fri., 2nd June - Junior Cross Country 11.30am

Fri., 2nd June - Reunification Drill

Pick up: Between 1.15p.m - 2p.m.

Mon., 5th June - Queen's Birthday NO SCHOOL.

REMIX is for children in the Sacramental Programme and up to Year 7. Come along to the Games Evening THIS FRIDAY from 7 - 8.30p.m. Bring along a gold coin too!

Entertainment books for sale.

\$65 each.

Uniform fittings on site: Fri., 9th June.
You need to make an appointment, so
please call or email Gina.

Bookfair Week

Wed., 7th June to Tues., 13th June
Book Character Parade - Friday, 9th June



Named Pickets - be a part of our history!

We will be taking orders again this term. Pickets cost \$35 each. If you want to order one or a few, forms are available at the Office and payment can be made via Internet banking, in cash or by Eftpos.

SPARKS OF GOD - T2,Wk 4



Back: Benji Barber, Hayden Arthur,
Cooper Mallon, Leto Moore

Front: Adam Murphy, Joshua Kerr,
Jody McNaught, Ava Woodley,
Hannah Tohill, Olivia Murphy, Noah Lewer

Class of the Week - Room 3



In Room 3 for our Inquiry, we have been learning about our favourite river creatures: eels and bugs. After we visited the river at Battle Hill and the stream at Plimmerton Beach, we compared the two rivers and have thought about many things that make our rivers healthy and not so healthy for river creatures and for us. We also enjoyed being map makers; mapping out the flow of the river to the sea, adding in trees, bush and rocks and showing the eels travelling down the river to the sea. We were really sad to learn that after eels travel to the warm and safe waters of Tonga to have their babies, they die. We hope that all the babies make it back safely to our clean Battle Hill River.

Love from Room 3



SPORTS RESULTS

Miniball:

Allstars lost 6 - 28 PoD: **Jesse Hurcomb**

Saints lost 4 - 12 PoD: **Finn Leighton**

Stars PoD: **Elijah Tia**

Unihoc:

Saints lost 1 - 2 PoD: **Kira Sidoti**
Fair Play: **Andre Hesp**

Something very strange is going on!
There are so many NAMED school jerseys that have gone missing. They must be somewhere so we're asking EVERYONE to please check their own child/ren's jerseys and bags to see if they have the wrong one or an extra one hiding out somewhere! In fact, any items of clothing, not only jerseys. Victor Ablett - Room 10
Noah Lewer - Room 3

..... and probably more that we have not been notified about.

PLEASE CHECK!

Junior Cross Country tomorrow at 11.30a.m.