



27 September 2017

Dear Families of St Therese School,
Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Talofa, Malo e lelei, Namaste, Malo ni, Makadini, Annyoung, Bonjour.

The school term is almost over and we are very excited about our special Mass on Friday to celebrate the Feast Day of St Therese. At the Mass those children who have been following the Sacramental Programme in the Parish will receive their First Communion. Mass is at **10.00am** and there will be a special morning tea for the First Communicants and their families afterwards in the library. All other students will have a shared lunch in their classroom. The children have all been working hard to make this an occasion when we can celebrate all the blessings we have received and to give thanks for the 'little things' in our lives. We are grateful to Goretti and Michelle for all the work they have put into this special celebration and to Ms Geaney for working with the team to ensure this is a very special day for all the children.

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 class mates. Each student should bring a plate to share with their class.

After lunch the students will put on a concert in the hall to showcase their talents. We would ask parents and friends to come along and celebrate with us and would ask that they give a gold coin donation towards fundraising for resources for the school.

On **Thursday, 28 September**, there is a special meeting for parents and whanau **in the Library at 6pm**. This will give the school community the opportunity to find out what is happening in school at the moment, what plans there are for the future and to ask questions about those plans. It is very important that our community has input into our Strategic Planning and Annual plan and this meeting is a chance to make sure that happens. Please come along and support the school in making these decisions. We can arrange for younger children to be supervised so don't worry if you can't get a babysitter. The meeting will not be any longer than 1 hour. We look forward to seeing you there and hearing your ideas.

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

- Room 1:** Belonging
 - Room 2:** Gathering, Celebrating, Living God's presence
 - Room 4:** Called to be like Jesus
 - Room 5:** The Church celebrates
 - Room 6:** The Teaching Church
- The Liturgical Year topics are: **All Saint & All Souls, Advent and Christmas**

Our Concept for Term 4 is **Te Ao Maori**:

ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS:

- A Marae is an important place
- Maori stories help us understand the past
- Maori culture is expressed in daily lives

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:

- Why is the Maori culture important to us?
- How do stories from the past help us understand Maori culture?

Susan McDonald
Principal



TERM DATES 2017

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



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IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3 2017

28 September – Parent meeting in Library @ 6pm

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

29 September – Feast of St Therese Mass with First Communion@ 10am

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4 2017

21 October – Sausage Sizzle @ Bunnings

23 October – Labour Day

24 October – MRZ Kiwi Sport

31 October – CZ Girls' Touch Rugby

2 November – CZ Boys & Mixed Touch Rugby

3 November – Have a Go Day

9 November – Boostrix & HPV catch up

10 November – School Athletics

28 November – MRZ Athletics

29 November – Graduation Mass @ 5pm

1 December – Yr 9 Orientation @ St Mary's

8 December – Prizegiving @ 11am

11 December – Christmas Production

14 December – Last day of Term. School finishes @ 3pm



SPECIAL CHARACTER EVENTS

First Communion will be celebrated on Friday 29 September at the Mass for the Feast of St Therese in the church at 10am. Congratulations to: Fereti Grey, Benjamin Leyva, Cristina Leyva, Charisma Jefferson, Mercy Jefferson, Evelyn Kilisimasi, Henry Sloan, JJ Sloan, Jazmin Ugapo, Vanessa Ugapo, Susitina Tualagi and Caitlin Vaz who will all be receiving the Eucharist for the first time. This is a very special day for them.



SPECIAL CHARACTER REVIEW

Our Special Character Review was last week and I would like to thank all those people who completed the surveys and those who came along and spoke to the team. The report should be sent to us in Term 4 and we will share it with the community when it arrives.



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**.



NAVIGATORS

Navigators, will restart on **Monday 16 October**. Please note this in your diary.



PARENT MEETING

On **Thursday 28 September**, there will be a Community 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 put this date in your diary and come along to 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 every Friday. If your child does not have the sports uniform they must continue to wear the school uniform to and from school and will need to bring shorts and a t-shirt to change in to. Sports uniforms can now be purchased from **Elizabeth Michael Uniforms, 4 Bond St, Grey Lynn**.



SUMMER UNIFORM

In Term 4, students are able to wear black sandals to school. A reminder that jandals are not appropriate footwear and children should not wear them as they are a hazard. Please make sure they have their school polar fleece with them, as it will still be cold in the mornings. Students need to bring a hat to wear at school when they are out playing in the sun. They should leave this at school each day.



HOLIDAY WRITING COMPETITION

Students are encouraged to keep up their writing during the holidays. Details of what they are to write have been given to each class and they should hand their piece of writing in when they return in Term 4. All entries will receive a little reward.



ROOM 2

In Room 2 we created dragons using different coloured paper. We used different paper techniques like folding, curling and linking to create a 3D sculpture.



Cross Country

On Monday 25th of September the St Therese Cross Country competition was held. A lot of preparation had taken place, with all students running and building up their fitness and stamina in the weeks prior. It was a fabulous event and everyone put in their best effort and cheered others on. We would like to particularly congratulate the following students:

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| Room 1: 1 st place: Ammon | 2 nd place: Seini | 3 rd place: Tevita |
| Room 2: 1 st place: Henry | 2 nd place: Bethl | 3 rd place: Aylen |
| Room 4: 1 st place: Ermias | 2 nd place: Mercy | 3 rd place: Finau |
| Room 5: 1 st place: Geo | 2 nd place: Ofa | 3 rd place: Soni |
| Room 6: 1 st place: Mataele | 2 nd place: Meela | 3 rd place: Theresa |





KICKSTART BREAKFAST

Four of our students received the Student Champion Award – Runner-Up from Sarah, the Kickstart Breakfast representative. Ilisapeti, Theresa, Fereti and Semu give up their time every morning to help organise breakfast for the rest of the students. We would also like to thank Clementine who has taken over responsibility for organising and supervising breakfast every morning on her own. With the prize, the students bought some games and a CD player to use in the mornings. We thank them for their generosity.



HEALTH INFORMATION

Need mumps protection?

There's an outbreak of mumps amongst Auckland students not fully vaccinated.

The measles-mumps-rubella vaccine will help protect young people against three serious diseases that are easily spread.

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Come and test your survival skills!

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Turn over to see awesome events happening these school holidays here at Mt Roskill Library!

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Friday 6 October 10am

Nature Scavenger Hunt! All ages. Bookings essential.

Test your survivor skills! Forage, create, build! Rain or shine.

Tuesday 10 October 2pm

The Clock is Ticking! For ages 7+. Booking essential. Limited spaces.

Challenge yourself! You've got a minute-to-win it!

Throughout the holidays!

Survive24 School Holidays Quiz!!!

Come and test your survivor skills and learn new tips!