



19 March 2018

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

Dear Families of St Therese School,

We are now in the fifth week of Lent. We are reminded that this season offers us the chance to think about how we respond to the different situations and challenges in our lives.

On Ash Wednesday, as a sign of our commitment to being open to new understanding, and our need to be sorry for when we have “missed the mark”, we had a cross of ash placed on our foreheads. By receiving these ashes, we acknowledged our need to ask for forgiveness.

Matthew 4: 1-11, the gospel for the first week of Lent, helps us to realise that temptation to do the wrong thing is around us every day. Jesus lived on earth just like us, so he knows what it’s like to be tempted to do the wrong thing.

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished.

The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, “All these I will give you if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God and serve only him.’”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

We are tempted often and sometimes we choose wrong over right. Jesus, however, reminds us “Worship the Lord your God and serve him with all your heart”.

So, what did we decide to do this Lent? What are some things we could have done and said this week to show we love God and others? And where do we go to get help in choosing the right thing to do? During Lent we are urged to pray to God for the wisdom to know the best choices to make so we can become the people he wants us to be.

Jesus, as we accompany with you on this journey to the cross, help us to recognise what we need to change in our lives so that we may live more closely with you. Remind us when we forget and give us the strength we need to change so that we can follow you more closely every day. Amen

Susan McDonald. Principal

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 & 2 2018

21 March – COL Meeting - **School closes @ 12pm**

30 March - 4 April – School closed for Easter

10 April - Caritas Challenge

TERM 2

30 April – School restarts @ 8.50am

24 May – Intermediate Retreat at the Friary

29 March – Holy Thursday Liturgy

4 April - School reopens

13 April – Last day of term – school finishes @ 3pm

10 May – HPV Catch Up

13 – 15 June - Catholic Convention in Wellington



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SPECIAL CHARACTER

We intend to hold Baptismal lessons, during school time, which will enable 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.



SCHOOL SPORT

On Tuesday the 13th of March a group of 14 year 5 and 6 students attended the Auckland Rugby Ripa Rugby tournament. The students thoroughly enjoyed the day out at Cox's Bay Reserve and displayed great teamwork winning two of their games. Pene Pouhila was the player of the day and the top try scorers were Pili Tuitupou and Lolani Otufangavalu, with four tries each.



A group of year 7 and 8 girls attended the Westfield Softball tournament on the 1st of March. The students worked very well together and, because of their training with Rey, showed great fielding and batting skills. Zuan Van Eijk was the player of the day, getting an outstanding catch in one of the games.



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

They are launching a new children's Art Club at the Pah Homestead. Every third Sunday of the month there will be a free workshop where children can make art inspired by the current exhibitions. Drop in anytime between 2-4pm. The activity is suitable for children between ages 2-10 and is based on the colourful and wonderful [Wayne Youle Exhibition](#). For further information call 09 639 2010 ext. 976, 021 075 0591 or look on the website: tsbbankwallaceartscentre.org.nz, wallaceartstrust.org.nz



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