



6 August 2018

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

The term has started really well and we have all been busily preparing for the SLLCs which were held on Wednesday afternoon. These gave our students the opportunity to share their learning and successes with their family members. Thank you for giving up your time to come along and listen to what the children had to say. You can be very proud of them all. If you were unable to make the appointment, please contact the class teacher to arrange another time.

This term, we are also looking at our Health & PE curriculum and will be sharing that with you shortly. An overview will be sent home. Thank you for helping me to collect parent 'voice' by filling in the survey form. If you haven't had the chance to do this, you can get a form from the office. It only takes a few minutes to complete. We want you to feel that this is your school and that what you want for your children is being delivered.

This term our RE Strands are Sacrament and Communion of Saints and the Liturgical Year will be focussing on Mary MacKillop, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St Therese. The children will also be learning how to pray using Meditation.

Susan McDonald
Principal



TERM DATES 2018

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3 2018

- Informal Assemblies – 24 Aug and 7 & 21 Sept
Primary Netball Practice – Monday & Wednesday @ 3.15pm
7 August – R 6 DARE Programme
8 August – Mary MacKillop Liturgy @ 2.15
10 August - Ned Kindness Assembly
15 August – NZEI 1-day strike
29 August – Yr 5 – 8 Let's Act @ Vodafone Centre
10 September – School Photographs
28 September – Feast of St Therese Mass & Concert

- Cultural Groups – 3, 17 & 31 Aug & 14 Sept
Intermediate Netball Practice - Tuesday & Thursday @ 3.15pm
7 & 9 August – Intermediate Tech at Bunnings
9 August – R4 & 5 Keeping Ourselves Safe
15 August – Assumption Liturgy
29 August – CZ Cross-Country
18 September – School trip to the Zoo
28 September – End of Term 3 - School closes @ 3pm



IMPORTANT INFORMATION - NZEI INFORMATION – PAY and CONDITIONS NEGOTIATIONS

The Teachers' Union, after consulting their members, have called a strike for Wednesday 15 August. As a result of this several of the staff at St Therese School will not be at school. However, for the moment, it has been decided that we can provide supervision by those teachers remaining. However, it will be supervision, as normal classes will not be able to go ahead due to the number of children in each class. It is really important that our parents are aware of the real concerns that teachers have regarding the present situation and that strike action is a last resort. No teacher wants to go on strike but feel it is the only option left to them. While St Therese School is very fortunate to have a teacher for every class and our classes, particularly in the junior area are small, many schools are not so lucky. In some schools they have had to employ non-qualified teachers to cover classes and some classes can have as many as 40 children in them, while most have about 30-32. While it would seem that teachers are simply asking for a money for themselves, the real reason is that, if the level of pay is not significantly increased, we will not be able to recruit new teachers into the profession in the future. At the moment, if a vacancy occurs, many schools report that there are no suitable applicants and this can only get worse. Schools have been promised that class sizes will be made smaller and more teachers will be employed but the reality is that young people are not choosing Teaching as a career and prefer to take up other jobs which are paid more and have better conditions. We all want the best for our children and teachers see their actions as the only way they can try to do that. They realise that the strike will cause problems for some parents and that the children may not be able to go to school but, hopefully, the actions of teachers today will ensure that we can recruit teachers in the future. Teachers would appreciate the support of their communities and hope the community understands why they have had to take this action.



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NAVIGATORS

There will be no Navigators on **Tuesday 7 August** as staff have an RE PD session off site so no one is available to take the class. Please put this in your diary as students will need to be picked up at 3pm.



FIRST COMMUNION

On Sunday 29 July, some of our students received the First Communion at the 9.30 Mass. Congratulations to all of them for the work they put in to prepare for this very special day.



SERVICE

This Term, Year 8 have been attending Technology sessions at Bunnings, Mt Roskill. They are learning how to prepare furniture for painting. The skills they will learn will enable them to use these in an everyday setting. However, due to the limited space at the venue, they have had to be split into 2 groups. While one group is at the venue, the other group will be doing service around the school. On Thursday, they cleared the garden beds, ready for Room 2 to do some planting. Over the next few weeks, they will be weeding the obstacle course, the long jump pit and tidying up the playground, to get ready for summer. It is great to see the enthusiasm they have and that it will benefit the whole school. The school community thanks them for this. They are wonderful role models for the younger students.



CURRICULUM

We have been incorporating Music into our classes and have discovered some very talented students. Many of our students have also shown a desire to learn an instrument they had previously not tried. Peter has shown talent and enthusiasm for playing the guitar



THE NED SHOW



DID YOU KNOW?

Our school gets the assembly for free because we're hosting a Kindness Sale. With each purchase, you help *keep kindness going* in three ways:

- 1 Gives your child a kindness reminder
- 2 Sends the Kindness Adventure to other schools for free
- 3 Provides income for artisans in Kenya
- 4 A small portion from each item sold provides over 380 liters of clean water for kids in Kenya. See what's happening at KindnessAdventure.com/giving.html

hand-crafted items available for 5-10 school days

Check desired items and send payment to school with your child. Or, visit together at the time/location above. *Make cheques payable to our school.*

<p>\$7 NZD</p>  <p><input type="checkbox"/> beaded wristband</p>  <p><input type="checkbox"/> fabric pencil pouch</p>  <p><input type="checkbox"/> stretchy Rock Ring</p>  <p><input type="checkbox"/> backpack pulls</p>	<p>\$14 NZD</p>  <p><input type="checkbox"/> coil wraps</p>  <p><input type="checkbox"/> bead & carved bone necklaces</p>  <p><input type="checkbox"/> snap wristbands</p>	<p>\$20 NZD</p>  <p><input type="checkbox"/> Batik wristband</p>  <p><input type="checkbox"/> rock bracelets</p>  <p><input type="checkbox"/> coin pouches</p>  <p><input type="checkbox"/> safari in a bag with five hand-carved animals</p>
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THEATRE VISIT


Last term Rooms 1 & 2 attended a performance of The Great White Eating Shark at the Pumphouse Theatre in Takapuna. The children had a wonderful time and we are very grateful for the free tickets we were given.



NOTICES

SKIDS Mt Roskill are close to the school if you want your child to attend their After School Care. A member of their staff comes to the school to walk the children there and it only takes 5 minutes. For more details contact George Bautista 021 278 4463 or george@ghbskids.co.nz





90th Jubilee

Saturday 8th
September 2018

Marist Catholic School Herne Bay
82 Kelmama Ave, Herne Bay

Invites all past pupils, families, PTA, Board members, teachers, priests and school leaders to join in celebrating the 90th Anniversary of the establishment of the school by the Marist Sisters.

2pm Mass
and blessing of the
90th Anniversary Orchard site

3pm – 4.30pm Afternoon tea
Enjoy a complementary glass of bubbles, purchase a commemorative tea towel, visit the classrooms, view old photos, decade photos to be taken

Tickets \$35.00
Current pupils free

Register today

For more information, to register, purchase a ticket or contribute to the 90th Anniversary orchard project please visit maristhernebay.school.nz
And click on '90th Jubilee' or email:
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