



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
Mai i te Kopae ki te Urupa, tatou huge range of opportunities ako tonu ai -

From the cradle to the grave, we are forever learning.

What a perfect day we had today for our school wide outdoor play day. Every class had an opportunity to access the equipment from our container - now known as the 'Play Pod'. We saw some wonderful, imaginative and purposeful creations being made. This type of Play also promotes and encourages collaboration, problem solving and team work - skills we all require in our everyday life.



Today ended on a high note with a visit from the travelling Science Show. The children were entertained and educated at the same time, learning a variety of science concepts, through interactive demonstrations.

Thank you for your support of Pink Shirt Day last Friday. This is a very worthwhile cause and a great way for us to end NZ Bully Free Week.

Next week is another busy one for us all and it is hard to believe we are halfway through the term already.

We will be celebrating Samoan language week with a variety of activities including print making, learning new words and phrases and ending with a Sasa battle between our house groups on Friday. The children are excited to be making their own printed sash and will bring them home.

On Tuesday, 28th we are celebrating Catholic Schools Day, with the other schools in our Porirua Pastoral Area. We will be hosting a group from Holy Family, St Pius X and St Francis Xavier and will be sending groups to those schools. Details will be in your class weekly email.

Thank you for your continued support as we negotiate our contract with the MoE. As you are aware Wednesday, 29th May is a National Strike Day for all NZEI and PPTA members. We are really appreciative of your support and hope that we can come to an agreement very soon.

Have a wonderful weekend - enjoy spending time together and hopefully the sun will continue to shine for us.

Donna McDonald - Principal



The peace of Jesus is a gift. We cannot obtain it through human means. The peace of Jesus is something else: the peace of Jesus teaches us to endure. To endure is to carry life on our shoulders, our difficulties, our work, everything, and to have the courage to go forward. - *Pope Francis*



Sixth Sunday of Easter

In the Gospel this week it is brought to our attention that when we offer people a sign of peace at Mass, we are doing much more than saying "hi" to them. We are offering them our deepest wish that Jesus be always present in their heart.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

Nominations close
at noon
TOMORROW!

MONEY MATTERS

As we are approaching the midpoint of the year, there is an expectation that families would have paid at least half of the fees that are actual costs to us: Trips, Swimming, KiVa, RE, Mathletics/Reading Eggs, Civil Defence supplies and Seesaw. If you foresee any difficulty in paying your account, please make an appointment to meet with Donna. Please remember that there is the option to set up an AP. Many thanks to those families who have already paid their account.

Powhiri and
Mass of Welcome
Thursday, 30th May at 9a.m.
Please join us for this
celebration as well as
morning tea afterwards.



A very warm welcome to **Juliet Hall** and her parents Andy & Katherine. Juliet is now part of the Room 3 whanau and we wish her and her family a very happy and memorable time as part of the St. T's community.



Back: Andre Hesp, Carys Parry, Stella Smith, Luis Meo, Nykeita Elliott
 Front: Teuaine Mareikura, Edward Higgins, Felix McMinn, Cruz Algar, William Lin

Sports Results

UNIHOOC: St T's Eagles came together to secure a win. **Isaac Ringrose** took home PoD for not only scoring the first goal of the game but for his serious commitment to opposing the other team and his very cool second goal, making it look so easy! If only we had two PoDs - **Andre Hesp** showed true grit and team spirit throughout the game.



Congratulations to the children who participated in the Junior Tough Guy and Gal competition. Another group are competing today!



SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY, 29TH MAY

Camp 2019 Fundraiser:
 Here's your chance to get some amazing wines at amazing prices. Your go to person for more info is Jodie Hickey-Smith 021-450396.



Diary Dates:

Fri., 24th May
 * Board of Trustees nominations close at noon.

Week starting 27th May
 * Samoan Language Week

Tues., 28th May
 * Catholic Schools Day

Wed., 29th May
 * SCHOOL CLOSED

Thurs., 30th May
 * Powhiri and Mass of Welcome starting at 9a.m.
 * Junior Cross Country 11.30a.m.

Fri., 31st May
 * Year 3 - 6 Cross Country 11.30 - 12.30

Wed., 5th June
 Start of our Book Week

Fri., 7th June
 * Book Character Parade

After School Care - Staff Vacancies

There are two positions currently available - a supervisor and an assistant. For more details or to register your interest, please contact Rofi Meera on 021-2510133.

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Pink Shirt Day last Friday. Their message to stop bullying and spread aroha and kindness is one we fully endorse. We raised \$251 - a great effort!

Class of the Week - Room 8

Room 8 has learnt the Hail Mary in NZSL and Emily, Kira and Andre have been going around the classes teaching them how to sign it. May is the month we celebrate Mary and we wanted to acknowledge NZSL Week. We hope that eventually everyone in the school will be able to sign the Hail Mary.

Reporters: Andre Hesp, Kira Sidoti, Emily Aubrey and Nikki Vause

