



25 March 2019

Dear Families of St Therese School,

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

We are now in the third 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.

The tragic events in Christchurch remind us that we need to follow in the footsteps of Christ and remember that the greatest Commandment of all is Love. St Therese told us to ‘do little things well, with great love’ but do we all do this every day? This is the challenge that has been set for us so let us show this in our daily interactions with others.

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 7 February @ 10.30am	to	12 April
TERM 2	29 April	to	5 July
TERM 3	22 July	to	27 September
TERM 4	15 October	to	Friday 20 December



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IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1 2019

26 March, 2 & 9 April – Eden Cricket
27 March – Mt Roskill Library visit Rooms 1 & 6
28 March – BOT meeting @ 6pm
4 April – MRZ Football
9 April – Parent meeting with ERO
12 April – Last day of term – school finishes @ 3pm

26 & 27 March - Bike Ready Rooms 3 & 5.
28 March – Mt Roskill Library visit Rooms 2, 3 & 5
1 April – Duffy Role Model Assembly
8 April – ERO review visit
11 April – Rooms 1 & 2 Pumphouse Theatre visit
29 April - School reopens for Term 2



ERO VISIT

Planning for this visit is well underway. The ERO team will be with us from Monday 8 April to Thursday 11 April. They will be looking at the school curriculum, classroom practice, Policies and Procedures within the school etc, to ensure that your children are getting the best education possible. We look forward to working closely with them to show what a wonderful school and community we are and how we all work together to make St Therese a place of great learning where all our children are happy and feel safe. The ERO team will be meeting with specific groups in the time they are with us. They would like to meet with a parent focus group to let you share your thoughts. This meeting will be held on Tuesday 9 April @ 9am. Please come along and let your voice be heard. If you could notify the office, on 09 620 9441, that you will be attending, it will ensure that we can provide the best place to hold the meeting.



EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Following the events in Christchurch, I want to reassure you that we have definite procedures in place should we ever need to go into a lockdown situation. Most of our classrooms have automatic locking systems on their classroom doors, which means that when closed, no one can enter the room unless the door is opened from the inside. The door can always be opened from inside so there is no concern about getting out of the classrooms. Teachers are notified by short burst on the school bell for a length of time. If this bell is heard the main door to the school, classroom doors and cloakroom doors will be checked to ensure they are locked. Teachers will move the children to an area in the classroom that is out of sight of anyone outside. The children will remain still and quiet and the teachers will do everything they can to keep them calm and safe. The authorities will be notified of the situation. All staff and students will remain in their safe areas until notified that the lockdown has been lifted. It is very important that parents realise that if we are in lockdown, they should not come to the school as this could be putting themselves in danger. They will not be able to go to the classroom and remove their child and any attempt to do so could upset and frighten the children. We have had lockdown practice several times at school. However, I will not have a practice at this time as it may make children anxious due to the timing. We will be having practices for all types of Emergencies over the next few months to ensure everyone is aware of the procedure. Please talk to your child about the importance of these drills as they are designed to keep us all safe. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school for reassurance.



SPORT

All teams going out will be wearing their own sports uniform. If your child does not have a navy sport t-shirt and navy school sports shorts, they will not be able to be part of the team. These can be purchased from Elizabeth Michael. There may be a few second hand sets available at school, but sizes and quantities are very limited. Please contact the office on 09 620 9441



NETBALL

The Netball season begins next term. Forms need to be returned, fees paid, and coaches and managers appointed. If boys are playing, they will wear the school sport uniform.



EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

We have several events planned for the next few weeks and we need permission for your child to participate.

The Bike Ready Programme for R3 & 5 on Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 March at school.

R1 & 6 Library visit on Wednesday 27 March.

R2, 3 & 5 Library visit on Thursday 28 March.

Permission letters will be coming home shortly for:

MRZ Football Tournament for Years 5 & 6 on 4 April

R1 & 2 to the Pumphouse Theatre on Thursday 11 April to see 'The Man whose Mother was a Pirate'.

If permission is not given, your child will miss out. You can return the permission slip or email the classroom teacher or myself directly and this will be enough.



