



25 September 2019

Dear Families of St Therese School,

Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Talofa, Mālō e Ielei, Namaste, Malo ni, Makadini, Annyoung, Bonjour, Bula, Hola, Selami, Kamusta.

The school term is almost over and we are very excited about our special Mass to celebrate the Feast Day of St Therese. Mass is at **10.30am** and will be followed by a shared lunch in each classroom and our St Therese Talent Show. Our children have been working hard to make this an occasion when we can celebrate all the blessings we have received and to give thanks for all the 'little things' in our lives. We are grateful to Ms Geaney and the teachers for all the work they have put into this special celebration.

All families, friends and members of the Parish community are invited to come along and celebrate Mass with us and then share lunch with their children and classmates. Each student should bring a plate of healthy food to share with others.

After lunch the students will put on a concert to showcase their talents. We would ask parents and friends to come along and celebrate with us.

In Term 4 our classes will be studying the **Church Strand**:

Room 1: Belonging

Room 2: Gathering, Celebrating, Living God's Presence

Room 3: Called to be like Jesus

Room 5: The Church Celebrates

Room 6: The Teaching Church

The Liturgical Year topics are **Advent** and **Christmas**

Our Concept for Term 4 is **Celebration**:

ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS:

- Celebrations acknowledge significant events in the life of people.
- Individuals can recognize and celebrate their own and others' success
- We celebrate our faith through the Sacraments.

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:

- Why celebrate?
- How do celebrations acknowledge significant events?

Susan McDonald

Principal



TERM DATES 2019

TERM 3	22 July	to	27 September
TERM 4	15 October	to	Friday 20 December



IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3 & TERM 4 2019

27 September – St Therese Mass @ 10.30, Talent Show @ 1pm and last day of term - School closes @ 3pm

15 October – Term 4 - School starts @ 8.50am

25 October - STS Athletics Day @ MRP fields

1 November – Year 3 & 4 Have a Go Day- Keith Hay Park

2 December – Room 3–6 Ballet Workshop

11 December - Graduation Mass @ 5pm

17 December – Christmas Production @ 3pm in the Church

22 October - Year 5 & 6 Kiwisport

28 October – Labour Day Holiday

6 – 8 November - Camp Years 5-8

6 December – Room 3–6 Ballet outing

13 December – Prizegiving @ 11am in the Church

20 December – School closes @ 12.00pm



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PROGRESS REPORTS

These will be sent home on Thursday afternoon. There will be one envelope sent with the eldest sibling to each family.



CROSS COUNTRY

We had a wonderful competition on Friday and were very proud of the way our students participated with focus and enthusiasm. It was wonderful to see so many parents come along to support the children. A huge thank you to the staff for the work they put in to make the event run so smoothly. It was a real community event and we look forward to more of them.



SPORT



Congratulations to Annikah & Vanessa on receiving the Fair Play award at the Intermediate & Primary Netball Teams Prizegiving. We are very proud of how all our girls displayed Sportsmanship during the season and that they had fun at the same time.



UNIFORMS

In Term 4 we go into summer uniform. Children can wear sandals instead of shoes. However, they **must not wear jandals** as these are a Health & Safety issue. If your child needs a new uniform, these can be purchased from Elizabeth Michael Uniforms, 4 Bond Street, Kingsland phone 358 1680. Please make sure your child is wearing the correct uniform at all times and that all clothing is clearly named.



EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

The children will have gone through the steps for an Emergency Lockdown /Fire with their teacher and just need to follow instructions. If we do go into lockdown, please do not come to the school as this puts yourself and the children at risk. You will be advised when it is safe to come and collect the children. The teachers will keep them safe. Everyone must report to the office so that we know they are on site. I am sure you will understand that this is for the safety of everyone.



HEALTHY EATING

Please remember to pack a healthy lunch for your children every day and to include water to drink. If the children bring unsuitable food items to school, they will be replaced with a sandwich or fruit. Snacks can be kept for a special treat after school.



SCHOOL BOOKS

There are lots of class reading books and Library books which have not been returned to the school. We will have an amnesty till the end of term. After that invoices will be sent home to those students who have been issued with books and have not returned them as we will have to purchase replacements. Please check at home and return any back as soon as possible.



LOST PROPERTY

Please make sure **all** items of clothing are named. There are several pairs of 'lost' sandals in Room 2/3 cloak bay. Please check your daughter's culottes & shirt as we are looking for items belonging to Charisma Jefferson. These went missing during the Cultural Performance.



HEALTH & SAFETY

Adults must not go to classrooms and cloakroom areas without going to the office first, so that we know they are on site. Outside doors will be locked for the safety of the children. If you drop off lunch for your child, please leave it at the office and we will ensure it is given to them. We need your cooperation to keep our children safe. **Please do not go directly to classrooms as the doors will be locked.**



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Just a reminder not to bring any take away food to classrooms. This is a Health & Safety issue as many children have allergies and also their parents may not wish them to have this type of food. If you wish to mark your child's special day, consider donating a book to the class or the library for them to read or by giving the children a special pencil or a book which they could take home. **Please do not bring in food, lollies or fizzy drinks** as it would be very embarrassing for the teacher to ask you to take them away.



BREAKFAST CLUB

While the Parish hall is being renovated, we are no longer able to use it for our Breakfast Club and have had to cancel it for the rest of the term. Please do not drop children at school before 8 am as there will be no supervision until the library opens at 8 am. We are sure you will understand why we have had to make this decision.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DUES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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 their 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 school and parish offices, or can be down-loaded from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland Website : www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools/ (go to Catholic Schools in Auckland / Attendance Dues and Special Character Contributions).



NOTICES

MEASLES OUTBREAK

As you will know, there is an outbreak of Measles in Auckland. It is very important that the school knows if your child has been immunised. We have checked our records and have contacted parents/caregivers if we did not have the necessary information but are still waiting for some replies. If we do have an outbreak of Measles at school, any child who has not given us details of immunisation will be required to stay home. This could affect attendance at camp in November.

MT ROSKILL LIBRARY – HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Young Artist Club school holiday edition - Hidden art! For ages 6+

Monday 30 September 3.30pm-4.30pm

Can you create a piece of art with hidden objects? Inspired by Where's Wally and I Spy books! Create your own hidden art using collage!

Top secret special guests – Police forensics team! For ages 7+

Wednesday 2 October 11am-12.30pm

Learn the science of fingerprinting and identifying evidence at a crime scene! Come and meet Natalie and her awesome team! **Bookings essential****

The Yipadee show!

Saturday 5 October 2.30pm-3.30pm

Come and join Deano Yipadee aka Dean O'Brien, best-selling children's author and musician for an hour of fun and music!

Family movie afternoon!

Tuesday 8 October 2pm-3.30pm

Come and join us for an afternoon of popcorn and movie fun!!

The secret world of ninjas! Ninjutsu workshop with Kiwi Dojos! For ages 7+

Thursday 10 October 2pm-3pm

Join Sensei Neil and learn the cool Japanese martial art of Ninjutsu! Develop your confidence, intuition and awareness!!!! **Bookings essential****

Top secret book hunt!

Throughout the holidays!

Calling all super-sleuths!!! Can you solve the secret Lego code and find the books? Be in the draw to win a cool prize hamper! Grab a sheet at the desk!

****To book your place, please come into Mt Roskill Library or call 09 377 0209.**