



St. Theresa's Catholic School Newsletter - 8th 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, Gidday, Gutentag

Mai i te Kopae ki te Urupa, tatou ako tonu ai - From the cradle to the grave, we are forever learning.

This week we have continued our 3-way learning conversations and I would like to thank you all for taking the time to come in and talk with your child's teacher. This is what helps to strengthen our home/school partnership. As you are aware, we have changed the way we are reporting to you on your child's progress in Literacy, Numeracy and the Key Competencies using SeeSaw. This new style of reporting has come from much robust discussion with you, our community and the need to provide 'on time', relevant, annotated examples of work. We will continue to use SeeSaw this term to report against the broader strands of the New Zealand Curriculum through the Key Competencies and will be seeking your feedback on how this has worked for you.

There has been a lot of discussion in the media recently around the Government's decision to fund schools \$150 per child, if the school does not ask parents for any donations or costs towards a child's learning. While this initiative has merit, unfortunately it is not an option for all schools as it is only available to decile 1-7 schools. St Theresa's is ranked as a decile 10 school, therefore we do not qualify to apply for the funding. This means we are in a position of still needing to ask for the voluntary contribution and costs associated with providing a high quality educational programme that allows students to 'be the best they can be'. Thank you to those of you who have already paid these contributions and please remember if you require support with these costs, I am always happy to talk to you about options for payment.

While on the topic of the media - I'm sure you are all aware that Primary Principals have still not been able to settle our collective agreement. There is ongoing negotiation between the NZEI and the Ministry of Education and much discussion around industrial action, etc. Please be assured that the school is in good heart. We are continuing to put the children's learning at the centre of everything we do and all core business is being attended to. I pray for a speedy resolution to the negotiations.

On Sunday we will be having our 2nd Working Bee here at school starting at 1pm and going until about 3pm. The old saying 'many hands make light work' couldn't be truer and we are hoping to have another big turnout. Aside from the water blasting, we have a huge range of jobs that need completing so don't worry - there's something for everyone. We also offer a slice of pizza and a beer for afters, so it's well worth popping down for an hour or two.

Today and Friday I am in the Wairarapa at the Wellington Catholic Primary Principals Conference, so I wish you all a happy and safe weekend.

*Nga mihi nui **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*

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus talks about how important it is for us to be watchful and alert. Let's pray that we will have the grace to be alert and watchful and that we will have a plan that helps us to be good disciples of Jesus.



Planting at St. Joseph's Pauatahanui:

On Friday, 2nd August Riley, Lachlan, Hunter, Olivia, Sophie and Emily went to St Joseph's Pauatahanui to plant trees. This is part of a Parish initiative to re-establish the grounds as part of the Transmission Gully development. We planted about 30 trees and were lucky enough to have a look inside the historic Church. Many thanks to Catherine Gibbs from the Parish for organising this with us.



Act of Kindness: Isabelle Aubrey decided not to have presents for her birthday this year. She asked her friends and family to give her a pair of pyjamas to donate to the Children's Hospital. What an amazing and thoughtful gift! This is an example of seeing a need and doing something about it. Happy birthday!

Diary Dates

AUGUST

- Fri. 9th - Uniform fittings
- Sun. 11th - Working Bee
- 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



BITS AND PIECES

- * Pauline MacLean (Room 10 classroom teacher) is in need of **unwanted flat sheets** please, for our Production backdrops.
- * **Named Fence Pickets:** Depending on how many requests we get, we will place an order again at the end of this term. Get your order form from Gina or our website.
- * **Bread Tags for Wheelchairs:** Please bring yours along to the Office.
- * **Yummy Apples Stickers:** Keep collecting!
- * **Lost property:** Check out the photograph in our email. Do any of these belong to someone in your family?

You won't want to miss this one! The Year 6 Camp Fundraising team has an amazing **RAFFLE** at the moment. You can win a week long Skids Holiday Programme for one child. This valued at \$250, valid for a year and is run at Pauatahanui School. Tickets are only \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Head over to the Office to get yours or email Gina if you can't come in and she can sort for you. The link in our email will give you an idea of what the programme offers.



Sparks of God - Term 3, Week 2

- Back: Teddy Green, Harrison Croasdale, Brooke Jones, Lilyana Wrenn, Rose Franklin
- Front: Angelo Meo, Isaac Duncan, Max Gair, Emerson Allen, Khloe Vu, Elle Jermy

Working Bee - THIS SUNDAY

From 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. Thanks to those families who have already offered to be there.



CLASS OF THE WEEK - ROOM 1

In Room 1, we have been busy brainstorming ideas for the production. We are going to make props, our costumes and create a dance. It's going to be great. We have been very excited to become Number Agents. Mr. Thinkquik, the Head Agent, helps us solve problems that clients bring to him. We use our gadgets to help us. It's lots of fun. We never know what our next mission will be. At Assembly this week, we are leading the School in a special prayer time for the Feast of St. Mary MacKillop of the Cross. Come and join us!



FUTSAL REPORT:

St Theresa's had a cracking first game of Futsal against the Ngati Toa Naturals. The team played so well together, showed great skills and had the majority of the ball! Unfortunately we were unlucky to lose 0 - 1. Player of the Day went to Jack Buchanan who showed fantastic attacking skills and never gave up!

How I feel when there is no coffee - Depressol

**We will be having a special
YELLOW MUFTI DAY
on Fri., 30th August to raise funds for
the Cancer Society.
Gold coin donation please.**