



14 December 2017

Dear Families of St Therese School,
Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Talofa, Malo e lelei, Namaste, Malo ni, Makadini, Annyoung, Bonjour.

Thank you to all the families and friends who came along to our prizegiving on Friday. Thanks to Pauline And Paea, the hall looked amazing and the items the children performed were wonderful. Thanks to Rey for the beautiful photographs he took, some of which I have included in this newsletter.

This has been a very successful year for our children and you can be very proud of them.

Thank you to all those people who have given up their time this year to provide activities for our children, without you we would not be able to offer all we do at St Therese School. We continue to follow the example of St Therese and 'Do little things well and with great joy.'

Have a wonderful Christmas.

Susan McDonald
Principal



*Jesus, the Light of the World,
as we celebrate your birth,
may we begin to see the world
in the light of the understanding you give us.
As you chose the lowly, the outcasts, and the
poor to receive the greatest news the world had
ever known,
so may we worship you in meekness of heart.
May we also remember our brothers and sisters
less fortunate than ourselves
in this season of giving.
Amen.*

TERM DATES 2018

TERM 1	Thursday 1 Feb @ 10.30am	to	13 April
TERM 2	30 April	to	6 July
TERM 3	23 July	to	28 September
TERM 4	15 October	to	Mon 17 December

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1 2018

1 February – School starts @ 10.30am & Assembly @ 11.30am
6 February – Waitangi Day holiday
12-16 February – Yr. 3-6 Swimming

2 February – School starts @ 10.30am
9 February - Opening Mass at 11.30am & BBQ
14 February – Ash Wednesday Liturgy @ 2pm



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STATIONERY COSTS FOR 2018

We are aware that the beginning of the year can be a very expensive time for families with the costs involved in Term 1. We are sending out notification of the costs of stationery for 2018 to assist you in budgeting for them. These are outlined below. It is vital that the children have their stationery at the start of the term as this enables them to get organised and be prepared for lessons.

These costs include: computer access for Rooms 4, 5 and 6, RE resources, stationery and Technology fees for Year 7 and 8 students.

Year 1: \$40 (Stationery and RE resources)

Year 2: \$40 (Stationery and RE resources)

Year 3: \$65 (\$40 Stationery and RE resources + \$25 Swimming.)

Year 4: \$65: (\$40 Stationery and RE resources + \$25 Swimming.)

Year 5 & Year 6 students \$125 (\$40 Stationery and RE resources + \$60 contribution for lease of computers + \$25 Swimming.)

Year 7 & 8 \$160 (\$40 Stationery and RE resources + \$60 contribution for lease of computer + \$60 Technology fees.)

Please send payment for stationery as soon as possible as this will enable your child to settle into routines as quickly as possible and give him/her is to have the best possible chance to achieve at the highest level.

Payment can be made online to: **St Therese School 12-3033-0353893-00 - Please ensure you include your child's name**



SPECIAL CHARACTER EVENTS

Congratulations to Kumanan, Eric and Antonio who were baptised on Monday 11 December. We welcome them into the Catholic community. Thanks to Fr Arul for presiding over the ceremony. We will be offering Baptism sessions in Term 1 2018 for any student over the age of 8 who would like to be baptised into the Catholic faith. This will enable them to become 5.1 Preference students. If you would like your child to be part of the programme, please call the school and let me know as soon as possible.



PRIZEGIVING



SCHOOL PRODUCTION





GRADUATION MASS



LUNCHES

Due to Health and Safety around Food Hygiene, we will no longer be able to sell lunches at school. Please make sure your children bring their lunch from home each day from Term 1 2018.



SPORTS UNIFORM

The sports uniform can be purchased from **Elizabeth Michael Uniforms, 4 Bond St, Grey Lynn** and costs **\$50** for the set, shorts and top. Students can wear the new sports uniform and trainers to and from school every Friday. We would like to see all children wearing the sports uniform by next year and this should mean less wear and tear on their school uniform.



AFTER SCHOOL CARE

SKIDS provide after school and holiday Programmes for children. The nearest venue is at Mt Roskill Primary. Please see flyer for details.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

You are invited to a Board Game Evening in The Ivan Burges Room, Blockhouse Bay Community Centre, 524 Blockhouse Bay Road on **Friday 15 December from 4.00 – 6.00pm**. There will be more than 20 sets of board games to choose from and you can play with people from your local community. This event is suitable for young and old and entry is free. As there are limited spaces, reservation is recommended.

Text Lijun on 0212109682

