



25 October 2018

Dear Families of St Therese School,

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

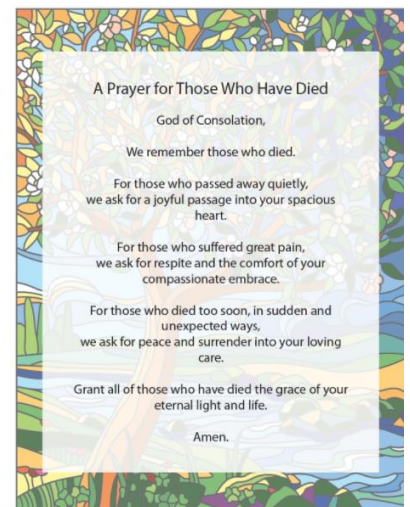
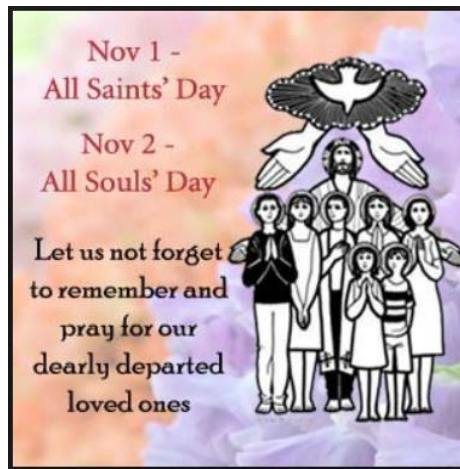
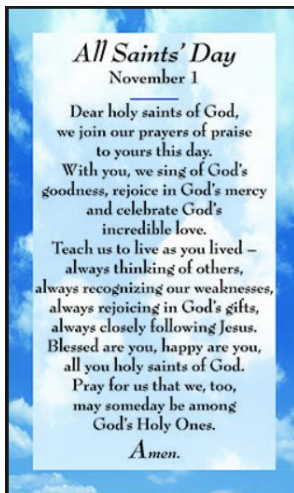
Welcome back to our final term for 2018. This is going to be a very busy term for the staff and students. Please check out our Facebook page for more information about events happening in the school and put the important dates, listed below, into your calendar.

In the month of November, we remember our family members who are no longer with us and as a community we celebrate the Feast of All Saints and All Souls.

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church, celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. Although millions, or even billions of people may already be saints, All Saints' Day observances tend to focus on known saints, that is those recognised in the Canon of the Saints by the Catholic Church. While we have information about many saints, and we honour them on specific days, there are many unknown or unsung saints who may have been forgotten or never been honoured specifically. On All Saints Day, we celebrate these holy individuals and ask for their prayers and intercessions. On All Saints' Day there's a call to live as saints, to remind us how we're supposed to live.

All Souls' Day, which is observed on November 2, is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven. On this day, we ask God's mercy for them.

In class, our children will fill out prayer sheets with the names of their relatives who have died and these will be brought to the Reflection Time on Thursday 1 November at 2pm in the library and placed in a box which will then be put on the altar in the church. Fr Arul will pray for these family members at every mass during November. The Parish also encourages families to write the names of those who have died in the book at the back of the church.



Susan McDonald, Principal

TERM DATES 2018

TERM 4	15 October	to	Mon 17 December
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SPECIAL CHARACTER

We will be having a special **Reflection Time** for the **Feast of All Saints and All Souls** on **Thursday 1 November @ 2pm in the Library**. We would love to share this with all families and friends as this is a very special time when we think about those members of our families who have passed away. Please come along and join with us as we remember them in our prayers.



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IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4 2018

- 25 October - BOT Meeting
- 1 November – HPV & Boostrix
- 1 November – Feast of All Saints. **Reflection @ 2pm in the Library.**
- 2 November – Have a Go Day Yr 3 & 4
- 14 November – Choir Performance
- 23 November – Yr 8 Clip n Climb & Picnic
- 4 December Let’s Dance – Yrs 5 – 8
- 7 December – Prizegiving @ 11am
- 12 December - Christmas Production @ 6pm
- 31 October - CZ Touch
- 1 November – Mobile Ear Clinic
- 2 November - All Souls Day
- 9 November – Sports Day @ MR Primary
- 21 November – Helpers’ morning Tea @ 10am
- 29 November – BOT Meeting
- 5 December – Graduation Mass @ 5pm
- 11 December – Christmas Production @ 11am
- 17 December – Last day of Term 4. School ends 12pm.



SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE

I hope that you have all had the opportunity to view our new Facebook page. Ms Geaney has spent a lot of time designing this for us and it looks awesome. I am really grateful for her expertise and creativity. If you have not already done so, please log in to the new site and click follow. We believe this will be the easiest way to keep you up to date with what is happening at school. Here is the link <https://www.facebook.com/saintthereseschool/>



DRAMA

A wonderful interactive performance was enjoyed by students when Captain Flintock from the Maritime Museum visited the school last week. The St Therese children were intrigued by the sound of snoring coming from the library and then they came across a pirate, fast asleep! Captain Flintock awoke with a fright and shared his story about the Pirate who couldn’t swim. He explained how he had to learn skills to be confident to keep himself safe in the water and the importance of using life jackets.



UNIFORMS

Children can now wear sandals instead of shoes, jandals are not allowed to wear jandals as these are a Health & Safety issue. A reminder about the ‘No hat, No play’ rule. Please send a hat to school and leave it in the class.



LITERACY

On Wednesday students from Rooms 5 & 6 enjoyed exploring the latest ToiToi publication, full of a wide range of children’s’ writing and artwork. A huge thank you to the staff from Toitoti and PricewaterhouseCoopers for guiding our students today. We look forward to continuing these valuable sessions in 2019.



CUTURAL GROUPS

Our senior students have been working with the rest of the school to prepare cultural items for a FiaFia performance. We have still to decide on the date but it should be around the middle of the term.



READING TOGETHER

The final session was held at **Mt Roskill Library on Wednesday 19 September at 9am and 5pm**. We have had a wonderful response to our reading Together Programme over the past few weeks. We hope that the parents and children learnt new strategies to use at home to make reading more relaxed and a pleasurable experience.



SPORT

On Tuesday the 23rd of October 30 students from Year 4, 5 and 6 attended the 'Kiwisport Challenge'. The students were split into two teams and had a great day in the sunshine playing some of their favourite sports, and trying new games like Scatterball, Non-Stop Cricket, T-Ball, Hoopla, Water Relay, Rob the Nest. The day finished with Tug of War and St Therese did exceptionally well. Both teams had to compete against each other in the Semi-Final, but St Therese 2 came out on top and fought to the end to win the final! Well done to all children for great sportsmanship throughout the day!



BREAKFAST CLUB

NO BREAKFAST CLUB on FRIDAYS. It will be held on Monday to Thursday only.



ASSISTANCE WITH ATTENDANCE DUES

Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of attendance dues for preference students attending Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary. Families facing financial difficulties can contact the school office, their Parish Priest or the Revenue Manager at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland for further information. Application forms for the Hardship Scheme are available from the school office.



NOTICES

THREE KINGS SCHOOL
Scarecrow FESTIVAL
 ~ School Fair ~
 Saturday 10 November
 11am - 3pm
 944 Mt Eden Rd, Three Kings
www.scarecrowfestival.co.nz
 Proudly supported by
PAK'nSAVE **Barfoot & Thompson**

It's **kids' time!**
 programmes for young children
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 Visit aucklandlibraries.govt.nz
 or phone 09 377 0209
 Auckland Council

Wriggle & Rhyme: School term only
 Tuesday 11am - 11:30am
 Wriggle and Rhyme is a fun, free programme that provides positive movement experiences to stimulate development of both the brain and body for babies.

Rhymetime: School term only
 Thursday 11am - 11:30am
 Rhymetime is a fun, free session that provides music, songs, movement and finger rhymes to pre-schoolers aged 18 months to 3 years.

Storytime: School term only
 Wednesday & Saturday 11am - 11:30am
 Stories are read by librarians at these highly popular storytime sessions. These sessions are ideal for pre-schoolers aged 3 - 5 years.

Mandarin-English storytime: School term only.
 Fortnightly on a Sunday at 11:30am-12pm

Young Artist Club: 7 - 12 years
Bookings essential
 Last Monday of every month 3:30pm - 4:30pm
 Come and join us for a fun filled afternoon of creating. Learn to think like an artist and create some cool original artworks.

Science Lab: 10+, Bookings essential
 Fourth Friday of the month 4pm - 5pm
 This session introduces you to the ideas used in Makerspace and STSAM workshops. Come along and test your problem solving skills. Think it? Solve it! Make it!

Teens Book Club: School term only.
 Fortnightly on a Friday at 4:15pm
 Get your hands on the latest teen fiction and Manga. Interact with other teenagers with similar interests in books.