



10 September 2018

Dear Families of St Therese School,

Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Talofa, Malo e lelei, Namaste, Malo ni, Makadini, Annyoung, Bonjour.

Our RE Strand for the rest of the term is **Communion of Saints** and all classes are focussing on what this means to them. A Saint is a person who has lived or is living a faith-filled, holy life. Sainthood is not reserved to the afterlife but can be present in our mortal lives if we just let Christ shine through us. Saint Therese did this in her own short life. The children will look closely at the life of St Therese and identify living saints in our community.

St Therese is a wonderful role model for us because throughout her short life, she continually demonstrated faith in God and dedicated her life to doing ordinary, little things well, with love. St Therese is very special to us because she shows us the love that we need to have for each other and the patience and tolerance that goes with that love. She teaches us that it is important to love and respect all people, even if they are unkind or hurt us. Without these qualities in the world we cannot bring about the Reign of God that Jesus came to tell us about.

As members of the St Therese School community, we must remember what was important to her, try to follow in her footsteps and continually ask her to help us show love to those around us, in all that we do and say, every day of our lives. St Therese was a shy, retiring young woman who didn't want to draw attention to herself, yet today she is known all over the world.

Quotes from her autobiography 'Story of a Soul' give us an idea of the love she had for her God. Her words reinforce that if all we do is done with love then we can never do wrong. Love is the greatest of all Commandments.

- 'For me prayer is a lifting up of the heart to God, a simple glance towards heaven.'
- 'I need a God with a human heart to love me and support me.'
- 'Just as the sun shines on the cedars and on the tiniest flower, so God's love shines on each person as if there were no one else in the world.'
- 'If the heart is filled with love it cannot be silent.'
- 'Love can do all, even the most impossible things do not seem difficult to it.'
- 'Often just a word or a friendly smile is enough to take away the sadness in someone else's heart.'
- 'By myself I cannot do all things I want to do, yet everything in my heart tells me I must not give up.'

A MORNING PRAYER WRITTEN BY ST. THERESE

O my God! I offer Thee all my actions of this day for the intentions and for the glory of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

I desire to sanctify every beat of my heart, my every thought, my simplest works, by uniting them to Its infinite merits; and I wish to make reparation for my sins by casting them into the furnace of Its Merciful Love.

O my God! I ask of Thee for myself and for those whom I hold dear, the grace to fulfil perfectly Thy Holy Will, to accept for love of Thee the joys and sorrows of this passing life, so that we may one day be united together in heaven for all Eternity. Amen.



The students will be discussing the lives of the Saints who are especially important to us: Mary, the Mother of Jesus, St Therese, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and St Francis who all have simple messages for us which should be easy for us to follow:

- Mary, the Mother of Jesus - Do whatever He tells you.**
- St Therese – Do little things well and with love.**
- St Mary MacKillop – Never see a need without doing something about it.**
- St Francis – Make me an instrument of your peace.**

Susan McDonald
Principal



TERM DATES 2018

TERM 3	23 July	to	28 September
TERM 4	15 October	to	Mon 17 December



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IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3 2018

Informal Assemblies – 21 Sept

- 11 September - DUFFY ASSEMBLY with Daniel Faitaua
- 13 September - Book Character costume parade @ 9am
- 18 September – School trip to the Zoo
- 19 September - CZ Girls' League Tournament @ Cornwall Park
- 21 September - Maori activity sessions @ 11am
- 28 September – End of Term 3 - School closes @ 3pm

Cultural Groups – 14 Sept

- 12 September – Ethiopian Storytime at Mt Roskill Library
- 14 September – School Cross Country and sausage sizzle
- 19 September - Reading Together Session at Mt Roskill Library @ 9am
- 21 September - Staff PD morning. **School starts at 11am**
- 28 September – Feast of St Therese Mass & Concert



NEW STUDENTS.

Welcome to the new students who started this term. We hope they will be very happy with us at St Therese School.

