



St Therese School Newsletter



5 March 2019

Dear Families of St Therese School,

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

On Wednesday 6 March, the school will gather in the church at 9.30am to acknowledge the start of Lent. Ash Wednesday is the first day of the season of Lent. It is a time of Preparation. Lent is one of the penitential seasons of the Church when people think about how they interact with others and try to change something in their lives that is not right, so that they may live more closely with Jesus. It is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Ash Wednesday is one of only 2 days in which we are asked by the Church not to eat meat and to fast. The other day is Good Friday which marks the end of Lent. For the 40 days of Lent, we will be on a journey that helps us to recall the final few days of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. We have symbols to remind us of the meaning of this journey:

- The **purple cloth** on the altar reminds us that Lent is a penitential time of change and growth and preparation for Easter.
- The **candle** reminds us that we share in the journey of the cross with Jesus who is the light of the world.
- The Cross reminds us that Jesus loved us enough to lay down his life for us on a cross.

Lent is a time to share what we have with those in need. We are reminded of the cycle of life – that all things must die so that they can rise to new life. The ashes, made from the palms used in the previous Palm Sunday service, which are blessed and placed on our foreheads, remind us that how we live matters and that we too will return to ashes one day.

We need to think about times when we have let our families and friends down and not helped them when they needed us, when we have neglected to pray and to think about the things we have done and the things we failed to do. What do we need to change? To think about what we need to change and how we can work on this during Lent, is why the Church has this special season.

**Jesus, as we begin this journey to the cross with you,
help us to recognize what we need to change in our lives
so that we may live more closely with you.
Remind us when we forget and give us the strength, we need to change
so that we can follow you more closely every day.
Amen.**

Susan McDonald
Principal

TERM DATES 2018

TERM 1	Thursday 7 Feb @ 10.30am	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

6 March – Ash Wednesday Liturgy @ 2pm

12 March - **Parent / Teacher meetings 1-5pm. School closes 12.15pm**

27 & 28 March – Mt Roskill Library visits

8 April – ERO review

29 April - School reopens for Term 2

4 – 8 March – Tu Kaha Values Programme

13 March – Vision Testing for whole school

28 March – BOT meeting @ 6pm

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



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ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins on **Wednesday 6 March** and it is a day of fast and abstinence. In preparation for Lent, all classes will be looking at the meaning of Lent and how they can make positive changes in their lives. The school will have a Liturgy in the Church at **2pm** and all students will receive the ashes which are a sign of penance. All parents and families are invited to celebrate this with us.



BREAKFAST CLUB

Thanks to Clementine who has been willing to continue running this each morning, Monday to Thursday. However, we do need to give her some support. If your child attends the Breakfast Club, we would really like you to help for an hour or so every couple of weeks. If you are not working or if you have a day off during these days, please support this as it may need to be reduced if more help is not given.



NETBALL

Forms have been given to students wishing to play Netball in Terms 2 & 3. Please return the form and the payment as soon as possible. Parents or family members who can manage or coach the children are needed. If we do not have anyone, the teams will need to be withdrawn from the programme.



SWIMMING

Years 3 – 6 had a wonderful time at the YMCA Onehunga Pools. They have learnt new skills to keep themselves safe around water.





MAORI

Room 6 have been enjoying their lessons with Matua Hayden. They have been learning karakias, himenes and waiatas and growing in their knowledge of tikanga and Te Reo Maori.



LIFE EDUCATION

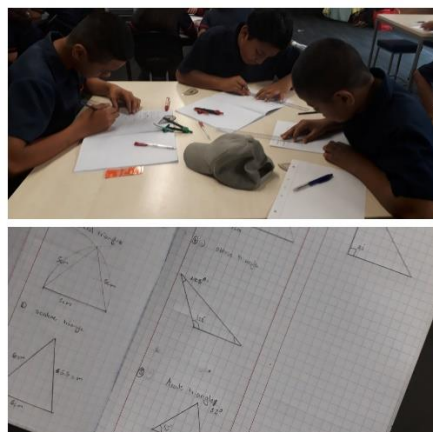


Our lessons in the Life Education Mobile Caravan were not only interesting, but really fun. We focused on our values as well as digital citizenship.



GEOMETRY

We have been constructing a range of shapes using a ruler, a protractor and a compass. Our skills in measuring and reading angles have improved greatly.