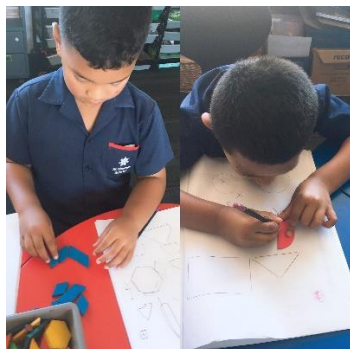
SOFTBALL

Our year 5 and 6 students participated in the MRZ inter-schools softball competition. With some outstanding moments and great sportsmanship all around, it was a very successful day. Well done to the two softball teams entered.



STUDENT WORK

Maths - One of our focus strands this term is Geometry. We are learning to name different 2D shapes, count their sides and vertices. 'My favourite shape is a diamond because they are sparkly and have four sides.' Ayla
'I like drawing the different shapes in my book.' Moses



Gymnastics - R1 have learnt the importance of warming up before doing any sports. In our pictures you can see us performing different poses with a buddy. Coach Nisha has taught us the front support, the L shape and back support formations so far.



Oral Language - We par boiled potatoes and baked them in the oven. We had to orally describe the process of preparing this delicious dish called "smashed potatoes". We used herbs from our school garden, butter, grated carrot and cheese to garnish our potatoes.



NOTICES



Safe Kids In Daily Supervision
Mt Roskill Primary
 Frost Road, Mount Roskill, Auckland 1041
 (SCHOOL HALL)

Holiday Programme

Work and Income NZ Oscar Subsidy available
FULL DAY (On Site) 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. - \$50.00
SHORT DAY (8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) - \$38.00
TRIP DAY (8am to 6pm) - \$65.00
 (Bookings cannot be cancelled once holiday starts)

JAPANESE HIGH TEA <div style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Mon 15 Apr</div>  <p><small>Konichiwa! Enjoy a Japanese high tea with some delicious banana sushi. And later, polish your art skills by creating a Japanese blossom tree.</small></p>	FOODSTORM <div style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Tue 16 Apr</div>  <p><small>Time to show your cooking skills and create delicious food from our mouth-watering recipes.</small></p>	MOVIES <div style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Wed 17 Apr</div>  <p><small>Bring your favorite snack as it's going to be an entertaining day at the movies having a good laugh with your friends. (TRIP DAY)</small></p>	EASTER STRAVAGANZA <div style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Thu 18 Apr</div>  <p><small>A fun way of celebrating Easter with some colourful rice Krispy treats and the famous Easter egg hunt. Keep on hopping.</small></p>	GOOD FRIDAY <div style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Fri 19 Apr</div> <div style="background-color: #ffff00; padding: 5px; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">CLOSED Good Friday</div> <p><small>SCHOOL CLOSED</small></p>
EASTER MONDAY <div style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Mon 22 Apr</div> <div style="background-color: #ffff00; padding: 5px; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">Closed Easter Monday</div> <p><small>SCHOOL CLOSED</small></p>	ANZAC DAY TRIBUTE <div style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Tue 23 Apr</div>  <p><small>A fitting way to remember this day by making poppy flowers and wreath. Then have a go in baking some Anzac biscuit.</small></p>	MOBILE LASER ARENA <div style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Wed 24 Apr</div>  <p><small>Be prepared as you will need your lateral thinking, quick reflexes and teamwork in this competitive but fun activity.</small></p>	ANZAC DAY <div style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Thu 25 Apr</div> <div style="background-color: #ffff00; padding: 5px; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">ANZAC DAY East We Forget 25 April</div> <p><small>SCHOOL CLOSED</small></p>	SKIDS PARTY <div style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Fri 26 Apr</div>  <p><small>Dress up as you like as what a better way to end the holidays than with an awesome Skids Party.</small></p>

If you are working (full time, part time, shift work, studying, receiving CDA or sickness benefit), you may qualify for Work & Income NZ Oscar Subsidy.
 For more information, call (09) 275 3458 or (021) 105-5303 Or 0800-900-75437 or email mtroskill@skids.co.nz

Register now at www.skids.co.nz click on **Parent Login**

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