



# St. Theresa's Catholic School

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

15th March, 2018

Principal's Note

Hello, Kia Ora, Talofa lava, Namaste, Mabuhay, Ciao, Kia Orana, Ahalan, Konnichiwa, Ni hao, Selam, Xin chao, Bonjour, Bula, Dzień/Dobry, Shalom, Dia duit, Mauri, Halo, Bom dia, Giday, Malo ni

### Manaakitanga - Kindness

He aroha whakatō, he aroha ka puta mai

If kindness is sown, then kindness is what you shall receive.

Over the past two years, the staff at St Theresa's have been undertaking professional development with a focus on child development and learner orientation, with a particular focus on the developing brain. We have attended sessions with Nathan Mikaere - Wallis and have been blown away, as a collective group, by the message and quality of his presentations, both from a parent and educator's perspective. We now have an opportunity for you all to hear this message from Nathan as he will be running a parent session on Monday, 16 April at Aotea College. Tickets are \$25 and will sell very fast so check the flyer attached to our email, for how to book. Please let me know if you are interested in attending and need support with anything from purchasing a ticket to babysitting.

Monday's whole school Athletics Day at Grenada North Park was a wonderful way to start the week. It was so lovely to see all the children participating in a range of activities, supporting each other and pushing themselves to try something new. Well done to those Year 4, 5 and 6 students who qualified to represent St. Theresa's at the Parumoana Athletics Day. Thank you to Trish and the staff for organising the children and adult helpers on the day and to all of our family/whanau who stayed and ran stations. Also a big thanks to Olympic Harriers Athletic Club for allowing us to use their equipment and to Juan McDonald for setting it all up and packing it away.

The Junior swimming display today had both the skill and cute factor. It was so wonderful to see the progress each child has made and reminds us how fortunate we are to have such a great resource on site. Thank you for sorting your children with colourful clothes and positive energy.

Our Minister for Education, Hon Chris Hipkins, is planning to undertake a full review of 'Tomorrows Schools' and the energy amongst educators across the country is very positive. In light of the Government's decision to get rid of the high stakes reporting through National Standards, we are in a perfect position to be reviewing our assessment practices. We focus here at St Theresa's on the whole child and fully embrace the New Zealand Curriculum in its entirety. Children learn at different rates and in a range of different modes. Please talk to your child's classroom teacher before seeking out extra support for their learning so as to ensure the messages they are receiving are aligned. Thank you for the continued, generous support for the Carnival - only 1 more weekend and 9 more sleeps to go!!!

He hari, he pai te wiki. Whakapai te Atua,

**Donna McDonald - Principal**



*If we encounter Jesus and our brothers and sisters every day, our hearts will not dwell in the past or the future. They will live in God's present moment, in peace with everyone. —Pope Francis*

Haere Mai! A very warm welcome to **Hugo Stewart**, son of Liam and Andrea and brother of Asha. Hugo is in Room 4. We also welcome **Austin Perridge**, the son of Jason & Michelle and the brother of Taylor. Austin joins the students in Room 3. We wish you both many happy school years here at St. T's!

### Seasons for Growth Programme

If there is anyone interested in training to run this programme, please let Angela Cole know. This programme is aimed at helping children who have experienced grief or a loss of some kind.



**EASTER TUESDAY,  
3RD APRIL  
PLEASE NOTE THAT  
THIS IS A SCHOOL  
HOLIDAY!**

### Parish Stations of the Cross

Please join us tomorrow night at 7p.m. in the Church for this week's Stations of the Cross. It is being led by our Year 6 Catholic Character leaders.



An evening with Educational Psychologist

**NATHAN MIKAERE-WALLIS**

**Parent session: 'The Developing Brain' \$25.00**

**Monday 16 April 7.00 – 8.30pm Auditorium, Aotea College** Many teachers have said "Every parent or prospective parent should have to hear Nathan". Here's the opportunity....

Flyer attached to our email.

**Senior Swimming Sports: Tuesday, 20th March**

The notice is on our website.

What's on Top/School Notices/Senior Swimming Sports

**SILENT AUCTION** - A list of all the items is attached to our email.

Remember that if you can't be there on the day, you can still put in your bid by calling Gina. She will write your bid up for you. Something for everyone!

### This Sunday's Gospel Fifth Sunday Lent

*This Sunday's Gospel prepares us to journey with Christ during Holy Week, reminding us that Jesus stayed focused on his purpose and gave glory to God by accepting suffering and death for our salvation. Jesus teaches His disciples and us that those who want to follow Him must serve others by thinking*



*about the needs of others before their own.*

## Uniform Fittings TOMORROW.

Please note that when paying your invoice, you must put the invoice number as a reference. Also, the new socks don't need garters!!! They stay up all by themselves! There will only be one more opportunity this term (Friday, 6th April) for on site uniform fittings.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

\* **Friday, 16th March: Uniform fittings from 2p.m. onwards.**

\* **Friday, 23rd March: Carnival set-up**

\* **SATURDAY, 24th MARCH:**

**Go Red for ED Carnival - 2018 11a.m. - 3p.m. SEE YOU ALL THERE!**

**Wednesday, 28th March: BoT meeting 6p.m.**

**Thursday, 29th March: 10.45 a.m. Hot Cross Bun morning tea 11.30 a.m. Easter Pageant**

**Friday, 13th April: Whanau Day and the end of Term 1!**



## SPARKS OF GOD 2018 - T1, Week 5

**Back: Emerson Allen, Dominique Hearfield, Lachlan Wilkie, Victor Ablett, Abigail Vincent, Elice Mzila**

**Front: Izzy Cato, Luna Blank, Jakson Croasdale**



With the seasons changing, it's time to start planning for the winter months and we have an amazing offer here to help you make sure you stay cosy!

**TRAILER LOAD OF QUALITY WOOD** - This wood is seasoned 2.4 cubic metre 1/2 and 1/2 of gum and pine. \$350 pick up in Plimmerton or \$380 for delivery in the Wellington region. Not stacked. Must have access to property with a driveway - will not unload on the road. This offer is only available until 22 March!! All proceeds go towards our Carnival. Contact Gina at the Office and she will pass the message on.

## Class of the Week - Room 10

We have had a very busy start to Term 1, with swimming, athletics, Forest School, Makerspace, new friends, collaboration..... the list is endless. It's been a wonderful start to the year! Please join us for our Room 10 Assembly on Friday!



## School Bus Timetable and Routes

We have been advised that there will not be any printed time tables available until later in the year. If you would like to know the destination times, please go to this website: [Metlink.org.nz/Timetables/Route465](http://Metlink.org.nz/Timetables/Route465) or call 0800801700.

## THIS IS ALL YOU HAVE TO DO FOR CARNIVAL - IT'S SO EASY!

Keep all your contributions coming in - vouchers and sweet treats, etc.

Sell all your raffle tickets and more if possible

Sign up for a role on the day

Spread the word to friends and family

Get your dress ups ready for the day

Cakes and sweets: Cake boxes and sweets bags will be sent home with your child on Monday. Please send all your contributions in by Friday. They can be left in Room 5.

No more tomato or BBQ sauce required - thank you to everyone who contributed.

We thank you all for what you have done and are doing to make this event a huge success. It is our major fundraiser for the year so we're giving it everything we've got.