



St. Theresa's Catholic School

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

3rd May, 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, Gidday, Malo ni

Manaakitanga - Kindness

He aroha whakatō, he aroha ka puta mai - if kindness is sown, then kindness is what you shall receive.

Welcome back everyone and I hope you enjoyed a fantastic break. The children have returned recharged and raring to learn, and have hit the ground running with our full immersion day yesterday. The creativity, team work, planning and negotiating involved in the day has set them up well for a term of Reading, Writing and Maths focussed on structures. Thank you to everyone who supported the day with resources for the children's building work.

We attended the ANZAC Day parade on Wednesday, 25th April and the children were a credit to us all. The very positive comments on their uniform from members of the public made up for having to wear your uniform in the holidays, I'm sure!

Next week we will be celebrating NZSL (New Zealand Sign Language) Week, with taster sessions and activities within our classrooms. This is another great opportunity for us all to be exposed to our 3rd official language.

During the holidays, we were very sad to hear of the death of Nicholas Hearfield, the father of Dominique in Room 8. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family at this very sad time.

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

Donna McDonald - Principal



Praying means being with God, experiencing God, loving God. - Pope Francis



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS - You don't want to miss this one! Each family will receive a copy of this year's issue. It's valid from NOW until June 2019 and has heaps of brilliant offers.

This year the cost is \$65 and is available in either hard copy or digitally. All the instructions for payment, etc., are in the envelope. Thanks in anticipation - this could turn out to be a very good fundraiser for us! If you don't intend buying it, simply return to the Office straight away.



ANZAC Day Parade

Thank you to all those families who joined us for this very special occasion.

Lest we forget.



This week, we warmly welcome the following students and their families:

Alette Gibbons, daughter of Hamish & Natalie;

Alexandra Baker, daughter of Hamish and Libby and sister of Lachlan and Harlan;

Isaac Duncan, son of David and Kylie and brother of Tyler, Ryder and Ava.

We look forward to beginning or continuing a long and happy association with you all.

This Sunday's Gospel - 6th Sunday of Easter

In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus tells His disciples to love one another. Then He demonstrates the depth of His love by His sacrifice on the cross for their sake and for ours. Jesus gives us the same commandment He gave to his disciples: "Love one another as I love you." Jesus wants us to follow His example of love in action.



Class of the Week - Room 4

We had a very good day at school yesterday. We learnt a lot about structures. We did some weaving on the fence at the end of the field. We weaved material and wool. It looks beautiful. We had to stack the paper cups into a tower. We looked closely at a leaf and then we drew the design we saw on it. We made really big structures in Room 10 out of long sticks. Some were enormous. We even made structures with our bodies. We had to do lots of balancing for that.

Reporters: Emerson Allen & Ryker Sidoti



PARENTS & FRIENDS MEETING

You are ALL warmly invited to our Parents & Friends meeting next Thursday, 10th May at 7.30p.m. in the Staffroom. This group of parents organises fundraising events and social gatherings and we would love some new parents to come along as well - we are always looking for fresh ideas and input. If you want more info, please contact Jodie Hickey-Smith on 021-450396 and she will fill you in. It's also a great way to get to know new families - many lifelong friendships have begun at places like this! See you all there.

BUSH SPROUTS Z petrol station is currently running their 'Good in the Hood' promotion where you are given a token to vote, when purchasing petrol. Nature School NZ are lucky to have been chosen as one of the 4 recipients of the funds from the Mana Z station. Each of the 4 chosen causes will receive a portion of the \$4000 from Z Mana. How much we receive depends on how many votes/tokens we get in the 'Good in the Hood' voting box at Z Mana. Any money received will go directly towards running the Bush Sprouts programme. Please support Nature School NZ with running our Bush Sprouts programme by shopping at Z Mana and putting your tokens into the Nature School NZ box!

Caritas Challenge Day 2018 - Move it, Live it, Sweat it, Stop it!

Here is the proof! Because the money your children raised was over \$900, some of our very brave teachers got to spend the night at school. We're still not sure exactly how much sleeping actually happened! The day before, we thought there was no chance the target would be reached but thanks to your generosity, it got there and went over! Thanks again for all the support - your children really moved it, lived it, sweated it and now it's on the way to stopping it! We donated \$1000 to Caritas for Timor Leste. What a great effort.



Dates for your calendar:

Uniform fittings for the term: 18/5, 8/6, 29/6

New Zealand Sign Language Week starts on Mon., 7th May

Parents & Friends Meeting: Thursday, 10th May at 7.30p.m.

Wed., 23rd May: **Board meeting** - 6p.m. in the staffroom

Sunday, 27th May: **Whole School/Parish Mass** at 930a.m.

Samoan Language Week starts on Monday, 28th May

Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge Extreme Offroad Running Event Thursday, 24th May

Abigail Vincent in Room 6 invites you to join her! Go to their website or have a chat to Abigail and she can give you more details.

