## St. Theresa's Catholic School

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

Thursday, 3rd March 2016

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

This week we welcome Katherine (Kate) Vincent, sister of Abigail in Room 8 and daughter of Mike and Anna as well as Kiahna King-Tararo, sister of Cruz and daughter of Noovao and Casey. We hope you will have a fruitful and memorable time here with us all at St. Theresa's.

Thank you to everyone for attending out 3-way Interviews on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. This was a new way for us to share the children's learning with you and the feedback from parents, children and teachers has been very positive. The children were able to articulate their learning goals and this will help them to have an increased ownership of their learning.

Seismic strengthening of our buildings will begin on Monday and we expect this to be completed within 4 weeks. All classrooms except Room 4 will be having work done over this period of time. Although this work will cause some disruption to our school, we have plans in place to minimise this as much as possible. Please remember that the work is being carried out to ensure the ongoing safety of our school community.

Health and Safety: We have identified several areas of concrete and asphalt in the playground that have been recently broken. Ricky will be fixing these over the next week.

Kia pai tō rā whakatā - atua manaaki

Donna McDonald - Principal



#### Gospel Reading for Sunday

The Gospel this Sunday shares with us the parable of the prodigal son, inviting us to consider the depth of God's mercy and love. God's great love for us has been revealed in Jesus. Through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Christ has reconciled us with God and one another. What an awesome gift!





#### E-Learning Survey

Please click on the link in our email to complete the parent/whanau survey on e-Learning. There is still an opportunity for you to participate in this survey. The link is in our email.

Parents & Friends Meeting tonight, 3rd March at 7.30p.m. in the Staffroom.

YOU SHOULD ALL COME ALONG!

**BoT Meeting** Wed., 9th March 6p.m. in the Staffroom

School Terms for 2016

T1 **Ends 15th April** 

2nd May - 8th July

**T**3 25th July - 23rd September

T4 10th October - 15th December

Thank you to all those families who have already paid all or part of their fees for this year. If you have not yet done so, we urge you to set up an automatic payment (you can do this online) - the least stressful option! All compulsory payments as well as at least one quarter of the other fees are due.



#### Have you marked this date in your diary yet? TUESDAY, 5th APRIL at 6.30p.m. in the Parish Hall

How to maintain YOUR child's digital footprint and help them to develop the digital citizenship skills required to be confident on-line learners.

## Sparks of God - Term 1, Week 4



Back: Liam Dunlop-Brown, Carter Lynch, Janelle Burrell,

**Brayden Algar** 

Front: Riley Hockings, Sophie McBride, Asha Stewart, Andre Hesp,

Rachel Liao

Junior Swimming Sports Rooms 1, 2, 3 4 & 8 Tuesday, 8th March at Ha.m.

Children can bring along items in their House colour t-shirts, pom poms, hats - anything! - to change into or wave around!

Feel free to come along to cheer them all on.

#### **Netball results**

St. T's Allstars lost 2 - 6
PoD Celine Ngan
Flag Football results:
St. T's Tigers drew 3 all
POD Max Lewer
& Victor Ablett
Well done to all the players
and thanks to parents for
their support.

### **Carnival Reminder**

When donating items to the Carnival, PLEASE don't leave us with broken, dirty or incomplete sets. It just means more work for the organisers.

If you wouldn't let your own child bring it home, then we don't want it either. Thanks for all the donations so far - a great effort. Out of the mouths of babes ......

New Entrant comes to the Office for the pool key.

NE: Are you an old grandma?

Me: Nearly!! (Am old but not a grandma yet!)

Time to get out the hair dye again?!

# Learning Hub Summer 2016 Photo Competition



Rose Franklin, Kira Sidoti, Patch Dunne, Jakson Croasdale

Zara Lyne, Flynn Croasdale, Lucy Bain

#### **Uniform fittings**

The next fitting date is Fri., 11th March.
Call Gina for an appointment.

## Caritas Challenge 2016 Friday, 11th March.

From our Catholic Character
Leaders in Room 10:
This year's challenge will be no
electricity for a whole day! In
this way we can experience what it's
like to have no access to electricity
like some people in Cambodia. It
would be great if all students could
bring a gold coin for our coin trail.
This is NOT a mufti day.

### Room 8 - Discovery Time

We love Discovery Time in Room 8. We enjoy challenging ourselves and making new and interesting things, creating plays and researching how to make something on the computers and iPads. We also like going to the Learning Hub and researching topics of interest like sharks, dinosaurs, cars and crafts.







