



St. Theresa's Catholic School

Thursday,
5th Nov.
2015

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

THIS WEEKEND'S GOSPEL

Mark 12: 38-44



Jesus said,
"This poor widow put in more
than all the other contributors to the
treasury.
For they have all contributed from their
surplus wealth,
but she, from her poverty, has contributed
all she had,
her whole livelihood."

Tena koutou katoa. A kia noho te ariki ki a koutou.

We warmly welcome two new students belonging to two new families into St Theresa's this week.

Mia, daughter of Theresa and Andrew Zvirzdinas started in Room 2 on Monday. Mia and her family have come from Australia. We also welcome **Kannika Smith, daughter of Leo** who has started in Room 3. We hope you will all enjoy fruitful and enriching relationships in this school community.

This weekend's Gospel is about true generosity. Jesus draws attention to the poor widow who makes the smallest of contributions - two coins that of themselves have little value. Jesus uses her donation as an example to his disciples, commending her because her small offering was an act of profound generosity. She gave from what she had to live on, rather than what she had spare.

Congratulations to our students receiving Eucharist for the first time on Sunday. May God bless you with this wonderful gift of food for your life journey.

God bless, *Etta Smith* - Principal



A very big **thank you** from the St. Vincent de Paul Society to all for their generous response to the call for food for the Food Bank. The contribution was amazing and is most appreciated. There is still the opportunity until the end of this week, to drop your donation off at school.

During the month of November especially, we remember those of our loved ones who have died.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



First Eucharist - Sunday, 8th November - 9.30a.m.

We commend to you these students from St Theresa's and all those who are receiving their First Eucharist on Sunday. We ask God's continued blessing on them as they receive this sacred food for their journey for the first time and then regularly at Mass throughout their lives.



YOUR FAMILY CONTRIBUTION

This annual family contribution, whilst not compulsory, enables our school to provide your children with a learning experience and environment which we believe, sets them up for life.

One of the Board's commitments this year has been to partially fund a 9th classroom so that your child can benefit from a smaller number in their class. The money for this comes in part from the parents who choose year after year, to make that contribution voluntarily and for which we are very grateful. The Board is currently determining whether it can afford to do this again in 2016. The voluntary family contribution helps provide the high quality environment and experiences you have come to expect from our school. It is tax deductible.

MINIBALL RESULTS FOR THIS WEEK

Thunderbirds won 16 - 6
PoD Jessica Deed
Astros lost but won by default
PoD Charlie Dale-Low
Eagles lost 14 - 16
PoD Josh Todd
Rockets lost 0 - 4
PoD Charlie Ringrose
Lazers lost 3 - 7
PoD Lachlan Baker & Kieran Dunlop-Brown
Stars won 19 - 3
PoD Riley Hockings

*It's spring in Rm 2 -
probably the only
place it
is!*



Class of the Week - Room 7

In Room 7 we have been learning to look for patterns with numbers in Choral counting. In RE we have been learning about Pope Francis' encyclical about caring for God's earth. We watched a power point and recreated a slide with our own words. We have been practising our speeches and using feedback to make our presentations the best we can. It's busy in Room 7 this week!

Sparks of God - Week 3, Term 4



Back: Adam Murphy, Maddison Maclean,
Belle Croasdale, Nina Stevenson,
Kaleb Aunoa, Harry Ringrose
Front: Lily Wrenn, Brandon Khang, Hazel Livesey,
Jody McNaught

Things you need to remember/action!

- * Please update us on any changes to your **contact information**. It is imperative that we have up to date details at all times.
- * **Uniform fittings** for Term 4 - **CHANGE OF DATES** :
Friday: 13th November and 4th December between 2 and 3.20p.m. Call Gina to make an appointment.
- * Please vote for us on the Muffin Break Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MuffinBreakNZ/?fref=ts>
- * **Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon 2016 - 20th March**
www.try.weetbix.co.nz Any questions? See Jan Hannon or email her janandpaddy@xtra.co.nz or call her on 027-4919634.
- * Any donations of sugar and fruit (if you have surplus to requirements in your garden) for jams to be sold at the Carnival. Jacqueline Watkins is the co-ordinator.

