



17 May 2018

Dear Families of St Therese School,

Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Talofa, Malo e lelei, Namaste, Malo ni, Makadini, Annyoung, Bonjour.

Although I didn't manage to write something before the day, I think it is important to mention in this newsletter, that on 13 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 new born 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 2018

TERM 2	30 April	to	6 July
TERM 3	23 July	to	28 September
TERM 4	15 October	to	Mon 17 December



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IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 2 2018

21 May - Vision & Hearing tests

27 May – Community Mass @ 9.30am & Parent Consultation Meeting

29 May – Room 5 MOTAT Trip

4 June – Queen’s Birthday Holiday

14 June - Duffy Show @ 11am

21 & 22 June - Puberty Lessons Year 7 & 8

24 May – Intermediate Retreat at the Friary

29 May - Roon 6 Mangere Mountain Trip

30 May – Library Visits

13 – 15 June - Catholic Convention in Wellington

20 June – St Mary’s Orchestra

2 July - Ballet in the Box Rooms 4 & 5



SPECIAL CHARACTER

Community Mass & Parent Consultation

There is a Parish / School Mass on **Sunday 27 May @ 9.30am**. **All students are expected to attend** as we are celebrating being part of the wider St Therese Community. The children have been practising hard over the last few weeks as they will be doing a variety of tasks throughout the Mass. **There will also be a special meeting for parents afterwards in the school library to find out what your vision is for the school and your children. It is vital that your voice is heard** so please check your diaries and make sure that you can come along and help us to make our school even better. We will provide a space for the children to go to while you are at the meeting.

Sacramental Programme

Baptismal lessons, during school time, began this week. Being baptised enables your child to become a 5.1 under the preference system. It is very difficult to get into a Catholic College if a child is not baptised. Please contact the school if you are interested.



WRITING COMPETITION

Congratulations to all those who took part. We are very proud of the effort you all put into your writing. Hopefully we will be able to publish some of them in the newsletter and on the website.



CULTURAL GROUPS

Thanks to those parents who indicated that they could help out on Friday afternoons with cultural groups, but we do need more help urgently. Please contact the school as soon as possible if you are available to lead a group. There will be teacher support.



NETBALL

The netball season has started and games are held on **Saturdays at Windmill Courts**. Regular netball practices are on **Tuesday and Thursday 3.15pm to 4.30pm** and all children who have put their names down to play netball need to attend all practices.



PAST PUPILS

If you are, or know someone who was, a past pupil, we would like to let the community know about your success. Please tell us about your journey, which college you attended, what qualifications you gained and what you are doing now, we would love to include your information in our Alumni page.



SPECIAL EVENTS

Beginning Experience Grief Weekend 18-20 May 2018

Along Again? Widowed, Separated or Divorced? The Beginning Experience's is a non-profit organization with the motto "A Weekend Away for a Lifetime of Change". The retreat will help you work through your painful loss. The participants find new hope, increased emotional health and renewed energy. Date **Friday evening 18-20 May 2018**. Cost \$295. Includes accommodation, meals and materials. Contact Carol 022-089-0458 or leave message on (09)360-3054. Visit www.beginningexperience.org.nz



ASSEMBLY

There will be an informal assembly in the Library on Friday 17 May at 2pm. Come and share in the success of our children. We are very proud of all the effort they all put into their work and how positively they always participate in activities.



DUFFY BOOKS

Congratulations to Pauline, mum to Tevita in Room 2, who was nominated as the mum who was caught being good and was presented with a special book from Duffy Books. We are grateful to Pauline for the beautiful job she has been doing to make our prizegivings a very special look. She has also given up her time to help with activities in the school and helped with the Christmas production.



SPORT



On Tuesday 8 May, the intermediate girls participated in the Auckland Tag Champions of Champions for 2018. There were 6 teams in the competition from all over Auckland and we represented the Central Zone. The girls finished 5th out of the 6 teams and played very well. It was a good experience for our girls to compete at this level and the first time that St Therese has qualified for this competition. We are so proud them.