



## 6 November 2018

Dear Families of St Therese School,

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

Term 4 is well and truly underway and staff and students are working very hard to prepare for and complete all their projects and activities by the end of the year.

Assessment week has just started and reports are underway. These will be sent home in Week 9. They contain a comprehensive record of your child's achievement levels and you can be very proud of the effort they have put into their studies throughout the year.

We will soon be moving into the Season of Advent and preparing for the celebration of Christmas. In RE lessons our teachers will be discussing the true meaning of Christmas with the children.

Please check the dates below and come along and celebrate these events with us as a community. We are looking forward to seeing you all at our Sports day, the Cultural celebration, our Graduation Mass, the Prizegiving and the Nativity play

Susan McDonald, Principal



## TERM DATES 2018

TERM 4	15 October	to	Mon 17 December
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## IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4 2018

9 November – Sports Day @ MR Primary  
 14 November – Choir Performance  
 21 November – Helpers' Morning Tea @ 10am  
 29 November – BOT Meeting  
 5 December – Graduation Mass @ 5pm  
 11 December – Christmas Production @ 11am  
 14 December – last working day for students

12 November - School closed all day  
 15 November – Cultural performance @ 2pm  
 23 November – Yr 8 Clip n Climb & Picnic  
 4 December - Let's Dance – Yrs 5 – 8  
 7 December – Prizegiving @ 11am  
 12 December - Christmas Production @ 6pm  
 17 December – Last day of Term 4. School ends 12pm.



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE STRIKE DAY

New Zealand's principals and primary teachers have just voted about what to do to get government action on the current crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers. We're agreed - we can't in good conscience accept the Government's latest collective agreement offer because it does not begin to address the crisis. We have therefore voted for an unprecedented second strike, to be held this month. There will be nationwide rolling strikes over a week, and our region, Auckland, will be striking on **Monday 12 November 2018. Our school will be closed for instruction on that date.** While we regret the inconvenience we know this will cause, we need to send a clear message to the Government that we are standing strong for our students. Already children's education is suffering because of the difficulty in recruiting teachers and relievers, and we must take bold steps to turn this around. The Government recently announced a \$5.5 billion surplus, so there is no reason to make our children wait while the situation deteriorates further. Through our union, NZEI Te Riu Roa, we are asking for:

- Smaller classes, so our children can get more one-on-one attention
- More resources and staffing to adequately support children with additional learning needs – this will benefit all children because teachers will be freed to spend more one-on-one time with every student
- A significant increase in teachers' salaries so that they are properly valued for their qualifications and responsibilities, and as a country we can recruit and retain teachers.

We appreciate your continued support on this important issue. For more information, please go to <http://campaigns.nzei.org.nz/time/> or talk with your child's teacher.



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## STUDENT WORK

### Elephants by Misha Kurian

Elephants are very interesting creatures because they don't have mouths but trunks. They are amazing animals because they weigh more than 4 cars. Gray-ish with long trunks, elephants find bending hard but instead move their trunks quite easily. Elephants are also very kind because they always help each other like one time I saw two brilliant elephants bathing each other. Elephants are herbivores and never eat meat. Most elephants spend most of their day eating plants or dried grass. When elephants eat they gather up as much food in their trunks as they can they roll up their trunks to secure the food and put them in their mouths. Elephants live in the deserts of Africa. I saw elephants at the zoo. Their habitat had water, but the water was only up to their feet. Finally, we must learn to respect and take care of all the animals including elephants so that they do not become extinct like the dinosaurs.

### Spiders by Agape

Spiders are very creepy, and they can scare you away. They like to be in dark holes, they are very quiet, so nobody will know if they are alive. Spiders have a dark body and so many legs. Eating flies flying all around, spiders use their webs to run away from enemies. Firstly, they wrap the flies around for a couple of minutes and then eat them. Their predators are tigers, lions and cheetahs. These animals are carnivores, so they kill spiders. The tigers try to catch spiders up on a tree. Lions use their sense of smell to locate them. Cheetahs chase them. Finally, spiders are an important part of our environment. If we don't save them now, then they will be extinct forever.

### Room 1

Every morning after handwriting we write clever stories about something that has happened over the past days. We draw our ideas out using a picture story. When we are stuck on a tricky word, we sound out the word and write down the letters we hear. Our writing goal for this week is "We are learning to take risks and spell new words."



## PAST PUPILS

**Dimitrius Koloamatangi**, who has just completed his final year at St Peter's College, has been awarded an AUT Undergraduate School Leaver Scholarship. Dimitrius was a pupil at St Therese from Yr 1 – 8. We wish him every success for the future.



## UNIFORMS

A reminder about the 'No hat, No play' rule. Please send a hat to school and leave it in the class. The sun is very strong in NZ and we must keep our children safe.



## CUTURAL GROUPS

Our senior students have been working with the rest of the school to prepare cultural items for a FiaFia performance. This will be on **Thursday 15 November @ 2pm in the Parish hall**. Please come along and support the children. The senior students have done a wonderful job running the lessons and preparing the children for this first-time event.



