



13 November 2019

Dear Families of St Therese School,

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

Term 4 is well and truly underway, and staff and students are working very hard to prepare for and complete all their projects and activities by the end of the year.

Assessment week has just finished and reports are underway. These will be sent home in Week 9. They contain a comprehensive record of your child's achievement levels and you can be very proud of the effort they have put into their studies throughout the year.

We will soon be moving into the Season of Advent and preparing for the celebration of Christmas. In RE lessons our teachers will be discussing the true meaning of Christmas with the children.

Please check the dates below and come along and celebrate these events with us as a community. We are looking forward to seeing you all at our Graduation Mass, the Prizegiving and the Nativity Play.

As you know, I have decided to retire as Principal. Ms Geaney will be Acting Principal for Term 1 2020 until the new Principal is appointed. I have been given a sabbatical for Term 1 2020 so, although I will not be on site, I will not formally leave until the end of Term 1 2020. I would like to thank the community for all the help and support you have given me during my 11 years at St Therese School. I will greatly miss you and your beautiful children. However, I know I am leaving the school in good hands.

Susan McDonald
Principal



IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4 2019

15 November – R3 & 5 to New World for Health session

28 November – Last Day for Navigators

6 December – R3 – 6 Ballet outing

13 December – Prizegiving @ 11am in the Church

28 November – BOT meeting @ 6.00pm

2 December – R3 – 6 Ballet Workshop

11 December - Graduation Mass @ 5pm

17 December – Christmas Production @ 3pm in the Church

20 December – Last day of the Term. School closes @12.00pm

TERM DATES 2020

TERM 1	Students start on Tuesday 4 Feb @ 10.30 (Teacher Only Day Mon 3 Feb)	to	Thurs 9 April
TERM 2	Tues 28 April	to	Friday 3 July
TERM 3	Monday 21 July	to	Friday 25 September
TERM 4	Monday 12 October	to	Wednesday 16 December

As part of the Teachers' new Contract of Employment, 8 days have been allocated for Teacher Only Days in 2020 and 2021. As yet, these have not been set but you will be notified shortly of when they will happen. We will do our best to give you as much notice as possible to allow you to make arrangements for childcare.



HEALTHY EATING

Room 3 & 5 are having Food for Thought sessions. These encourage students to think about what they are eating and to read labels on packaging to see how much sugar or fat is present in the food item. This should help them to make good choices. The children will be visiting New World Supermarket on Friday 15 November during school time. A letter has been sent home and if you do not want the children to attend, please notify the school office and they can remain at school while the class goes off site.



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UNIFORMS

All students must bring a hat to school as the weather is improving and the rays of the sun are becoming much stronger. There is a "No hat, No play" policy in place. As it gets warmer, please put sunblock on the children in the morning.



SCHOOL BOOKS

Please check at home and return any reading or library that you find as soon as possible.



HEALTH & SAFETY

Please report to the office if you need to pick up your child or deliver lunch items. **Please do not go directly to classrooms** as the doors will be locked as part of our Health & Safety Policy.



CAMP

We have just returned from the first ever camp for St Therese students in Year 5 – 8. We went to Chosen Valley at Ararimu, south of Auckland. We all had a wonderful time and on behalf of the students, I would like to thank Ms Geaney, Miss Yimer, Mrs Dale and the staff of Christ the King School for helping us to make this such a wonderful outing. The children had the opportunity to take part in activities they had never done before. We look forward to the next one. Please look at our Facebook page to see the photographs that were taken.



KIDS FOR KIDS

The children participated in the performance last night at the Vodafone centre in Manukau. Magila and Hermela were two of the children who auditioned for a solo role. Although they were not successful, they were acknowledged by being up on stage with all the other children who auditioned. Congratulations to all the children, it was a wonderful celebration of their talents. A huge thank you to Mrs Peram who has been working with the children all year. She did a magnificent job.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DUES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of attendance dues. Application forms for the Hardship Scheme are available from school and parish offices, or can be down-loaded from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland Website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools/



NOTICES

Diocesan Job Vacancies

Administrative Assistant – to Leader Pastoral Service Group

The Catholic Diocese of Auckland is seeking an administration assistant to the Leader of the Pastoral Services Group. This is a part-time position of 4 hours Monday – Friday with occasional weekend and evening work. We are seeking an enthusiastic person with strong digital skills able to respond to a variety of needs and responsibilities. Applications close 26 November 4.00pm. To view the full advertisement and position description for the above role, please visit our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Administration and staff vacancies.

WATER SAFETY DAY

A free water safety day will take place at St Marys Bay on Saturday, 23rd November from 2-6pm. There will be free kayaking and sailing and lots of Aquatic Based activities and prizes. Please go along and join in the fun.

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