



Principal's Note

Kia Ora St Theresa's whanau,

The excitement and buzz is definitely building for our Carnival on Saturday and the weather even looks like it will play its part. Please let us know if you haven't signed up for a role on the day as we have several areas that could do with extra support.

The children's Lego Structure Competition is creating much excitement around the school and it has been great hearing about the structures that are currently being built by the children. The Lego will be judged in 3 groups, Kakano (Rooms 1, 2 and 3), Pihinga (Rooms 6,7 and 8) and Pohutukawa (Rooms 9 and 10). Judging will be in the form of whomever's structure receives the most money and we will have prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. The children have been asked to deliver their entries to Rm 4 on Friday with a note detailing their name and room number. They are welcome to name their entry as well. The entries will be able to be picked up at the end of the Carnival, however if you need to leave early, they will be kept safe at school until they can be picked up.

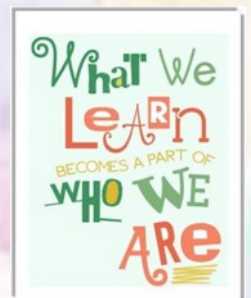
Many people have asked about how COVID 19 could affect our Carnival and the potential for having to close the school. The Ministry of Health's current advice is that with continued vigilance, the chance of widespread community outbreak is expected to remain low. So, we all have a role here to minimise the spread of COVID-19. Our school staff and leadership team remain well prepared for the possibility there might be a case in our community. If that were to occur, we are confident we can put our plans in place and know we will be supported by regional health authorities and the Ministry of Education. I am sure you are all keen to do what you can to prevent risk of infection. The best preventative steps are: wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and dry thoroughly;

avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands; avoid sharing anything that has come into contact with saliva, either in your living or social environments; stay home when you are sick and seek medical attention; cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the rubbish; get adequate sleep and eat well-balanced meals to ensure a healthy immune system. As a school, we have been very well supported to date by the Ministries of Health and Education.

Yesterday I met with Josh Clark from Kainga Ora – Homes and Communities and was updated on the new use of the property at 2 Grays Road, Plimmerton. As you may be aware, the Government is attempting to deliver more public housing and this includes transitional housing. The property currently called Spinnaker Motel, has been purchased and will be developed into transitional housing to provide a safe place for people to live until they find a more permanent address. Emerge Aotearoa will be responsible for the people and families living there and will be supported by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development. Residents are expected to be moved in around June/July 2020 and Emerge Aotearoa will be the main point of contact for residents and the community from that time. In the meanwhile, if you have any questions or feedback, please get in touch with: Josh Clark ph 021 541 624 or josh.clark@kaingora.govt.nz.

Nga mihi nui

Donna McDonald ~ Principal



This Sunday's Gospel - 3rd Sunday of Lent

This Sunday we hear the story of the woman at the well. Lent is a time when we remember what Baptism means. We also try harder to live as followers of Jesus. When we were baptized, we were like the woman at the well: we came to know Jesus, the Living Water and we were sent to invite others to drink from this well that never runs dry.



Stations of the Cross **Friday, 13th March** **at 7 pm in the Church**

Come and join us in prayer as we walk the Way of the Cross led by some of our senior students.



Class of the Week - Room 7

We've been learning some timetables and lots of maths games in Room 7. We've been learning the 3, 2, 5 and 10 timetables. Some of us have been learning a cool dice game called Tenzi. We've also been finding out about ourselves as learners and choosing some goals we want to work on this term.

Reporters: Jack, Sadie and Charlie



Carnival Silent Auction

A list of all the amazing items is attached to our email. Even if you can't be there on the day or you're working at a stall (as most of you probably will be!), you can still put in a bid by calling Gina or emailing Maria Gair. There's something for everyone and you definitely don't want to miss out. Thanks to our sponsors for their generosity.

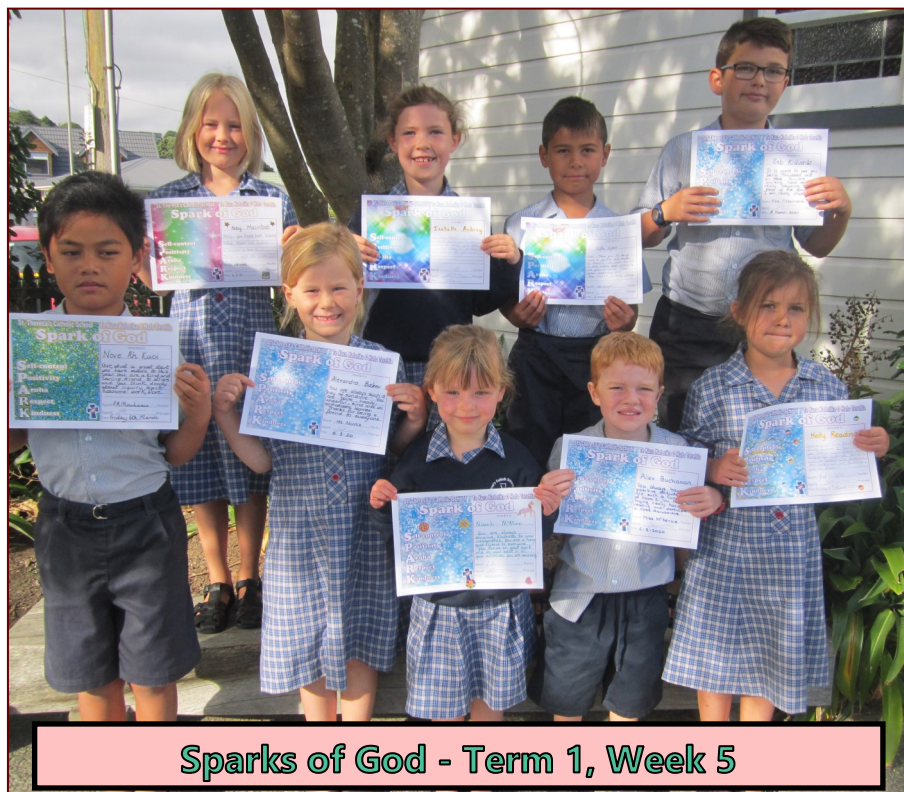
Buttons for summer school dresses: We have a small supply of buttons for sale here at the Office! 50c each.



Pool keys need to be handed back by the end of this month please.

CARNIVAL 2020-THIS SATURDAY!!!

All that's left is for you to bring along your family and friends to support our major fundraiser for this year. Thanks to everyone for their support and help thus far.



Sparks of God - Term 1, Week 5

NO SCHOOL on Monday, 23rd March!

Entertainment books - These are available again, in digital form only. There are lots of new offers at the moment so check it out and please make sure you support our school when you order. Link in our email. Thanks in advance!

Diary Dates for March/April

Sat. 14th March: CARNIVAL 2020

Fri. 20th March: Senior Swimming Sports

Sun. 22nd March: School/Parish Mass 9.30a.m.

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

Back: Abby Macintosh, Isabelle Aubrey, Kobe Algar, Seb Richards

Front: Nove Ah Kuoi, Alexandra Baker, Niamh McMin, Alex Buchanan, Holly Reading