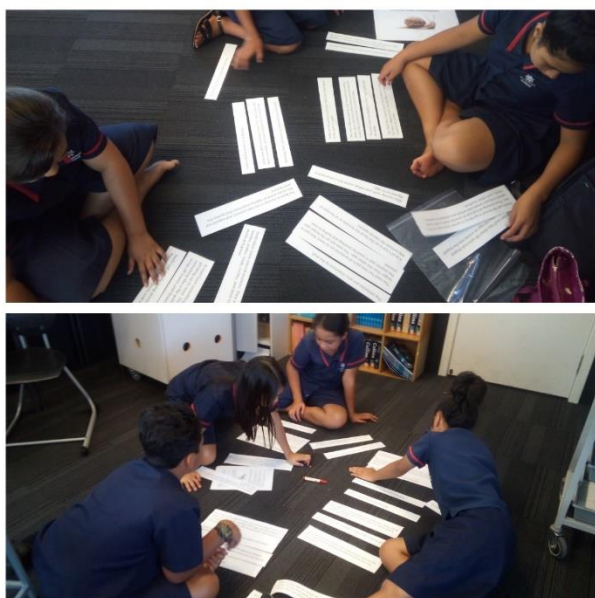
TU KAHA



Working with Miss Jess in the Tu Kaha Van, we explored concepts of identity, sportsmanship and resilience.



WRITING IN ROOM 6



We have been learning about the importance of composing a structured and well organised information report in our writing lessons. One activity involved us grouping similar topics into paragraphs and creating subheadings that were informative and concise.



VISION TESTING

At St Therese School we are committed to ensuring every child has an optimum environment in which to learn. Part of this is good vision. This year we have decided to participate in the University of Auckland's Children's Vision Screening Programme. A team of Optometry Students and qualified Optometrists from the School of Optometry and Vision Science will test your child's vision at school on **Wednesday 13th March**, at no cost to you as a parent. After your child has been tested you will receive a written report outlining the outcome of the testing. You may be advised to take your child to the University Optometry Clinic for full eye examination if required. This eye examination will also be free of charge as part of the screening programme. If you **DO NOT** want your child to be part of the programme, please inform the school as soon as possible. If we do not hear from you we will presume that you are happy for them to be tested.



LUNCHES

Healthy lunches are better for your children. No lollies, fizzy drinks, pies etc should be included in them. Please encourage your child to drink the milk and eat the fruit they are given at 10am.

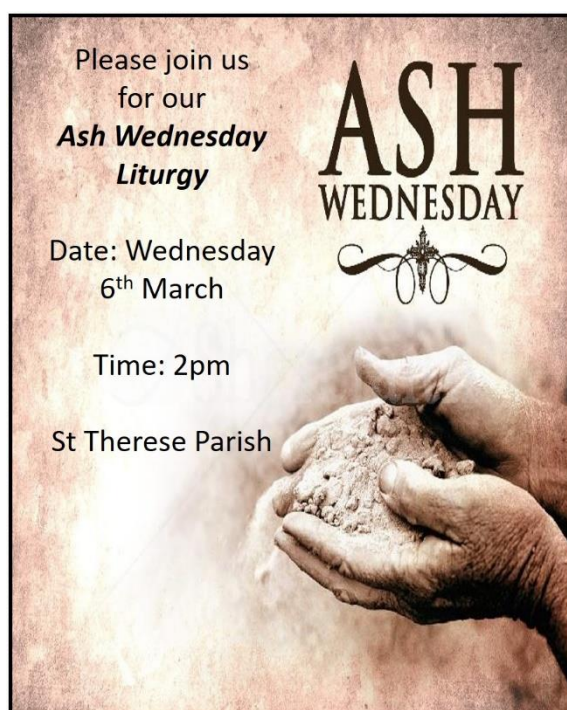


VOLUNTEER HELP

If you have a few hours to spare during the week or at the weekend, We need help weeding and cutting back trees. Please contact us as soon as possible or even better, just come along and we will direct you to areas that need your help.



UPCOMING EVENTS



PARENT / TEACHER MEETING

Tuesday 12 March from 1 – 5pm. Please return the form with your preferred time as soon as possible.

MOUNT EDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL Food & Fun Fair

The Mt Eden Normal Primary School's Food & Fun Fair will be held Sunday 17 March (11am-3pm). This is an amazing day out with food, rides, treats, entertainment, crafts, clothes, books, prizes, household items, treasures and more. Corner of Valley and Sherbourne Road. Rain or Shine. Eftpos is available.