## BREAKFAST CLUB

**NO BREAKFAST CLUB on FRIDAYS.** It will be held on Monday to Thursday only.

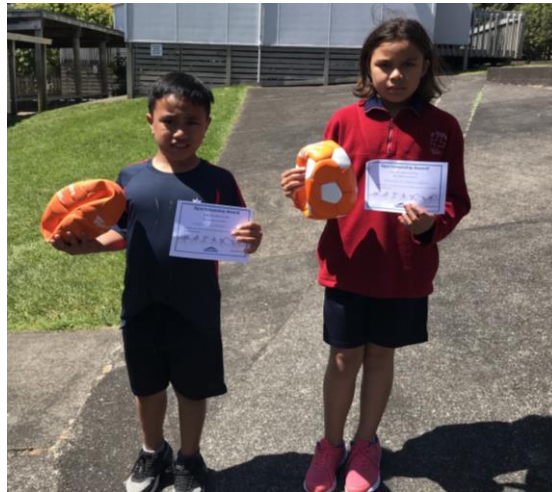


## SPORT

On **Wednesday the 31<sup>st</sup> of October**, 12 Intermediate students attended the Central Zone Touch Tournament. The students had a great day out in the sun, worked well as a team and showed improvement as they won their last game against Pasadena. Gloria scored 1 try, Mataele scored 3, Kean came very close twice, but got touched right on the try line! Our Player of the Day for his incredible speed, skill and our top try scorer with 4 tries, was JJ.



On **Friday 2nd November**, Year 3 & 4 participated in 'Have a Go Day' at Keith Hay Park. Although it was windy, the bright warm sun kept us going till the end. All the children had an enjoyable day being out of the classroom and running around in the fresh air. Fatima and Oliver won the best player awards, while the team won the best dressed award for our colourful cheetah masks. Thank you to the parents who came along to support and cheer us on.



## BIG BROTHER / BIG SISTER PROGRAM

Room 1 and Room 6 meet up weekly for their "Big Bro/Big Sis Program". They work together to help each other complete set tasks for that specific week. Reading and spelling tests are an important part of this program, where the older children help the younger ones to read, using different strategies, and test them on their spelling.







### ASSISTANCE WITH ATTENDANCE DUES

Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of attendance dues for preference students attending Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary. Families facing financial difficulties can contact the school office, their Parish Priest or the Revenue Manager at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland for further information. Application forms for the Hardship Scheme are available from the school office.



### NOTICES

**THREE KINGS SCHOOL**  
**Scarecrow FESTIVAL**  
 ~ School Fair ~  
 Saturday 10 November  
 11am - 3pm  
 944 Mt Eden Rd, Three Kings  
[www.scarecrowfestival.co.nz](http://www.scarecrowfestival.co.nz)  
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**SIRENS & SOUNDS COMMUNITY TRUST PROUDLY PRESENTS:**  
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**SAFETY & CAREERS FESTIVAL**  
 Saturday 17 November 2018. 11 - 4pm, Eastdale Reserve, Avondale  
**FEATURING:** Emergency Services Demos and Displays • Careers Village  
 NZ Defence Force • Vodafone Warriors & the Tu Kaha Foundation Truck  
 Auckland Rugby Demos • Santa in the Police Helicopter • Police Dog Demos  
 Entertainment including Anuanua Dance Troupe • Prizes • Giveaways  
 plus a big selection of Tasty Food, Drinks and much more...  
 St John, FIRE, POLICE, DEFENCE FORCE, ICG Mercury, Rosebank, AUTEX, Oyster Design, NEW BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, Whau Local Board

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 or phone 09 377 0209  
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**Wriggle & Rhyme: School term only**  
 Tuesday 11am – 11:30am  
 Wriggle and Rhyme is a fun, free programme that provides positive movement experiences to stimulate development of both the brain and body for babies.

**Rhymetime: School term only**  
 Thursday 11am – 11:30am  
 Rhymetime is a fun, free session that provides music, songs, movement and finger rhymes to pre-schoolers aged 18 months to 3 years.

**Storytime: School term only**  
 Wednesday & Saturday 11am – 11:30am  
 Stories are read by librarians at these highly popular storytime sessions. These sessions are ideal for pre-schoolers aged 3 – 5 years.

**Mandarin-English storytime: School term only.**  
 Fortnightly on a Sunday at 11:30am-12pm

**Young Artist Club: 7 – 12 years**  
**Bookings essential**  
 Last Monday of every month 3:30pm – 4:30pm  
 Come and join us for a fun filled afternoon of creating. Learn to think like an artist and create some cool original artworks.

**Science Lab: 10+. Bookings essential**  
 Fourth Friday of the month 4pm – 5pm  
 This session introduces you to the ideas used in Makerspace and STEAM workshops. Come along and test your problem solving skills. Think it! Solve it! Make it!

**Teens Book Club: School term only.**  
 Fortnightly on a Friday at 4:15pm  
 Get your hands on the latest teen fiction and Manga. Interact with other teenagers with similar interests in books.

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