



25 August 2017

We are currently finishing the Sacrament Strand in RE classes. The children have been looking at different Sacraments and how these are important in our lives.

For the second half of Term 3, the RE Strand will be **Communion of Saints** and all classes will focussing on what this means to them.

A Saint is a person who has lived or is living a faith-filled, holy life. Sainthood is not reserved to the afterlife but can be present in our mortal lives if we just let Christ shine through us. Saint Therese did this in her own short life. As part of the Strand the children will look closely at the life of St Therese and identify living saints in our community.

St Therese is a wonderful role model for us because all through her short life, she continually demonstrated faith in her God and dedicated her life to doing ordinary, little things well, with love. St Therese has a very special place in our hearts because she shows us the love that we need to have for each other and the patience and tolerance that goes with that love. She teaches us that it is important to love and respect all people even if they are unkind or hurtful to us. Without these qualities in the world we cannot bring about the Reign of God that Jesus came to tell us about.

As members of the St Therese School community, we must remember what was important to her and try to follow in her footsteps and continually ask her to help us show our love for those around us in all that we do and say every day of our lives. St Therese was a shy, retiring young woman who didn't want to draw attention to herself, yet today she is known all over the world.

All our children are learning the school prayer to St Therese and I would encourage you to say it with them every day.

*St Therese, help me always to believe, as you did,
In God's great love for me.
So that I may imitate your 'Little Way' each day
Amen.*

Quotes from her autobiography 'Story of a Soul' give us an idea of the love she had for her God. Her words reinforce that if all we do is done with love then we can never do wrong. Love is the greatest of all Commandments.

- 'For me prayer is a lifting up of the heart to God, a simple glance towards heaven.'
- 'I need a God with a human heart to love me and support me.'
- 'Just as the sun shines on the cedars and on the tiniest flower, so God's love shines on each person as if there were no one else in the world.'
- 'If the heart is filled with love it cannot be silent.'
- 'Love can do all, even the most impossible things do not seem difficult to it.'
- 'Often just a word or a friendly smile is enough to take away the sadness in someone else's heart.'
- 'By myself I cannot do all things I want to do, yet everything in my heart tells me I must not give up.'

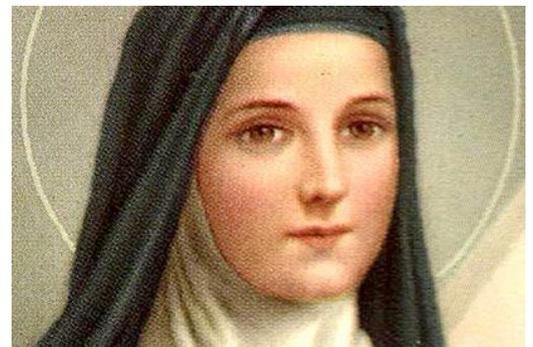
A MORNING PRAYER WRITTEN BY ST. THERESE

O my God! I offer Thee all my actions of this day for the intentions and for the glory of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

I desire to sanctify every beat of my heart, my every thought, my simplest works, by uniting them to Its infinite merits; and I wish to make reparation for my sins by casting them into the furnace of Its Merciful Love.

O my God! I ask of Thee for myself and for those whom I hold dear, the grace to fulfil perfectly Thy Holy Will, to accept for love of Thee the joys and sorrows of this passing life, so that we may one day be united together in heaven for all Eternity. Amen.

Susan McDonald
Principal





TERM DATES 2017

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| TERM 3 | Monday 24 July | to | Friday 29 September |
| TERM 4 | Monday 16 October | to | Thursday 14 December |



IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1 2017

29 August – Maths Afternoon in Library @ 3pm

5 September – MRZ Netball Tournament

18 September – School Photographs

29 September – End of Term 3. School closes @ 3.00pm

29 September – Feast of St Therese Mass with First Communion @ 10am and Concert @ 12pm

31 August – Years 5 - 8 Ballet Trip at Civic @ 12pm

14 September - Teacher Only Morning. Year 1-6 start @ 10.30 am

20 & 21 September – Catholic Character Review



SPECIAL CHARACTER EVENTS

First Communion classes are on Saturday in Room 3 at 3.30pm. This will be celebrated on Friday 29 September at the Mass for the Feast of St Therese in the church at 10am.



MARY MACKILLOP LITURGY



On Tuesday 8th August, we warmly welcomed everyone to celebrate the feast day of Saint Mary MacKillop of the Cross. Saint Mary MacKillop was a woman whose compassion, actions, courage and faith touched the lives of so many, including the members of our St Therese School Community. We are truly blessed that Saint Mary MacKillop's determination for all children to be provided with an education and her steadfast faith in God along the way led to the opening of our school. We thank God for blessing us with this amazing woman and pray to God and all the Saints to guide us on our journeys and to care for and nurture others in the same way Saint Mary MacKillop did.



The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On this special feast day, we gathered together to remember and celebrate the special place that Mary, the mother of Jesus, has in the Catholic Church. At St Therese School, Mary is an ideal role model for us because all through her life she demonstrated her faith in her God and willingly accepted the role that he gave her. She has shown us the love that we need to have for each other and the patience and tolerance that goes with that love. Without these qualities in the world we cannot bring about the Reign of God that Jesus came to tell us about. As he was dying on the cross Jesus gave us His own mother, Mary, to be our mother too. In this celebration, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we remember the importance of the role Mary accepted. The Church teaches that Mary was taken up, body and soul, into heaven at the end of her life here on earth and was then crowned Queen of Heaven. Now that Mary has been assumed into heaven, she can watch over us with all her motherly love. We can trust our heavenly mother with all the little petitions we have, knowing that she will speak to Jesus about them on our behalf.





