



2 May 2018

Dear Families of St Therese School,

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

Welcome back to School for Term 2. We hope you had a relaxing time with your families over the holiday break.

The children are having a busy start to the term and next week the Intermediate girls will be taking part in both the Inter Zone Tag Tournament and the Central Zone Futsal competition and later in the month the Room 6 students will be visiting Mangere Mountain as part of our 'Change' Unit.

In line with the RE Curriculum, students are studying the Holy Spirit Strand during weeks 1 – 5 of this term.

Room 1 are learning that The Holy Spirit is God – the third person of the Holy Trinity. We use symbols like fire and wind for the action of the power of the Holy Spirit and we can see signs of the Holy Spirit at work in peoples' lives.

Room 2 are looking at **The Holy Spirit in Peoples' Lives** and learning that we can respond to the Holy Spirit at work in our lives in many ways. Two important ways which show that the Holy Spirit is at work in the Church, the people of God, is through prayer and the Eucharist

Room 4 are focussing on **Pentecost**, the Birth Day of the church as we know it. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Apostles had the courage and strength to go out into the world and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Room 5 is studying **Baptism and the Holy Spirit** and learning that through Baptism, people receive the Holy Spirit who strengthens them to believe, hope and to love and frees people from original sin.

Rooms 6 are looking at **The Mission of the Holy Spirit in the Church and the World** to develop an understanding of how the Holy Spirit works in the world through people, leading them to live in ways which promote aroha, rangimarie and justice – tika.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Breathe into me, Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.

Move in me, Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.

Attract my heart, Holy Spirit, that I may love only what is holy.

Strengthen me, Holy Spirit, that I may defend all that is holy.

Protect me, Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy.

St Augustine

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



IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 2 2018

30 April – School restarts @ 8.50am

10 May – CZ Girls Futsal & HPV Catch Up

21 May - Vision & Hearing tests

24 May – Intermediate Retreat at the Friary

30 May – Library Visits

13 – 15 June - Catholic Convention in Wellington

8 May – IZ Tag Girls Tournament

20 May – Community Mass & meeting

22 May - R 6 Mangere Mountain Trip

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

4 June – Queen's Birthday holiday

14 June - Duffy Show @ 11am



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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 will be practising hard over the next 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, will begin in Week 2. Being baptised 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.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHILDREN:

Room 1: Ayla Gregory, Nathaniel Bahretibeb

Room 2: Nhianna Ramos

Room 4: Louisa Ramos



SPECIAL EVENTS

Beginning Experience Grief Weekend 18-20 May 2018

ALONE 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



WINTER UNIFORM

Term 2 is the start of the winter terms. All children should be wearing black, waterproof shoes to school. Please check their shoes and if they are not waterproof, consider replacing them. If children want to wear black trainers they should be totally black – no colour on them at all. Children should also be wearing their red polar fleece jumpers to school as it is getting cold in the morning. These can be purchased from the office. Black waterproof jackets should be brought to school in their school bags every day as the weather is very unpredictable. These are an addition to the uniform and should not be worn instead of the red polar fleece.



WRITING COMPETITION

Hopefully all the children have completed this holiday task and have given it to their teacher. If they have not done it yet, please encourage them to do it today and hand it in by Friday at the latest.



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. We would like to offer a wide variety of activities and it would be wonderful if all the different cultures which make up our school could be represented. 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 is starting this term and there will be training for the teams after school. The first week of netball starts on **Saturday 5th May at Windmill Courts**. On the first week of Term 2, Netball practices will be on **Wednesday 2 May and Thursday 3 May after school from 3.15pm to 4.30pm**. Regular netball practices will then be on **Tuesday and Thursday 3.15pm to 4.30pm** and all girls who have put their names down to play netball need to attend all practices.



SPORT

On **Tuesday the 27th of March** a group of year 7 and 8 boys and girls attended the Central/West Zone Tag tournament. The students thoroughly enjoyed the day and showed great team work and enthusiasm. JJ captained the boys team and showed his skill and speed, scoring 5 tries for the team. Mataele captained the girls team, displaying great leadership on the field and Ilisapeti was player of the day, scoring 4 tries. The girls won the Central Zone tournament and will play in the Interzone tournament on Tuesday 8 May.



FITNESS

Rooms 6 will be doing Fitness in Term 2. As this means leaving the school grounds to complete the circuit, we need your permission to do this. A letter will be sent home, but you only need to reply if you **DO NOT** give your permission for your child to leave the school grounds. It is a very important for our children to have good fitness levels and that they do some regular exercise. Sports uniform or shorts and a t-shirt and trainers need to be worn for this activity as it is not suitable to run in their uniform and school shoes as these are very tight and restrictive and also it is not healthy to wear the same clothing all day after exercising. These items can be left at school during the week to ensure they children can change into fitness gear each day.



PAST PUPILS

We would like to include details of our past pupils on our website, so the community can be aware of the success of past pupils. If you attended St Therese School, we would like you to send us information about what you are doing now. If you could 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



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Mt Roskill Community Education provide affordable, accessible, non-formal learning for adults. Their programme provides learning opportunities in many different areas including English (ESOL) and other languages, Art and Creativity, Business, Public Speaking, Cooking, Dressmaking, Health and Wellbeing and DIY. There is something for everyone there. Discounts for NZ residents. Refugees can study ESOL for free. Phone 621 0051 or email Com.Ed@mrgs.school.nz with any questions.

After School Care

