



26 March 2018

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

Dear Families of St Therese School,

This has been a very busy term and there have been lots of opportunities for the children to extend their learning.

We are now into the final week of Lent and this week the children will be focussing on Jesus’ final journey. They will be comparing his triumphant entry into Jerusalem with the events leading up to his Crucifixion and Death on Good Friday.

As Christians we are reminded that it is not His death but His resurrection that we are to focus on at this time. We are also shown the importance of forgiveness. Even in the final moments of His death Jesus showed compassion to those around him. The first thing Jesus said from the cross was really a prayer.

“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

His entire life was built on prayer. This was a prayer of forgiveness for others because Jesus lived a life that focused on meeting the needs of others before his own and he taught his followers about the power and freedom that comes with forgiveness. Jesus then puts this prayer of forgiveness into action. He spoke to a man who was being crucified with Him. This man hanging on a cross had nothing to offer Jesus. He couldn’t improve his life, he couldn’t go out and lead a better life, he couldn’t show Jesus just how serious he was about following him. There was absolutely nothing this man could do to earn his salvation or show how deserving he was of Jesus’ mercy. This man had nothing to give Jesus, absolutely nothing, all he did was ask Jesus for mercy and Jesus gave it to him without any questions. Jesus didn’t ask the man if he was serious about his sin and turning away from it, he didn’t ask him what he believed about God or the Bible or any other doctrine of faith, Jesus simply reached out to him in love and said,

“Today you will be with me in paradise.”

Jesus offered forgiveness and mercy to an evil man, a sinner, who had been condemned to die. Even as he was dying, He reached out to offer forgiveness to sinners and love to those people that others wanted to just toss aside. We have a lot to learn from Jesus.



Susan McDonald
Principal

TERM DATES 2018

TERM 1	Thursday 1 February	to	13 April
TERM 2	30 April	to	6 July
TERM 3	23 July	to	28 September
TERM 4	15 October	to	Mon 17 December



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IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1 & 2 2018

29 March – Holy Thursday Liturgy

30 March - 4 April – School closed for Easter

10 April - Caritas Challenge

TERM 2

30 April – School restarts @ 8.50am

24 May – Intermediate Retreat at the Friary

4 April - School reopens

13 April – Last day of term – school finishes @ 3pm

10 May – HPV Catch Up

13 – 15 June - Catholic Convention in Wellington



SPECIAL CHARACTER

We intend to hold Baptismal lessons, during school time, which 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.

HOLY THURSDAY liturgy will be held in the church at **2pm** and all parents and whanau are invited to participate in this very special time with the staff and children.



BREAKFAST CLUB

There will be no breakfast club on **Thursday 29 March** as there is no Mass on that day. Breakfast Club will restart on **Wednesday 5 April**. Thank you to Clementine for all the time she gives to provide our children with breakfast in the morning. We do need some volunteers to give her some help. Please contact the school office if you are available to help out.



REPORTING

If you did not get the opportunity to talk to your child's teacher, you are very welcome to come in at any time to discuss their progress.



NAVIGATORS

There will be **no Navigators** on **Thursday 29 March** as it is Holy Thursday and the school closes at 3pm for the Easter break. It will start again on **Wednesday 4 April**.



UNIFORM

A reminder that Term 2 is the beginning of the winter terms and all children should be wearing black waterproof shoes instead of sandals. Canvas shoes are not suitable for winter as the weather is getting wetter and it is not healthy for children to have wet feet all day. Sports shoes can only be worn on Fridays with the sports uniform.



ART PROJECT

Over the past few weeks, our students have been working with Mrs Charmaine Strang to create large murals for our outside walls. Each class has chosen a different aspect of our Community, which is the theme for this term, and have designed and painted them in class time. This is a record of their work so far.

WEEK 1

We purchased large sheets of hardboard, which were cut to size and primed ready for the students to paint. In class, the students discussed what they would like to create, and they decided that four of the murals would depict the four saints, after whom our houses are named: Mother Mary, St Therese, St Francis and St Mary MacKillop. The first step for each class was to colour the background blue.



WEEK 2 & 3

Outlines of what was to be on each mural were added and students then had to colour them in.



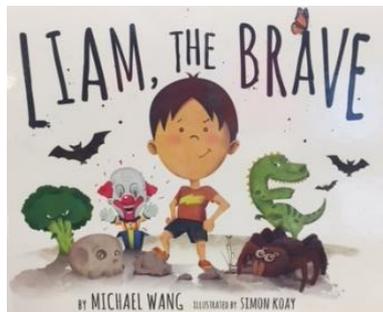
PAST STUDENTS

Stallone Ioasa

A special thank you to Stallone who has kindly agreed to be a Duffy sponsor for 2018 as this will enable us to continue to be part of the programme which sees our children being given free books to take home and share with their families. Stallone was a pupil at St Therese school before going to Auckland Grammar and then Auckland University where he gained a Law Degree. He was also on the BOT for several years. Stallone has now turned his interest in film making into his career and has had 2 very successful movies, Three Wise Cousins and Hibiscus and Ruthless, which had many members of the St Therese Community in it. We are grateful for its ongoing support.

Simon Koay

Simon has worked as an illustrator and recently donated a book to the school library. Mrs Paterson has been reading it to the students and the book helps children how to overcome fear.



We would love to hear of more about other past students, so please forward your details as we are setting up an Alumni page on the website.



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

There is a new children's Art Club at the Pah Homestead. Every third Sunday of the month there will be a free workshop where children can make art inspired by the current exhibitions. Drop in anytime between 2-4pm. The activity is suitable for children between ages 2-10 and is based on the colourful and wonderful [Wayne Youle exhibition](#). For further information call 09 639 2010 ext. 976, 021 075 0591 or look on the website: tsbbankwallaceartscentre.org.nz, wallaceartstrust.org.nz

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WE ARE CLOSED EASTER WEEKEND FOR STOCKTAKE

Fri 30 March	Closed
Sat 31 March	Closed
Sun 1 April	Closed
Mon 2 April	Closed
Tues 3 April	Closed

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