



# St. Theresa's Catholic School Newsletter

28th June, 2018

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



## 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,

*"Mā roto hoki kia ora ka pai te kōrero"*

*"When refreshed, the conversation will be agreeable"*

What a busy few weeks we have had as we head towards the end of Term 2. The children have enjoyed so many quality learning experiences and have so much to be grateful for. Ms. Norris has worked with groups of students this week unpacking and brainstorming with them, our school value of gratitude and what this looks like. The children were asked to think about people they are grateful for and create letters and cards to them. Many of our children wrote to members of our community and their own families and we are proud of the way they embraced this activity.

On the subject of gratitude, we wish to thank you all for the many ways you support us all to deliver a rich and exciting curriculum to your children. It was great to see so many of you join us for our 3-way parent/teacher/child interviews.

These are a valuable opportunity to work together to ensure positive progress and achievement for all of our children.

We would especially like to thank Jodie Hickey-Smith for co-ordinating her team of helpers to ensure the success of our first ever sponsored Fun Run. The day was perfect, the costumes were amazing and the children had a wonderful time, while raising much needed funds for our playground upgrade. The photos on our Facebook page are a true reflection of a community coming together.

We wish to thank Daniel Blank for his generous support of the school during his time as a Proprietor's Appointee on our Board of Trustees. Daniel's resignation leaves a vacant Proprietor's Appointee position which the Board will work with Fr. Maurice to fill. We also welcome Jenny Jermy as a selected Parent Representative to fill our vacant position and thank her for accepting this role.

Our Matariki Celebrations last Thursday were amazing. Thank you to the staff and our student cultural leaders for co-ordinating a fantastic evening. The hangi was delicious and the entertainment was first class. Special thanks to Craig Bain for again, so generously, supplying and installing the lights to illuminate our Prayer Garden.

Unfortunately we have been made aware of some totally unacceptable behaviour from children at St. Theresa's on the Mana Coach Services school bus. This includes fighting and swearing which is extremely disturbing to me. We are working with Mana Coach Services to investigate this and today, all of the children were reminded of the conduct expected of them when travelling on the bus, in school uniform. If you have any concerns regarding the bus service, please contact Mana Bus Services on [brentb@manacoach.co.nz](mailto:brentb@manacoach.co.nz).

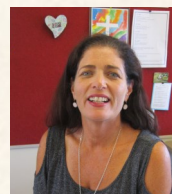
*He hari, he pai te wiki. Whakapai te Atua,*

*Donna McDonald - Principal*



Dear young people, help us adults whose hearts are often hardened.

Help us to choose the path of dialogue and harmony. - Pope Francis



**Carnival 2019** One, two or even a group of 3 organised and motivated people are needed to run the Carnival next year. We will provide all the support and information you need. PLEASE consider taking on this very rewarding initiative and let Donna know if you are keen.

## Mufti Mania for Tonga NEXT FRIDAY

6th July, 2018

Please bring a gold coin  
donation for this worthy  
cause.

In February, Cyclone Gita caused widespread damage throughout Tonga. One of the worst affected schools was Apifo'ou College in Nuku'alofa. Money raised will go towards repairing classrooms and replacing lost teaching resources. Together we will bring back some sense of normality to Apifo'ou College students in Tonga.



During a discussion with Ms. Norris about GRATITUDE, the children listed some of events, so far this year, that they have been fortunate enough to be part of: Athletics, Netball, Hockey, Young Vinnies, Book Character Day, Carnival, Matariki concert, stars and hangi, Fun Run, Cross Country, Caritas Day, Swimming Sports, Timor Leste Day, Choir, Rugby Tournament, Goodtime Music, A.S.C., Assemblies, Pre-school, Buddies, Beach Day, Powhiri, Church and Sunday Mass, Structure Immersion Day, Bush Sprouts, Sacramental Programme, Kapa Haka, Popcorn and movie - and we're only half way through the year! **How lucky are all our children?!**

## This Sunday's Gospel - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christians follow Jesus' example by showing compassion and care for those who are sick. Just as Jairus turned to Jesus to heal his daughter, we pray for those who are sick, asking that Jesus comfort them, heal them and give them strength. Like Jairus, we have faith in Jesus' power to heal. We also pray for all those who care for the sick, including those who work in the medical professions.



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## Class of the Week - Room 7

In Room 7 we have been doing our Inquiry through Play. We have designed some structures and have started to create them. We have been looking for fruits of the Holy Spirit in each other. We have enjoyed doing PE with the other classes in Pihinga.



## DIARY DATES FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS:

Fri., 29th June	Uniform fittings
Tues., 3rd July	Parents & Friends meeting 7p.m.
Fri., 6th July	Mufti Mania - Tonga
<b>Fri. 6th July</b>	<b>END OF TERM 2</b>
<b>Mon. 23rd July</b>	<b>START OF TERM 3</b>

**Uniform Fittings:** On site TOMORROW. Please call Gina if you want to make an appointment.

**LOST PROPERTY:** There is a scary amount of UNNAMED items in the bucket. These will all be gone at the end of this term so if your child is missing something, now is the time to check!



### Washing and drying of costumes and dress-ups:

If you are able to take some of these to wash, dry and return to school, we would appreciate it very much. Let Angela or Gina know if you can. Thanks in anticipation!



## Room 10's works of art



## SPARKS OF GOD 2018 - T2, Week 8



**Back:** Victor Ablett, Lila Ablett, Amokura Royal, William Snaddon

**Front:** Olivia Murphy, Wyntah Mair, Tristan Jeyathas, Piata Gargiulo, Esmee Hope, Lashini Jeyathas

**Photographer:** Ava Wrenn

**Lost Property:** Sophia Davis' named school jersey is missing. Does your child mistakenly have it? Please return to Room 8.

### Learning New Zealand Sign Language

Each week our Communicator for the Deaf, Nikki, teaches us a new phrase or sentence relevant to what's going around here. If you want to learn it too, check out the signs up on the wall in the Staffroom and if you need any clarification or support, hopefully ANY staff member will be able to help you! Go, Nikki!

