



25 March 2021

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

We are now into Week 5 of Lent and the children have been focussing on Jesus' final journey.

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 the 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.

Laura Geaney
Principal

TERM DATES 2021



Term 1	Thursday 4 th February @ 8:50am	to	Friday 16 th April
Term 2	Monday 3 rd May	to	Friday 9 th July
Term 3	Monday 26 th July	to	Friday 1 st October
Term 4	Monday 18 th October	to	Thursday 16 th December

UPCOMING LITURGIES



Please join us for...

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Thursday 1st April
2:15pm in St Therese Church**

Each class will be sharing as we journey through the Stations of the Cross, praying and meditating on Christ's sacrifice for us.

EASTER LITURGY

**Wednesday 7th April
9:00am in St Therese Church**

A celebration of the resurrection of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.



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FINANCIAL 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 their school office, their Parish Priest or the Revenue Manager on 09-360-3069 at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland for further information. Application forms for this assistance are available from school and parish offices, or can be downloaded from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland Website: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/acfl-attendance-dues-financial-assistance/>

COMMUNITY WORKING BEE



On Saturday 10th April from 8am – 11am, we will be holding a Community Working Bee to tidy up the school grounds. Children are welcome to join but will be under the supervision of their parent/caregiver. Let's make the most of this opportunity to give back to St Therese School, meet other families within our school community, and get some physical activity. Morning tea will be provided.

We will hold 1-2 working bees each term and we ask that all families make an effort to come along once a term.



UPCOMING SPORTS EVENTS



Our Year 7 and 8 Kiwi Tag team have been training over the past 3 weeks in preparation for the Central Zone Kiwi Tag Tournament at Cornwall Park on Tuesday 30th March. We look forward to having family members join us at the venue to cheer on the team.

Our Year 5 and 6 Rippa Rugby Team will be competing in the Mt Roskill Zones Rippa Tournament on Thursday 8th April at the Mt Roskill War Memorial Park. Training times are to be sent home with the students on Monday 29th March.

We wish both teams the best of luck on the day. We know that they will represent St Therese School proudly.



TAONGA EXHIBITION



We are holding a Exhibition at the end of this term to share our learning from our unit 'Mana Taonga'.

Further details will be sent out on Monday 29th March, but for now please ensure you have kept the afternoon/evening of the 14th April free and marked it on your calendar. It will be an amazing culmination of a lot of hard work from each and every student and a time to celebrate the wonderful individuals that together make our school so special.

If any parents or family members would be interested in supporting classes to prepare for this exhibition, we would be very appreciative. This may involve helping students set up their displays with students, framing student work, recording children's stories about their taonga etc. Please contact the classroom teacher if you are available and interested. We would love your help.



PRIMARY NETBALL SEASON



Thank you to those students and parents who have confirmed their participation in the upcoming Three Kings Netball Season at Windmill Park. We are excited to have a Primary team representing St Therese School this year. Training will take place on a Tuesday afternoon from 3:15pm-4:15pm on the school courts. We will have one training session this term on Tuesday 13th April and then resume trainings in Term 2 with weekly sessions. Parent support is vital and we ask anyone who is interested in supporting this team during training and Saturday games to notify the school office. More information about the netball season will be provided to parents and caregivers in the last week of term.



2021 CAMP



We are pleased to inform you that our Year 5 – 8 students will be attending camp at Chosen Valley Christian Camp in Ramarama.

The dates are **Wednesday 29th September – Friday 1st October**, which is 3 days with 2 overnight stays.

There will be a meeting about the camp on **Tuesday 11th May at 7.00pm** in the **School Library**. The purpose of this meeting is to share information about the activities the children will participate in and to answer any questions you may have. An adult representative from your family **must** attend, and students are welcome to come along too.

All Year 5 – 8 students will have brought home a permission letter, with an outline of the costs involved.

