



St. Theresa's Catholic School

Thursday,
3rd Nov.
2016

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

Principal's Note

This week the school has been out and about celebrating All Saints Day in a variety of ways. The Junior school started the week with a trip to St. Patrick's School in Paraparaumu and walked up to visit the statue of Mary. This was a great opportunity to connect with another Catholic school and share a little bit of who we are.

We celebrated Mass on Tuesday together with the Parish. Thank you to Father Maurice for officiating and to Angela Cole for planning a lovely Mass for us to share. Thank you also to our senior PE leaders who ran a fun afternoon for the whole school, to celebrate our own St. Therese on All Saints Day. The weather played the game and the sun shone brightly all day.

We are very pleased to welcome **George Franklin and Emma Harrison** to our School and Room 3, in particular. George is the brother of Luke, Kezia and Rose and the son of Malcolm and Syd. Emma is the sister of Aiden and Charlotte and the daughter of Matt and Gayle. We wish them all a continuing, happy relationship with St. T's and the opportunity for many good memories to be made.

On Wednesday I was fortunate enough to be able to accompany 8 students from our school to Papakowhai School for the EPro8 Challenge. Our two teams worked well together and their hard worked earned them joint 3rd place. This means they will now move onto the semi finals to be held at Tawa Intermediate. Congratulations to them all.



We are currently in the process of working on class lists for 2017. Please let me know asap if there is anything you would like us to be aware of before finalising classes, e.g. keeping twins together or separate, as we take a number of factors into consideration when determining groupings.

Thank you to the Parents & Friends group for a very friendly and relaxed meeting last night. This is a social group that is very keen to welcome new team members. More information on an opportunity to be part of this fun team will be coming soon!

Kia pai tō rā whakatā - atua manaaki
Donna McDonald - Principal



Last chance! We have classroom furniture from Rooms 3 & 4 up for grabs. Make a donation and take what you need.

Lock these dates in!

Sun. 6th Nov.

Movie night 6.30pm for 7.30

Week 6: 14th - 18th Nov.

Year 6 Camp

14th & 15th Nov.

Year 5 GRIP Conference & Zoo Overnight Stay

15th Nov.

Year 4 School Sleepover
(Probably more like a 'No Sleep' Sleepover!)



This Sunday's Gospel:

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus' response to the Sadducees shows that sometimes we miss the most important things about what God has planned for us because we get stuck in the details of human existence. Jesus wants us to open our minds and hearts to the possibilities that God has in store for us. Our faith tells us that when we die our life is changed, not ended. This is good news because we know that we will continue to share a relationship with God, even after our death.

Children's Liturgy is looking for people to help work with the kids during Sunday Mass. No experience needed and all of the prep work is done for you. It will be approx. 1 session per term. For more info or if you can help, talk to Shannon Tomlinson (021-1254513) or Jocelyn at the Parish office (233-1279).



You haven't missed out yet!

There are still some tickets available for Sunday night's movie 'The Light Between Oceans'.

Only \$20 gets you a seat, a goodie bag, a great movie and brilliant company. Everything right with that! Also, please consider buying some raffle tickets - 2 awesome gift baskets as prizes. Only \$2 each or 3 for \$5. You can even pay for these via the Internet!



Can you help? Pre-loved boys' clothing (Size 8 - 10) needed (not school uniform.) Please send along to the office if you have any contributions. Thanks in advance.

Senior Film Competition

Brayden Algar & Aaron Cheung from Rm 10, are running a Film Competition for Yr 4 - 6. Children will have 3 weeks to finish their movie. It has to be less than 4 minutes long. Permission slips available from Brayden & Aaron.



Thanks to those of you who have already replied to the **Swimming Pool survey**. It will stay open until tomorrow so please take a minute to complete it.

Rugby News: Congratulations to the Year 5 & 6 rugby team for their 3rd place in the mini tournament held on Friday after school. Thanks to all the parents who assisted and supported the children. There are plenty of talented girls and boys at St. T's so we are looking forward to entering again next year.



WEETBIX TRYATHLON - Sunday, 19th March

We are now up to a team of 12 - which is fabulous!! We still need a few more to meet the minimum of 15 for a team. Click on the link to register your child (7 years and older) <https://tryathlon.co.nz/> Any questions contact Michelle Cook - 027270 4490/mushki@xtra.co.nz - or keep an eye out for her in the School grounds.



CARNIVAL 2017 Sat., 25th March

We are still looking for two more co-ordinators for Carnival 2017 - Games and White Elephant. Co-ordinators can be a couple of people working together or individuals.

Games is all set up from last year - it just needs someone to co-ordinate it. All the hard work has been done in previous years - it's just a matter of co-ordinating the lead up.

White Elephant doesn't need much to be done before the day - just a bit of overseeing of stock every so often and then set up the day before.

To find out more contact Michelle - 027 270 4490 - mushki@xtra.co.nz or find her, most afternoons, in the school grounds

If anyone has Little Gardens they are not using, can you pop them into the Office - we'll use them for the Garden Stall.



Sparks of God Term 4, Week 3



Back: Riley Hockings, Liam Dunlop-Brown, William Haywood, Max Lewer, Amy O'Hagan, Nina Stevenson

Front: Dylan Goodstadt-Brown, Clarice Souza-Galle, Blossom Dele-Oluwole, Kannika Smith, Poppy-Lou Dennison, Sophie McBride, Emily Aubrey

Miniball results for this week:

STARS: Lost 1 - 4

PoD: **Jakson Croasdale**

Fair Play Award: **Kiahna King-Tararo**

SAINTS: Lost 0 - 11

PoD: **Flynn Croasdale**

Fair Play Award: **Elijah Tia**

HAWKS

HAWKS: Won 16 - 2

PoD: **Hayden Arthur**

STARS lost 5 - 6

PoD: **Phoebe Harland**



Class of the Week - Room 10

Parihaka This Friday, the Cultural Leaders will be holding a Parihaka Awareness Assembly. Parihaka is a place where the British took the Maori land and claimed it for the Crown. The Maori people refused to fight against the British Army. Instead, the children gave the British Army gifts and did dances with the poi. Please join us at Assembly as we reflect on Parihaka.

Reporters: **Mark Tyrell & Lachlan Hannon**



Buddies reunited!
St. T's Old Boy,
William Davey with
Charlie Carter, whose
buddy he was. What's
not love about this!

Let's get crafty!

The Carnival Craft Team are busy planning for next year and would appreciate any empty 1.5L soft drink bottles to be used for the very popular rocket packs. Please leave bottles outside Gina's office.

If you enjoy making crafts, would you be interested in joining our crafty team? Please contact Franchesca (Finlay's mum from Room 1)