SPECIAL CHARACTER REVIEW

The Catholic Schools Office will be in on 20 & 21 September to hold a Special Character review of the school. The members of the Catholic Schools Office review team are Phil Mahoney, Colleen Gleeson and Louise Campbell, Principal of Marist Herne Bay. Over the 2 days they will be looking at how the Special Character is visible at St Therese School and will be spending time in the classes, looking at the work the children do in Religious Education and other curriculum areas. They will be talking to a variety of groups: The Senior Management Team, The Board of trustees, staff, students, parents and members of the Parish. As part of the Review, they would like parents to complete a survey and return it to them for collating. We are sending this home prior today. Please fill it in and return to the school office and let them know your views on the Special Character of the school.



NEW STUDENTS

Welcome to St Therese School and we hope you will be very happy as part of our family

Room 2 – Shiny Susanthan

Room 1 – Johanna Cadelis, Eyob Negash



STUDENT LEARNING

Come along on **Tuesday 29 August to the school Library @ 3pm** and see what your children are learning in Maths and have some fun. Students will be demonstrating a variety of activities and we encourage parents to take an active role in these.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DUES SPONSORSHIP SCHEME

The Attendance Dues Sponsorship Scheme has been created to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of attendance dues. The purpose of the sponsorship scheme is to allow parents or caregivers facing financial hardship another option to seek relief where they may be reluctant to approach their school for help. The existing financial hardship scheme – operated by your school – is also available to parents or caregivers. If you have any queries or require assistance with the payment of attendance dues under the sponsorship scheme, you are invited to phone in confidence, Carol Krebs (Ph. 360 3069) at the Auckland Diocese office. Applications to the sponsorship scheme for 2017 attendance dues will be accepted by the Auckland Common Fund Ltd up to **November 2017**.



PHOTOLIFE

These will be taken on Monday 18 September. Named envelopes will be sent home and the correct payment should be enclosed as this goes directly to Photolife. No change can be given at school. There will also be the opportunity for family and sports photos to be taken. These need a separate envelope and must be paid for in advance.



NAVIGATORS

Navigators is on from 3.15pm to 4.15pm every Monday to Thursday. Please let us know which days your child will be attending as many have changed from what they signed up for in Term 1.



SPORT

Central Zone Netball Tournament

On Friday 11th August, our St Therese Intermediate Netball Team competed in the Central Zone Netball Tournament. Our girls played exceptionally well competing in the Year 8 grade, despite most of our girls being Year 7's, and were placed 11th. It was great to see them show their skill level, teamwork, positive attitude and belief in every game they played. Ala and Paris lead by example as captain and vice-captain for the tournament. A huge thank you to the many parents and whanau members who came along to support the girls, as well as the Team Manager, Elina, and our umpire, Emmanuela Filipo. A particular thank you to Rey, the Team Coach, for the time and dedication he has put into his role, practising the girls during lunchbreaks and after school to ensure they developed their understanding of the game, as well as their fitness and skills. We are extremely proud of the way the girls represented the school and congratulate them on their successes.





BEFORE SCHOOL SUPERVISION

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we are not able to provide supervised care in Room 3 until further notice. From 7.30, we have Breakfast Club in the hall, so any child who arrives before 8.30am must go to the hall for breakfast. This is for their safety, so please talk to your child about this at home. There will be no teacher available to supervise until 8.30, so please make sure you drop your child off at the hall if they arrive before 8.30. It is still cold in the morning so they should be wearing their school jumpers and shoes this term and they must make sure that they are inside as quickly as possible.



ROAD SAFETY

The children's safety is our priority so please consider this at all times. Thank you for continuing to use the one-way system at the end of the day. The carpark is now a much safer place. **Please drive carefully and slow down** when entering or leaving the school grounds.



STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

On **Thursday 14 September** school will start at 10.30am for Years 1-6, as staff have a meeting. Year 7&8 start at the normal time as they will be going to Technology and the bus will leave at 8.30am. A reminder will be sent out nearer the time.



PARENT MEETING

Please put **Thursday 28 September** in your diary. There will be a meeting in the **Library at 6pm** to give parents the opportunity to come together and ask questions about their children's learning and to hear what is happening around the school. Please come along and support your children and the school.



SPORTS UNIFORM

The new sports uniform for the students are now available and cost **\$50** for the set, shorts and top. As we have sport on Fridays students can wear the new sports uniform and trainers to school. If your child does not have the sports uniform they must continue to wear the school uniform and will need to bring shorts and a t-shirt to change in to. Sports uniforms can now be purchased from Elizabeth Michael Uniforms.

They are moving to larger premises on 30 August and will be closed on 28 & 29 August.

Please note the details of the new shop in the advertisement.

WE ARE MOVING!
From 30 August*
Elizabeth Michael Uniforms
 will be located at our bigger, better and brighter premises at
4 Bond Street, Grey Lynn
(Only 800 metres around the corner)
 09 358 1680 • www.elizabethmichael.co.nz



Opening hours:
 Mon-Thurs 9am - 5pm
 Fri 9am - 4pm
 Sat 9am - 12pm

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