



### Principal's Note

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, Giday,

#### COMPARISON IS THE THIEF OF JOY—Theodore Roosevelt

**T**he excitement is definitely building today as we prepare for our Matariki celebrations and hangi. The fire was built up high and the children have helped prepare the meat and vegetables. Now we wait for the earth to cook our kai and come together tonight to share and celebrate. The forecast is for a cold clear night, so we hope to see you all here at 5p.m.

**T**omorrow is our Sponsored Fun Run, a great opportunity to raise money for the school playground, have some fun and burn off the hangi from the night before! Please come along and cheer the children on - we are planning to start at 1.30p.m.

**A**n opportunity to have your car washed: Kannika Smith and her family will be holding a car wash in the school playground to raise money in support of Oxfam NZ and their campaign to help feed the Syrian refugees. The car wash will be held at school this Saturday from 8a.m. - 10a.m. You can get your car sparkly clean and help support a very worthwhile campaign for only \$5. This idea came from Kannika in Room 8 as she is too young to officially be part of the Ration Challenge that Oxfam are supporting. Well done, Kannika, for coming up with a clever idea to support those in need. You can check out the Ration Challenge on [rationchallenge.org.nz](http://rationchallenge.org.nz).

**N**ext week we have our 3-way interviews on Monday and Tuesday and the link for this has been included in this newsletter. The children will be bringing home their mid-year reports on Friday, so please look out for them. I encourage you to read these with your child and use them as a platform for discussion at the interviews next week.

**T**hank you all for the many ways you support the staff and students here at St. Theresa's to help us deliver a rich and varied curriculum to your children.

**G**ood luck to all those participating in the many varied activities planned over the weekend.



**Welcome, Will!**  
Last week, Will Croasdale, son of Aaron & Kiri and brother of Flynn and Jakson, joined the students in Room 3. We wish him many happy years here at St. Theresa's.

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

*Donna McDonald - Principal*

 We encounter Jesus in those who are poor, rejected or refugees.  
Do not let fear get in the way of welcoming our neighbour in need. - Pope Francis

## **FUN RUN - TOMORROW! starting at 1.30p.m. (Postponement: Friday, 29th June at 10a.m.)**

**Bring your craziest dress up clothes to change into and something to either push or pull. It's all about the FUN and there will be spot prizes too! We will have the course set out and will run in Pods, starting with the seniors - the senior students, not the oldies! We will need some parents to marshall along the way so please let Jodie Hickey-Smith know if you can help. 021 450396**

Have you booked your interview yet?  
**Parent/Teacher Interviews**  
[www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)  
and use the Event Code:  
**gqe5z**

**This Sunday's Gospel - Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**  
In this Sunday's Gospel, we learn about the birth of John the Baptist. Elizabeth was beyond childbearing age when God granted her a son. God, in his mercy, gave her new life. In the same way, through God's mercy, we receive new life. It is this new life which comes to us through repentance that John the Baptist was sent to prepare us for.



## Very important notice:

**Wednesday, 27th June from 1.30p.m.**

**All teachers will be attending a Paid Union Meeting. We would appreciate it if you were able to collect your children early.**

**The School bus is still scheduled for the normal time and After School Care is still running.**

**If this is not possible, please don't worry! There will still be staff here to supervise the children who remain on site.**



**Lost property:** Euan Watkins' named school jersey is missing and so is Piata Gargiulo's. Does your child mistakenly have either of these? Also, there are heaps of unnamed items of clothing in the Lost Property bucket - just saying!

**Uniform Fittings:** On site Friday, 29th June. Please call Gina if you want to make an appointment.

## DIARY DATES FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS:

Fri., 22nd June	Fun Run 1.30p.m.
Mon., 25th June	Parent teacher interviews
Tues., 26th June	Parent Teacher interviews
Wed., 27th June	Paid Union meeting for teachers
Wed., 27th June	BoT meeting 6p.m.
Fri., 29th June	Uniform fittings
Tues., 3rd July	Parents & Friends meeting 7p.m.
Fri., 6th July	Mufti Mania - Tonga
Fri. 6th July	<b>END OF TERM 2</b>
Mon. 23rd July	<b>START OF TERM 3</b>

## Happy Mataraki, from Room 3.

We have had lots of fun in Room 3 learning about Mataraki. We have read lots of stories about the time of Mataraki and we have created some Mataraki art. We know that our planet, Earth, the stars we can see, and 'me' are all part of our Universe.



## SPARKS OF GOD 2018 - T2, Week 7



**Back:** Lachlan Baker, Ruby-Rose Dennison, Keira Savea, Vaughn Lynch, Archie Sinclair

**Front:** Riley Meli, \*, Felix McMinn, Kobe Algar, Willow Dunne, Sophia Todd

## Unihoc Results for this week:

Rockets lost. PoD: Charlotte Harrison  
Effort of the Day: Jakson Croasdale

Lots of local happenings! Check our **Community Connections** tab on our website (under 'For Parents') for heaps of info about local school holiday programmes and much, much more.



A massive thanks to **Paremata New World** for donating ice blocks for EVERYONE to enjoy after the Fun Run tomorrow.



It's never too cold for an ice block!