



# St. Theresa's Catholic School Newsletter - 1st August, 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, Giday, Gutentag  
*Mai i te Kopae ki te Urupa, tatou ako tonu ai -*

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

Welcome to the first day of August and what feels like the beginning of winter. We have been very fortunate with the weather so far and hopefully this cold, wet snap won't last too long. As always with a change of weather comes an increase in the amount of bugs spreading through the school community. Please keep your children at home if they are showing signs of high fever or are coughing or sneezing. We also seem to be having a run of gastric bugs so please keep children at home for 48 hrs after any bouts of vomiting and/or diarrhoea.

With the cold weather comes the desire to head to the sun and of course, the special travel offers that don't seem to be available in the school holidays. If you are heading away and taking your children with you, please remember you need to notify the Office, classroom teacher and myself that your children will be absent.

At the end of last term, we farewelled the Nandika family who are moving to Perth. Rofi Meera, the owner of the current After School Care programme has sold the business and from Monday, 5th August, it will be taken over by the YMCA who will be providing this valuable service for your convenience. We will continue to work alongside them. Below is a note from them.

*The YMCA is excited to be taking over the After School Care programme here at St. Theresa's. We are a not for profit organisation, proudly supporting communities for 175 years through our pillars of Family, Healthy Living, Youth Development and Social Responsibility. We run values-based out of school programmes across the Wellington region. The YMCA will be operating the programme from Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> August. For more information visit [www.ymcawellington.org.nz](http://www.ymcawellington.org.nz) or contact Amy Moreland on [amy.moreland@ymcawellington.org.nz](mailto:amy.moreland@ymcawellington.org.nz) or phone 0274149496.*

Tonight we have the first of our 2 nights of 3 way interviews. There are still spaces available and the booking system remains open until next week. Please try to make a time as this is a great opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss progress and next steps.

We also have the Learning Hub open while the interviews are taking place and the very talented children from Rooms 9 and 10 will have their First Footprint Museum on display for you to have a look at. We will also have photographs of the intended plans for the outdoor play area for you to view and comment on.

This week has been full-on for many of our Year 5 and 6 students who have been auditioning for main parts in the school production. We have been really impressed with the high calibre of skills and dedication the children have shown and also their strong resilience. Although not all children will get the part they have auditioned for, the production provides an opportunity for all children to participate and the audition process provides an opportunity for children to display our SPARK values in how they manage success and disappointment. I would like to thank Pauline and Trish for the very professional, fair and transparent way they conduct this process and also Jacky Chapman for the exciting script we are all looking forward to entertaining you with.

**Donna McDonald - Principal**



*The Lord gives each of us a vocation, a challenge to discover the talents and abilities we possess and to put them at the service of others.—Pope Francis*



## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear a story about a rich man. He does not seem like a bad man; in fact, he seems like a smart businessman. Jesus, however, points out that this man's flaw was that he was thinking only about himself and his own comfort and security. When we fail to think about the needs of others, we are failing to love as Jesus loved.



## Parent/Teacher Interviews

TONIGHT & Wednesday, 7th August

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

Event Code: r9wsd

## WELCOME

A very warm welcome this week to ALEX BUCHANAN. He has joined the children in Room 4. Alex is the brother of Jack in Rm 8 and the son of Duncan and Sarah. We wish you everything of the best for the years ahead, Alex.

**ST. T'S DISCO-FRIDAY, 23RD AUGUST  
MAKE SURE YOU GET YOUR FORM AND  
PAYMENT IN TO THE OFFICE AS SOON  
AS POSSIBLE. YOU CAN PAY BY CASH,  
EFTPOS OR VIA THE INTERNET.  
IT'S GOING TO BE ANOTHER GOOD ONE!**

For our Filipino community: Please join us for a Filipino Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa at 12 pm, Sun., 11 August followed by light refreshments in the Church foyer. For more information email [brgysfx@gmail.com](mailto:brgysfx@gmail.com) or text 0204 180 1494



# 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

Fri. 30th - Yellow Mufti Day

## 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

**THANK YOU!** A huge thanks to Paremata New World for donating the hot dogs (sausage and rolls!) for our Disco. We really appreciate your generosity.



## Sparks of God - Term 3, Week 1

Back: Archie Sinclair, Ella Fordham, Leto Moore

Middle: Riley Meli, Siena Brennan, Jayden Blanchard

Front: Christian Jermy, Will Corasdale, Aahil Khan, Juliet Hall



## Working Bee - Sunday, 11 August

From 1 p.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). Please remember - many hands make light work! Thanks in anticipation.

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. The show is performed at Southwards Car Museum. Wed. 11th and Thurs. 12th September at 7p.m.

**Class of the Week - Room 9** It has been a really busy start to the term. Firstly, we put together a museum exhibition and showed it to all the children in the whole school. They gave us feedback and thought it was great. This term is production. Lots of Room 9 & 10 children are auditioning. Parts will be announced shortly and the kids are excited and nervous to find out. Room 9 are doing a novel study on a book called Wonder. It is about a boy who is different because his face is deformed. So far it is a bit sad and a bit positive. It's going to be a really busy term - AGAIN! Reporters: Ruby-Rose Dennison & Seb Richards



An old one and a new one! Please start saving all your bread tags and send them along to the Office. We're also still collecting Yummy Apple stickers. We have some collection sheets here at the Office and they are also available on our website.

**BREAD TAGS**  
for wheelchairs



**Quiz Night**  
Sun. 18th August  
at the Whitby  
Co-op at 7.15.  
Check out the link  
in our email. It's  
going to be fun!

**In the last week of August, we will have paper daffodils (the kind you wear on your lapel) available here at school. Who will you wear your daffodil for?**

**We will be having a special YELLOW MUFTI DAY on Friday, 30th August to raise funds for the Cancer Society. The Cancer Society of New Zealand's Daffodil Day symbolises hope for 1 in 3 New Zealanders affected by cancer. Gold coin donation please.**