



St. Theresa's Catholic School

Newsletter - 28th November, 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.

Thank you to all those who helped us to celebrate our final School/Parish Mass for the year on Sunday. It was a great opportunity afterwards to enjoy morning tea together and catch up with the Year 6 children who had been away on camp. We also had a small group brave the very windy day and stay after Mass at school to help with our Working Bee. Thanks to those of you for so generously giving of your time.

The Board of Trustees community survey has now closed and the Board will be looking at the responses and creating action points. Thank you for taking the time to complete the 3 questions, as your answers will help feed into the annual plan and strategic direction of the School.

On Thursday evening the staff at St Theresa's will be joining the other schools in our Mana branch to celebrate the graduation of any provisionally registered teachers. We are very excited to be supporting Elizabeth McKee from Room 4, as she receives formal acknowledgement on becoming fully registered. We are all very proud to have been part of the 2 years of mentoring and supporting that is required for all teachers to become fully registered - well done Elizabeth.

It was a real pleasure to attend the baptism of Oakley Simmons on Tuesday. Thank you to Fr. Maurice for celebrating this special event and to the Simmons family for inviting the children to share with Oakley as his received the Sacrament of Baptism.



The next couple of weeks are very busy with events and activities both in and out of school. We wish Ella Fordham the best of luck as she represents our school at the Interschool Speech Competition on Friday and of course, good luck to all of the children in Kakano Pod as they enjoy their athletics event on Friday. Thank you to the Year 6 leaders who have planned and will be running this event. The swimming pool is up and running and it has been great to see the teachers taking advantage of the warmer weather and getting the children in the water.

It has been great to have the Year 6s back from camp this week and we are excited to share these final weeks with them as they prepare for their next big adventure.

Kia pai te wiki

Donna McDonald - Principal



Try to create spaces in which the culture of efficiency, performance and success can become open to a culture of generous and selfless love, capable of offering to everyone, and not only to those who have "made it", the possibility of a happy and successful life – *Pope Francis*

St. Theresa's Catholic Parish

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2020:

Registration for First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist is open for enrolment. Children who are in Year 4 (next year) and older, are welcome to join the programme. It will run in the first three terms of the school year. Please have enrolments into the Parish office by mid-January as the programme will start on 16th February, 2020. Please contact Jocelyn at the Parish office if you need more information.



CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PLAY -

24 DECEMBER: With Christmas fast approaching, I am beginning to organise the Christmas Eve play. If your child/ren would like to participate, please

send me an email with their names and age to this address:

livvy.mckennie@gmail.com

Many thanks,
Livvy McKennie



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

6p.m. Christmas Vigil

Family Mass at

Bishop Viard College.

9:30a.m. Christmas Mass



1st Sunday of Advent

This Sunday we hear that we need to pay attention and prepare ourselves for the day of the Lord. We do this through our prayer and our faithfulness to the commandments and to Jesus' teaching.

God requires us to pay close attention in order to hear the ways He is calling us.



Diary for the rest of the year

DECEMBER:

Friday, 6th - Final Assembly 9a.m.

Wednesday, 11th - Board Meeting 6p.m.

Thursday, 12th - Prizegiving 6p.m.

Monday, 16th - Thank you morning tea 11a.m.

Wednesday, 18th - Leavers' Mass 11a.m. and close of school for 2019.

Thank You Morning Tea

Monday, 16th December at 11a.m.

The staff invite you all to be our guests. This is our opportunity to thank you for all your support and help during the year.



Ellie Anquetil has joined the children in Room 3 this week. We welcome her and her parents, Rory and Sophie to our School community and wish them many happy and memorable years here at St. T's!

Sparks of God - Term 4, Week 6



Back: Helena Fasavalu, Scarlett Patil, Thomas Savea, Noah Lewer
 Front: Izzy Cato, Lashini Jeyathas, Edi Simonlehner, Esmee Hope, Max Grimwood, Tobias Deere

CARNIVAL 2020

Pampering items: We are starting to gather donations of items for the Quick-Fire raffles that make up a big part of our School's Carnival! Have you got anything that could be considered a pamper item? Something that smells nice? A new bottle of body wash or moisturiser that someone would like to win in a raffle? Please drop all donations off to Gina at the School office. We would be very grateful to receive any and all donations of pampering items this week!

Thanks in advance from the Carnival 2020 Ctte



To do list for this week:

- Get your pool key
- Sign up for Carnival 2020
- Book your uniform fitting
- Send along pampering items for our Carnival 2020
- Diarise end of year events
- Register for the Sacramental programme
- Sign up for the Parish Nativity Play

**ALL THINGS
'CHRISMASSY'
HAPPENING IN OUR
KAKANO POD!**



Miniball Results:

St. T's Magic had a loss. PoDs: **Mila Robinson and Billy Swift**

St. T's AllStars also had a bit of a loss. We recruited several younger grades to cover the loss of our players to Year 6 camp. PoD: **Mia Zvirzdinas** for great team work, defence and enthusiasm!

St. T's Eagles - ditto! However, we never gave up even when it was a difficult game. You've got to love their energy! PoD: **Samuel Zvirzdinas** for awesome defence.

Class of the Week - Room 10

It's been a busy couple of weeks in Room 10. First the Year 6s had camp and then the Year 5s had a zoo trip, not to mention the nativity puppets we're making which have been going for several weeks now. For most of the week, Mrs Chapman has been teaching us. She has this funny book about facts which everyone enjoys. We've been doing a lot of Maths and handwriting lately and stories about Camp and the Zoo. We also got to do some swimming which everyone loves.

I can't wait for next week.
 Reporter: Vaughn Lynch

