



13 March 2019

Dear Families of St Therese School,

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

We are now beginning the first week of Lent. We are reminded that this season offers us the chance to think about how we respond to the different situations and challenges in our lives.

On Ash Wednesday, as a sign of our commitment to being open to new understanding and our need to be sorry for when we have “missed the mark”, we had a cross of ash placed on our foreheads. By receiving these ashes, we acknowledged our need to ask for forgiveness.

For many of us Lent means giving up something. While this is admirable, we should also consider doing something for someone else.

- We could spend our time helping those who need our help.
- We could help our neighbour who perhaps finds it difficult to look after their garden, or the parent who is exhausted running around after young children.
- We could volunteer our help at the school breakfast club in the morning or come and weed the school gardens.

We should consider reaching out to others and giving support where we can. Giving up time for someone else can be more worthwhile and rewarding than doing something which benefits us. Jesus challenges us to see Him in everyone we meet and treat them as we would Him.

For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

Matthew 25: 35-40

Susan McDonald
Principal

TERM DATES 2018

TERM 1	Thursday 7 February	to	12 April
TERM 2	29 April	to	5 July
TERM 3	22 July	to	27 September
TERM 4	15 October	to	Friday 20 December



IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1 2019

13 March – Vision Testing for whole school

26 & 27 March - Bike Ready Rooms 3 & 5.

28 March – Mt Roskill Library visit Rooms 2, 3 & 5

8 April – ERO review

29 April - School reopens for Term 2

19 & 26 March, 2 & 9 April – Eden Cricket

27 March – Mt Roskill Library visit R 1 & 6

28 March – BOT meeting @ 6pm

12 April – Last day of term – school finishes @ 3pm



NETBALL

Forms have been given to students wishing to play Netball in Terms 2 & 3. Please return the form and the payment as soon as possible. Parents or family members who can manage or coach the children are needed. If we do not have anyone, the teams will need to be withdrawn from the programme.



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ASH WEDNESDAY

The Church gives us Lent as a time to change, to become a better version of ourselves, and to become more like Jesus. The ashes we receive on Ash Wednesday remind us of our call to repent and believe in the Gospel. The disciplines of Lent—prayer, fasting, and almsgiving—help us prepare for Easter. Thank you to all those who attended our Ash Wednesday Liturgy. Thank you especially to Room 5 and Mrs van Helsdingen for leading the school. It was a very special time for us to all gather together as a school and faith community.



VISION TESTING

A reminder that we are participating in the University of Auckland's Children's Vision Screening Programme. A team of Optometry Students and qualified Optometrists from the School of Optometry and Vision Science tested your child's vision at school today and you will receive a written report outlining the outcome of the testing. You may be advised to take your child to the University Optometry Clinic for full eye examination if required. This examination is free of charge as part of the screening programme. If you **DO NOT** want your child to be part of the programme, please inform the school as soon as possible. If we do not hear from you, we will presume that you are happy for them to be tested.



LUNCHES

Healthy lunches are better for your children. No lollies, chips, fizzy drinks, pies etc should be included in them. Please encourage your child to drink the milk and eat the fruit they are given at 10am.



VOLUNTEER HELP

We need help weeding and cutting back trees. Unfortunately, no one has offered to help yet. Please help us to keep the school beautiful for your children. Contact us as soon as possible on 09 620 9441 if you can give up an hour to help maintain our environment.



BREAKFAST CLUB

We need to spread the load and give Clementine some support in the mornings. If your child attends the Breakfast Club, we will be contacting you to organise a roster to help for an hour or so every couple of weeks. If you are not working or if you have a day off during these days, please take a turn as the numbers of days the Breakfast Club takes place may need to be reduced if more help is not given.



ROOM 2

THE RAINBOW FISH

Room 2 were learning about interesting describing words to use in our writing after reading one of our favourite books "The Rainbow Fish"



PORTRAITS

In the first week of the term, Room 2 made class portraits, using nature to create awesome faces which included different shapes, textures and colours, to introduce who they are. Here is a selection of a few that were made.



MINI BEASTS

In Room 2 we are learning about mini beasts and the different habitats they live in. The year two's created this amazing tree in our classroom to home all the insects and creepy crawlers that we designed and drew as a whole class.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MOUNT EDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL Food & Fun Fair

The Mt Eden Normal Primary School's Food & Fun Fair will be held Sunday 17 March (11am-3pm). This is an amazing day out with food, rides, treats, entertainment, crafts, clothes, books, prizes, household items, treasures and more. Corner of Valley and Sherbourne Road. Rain or Shine. Eftpos is available.