



# St. Theresa's Catholic School Newsletter - 25th July, 2019



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

## Principal's Note

Hello, Kia Ora, Talofa lava, Hola, Namaste, Mabuhay, Ciao, Kia Orana, Ahalan, Konnichiwa, Ni hao, Selam, Xin chao, Bonjour, Bula, Dzień/Dobry, Shalom, Dia duit, Mauri, Halo, Bom dia, Giddyay, Gutentag  
*Mai i te Kopae ki te Urupa, tatou ako tonu ai -*

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

Welcome to Term 3 everyone and a special welcome to our new students and families. I hope you all managed to spend time with family and friends, kept the bugs at bay and are energised for a very full term ahead. This term we will be holding our much anticipated biennial production on 11 and 12 September. The script and concept has been finalised and shared with the children today and I am proud and confident to say this will be another 'not to be missed' show. All children will be involved in the production in some way through music, singing, dancing, acting, costume design, stage management, lighting, sound, etc. etc. and this is a great example of the curriculum in action. Look out for more information as the term rolls on.

On Monday I attended a powhiri at Bishop Viard College for their new principal, Chris Theobald and several new staff members. This marks the beginning of a time of change for the school and I am sure you join with me as we congratulate Chris on his appointment and send the school our best wishes.

Over the next 2 weeks, we will be holding our 3-way interviews for all classes, over 2 nights, Thursday 1 August and Wednesday 7 August. These interviews will be an opportunity to discuss mid-year progress and learning goals for the next half of the year. The online booking code is available below so please book in quickly to ensure a suitable time slot.

It's hard not to be aware that wellbeing, work-life balance and burnout are all very topical at the moment both for adults and children alike. We take wellbeing seriously and are constantly looking for simple ways to positively impact on our own wellbeing and the wellbeing of those around us. Recent discussions have focussed on balancing expectations on communication between home and school. While we value a strong link, we also need to have realistic expectations of when and how quickly emails can be answered. Teachers are not able to check emails during teaching time and are often on duty or working with students during break times, so the best option for messages during the day that need immediate attention, is to ring the office and speak to Gina. All emails to teachers will be read and responded to within 24 hours. Clear strong communication is vital to grow and nurture a home/school partnership and this will continue to be a high focus area for the school. We use platforms such as SeeSaw, class emails, newsletters, interviews and school celebrations, etc. to support us with this.

Wishing you all a happy, safe and relaxing weekend.

## Donna McDonald - Principal



Faith is a gift that keeps alive a profound and beautiful certainty: that we are God's beloved children. - Pope Francis

The trouble is, you think you have time.  
Buddha



**WELCOME** This week we welcome **Ava Stace** to Room 3. We wish her and her parents, Rick and Bree, a very memorable and happy time as part of the St. T's community.

### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday we hear that prayer is not like sitting on Santa Claus's lap and asking for what we want until we get it. Prayer is a way of striving to



recognize how God is reaching out to us with love and responding by presenting Him with our needs.

### Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thursday 1st August & Wednesday, 7th August

[www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)

Event Code:

**r9wsd**

### Some notices from Mrs. Fitzsimons:

**Trophies** - Please return all Player of the Day trophies from Term 2 Miniball and Unihoc to Room 9. Thank you to **Bodil Macintosh, Helen Cousins, Jim Tan and Jacqui Reading** for managing the Miniball and Unihoc teams. We really appreciate your help and support.

**Futsal** - Year 3&4 have a team entered. They will receive information this week. Sadly, there were not enough players to enter a Yr 1&2 or Yr 5&6 team.

**Thank you** to all the Year 5 children who assisted with the milk, rubbish and recycling last term. You are showing great leadership and are a fantastic help to all the teachers.



## QUIZ NIGHT

Put this date in your diary!  
Sunday, 18th August at 7.30p.m.  
at the Whitby Co-op.

There are prizes!!!

For details on how to get your table booked, please see the attachment in our email.

(Year 6 Camp  
Fundraiser)



## Diary Dates

### AUGUST

Thurs. 1st - Parent/Teacher Interviews

Wed. 7th - Parent/Teacher Interviews

Wed. 7th - Board meeting 6p.m.

Fri. 9th - Uniform fittings

Sun. 18th - Quiz night 7.30p.m.

Thurs. 22nd - Powhiri 9a.m.

Fri. 23rd - Disco 5p.m. & 7p.m.

Fri. 30th - Uniform fittings

### SEPTEMBER

Tues. 10th - Production Dress rehearsal

Wed. 11th - Production First night

Thursday 12th - Production Second night

Wed 18th - Board meeting 6p.m.

Fri. 30th - Uniform fittings

Fri. 27th - End of Term 3

## Sparks of God - Term 2, Week 10

Back: Ishara Nandika, Russell Ngan, Kieran Dunlop-Brown, Abigail Vincent

Front: Emily Mallon, Paige McLaughlin, Piata Gargiulo, Olivia Murphy,  
George Hutchins, Alisa Sinumon, Brody Algar.

## Disco

Fri., 23rd August  
EVERYTHING you  
need to know is in  
the attachment in  
our email.

### Working Bee

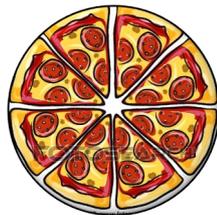
Sunday, 11 August

from around 1p.m. for a couple of hours. We'll provide some pizza and a beer - afterwards! If you can help, please contact Jen Jermy on 021-612345 or email her [jenjermy@gmail.com](mailto:jenjermy@gmail.com).

More details will follow and please remember - more hands, less work! Thanks in anticipation.



**PIZZA FRIDAYS** start up again next week. Forms go out on a Monday and need to be back by Thursday morning 9a.m. please. If you want to make your life easy, you can pay for the term (9 weeks). If you do this, remember to still fill in your form each week.



**Production 2019** - Tickets will be on sale from the start of Week 6. Adults - \$13, Students - \$7, Toddlers/Babies not needing their own seat - No charge.

**Class of the Week - Room 4** We are learning about persuasive writing in Room 4. To do this, we are using the words 'I think..' 'I should...' and 'because'. Mrs McKee is entering Teddy in a competition called 'K9 Gold Awards - Best Office Dog in Wellington'. The children have written some great persuasive writing about this to convince the judges that Teddy is the best!

I think Teddy is fun, patient and caring because when I read him stories he listens carefully. I like it when I get in his basket. It makes me happy. **Holly/** I think Teddy is licky and warm and caring and fluffy because when he is at school he snuggles and he listens to kids reading him stories. That makes people happy. **Angelo/** I think Teddy is kind and warm because he likes it when I read stories to him. He is good in class. **Kyle/** I think Teddy is the best dog in the world because he is fluffy and helpful to the Room 4 children. Teddy's job is letting me get into his basket. I like him so much. He is so good and warm. He is fun. I know he is going to win the competition. **Brooke/** I think Teddy is kind and soft because I can read to him. **Noah/** I think Teddy is fun and caring because he makes me happy when I pat him. He looks very interested when I read stories to him. I love Teddy because Teddy is the best dog in New Zealand. **Brianna/** I think Teddy is kind and warm because I can read to him. **Aahil/** I think Teddy is nice because I love him. **Nicholas/** I think Teddy is snuggly and cuddly because he is good in our class. **Olivia Grace**

