



17 October 2019

Dear Families of St Therese School,

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

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope you all had a good break and that you were able to spend quality time with your children. Once again this is going to be a very busy term as we get ready for the end of the year.

The RE STRAND for Term 4 is Church.

Room 1: Belonging

Room 2: Gathering, Celebrating, Living God's Presence

Room 3: Called to be like Jesus

Room 5: The Church Celebrates

Room 6: The Teaching Church

The Church is a place where we can come together to practise our Faith with those who believe the same as we do. It provides us with opportunities to openly give thanks to God for all the blessings we have received and to be one family, united in God.

However, the Church is more than a building. It is people. People who, through their words and actions, show that God is present and living in the world. We are called to be a Community of Disciples. The Church is a community of Christ's followers or disciples called together by the Holy Spirit to carry on Christ's mission in life today.

The Scriptures record how Jesus called his disciples and apostles to follow him. Those who have been initiated into the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist are also called to carry on the mission of Jesus. They do this by worshipping God and serving and loving others and always acting with tika and pono.

Jesus said **"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."** **Matthew 18:20**

Our parish, as it gathers, celebrates, lives and prays as a community, is part of the Church which Jesus founded and is a sign which brings about God's presence and love in the world. Through Baptism we are all called to holiness. As members of the Church we are called to carry out its mission of service.

The Church is a teacher of God's truth. Jesus was a teacher, and his teaching role was continued by the apostles. Through the Bishops united with the Pope, the Church carries on this teaching role today. Priests and lay people help the Bishops with this teaching.

Since the time of the early Church, Christians have used their different gifts to spread the Good News. Central to the life of the Church is worship to God through prayer, proclamation of the Word and celebration of Sacraments and central to this worship is the weekly celebration of the Eucharist.

Prayer for the Church Community

Risen Jesus,

Cornerstone of our Faith, Lover of us all;

Spirit of Wisdom, Builder of community,

Our Inspiration and Guide;

You call us to build up Your Kingdom.

Bless us with generous hearts, open minds, greater unity, renewed vision,
as we seek to build a house for celebration and worship.

May it be a home where all are welcomed, nourished, and empowered to be Christ for others. Amen.

Susan McDonald
Principal



IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4 2019

14 OCTOBER – Term 4 - School starts @ 8.50am

25 October - STS Athletics Day @ MRP fields

1 November – Yr 3 & 4 Have a Go Day- Keith Hay Park

2 December – R3-6 Ballet Workshop

11 December - Graduation Mass @ 5pm

17 December – Christmas Production @ 3pm in the Church

22 October - Yr 5 & 6 Kiwisport

28 October – Labour Day Holiday

6 – 8 November - CAMP YR 5-8

6 December – R3–6 Ballet outing

13 December – Prizegiving @ 11am in the Church

20 December – School closes @ 12.00pm



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TERM DATES 2020

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| 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 |



UNIFORMS

All students should now be in summer uniform. Children can wear sandals instead of shoes. However, they **must not wear jandals** as these are a Health & Safety issue. They must also bring a hat as we have a 'No hat, no play' policy. This will be in force from Monday 21 October. Hats can be bought from the school office. If your child needs a new uniform, these can be purchased from Elizabeth Michael Uniforms, 4 Bond Street, Kingsland. Phone 358 1680. Please make sure your child is wearing the correct uniform at all times and that **all** items of clothing are named.



HEALTHY EATING

Please remember to pack a healthy lunch for your children every day and to include water to drink. Chips, lollies etc should not be included in lunch boxes. If the children bring unsuitable food items to school, we will replace them with a sandwich or fruit. Snacks can be kept for a special treat after school.



SCHOOL BOOKS

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



HEALTH & SAFETY

Adults must not go to classrooms and cloakroom areas without going to the office first, so that we know they are on site. Outside doors will be locked for the safety of the children. If you drop off lunch for your child, please leave it at the office and we will ensure it is given to them. We need your cooperation to keep our children safe. **Please do not go directly to classrooms as the doors will be locked.**



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Just a reminder not to bring any take-away food to classrooms for your own or other children. This is a Health & Safety issue as many children have allergies and also their parents may not wish them to have this type of food. **Please do not bring in food, lollies or fizzy drinks** as it would be very embarrassing for the teacher to ask you to take them away.



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

Job vacancy - Project Manager – Maintenance Delivery – Catholic Diocese of Auckland

They are seeking a motivated property professional to join their small property team in a Project Manager role focussed in Maintenance Delivery. They are looking for someone who enjoys all aspects of property maintenance including oversight of development, implementation, coordination, scheduling, budgeting, documentation, turnover, and compliance of construction, renovation, upgrade, replacement and repair projects involving buildings, grounds, facilities and infrastructure.

This is a varied and busy role and they want applications from candidates who can demonstrate the following experiences and attributes: A tertiary qualification (ideally property related) or relevant professional experience; Understanding of NZ Building Code requirements; Construction/Property contract knowledge; Excellent organising, planning and computer skills; Strong customer focus and excellent relationship building skills. Applicants must have applied property / construction coordination skills or similar experience. To view the full job description and download the application form, please visit their website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz. Please send CV, application form and a cover letter to Leanne Killgour, HR Manager by email: leannek@cda.org.nz. Applications close 1 November 2019