Room 2: Jesse Tobias

Room 4: Kenaz Tobias, Pasepa Tupou

Room 5: Fiona Maue



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

On 21 September, the staff will be having a Personal Development Training session on Digital Technology. As a result, **school will start at 11am. There will be no Breakfast Club or Before School supervision on that day.** We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but as a staff, we need this training to ensure we can provide an effective learning plan for our students. There will be 2 more sessions in Term 4 – the dates will be in the next newsletter.



BOOK WEEK

This starts on **Monday 10 September**, and there will be several activities throughout the week. The highlight will be a **costume parade on Thursday 13 September @ 9am.** The children are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book, movie or fairy-tale character and take part in the parade. All parents and extended family are welcome to come along and support the children.



ZOO TRIP

The children are very excited about the upcoming outing and this will help them to prepare for our Topic for term 4 – 'Identity'. The whole school will be going on the trip on **Tuesday 18 September.** Children will be in school uniform and need to have proper shoes on. As the weather can be unpredictable, they also need to bring their school polar fleece and rainjacket. We will have morning tea and lunch at the zoo so please make sure the children have their food and drink bottle with them.



READING TOGETHER

This term we had the opportunity to run the **Reading Together Programme** which provided parents with ideas on ways to help their child learn to read. Parents found the workshops very useful and were given lots of resources and strategies to use at home. The final session will be held at **Mt Roskill Library on Wednesday 19 September at 9am and 5pm.**





STUDENT WORK

This week in poetry Room 2 read a poem titled Cross Country. The author wrote about what they felt, heard, saw, smelt and tasted when they were running. Then, we wrote about our own cross-country experiences.

Cross Country by Mia Hopoi

I feel that I'm going faster
I hear people cheering me on
I see people going past me
I smell the sweat on my forehead
I taste victory

Cross Country by Zaavan Pua-Valenzuela

I can feel the pain
I hear feet
I can see the finish line
I smell pies

Cross Country by Jezebel Leyva

I feel myself trying to get to the finish line
I hear people cheer for us
I see people waving to us
I smell sweet stuff coming up my nose
I taste to go to the finish line



UNIFORMS

We have a limited number of uniforms for purchase in the office. Boys Shirts size 4, 16, Medium, Large, XL and XXL and Boys Shorts size 4. Girls Shirts size 4, 6 and 22 and Girls Shorts size 14, 20 and 22.



HEALTH

We recently sent home a letter to alert you to the fact that we are having a problem with Head Lice at school. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat as needed.



TECHNOLOGY

This Term Yr 8 have been have sessions at Bunnings Mt Roskill. They have been working on restyling some old pieces of school furniture. They have learnt how to sand furniture in preparation for painting. They have had good fun and learnt lots of new skills. The finished items have been put into the junior classes.





STUDENT SUCCESS



We are very proud of our students' successes outside of school and we celebrated four sporting achievements at our Friday assembly. **Abisht** placed **2nd** in the **Auckland Karate Competition**. **Uluau** was selected for the **Under 10 Cook Island Rugby Team**. **Javan** was selected for the **Under 9 Niue Rugby Team**. **Keean** was selected to **represent Auckland in his age group for Rugby**. Well done boys!

On Friday the 10th of August, our Intermediate Netball team took part in the CZ Tournament and at assembly on Friday the 7th of September they were presented with awards by their coach Rey.

Best Attacker: **Meela**

Best Defenders: **Theresa** and **Gloria**

Player of the Tournament: **Ilisapeti**

This is the last year of St Therese Netball for these students and we will miss them in the team next year!

On behalf of all the students who participated in Netball this season, we would like to thank the coaches, Rey and Eileen, the managers and umpires and all the parents who supported the girls and helped transport them to the games and tournaments.



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Mt Roskill Library

Ethiopian Storytime and morning tea

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Come and celebrate Ethiopian New Year with us. Enkutatash is the first day of the New Year where we come together to celebrate as a community.

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Wednesday 12th September
Storytime – 11am -11.30
Morning Tea 11.30-12.
No bookings required.
All welcome.

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