



14 May 2019

Dear Families of St Therese School,

Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Talofa, Hola, Mālō e lelei, Namaste, Mālō ni, Makadini, Annyoung, Bula, Kamusta, Selam, Bonjour.

Although I didn't manage to write something before the day, I think it is important to mention in this newsletter, that on 12 May we celebrated Mother's Day and recognised the very important roles mothers have in our lives. They nurture, cherish and protect us, even before we are born, and they continue to do this throughout our lives. We also need to remember and acknowledge that they are also our first teachers.

It is mothers who teach us all the important things that help us to be successful in our lives. It is mothers, along with the other members of our families, who teach us how and what to eat, to talk and to walk, to laugh and to love, to be honest and truthful and to uphold many other important values. Most importantly, it is mothers who teach us right from wrong.

During the month of May, a month dedicated to Mary, the mother of Jesus, we pray the Rosary and ask for her guidance as she is the role model for all mothers.

She gave birth to Jesus, alone and far away from her own home and family, and immediately afterwards had to flee to a foreign land to protect her newborn son from his enemies. In our world today, many mothers are still having to do the same thing.

Every day she took him to the synagogue and shared her faith with him by teaching him about the scriptures and the rituals of the Jewish Faith. She brought him up to show love and compassion for those around him and throughout his life she supported him in all he did. Finally, at the end of his life she stood beside him and held his lifeless body in her arms when he was taken down from the cross.

We pray that all mothers may have the strength, courage, patience and love that we see in Mary. We must always be grateful for our mothers and remember to thank them for what they give us and to thank God for giving them to us.

#### A Prayer for Mothers

Loving God,  
we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us,  
whose love is so precious that it can never be measured,  
whose patience seems to have no end.  
May we see your loving hand behind them and guiding them.  
We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love  
or time, or patience.  
We ask you to bless them with your own special love.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, our brother.  
Amen.

Susan McDonald  
Principal



#### TERM DATES 2019

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 2 2019

18 May - Netball at the Windmill Road Courts

22 May - Choir at Mt Roskill Library @ 11.30am

28 May - Catholic Schools Day @ Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

3 June - Queen's Birthday holiday

17-19 June - Flip Sessions with PWC

5 July - End of Term 2. School closes @ 3.00pm

15 May - Superhero Day for St John's Ambulance

23 May - CZ Girls' Football

30 May - Mobile Ear clinic

6 June - Intermediate Retreat

27 June - Duffy Theatre



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## BOARD ELECTIONS

Elections will be held this term for Parent representatives on the Board.



Jane Kerr, Returning Officer  
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Close Supplementary Roll  
Nominations Close  
Voting Papers sent by  
Election Day (voting closes)  
Count Votes  
Board takes Office

Noon Wednesday 22 May 2019  
Noon Friday 24 May 2019  
Wednesday 29 May 2019  
Noon Friday 7 June 2019  
Thursday 13 June 2019  
Friday 14 June 2019



## ROOM 1

Room 1 has weekly French classes with Mrs McDonald. They have already learnt how to say hello and goodbye and count from 1 to 10 in French. We are now learning how to say the letters of the alphabet in French. They are so keen to learn a new language.



1	un
2	deux
3	trois
4	quatre
5	cing
6	six
7	sept
8	huit
9	neuf
10	dix



## NETBALL

The season has started, and we have an Intermediate and a Primary team playing each Saturday at Windmill Road. Please come along and support our teams this Saturday. Times of games will be given to the students on Fridays. Please make sure your child is at the courts in time for a warmup before their game. Students are expected to show commitment every week and if they are unable to attend, they must inform the coach immediately.



## SPECIAL EVENTS

On Wednesday we will be fundraising for St John's Ambulance Service. Children are able to purchase lunch items and also tickets for the lunchtime disco and after-school bake sale. Money needs to be paid by Monday so we can get food items prepared and issue tickets for the disco. Come along and see the superhero costumes and have fun with the children.

**St John Fundraiser**  
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

Get your superhero costumes ready...

Bake Sale on the courts at 3pm

A visit from a St John's Ambulance Officer

Toasted Sandwiches and Spaghetti Boats (for lunch) \$1

Treasure Hunts and Games

Lunchtime Disco \$1

Dress up as your favourite superhero for our **Costume Parade** at 9:15am on the St Therese Courts.

Let's take the time to recognise all the amazing heroes from St John's that make a difference in our community everyday.

**SUPERHEROES**

Parents and whanau are invited to come along and cheer our students on as they walk in the parade.

If you would like to make any additional donations to this worthy cause it would be greatly appreciated.

St John Here for Life



## HEALTH – MEASLES OUTBREAK

We have had no cases of Measles at St Therese School but we need to make sure that it doesn't happen. Immunisation is the best way to protect against getting measles. Two doses of the MMR vaccine give 99 percent protection against the virus. In New Zealand the MMR vaccine is part of the National Immunisation Schedule and is offered free at 15 months and at 4 years of age. The MMR vaccine is also free for those under 50 years who have not had 2 documented doses.

The first symptoms of measles include a fever, cough, runny nose and sore and watery 'pink eyes'. This is followed by a blotchy rash. If you catch measles, you're infectious 5 days before and until 5 days after the rash appears. Measles is a very infectious viral illness that can be life threatening. It spreads easily from person to person. If you or a family member suspect you have measles you should stay at home and call Healthline on 0800 611 116 or your doctor to alert them of your symptoms. If you have measles it is important to avoid spreading it to others in the waiting room. If you're feeling sick, you should stay away from work, school or public places, to help prevent putting other people at risk. Isolating yourself you will help protect vulnerable people including babies, pregnant women, cancer patients and others who are unable to be immunised and for whom the impact of the disease can be devastating.



## MOTHERS' DAY – Caught Being Good



Our special Mother this year is Clementine Grey. Clementine is 'Mother' to all the children who come to Breakfast Club from Monday to Thursday mornings. Without Clementine's continuous commitment to this, our children would not be able to get breakfast and a hot drink in the morning before school. We have awarded the Duffy Books special Mothers' Day Award to her. Let's show our appreciation further by offering to help her at Breakfast Club. This is for all our children so let's make sure we can continue with this service. Congratulations Clementine and thank you very much for all you do for our children.