



St. Theresa's Catholic School

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

Thursday,
17th March
2016

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

Thank you to all the parents who were able to make our Tsunami Drill yesterday. This was an opportunity to practise our procedures for evacuation. The staff have reviewed this process and will be making any necessary changes. Special thanks go to Deb Neave, our Health & Safety representative and the staff, for their organisation of this event.

We warmly welcome **Olivia Murphy**, along with her parents Dermot and Jennie, to St. Theresa's. We hope that you soon feel part of the school family and enjoy many happy years here with us.

A reminder that this Sunday is our Palm Sunday Mass at 9.30a.m. There is a slight difference to how the children will be organised this year. All children will meet on the court in front of the playground at 9.15a.m. with their families. We will then all process down James Street and into the church together. The children will be seated with their families. The staff will be organising the morning tea so please bring a plate to share and stay for a cup of tea after Mass.

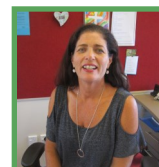
On Monday we welcome the Education Review Office team into the School for the week. We will begin with a powhiri at 11a.m. and you are all very welcome to attend this. We will also have an informal afternoon tea in the staffroom on Tuesday, 22nd March at 2p.m. and an opportunity for the ERO team to chat with parents. If you are available, please come in and have a cup of tea and a chat.

I am looking forward to the Easter Pageant next Thursday, 24th March. We will be having a Hot Cross Bun morning tea in the staffroom at 10.30a.m. This is a great opportunity to have a catch up before the children's pageant begins at 11a.m. Everyone is warmly invited.

On Friday I will be down in Porirua with a small group of Year 6 students collecting for the Child Cancer Street Appeal (outside PaknSave) between 10a.m. and noon. If you are in the area, drop by and say hello.

Kia pai tō rā whakatā - atua manaaki

Donna McDonald - Principal



Catholic Character

Gospel Reading for Sunday

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the Triduum - three days that are the highlight of the Church year. Throughout Holy Week, we are called to reflect on the events of Jesus' passion and death. We remember that in his obedient suffering and dying, Jesus revealed himself to us as God's Son and brought to fulfilment the Kingdom of God.



Board of Trustees Elections - 3rd June, 2016

Representation: Trustees, on behalf of the community, make decisions in the best interests of all students at the school.

Leadership: Boards set the direction for the school and are future focused.

Accountability: The Board is responsible for ensuring that the school is well managed and is working towards achieving its vision.

Here is a list of the general competencies and personal qualities that we see as important for trustees to display:



Visionary leadership
Strategic thinkers
Analytical thinkers
Practical people
People who can communicate well with others
Team players



Whole School/Parish Mass

Sunday, 20th March at 9.30a.m.

- * Shared morning tea - please bring a plate
- * Full school uniform
- * Children sit with their parents
- * Non attendance in writing to the Principal



Thursday, 24th March

Hot Cross Bun
Morning Tea at
10.30a.m. in the
Staffroom



Easter Pageant starts at
11a.m. in the Church
EVERYONE MOST WELCOME
TO JOIN US!

Winter School Uniform is worn in Terms 2 & 3.

The last opportunity you will have before the end of term to have a fitting on site will be on **Friday, 1st April** from 2p.m. onwards. Please ring Gina to book an appointment if you need one. You can email Chapman Uniforms directly on b.chapman@paradise.net.nz or call 972-0682 if you don't need a fitting.

Please check our website for uniform requirements and make sure you get the correct shoes!

(Photos available on the website.)

Sparks of God - Term 1, Week 6



Back: Harrison Croasdale, Connor Savea, Phoebe Harland, Leto Moore, Vinnie Barber

Front: Jack Hurcomb, Ryder Hodge, Elice Mzila, Clarice Souza-Galle

Kia ora, from Room 3.

We have really enjoyed learning about 'Myself and Others'. We see ourselves as special and unique. We are Taonga. We compared ourselves with our friends. We are all different colours, heights and shapes. We have different coloured skin and hair and eyes. We are all friends in our Whanau of Room 3!



Unihoc in Term 2

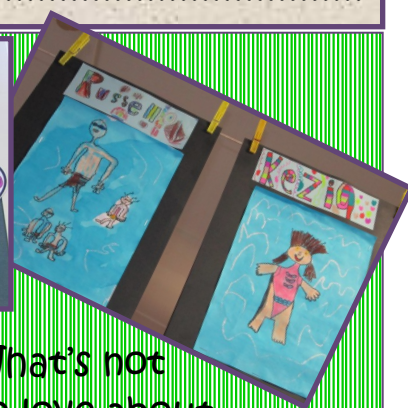
If your child is interested in playing Unihoc next term, they would have brought home a notice. Please keep an eye out for it otherwise find it on our website under 'School Notices'.

CHESS CLUB

Players meet every Tuesday at lunchtime in Room 10. Please remember to bring your chess board along!

School Pool closing on 31st March.

Your last couple of weeks to make use of the pool for this season! All pool keys need to be returned by the end of March to secure your bond refund.



What's not to love about being in Room 1?

Please pop in and see EVERYBODY'S amazing work!

