



"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, Selamat, 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.*

Kia ora tatou o te whanau,

It's hard to believe we are almost half way through Term 1 already and with the sun shining it feels like summer at last.

We are only 16 sleeps away from our annual Carnival and the excitement is mounting. This is our annual fundraiser for the year so it is really important that everyone gets involved in some way. Please check the list in the foyer for roles that still need to be filled or alternatively, if you are away that weekend, we are still looking for donations of prizes, sponsorship, goods and services or anything we can make a dollar from. Thank you to Susan and Murray Woodley from Tommy's who have sponsored our signs and are also arranging for a fundraising thermometer to go up to help us track the progress of our playground fundraising.

Just a reminder - we have our Reunification Drill on Friday, 6th March. Letters have gone out to all children so if you haven't seen yours, please check your child's bag and fill it in and return it to their teacher. If you need a replacement please let us know and we will send one home.

This year we will be having 2 Teacher Only days for staff professional development. These days are part of the 8 days that were given to schools from the Ministry of Education last year as part of the Accord and are not days that need to be made up at the end of the year. Our first day will be on **Monday, 23rd March** and the 2<sup>nd</sup> day will be **Wednesday, 9th September**. Unfortunately the 2<sup>nd</sup> day is a professional development day that the Archdiocese of Wellington has arranged so we have no control over that date. Please diarise these dates now and we will send reminders out closer to the time.

We won't be removing the Little playground this weekend as previously advertised due to budgeting constraints and our decision to wait until after the Carnival. This will now most likely be completed on Saturday, 28th March and further details will be shared with you all.

Parent Interviews are being held on Wednesday, 4th March and Thursday, 5th March. Bookings are open for these dates now. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher, share information and set the learning goals for the year. The children are encouraged to attend, however that is an individual choice. We will also be using SeeSaw for reporting again this term and Deborah Norris and myself will be available both days to answer any questions you may have.

Have a wonderful weekend and remember the Carnival if you or any family members are having an end of summer clear out.

Nga mihi nui *Donna McDonald - Principal*



**Carnival drop offs/donations:**  
 The container will be open this Sunday after Mass so if you have any donations, this would be a good time to bring them! PLEASE only drop off good quality, clean items that can be resold.

**This Sunday's Gospel**  
**1st Sunday of Lent**  
 Jesus trusted God's word in Scripture and was able to resist the temptations of the devil. Scripture can also help us resist temptation. When we read the Bible, we learn about God and what God wants of us.



**WELCOME!** This week, we are pleased to welcome Erin and Cameron Tohill and their parents Stuart and Eleanor. They will be with us for only a couple of weeks. We hope you enjoy your time here at St. Theresa's, albeit a very short visit!

### **REUNIFICATION DRILL** **VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You will all have received a notice about this. You need to sign the form for EACH OF YOUR CHILDREN and return it to school as soon as possible. Please familiarise yourself with where the pick up zone is. Children will only be released to those who have been nominated by you as either their emergency or civil defence contact.

### **Teacher Only Day**

There will be NO SCHOOL on Monday, 23rd March as it is a Teacher Only Day. All teachers will be doing KiVA training and upskilling on that day. Yay! A long weekend to look forward to!



## Class of the Week - Room 6

We have already had 3 weeks and it has been great. Everyone had a great time at the beach and we have been doing some really cool things this week. We have learnt to attach cardboard and paper in different ways. We are trying to use less tape and glue. We are going to show some of our amazing creations at Assembly. We have also been working on making self-portraits - they look amazing. We are always trying to show our SPARK, Self Control, Positivity, Aroha, Respect and Kindness to each other. This week has been really fun.



Reporters: **Teuaine, Paige & Isabella**



If you've sold all **your raffle tickets**, please send back the butts and money to the Office. If you want more books, please let Gina know! Thanks to those families who have already done both of these!

**Raffle  
Tickets**

### 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 **ec8u8**

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

There will only be one more **uniform fitting** opportunity this term on Fri. 27th March OR you can call our supplier directly on 972-0682 or email [b.chapman093@gmail.com](mailto:b.chapman093@gmail.com)

### Diary Dates for March/April

**Wed. 4th & Thurs. 5th March:**  
Parent/Teacher interviews.

**Fri. 6th March:** Reunification Drill

**Thurs. 12th March:** Junior Swimming Sports

**Sat. 14th March:** CARNIVAL 2020

**Fri. 20th March:** Senior Swimming Sports

**Mon. 23rd March:** Teacher Only Day

**Wed. 25th March:** Board meeting

**Fri. 27th March:** Uniform fittings

**Thurs. 9th Apr.:** Holy Thursday and close of Term 2

## BOARD TALK

Welcome back to school for a new year. I hope you all had a relaxing break over Christmas and New Year. We had our first board meeting of the year last week. We discussed our student achievement results from 2019. There is still some analysis to be done and these will be presented to the Board at our next meeting. They are looking good and we are committed to continue the positive results we have seen in recent years. We also discussed the redevelopment plans for the playground and the junior block. We are finally at a stage where we can start the playground redevelopment with the removal of the Little in late March. This is going to be a longer term project to get to our overall goal due to the cost but it is exciting to get Stage 1 started. We will also be looking at progressing the junior block redevelopment later in the year, once the plans are completed and consents gained.

The meeting spent a lot of time going over the budget for the year. This is a really important process. What is clear to us all is that, as with most schools, the budget is really tight. Every cent we have is allocated and there is very little wiggle room. To that end I would ask that we all pay our family contributions that have been sent out in the first week of school. There is some talk that the Government is now paying this. **That is not the case.** We are not included in this, which is the case with most schools in our area. This contribution is a vital part in enabling us to provide a well-rounded and vibrant education to our kids, meaning they are more likely to prosper and succeed in the future. Without this contribution we would have to cut back on some of the things we offer or are able to do for the kids, which is not what we want as a board, not what our teachers want and certainly not good for our kids. So I ask you to please make sure those contributions are paid.

Carnival is also coming up very fast. We had an update from Jenny Jermy about the progress. We are still very short on people helping in various areas. Make sure you sign up to help on the day. It isn't difficult work and is actually a fun day when you are working there. Even if it is just for a couple of hours that would be appreciated.

It's exciting to be back into the school year and this year is going to see big changes to the school grounds and buildings. This is a great school and I love the diversity and inclusiveness the school has and I'm really proud to be a part of this school community.

Nga mihi,  
**Mike Tohill** Chairperson - St Theresa's School Board of Trustees

### **CARNIVAL 2020** **SAT., 14TH MARCH**

This week we are looking for SAVOURY SNACKS to top up our Quick Fire Raffles. Also, anything and everything from the suggestions we have made over the past weeks that you can donate, we will gratefully accept. Thanks to the families who have already shown their generosity.