



**17 December 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.

As the term comes to an end, I have started to look back on my time at St Therese School. I have enjoyed getting to know all the children and their families and I have been humbled by the kind words and support that I have received from the community. I will miss the daily interaction with the children and all their smiles and hugs. Having been at St Therese for 11 years, I really do call this my family and it was a very hard decision to retire at the end of the year.

However, I know I am leaving the school in very good, loving and experienced hands. We have 3 new staff members next year, Mrs Gillan in Room 1, Miss Duarte in Room 2 and Mrs Goodier in Room 6. You can be assured that your children will continue to have the best education possible and will get lots of opportunities to expand their knowledge and horizons.

Thank you to all the families and friends who came along to our prizegiving on Friday and a special thank you to Fr Arul who allowed us to have the celebration in the Church while the Hall is being upgraded. Thanks also to Rey for the beautiful photographs he took, some of which will be on our Facebook page very soon.

This has been a very successful year for all 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 them we would not be able to offer all we do at St Therese School. We will continue to follow the example of St Therese and 'Do little things well and with great joy.'

I would especially like to thank Ms Geaney for supporting me in her role as DRS & DP over the past 4 years. She is a very talented and gracious person and I know you will give her all your love and support next term.

Have a wonderful Christmas.

Susan McDonald  
Principal



## IMPORTANT DATES

17 December 2019 – Christmas Production @ 3pm

20 December 2019 – End of Term. School closes @12.00pm.

## TERM DATES 2020

<b>TERM 1</b>	Students start on Tuesday 4 Feb @ 10.30am (Teacher Only Day Mon 3 Feb) TOD – Mon 9 March	to	Thursday 9 April
<b>TERM 2</b>	Tuesday 28 April – TOD Friday 29 May	to	Friday 3 July
<b>TERM 3</b>	Monday 21 July – TOD Monday 24 August	to	Friday 25 September
<b>TERM 4</b>	Monday 12 October – TOD – Monday 9 November	to	Wednesday 16 December



## 2020 TEACHER ONLY DAYS

As part of the Teachers' new Contract of Employment, 8 days have been allocated for Teacher Only Days in 2020 and 2021. These have been decided for 2020 and are listed below. Please put these dates in your diary

**Term 1: Monday 9 March**

**Term 2: Friday 29 May**

**Term 3: Monday 24 August**

**Term 4: Monday 9 November**



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## STATIONERY COSTS FOR 2020

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 2020 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.

**Year 1: \$40** (Stationery)

**Year 2: \$40** (Stationery)

**Year 3: \$75** (\$40 Stationery and \$35 Swimming transport)

**Year 4, 5 & 6: \$135** (\$40 Stationery, \$60 computer lease and \$35 Swimming transport)

**Year 7 & 8 \$100** (\$40 Stationery and \$60 computer lease)

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 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**

If you have a concern or problem regarding the costs, please contact the office as soon as possible.



## UNIFORMS

We have a "No hat, No play" policy in place. We have noticed that the caps the children are wearing do not protect their ears or the back of the necks, so next year we would like all children to buy a **school hat** to wear. These have much greater coverage and will keep the children safer. **From 2020, a school hat will be compulsory.** These can be bought from Elizabeth Michael Uniforms. Thanks to all the parents who have already bought these. Please also put sunblock on the children in the morning.



## Year 8 Trip

Miss Geaney will be taking the Year 8 students to Jellico Pools in Onehunga on Wednesday 18 December. This is their final trip before they leave St Therese School and go to College.



## SCHOOL BOOKS

Please check at home and return any reading or library books that you find as soon as possible. Invoices will be sent out if books have not been returned.