

Principal's Note

St. Theresa's Catholic School

Thursday, 22nd June, 2017

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

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

The weeks are flying by and we are already nearly at the end of Term 2. There has been such a lot happening in and around school this past week, so please keep checking the calendar for events.

We are celebrating Matariki on Thursday, 29th June from 5 - 6.30p.m. here at school. A run down of what is happening is included in this newsletter and a link to a very short form on attendance is in our email. The children have been practising their Kapa Haka performance for the evening and will be making paper memorial stars and star-shaped cookies to exhibit and share on the night.

Our teachers are currently finalising mid-year reports on all children in Years 2-6. These will come out on Friday, 30th June and will be useful to share at the mid-year 3-way interviews. Please read and discuss the current achievement and next learning steps with your child as this will help you to formulate questions for your interview.

Our children have created beautiful artworks for Suzanne Aubert's birthday which was on 19th June. You can see these displayed around the school and each class was able to contribute to the artwork we sent to the Home of Compassion.

This week I will be away on Thursday and Friday at the New Zealand Catholic Principals Conference which is held in Wellington. This conference happens every 4 years and is a wonderful opportunity for principals from across New Zealand to meet and share practice. I have also been asked to be a support reviewer for a Catholic Character Review next week so will be travelling up to Levin on Monday and Tuesday.

A day to diarise: We will be having our staff only day on 20th October, which is the Friday before Labour Weekend. The school will be closed on this day.

This week, we warmly welcome to Emily Mallon, daughter of John and Sarah and sister of Cooper. We all wish you a very happy and memorable time here at St. Theresa's.

Have a wonderful weekend. I am sure there will be plenty of sports, etc. being played and watched. We are all looking forward to the 'right' result on Tuesday - go the Hurricanes!

Whai i te wiki nui.

Donna McDonald - Principal

None of us is an island, autonomous and independent from others. We can only build the future by standing together, including everyone. Pope Francis

Congratulations to all children who participated in the Inter-School Cross Country yesterday. These children were placed in the top 10 in their respective year group and will compete at the Regionals shortly. This was an outstanding result! Celine Ngan (1st), Jade McLaughlin (4th), Maddison Maclean (6th), Carter Lynch (6th), Brooke Jones (7th), Lila Ablett (8th) Vaughn Lynch (8th), Charlie Carter (9th)



This Sunday's Gospel 12th Sunday in ordinary time In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us to not be afraid to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. When someone tells us that we have no reason to fear, they are saying that we can trust



them. We can trust in our God. We express our trust in God whenever we proclaim that we believe in God the Father, in Jesus the Son and in the Holy Spirit. That is so we trust the Holy Trinity and have no fear.

Blessing of the Parish Hall and Office Thurs., 29th June at 9.30a.m. Morning tea to follow. Please bring a plate to share.

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3rd and 4th July

REMIX Friday, 30th June 7 to 8.30p.m. in the Hall. Please bring a gold coin donation. This for all children in the Sacramental programme and up to Year 7.

<u>Class of the Week - Room 8</u> <u>Suzanne Aubert</u>

We have been learning about Suzanne Aubert. Suzanne loved God and always thought about what He wanted her to do. She was kind and good.



She was born in France and came to New Zealand in a boat. She learnt how to speak Maori on the boat. She loved children especially the poor, weak, sick, homeless and children without parents. Suzanne is buried in Wellington and we celebrate her birthday on the 19th June. Suzanne is not a saint yet but in five years' time, we hope she will be New Zealand's first saint.

Written by **Joshua, Ishara, Kieran and** Brianna



ALL THINGS SPORTY

UNIHOC:

Saints won 2 –1 PoD: Jack Buchanan Fair Play Award: Olivia Murphy



Tigers drew 1 all. PoD: **William Haywood** Fair Play: **Cruz King-Tararo**

Rockets drew 0 all. PoD: Flynn Croasdale Effort of the Day: Riley Hockings

Lazers won by default because of a no show. Two St. T's teams were conjured up and played each other. PoD: **Lila Ablett**

MINIBALL:

Allstars lost last week PoD: Tom Davey Allstars lost this week 12 - 22 PoD: Victor Ablett

P.S. Congratulations to **Redwood** for being the winning house at Senior School Cross Country.



SPARKS OF GOD - T2, Wk 7

Back: Alfie Croasdale, Benji Barber, Ella Jones, Janelle Burrell, Maia Goodstadt-Brown, Kerys Cuddihy

Front: Finlay Blank, James Tohill, Daniel Gilmour, Isaac Ringrose, Olivia Carter

FUNDRAISER MOVIE Despicable Me 3 Sunday, 16th July at p.m. at Lighthouse Pauatahanui Tickets \$20 Contact Kerry helpadventuroushugo@xtra.co.nz

Next Uniform fittings on site in Term 2 - Friday, 30th June. Please call Gina for an appointment.

Entertainment Books - \$65 each

Lost Property: Noah Pio in Room 1 has lost TWO named jerseys and Elice Mzila in Room 8 has lost hers as well. PLEASE check to see if you have them.

Request from **Sarah Hunt in the Learning Hub**: If any parents took photos of the Book Character Parade, could you please email some of them to her for the library file? sarah-humt@st-theresas.school.nz

Our Matariki celebration

Thurs. 29th June from 5p.m. to approx. 6.30p.m. Powhiri in the Courtyard, Refreshments (soup, rolls and star biscuits) served from Room 6, Entertainment in the Hall, Viewing of the Matariki stars in the Prayer Garden. You won't want to miss this! For catering purposes, please fill in the survey if you will be attending.

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What's easy to get into but hard to get out of? IFTRIONL