



3 April 2019

Dear Families of St Therese School,

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

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 Week 4 of Lent and over the last weeks of Term 1, the children will be focussing on Jesus' final journey. They will be comparing his triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, 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.



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TERM DATES 2019

TERM 1	Thursday 7 February	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



IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1 2019

4 April – MRZ Football

9 April – Parent meeting with ERO

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

8 April – ERO review visit

11 April – Rooms 1 & 2 Pumphouse Theatre visit

29 April - School reopens for Term 2



ERO VISIT

The ERO team will be with us from Monday 8 April to Thursday 11 April. We look forward to working closely with them to show how we all work together to make St Therese a place of great learning, where all our children are happy and feel safe. 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** and should last about 30 – 45 minutes. Please come along and let your voice be heard. If you could please 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.



STUDENT WORK

Room 2 have been learning the skills involved in Gymnastics. Their balance and flexibility have increased greatly and they had lots of fun.



BOARD ELECTIONS

Elections will be held next term for Parent representatives on the Board. The board is accountable for student progress and achievement to its parents, community and the Crown. We will be seeking nominations from 3 Parent Representatives to join the school's governing Board of Trustees (BOT). Ideally a school's BOT will reflect the school's diversity. If you want to find out about standing for election, nominating someone else and voting in the election for more information visit: <http://www.trustee-election.co.nz/becoming-a-trustee> or , call into school for a chat with the Principal, Susan McDonald. There will be more specific information in the newsletters next term.

BOT ELECTION CALENDAR

Main Roll Closes	Noon Wednesday 8 May 2019
Supplementary Roll Closes	Noon Wednesday 22 May 2019
Nominations Close	Noon Friday 24 May 2019
Voting Papers sent by	Wednesday 29 May 2019
Election Day (voting closes)	Noon Friday 7 June 2019
Count Votes	Thursday 13 June 2019
Board takes Office	Friday 14 June 2019



SPORT

All teams going out will be wearing their own sports uniform. If your child does not have the St Therese School navy sport t-shirt and navy sport 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



Room 3 News

Science: Minibeast/Worms

For Science this term we are learning about Minibeasts! We chose a minibeast to research about and then created our own Minibeast Fun Fact poster.

Our focus topic is on Wiggly Worms! We made predictions about what worms eat and where they may live. Then we went on a hunt to find worms in our School garden, after Toa and Cristina did all the digging we were finally lucky enough to find three Worms!! We were right about their habitat, worms enjoy living in dirt!



Maths: Geometry



For Maths this term, we are learning about Geometry. We have been learning about all the different 2D and 3D shapes. We thought it would be a great idea to go out and search for different shapes around our school. We found many shapes such as, triangles, squares, cones, pentagons, diamonds, hexagons, circles, rectangles and many more! We drew all these shapes into our Maths books.

RE: Lent

We have been learning about all the different things we can do during Lent. We came up with an idea to show our understanding of what lent means through drama. We brainstormed our ideas before we made our skits in our groups. We came up with different things like, helping the less fortunate, visiting those that are sick in hospital and dressing and feeding the homeless. We chose a focus and created a drama to present to the class. We used props around our classroom to make our drama look realistic and help us get into character. From this lesson we learnt that lent is a special time of the year where it gives us opportunities to do good things in life. We learnt that through kindness we can have an impact on other people's lives.

Health/Fitness: Swimming, Just Dance (In class), AFL

During Week 2 Room 2, 3 and 5 went out to Onehunga pools to learn all the different swimming skills. We learnt safety rules, how to float on our backs, freestyle, backstroke, kicking and diving. We were split into groups and had an instructor to guide us. At our last lesson we had cool games and competitions. We had an awesome time at Onehunga pools!

Twice a week in class, we do fitness called Just Dance! It's an awesome warm up activity to start our mornings. We choose a song from the list and we follow the dance steps, this activity enables us to dance in groups and in pairs. Sometimes it's tricky to stay in routine because the dance moves get a bit complicated, but we know that practice makes perfect!

Room 3 has been lucky to be involved in AFL this term! Every Friday for the past 3 weeks, we have been learning about the different AFL skills. We learnt skills like kicking, throwing, catching and the different rules in the game. We spent the first two lessons focusing on throwing, catching and kicking and then moved on to play a game. We had a lot of fun playing AFL and we can't wait to learn more new skills!

English: Guided Reading

For guided reading Lions got to share a poem from their journal. It was called 'How to swim a length under water'. Our task was to act out the verses of the poem. We practiced for 15 mins and we had to do a little bit of problem solving on who were going to be the narrators and actors. Hola, Javan and JR were the narrators and Jayda and Mia did a great job with acting out the verses.



EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Permission letters need to be returned for:

- MRZ Football Tournament for Years 5 & 6 on Thursday 4 April.
- Room 1 & 2 visit 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 by hand or via email to the classroom teacher or the school.



NOTICES

Pt Chevalier Library
Weird, wild and wonderful movie morning
Monday 15 April 10am-11.30am
Join us for a weird, wild and wonderful movie morning – What will it be? Pop into the library to vote for one of the four movie options. Votes will be collected from Monday 8 April.
Children's fencing
Tuesday 16 April 10am-11am
Fancy yourself as a swashbuckler? Come try your hand at fencing! Learn about saluting and holding, see a demo and have a go yourself.
Bookings essential!**
Robogals workshop for ages 8-12
Tuesday 23 April 10.30am-12.30pm
Learn about engineering from the peeps at Auckland University. **Bookings essential!****
The clue is in the poo scavenger hunt!
Throughout the holidays!
Calling all junior poo detectives! Use your investigative skills to match the animal culprits with their droppings! Pick up a scavenger hunt sheet at the desk.
** To book your place, please call 093770209 or email PtChevalierCommunity@aklnz.govt.nz

Epsom
195 Manukau Road
Mon – Thu 9:30 am – 6pm
Fri 9:30am – 5:30 pm
Sat 10am – 4pm, Sun 12pm – 4pm
Mt Albert
84 St Lukes Road
Mon – Wed 9 am – 6pm
Thu 9am – 7pm, Fri 9am – 6pm
Sat 10am – 4pm, Sun 12pm – 4pm
Mt Roskill
546 Mt Albert Road
Mon – Wed 9 am – 6pm
Thu 9am – 7pm, Fri 9am – 6pm
Sat 10am – 4pm, Sun 11am – 4pm
Pt Chevalier
Cnr Great North & Pt Chevalier Road
Mon – Fri 9 am – 6pm
Sat 9am – 4pm, Sun closed

Weird, wild and wonderful April school holiday events
Albert-Eden Puketāpapa Libraries

Phone 09 377 0209 or visit aucklandlibraries.govt.nz


