

Principal's Note

St. Theresa's Catholic School

Friday,

4th August,

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

2017

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

What a beautiful day we had on Wednesday to celebrate our powhiri and Welcome Mass for Term 3. The children presented themselves with such dignity and pride and were a credit to us all. Many thanks to those who were able to attend and stay for morning tea and to the Room 1 and 8 families for providing the food and assistance. This is a true display of our school values of manakitanga and whanaugatanga in action.

We seem to have started the term with a bad run of winter bugs and yesterday many children needed to be picked up from school with a range of symptoms. We continue to provide an anti-bacterial hand sanitiser throughout the school and encourage children to drink plenty of water to stay hydrated. Please remember that if your child has vomited, they should have a full 48 hours without symptoms before returning to school. Your co-operation helps us to keep all our students as well as possible through the flu season.

<u>Learning through Digital technology</u>: The children were very excited to receive the latest batch of Chromebooks into classrooms. These support a wider range of resources our children can access and encourage inquiry and wondering.

Here is an opportunity for you as parents and whānau to have your say on the draft document recently released by the Ministry of Education on Digital Technologies/Hangarau Matihiko. If you can attend any of the evening workshops in your region, please do, as we are told these workshops are particularly valuable for anyone who may find the digital world a bit of a mystery. This document is about strengthening the technology strand of the New Zealand Curriculum and the wāhanga ako for Hangarau in Te Marautanga o Aotearoa from 2018. It is relevant for all students from the age of 5 - 18 (Year 1 - Year 13).

Community Evening 6:30p.m. - 8p.m. August 16th Level 2 Matauranga House, Ministry of Education. Use the link in the email to book.

We are thrilled to welcome the following families to St. Theresa's this week: Dominique Hearfield (Room 8) and her parents Nicholas and Angela; Wyntah Mair (Room 4) and her parents Jarred and Michelle; Ryker Sidoti (Room 4), brother of Kira and son of Eric and Carolyn; Sam Rousell (Room 3), brother of Tom and son of Mike and Kim and most recently, Jasper Talamaivao (Room 3), son of Tuna and Natalie. Haere mai to you all and best wishes for a very happy and rewarding time with us all in this special community.

Donna McDonald - Principal

"Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile." Mother Teresa



EMPORTANT

School/Parish Mass Sunday, 10th September at 9.30a.m.

This is a compulsory School/Parish Mass and will be celebrating grandparents and those who take on this role. Please invite them to come along and share this time with their families.



Lesson 5 Unit 2 of KiVa looks at the consequences of bullying. A quote from Martin Luther King sums this up nicely. "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies but the silence of our friends" We have taken time to reflect on how our classes have changed and what we can do to continue this.

Important dates for this term:

Wed., 9th August - BoT meeting 6p.m. Sun. 10th September - Whole school Mass Tues., 19th September - School Production

- Wed., 20th September School Production
- Keep checking our website calendar.

This Sunday's Gospel

Your age!

what goes up but rever comes down?

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time This important event in the life of Jesus and His disciples is called the Transfiguration. In this event, a voice from Heaven revealed that Jesus is God's Son. Thus, as the disciples had suspected, Jesus is the



Messiah. We might also have moments like this in our lives, moments when we are certain about what we believe but like Peter, we may not understand fully what we have experienced, until later. The disciples reflected on the Transfiguration after the events of the Lord's Passion and came to understand what had been revealed to them about Jesus on the mountain - that He is the Son of God.

Class of the Week - Room 1

We all loves jokes in Room 1. Have you heard this one? How do telephones get engaged? They give each other a ring then get engaged! We are all excited about the term ahead - especially about our trip to Nga Manu, the Production, getting to know our new puppets, learning about Seesaw, the new books in the Room 1 library and lots of other exciting things that we do in Room 1. We are going to have an excellent term. Reporters:

Keira Savea, Abigail Vincent & Hannah Tohill





SPARKS OF GOD - T3, Week 1

Back: Finn Leighton, Ethan Todd, Jack Hurcomb, Amelie Carter

Front: Nove Ah Kuoi, Kahukuranui Johnson-Bates, Asha Stewart, Riley Meli, Sadie Swift, Max Ramm



The Senior's art installation in response to their book study of LUTHER and the CLOUD-MAKERS

FUNDRAISER MOVIE – **The Big Sick** Support Adventurous Hugo get surgery in the USA and aftercare treatment. Sunday, 20th August at 7.30p.m. Lighthouse Pauatahanui Tickets \$20 Contact Kerry – helpadventuroushugo@xtra.co.nz



Uniform fittings on site for Tm 3: 11th Aug., 1st Sept. & 22nd Sept. Please call Gina to book an appt.

Book Club orders in to the Office by the close of school today, please.

Supporting success in our school. If you are a parent or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate \$500 to your chosen participating school. School donation vouchers available from Gina.

Term 3, 2017 Powhiri Haere mai!

