



# St. Theresa's Catholic School Newsletter - 20th February, 2020.

"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, Dzien/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.

Kia ora

Thank you to everyone who supported our annual Beach Picnic last Friday. What a wonderful way to end the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of term and what amazing weather we had. The children and staff enjoyed the relaxed end to the week and there was a great community vibe. These days out are a great informal way for us to connect at the beginning of the year and I would also like to thank the staff for all the behind the scenes work they put into organising the day.

Tomorrow is our first powhiri and Mass of Welcome for 2020. We have a number of new families and staff we will be welcoming and you are very welcome to come along at 9am and join us in this termly event.

The first stage of our new playground will begin on the weekend of the 29 Feb/1 March. Huge thanks go to M8 Contractors for the use of their digger and Craig Ringrose for being the driver. We also wish to thank Brendan Gilmour who has offered to help out as they remove the Little and prepare the surface to be ready for our new concept. This work is helping us to keep the costs down. If you have a spare couple of hours over that weekend, please let us know and we can put you to good use. We are also looking for options to dump the soil that will be dug out, so please let us know if you could help with this.



The countdown is on for our annual Carnival to be held on 14 March. We really need every single person in our community to help out in some way to make this a really successful day. Please let Gina know in the office what you can do to help.

Have a really great weekend.

Kia pai te wiki

Donna McDonald - Principal



TODAY WAS GOOD,  
TODAY WAS FUN,  
TOMORROW IS  
ANOTHER ONE

-- DR. SEUSS

## This Sunday's Gospel - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges His listeners and us to constantly evaluate the messages we receive from our society and culture. He tells us that being His disciple requires us not to settle for what everyone else does but to go beyond what society expects of us and do what God expects of us.

FOLLOWING  
JESUS

## Diary Dates for February

**Fri. 21st** - Powhiri & Mass of Welcome  
9a.m.  
Uniform fittings

**Tues. 25th** - School photographs

Come check out the amazing art works down the corridor of the Junior block.



Simply amazing!

## EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGE

Our school has a new domain address. Please update your records accordingly.  
office@stp.school.nz  
donna@stp.school.nz

Your child's classroom teacher will have advised you of their change.





## Class of the Week - Room 9

The start of the year has been amazing in Room 9. We are so lucky to have such an amazing class and teacher. We have been busy and three weeks have gone really fast. We are working on a piece of art that shows our holiday in the middle of an eye! The beach picnic was fantastic and we had the perfect day to do beach races and swim. This week the Yr 6s are doing a Leadership retreat and they got to wear mufti. The Year 5s will be busy learning about their role as leaders this year. We can't wait to see what is going to happen throughout the rest of the term.

Reporters:

Nykeita Elliott,  
Ella Fordham and  
Ella Seque.



## Sparks of God - Term 1, Week 2



**Back:** Emily Aubrey, Kate Vincent,  
Sophia Davis, Emily Mallon  
**Front:** Will Croasdale, Khloe Vu, Eseta Ah Kuoi,  
Alexandra Baker, Samuel Cato

## CARNIVAL 2020 SATURDAY, 14TH MARCH



This week we are asking families to donate SWEET TREATS and here are some suggestions: Luxuries like chocolates, biscuits, fudge, confectionery. These will be used for prizes for our Quick Fire Raffles. We are so grateful for your generosity.

Don't forget to sign up for a role on the day!

### Terms for 2020

T1: ends 9th Apr.

T2: 28 Apr. - 3rd July

T3: 20th July - 25th Sept.

T4: 12th Oct. - 15th Dec. TBC

**BREADTAGS**  
*for wheelchairs*

### BRING YOUR BIGGEST SMILE TO SCHOOL!

On Tuesday, 25th February, we are having our School photographs taken. The photographers take individual photos of every child however, there is no obligation to order them. There is also an opportunity to have a family/siblings photo taken so make sure you complete the form that was sent home yesterday.



### Parent teacher interviews 4th & 5th March

To book your appointment, please go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and use the event code

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There is an expectation that everyone will attend. We encourage you to bring your child with to the interview.