



7 March 2018

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

Dear Families of St Therese School,

We are now beginning the third week of Lent. We are reminded that this season offers us the chance to think about how we respond to the different situations and challenges in our lives.

On Ash Wednesday, as a sign of our commitment to being open to new understanding and our need to be sorry for when we have “missed the mark”, we had a cross of ash placed on our foreheads. By receiving these ashes, we acknowledged our need to ask for forgiveness.

For many of us Lent means giving up something. While this is admirable, we should also consider doing something for someone else.

- We could spend our time helping those who need our help.
- We could help our neighbour who perhaps finds it difficult to look after their garden, or the parent who is exhausted running around after young children.
- We could volunteer our help at the school breakfast club in the morning.

We should consider reaching out to them and giving support where we can. Giving up time for someone else can be more worthwhile and rewarding than doing something which benefits us. Jesus challenges us to see Him in everyone we meet and treat them as we would Him.

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

Matthew 25: 35-40

Susan McDonald
Principal

TERM DATES 2018

TERM 1	Thursday 1 Feb @ 10.30am	to	13 April
TERM 2	30 April	to	6 July
TERM 3	23 July	to	28 September
TERM 4	15 October	to	Mon 17 December



IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1 2018

21 March – COL Meeting - **School closes @ 12pm**

30 March - 4 April – School closed for Easter

10 April - Caritas Challenge

29 March – Holy Thursday Liturgy

4 April - School reopens

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



SPECIAL CHARACTER

If you would like your child to go through the Baptismal Course to become a Catholic, the school will be holding lessons, during school time, and this would mean that they would become 5.1 under the system. It is very difficult to get into a Catholic College if a child is not baptised. Please contact the school if you are interested.



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BREAKFAST CLUB

Students who arrive before 8.30 are expected to go down and have something to eat and then go directly to the library. Please make sure your children are aware of this. If possible, children should not arrive at school before 8.15 unless they are going to the breakfast club or Library. A huge thank you to Clementine who has been running this for over a year and also to Alisi who has offered to help out this year. Without them we would not be able to offer the children breakfast in the morning



REPORTING

The Interim reports went out last week and we had parent / teacher meetings on Tuesday afternoon. Thanks to all those parents who took the opportunity to come along and discuss their child's progress. If you were unable to attend and would like to talk to the teacher, or the report indicated that the teacher would like to see you, please make an appointment as soon as possible.



NAVIGATORS

There will be no Navigators on Wednesday 14 March and Wednesday 21 March as the staff must attend Professional Development meetings. We apologise for any disruption this may cause. Please arrange to collect your child at 3.00pm.



UNIFORM

A reminder that sports uniform is to be worn on Fridays only. If your child has training after school, they come to school in their normal uniform and change into the sports uniform at the end of the day.



VOLUNTEER HELP

Do you have an hour to spare at any time during the day to help tidy up the school? If so, we need your help. There are several areas that need to be weeded. Please think about giving up about an hour of your time. A really good thing to do for Lent.



COLLEGE NEWS

BARADENE COLLEGE - A limited number of places in Year 9 will be available and applications will close on **Thursday 22 March 2018**.

MARIST COLLEGE – Applications will be closing shortly.

ST MARY'S COLLEGE - A limited number of places in Year 9 will be available and applications will close on **Wednesday 21 March 2018**.

ST PAUL'S COLLEGE – Applications will be closing shortly.

ST PETER'S COLLEGE - A limited number of places in Year 9 will be available and applications will close at 4pm on **Friday 6 April 2018**.

MARCELLIN COLLEGE – Applications will be closing shortly.



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

They are launching a new children's Art Club at the Pah Homestead. Every third Sunday of the month there will be a free workshop where children can make art inspired by the current exhibitions. The first session will be on **Sunday 18 March**, drop in anytime between 2-4pm. The activity is suitable for children between ages 2-10 and is based on the colourful and wonderful [Wayne Youle exhibition](#). For further information call 09 639 2010 ext. 976, 021 075 0591 or look on the website: tsbankwallaceartscentre.org.nz, wallaceartstrust.org.nz

MARCELLIN COLLEGE EVENT

