



17<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Families of St Therese School,

Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Talofa, Hola, Mälö e lelei, Namaste, Mälö ni, Makadini, Annyoung, Bula, Kamusta, Selam, Bonjour.

**A message from Bishop Patrick Dunn:**

Saturday 12 June was the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. On Sunday October 13, 2013, Pope Francis entrusted the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to her maternal care. He asked the Virgin Mary to teach mankind her “special love” for children and the poor, for the excluded and suffering, and for sinners, and to gather all people under her protection and deliver everyone to her beloved Son, our Lord Jesus.



*“Guard our lives in your arms: bless and strengthen every desire for goodness, revive and grow faith, sustain and illuminate hope, arouse and enliven charity, guide all of us on the path of holiness,” Pope Francis prayed.*

**IMPORTANT TERM 2 DATES**



Term Dates 2021			
Term 2	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	to	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July
Term 3	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	to	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> October
Term 4	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	to	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December

**Important Dates for Term 2:**

**22<sup>nd</sup> June** – Mt Roskill Zone Football Tournament - Room 4

**24<sup>th</sup> June** - Toitoti Reading Session

**30<sup>th</sup> June** – Storylines with Author Raymond McGrath

**1<sup>st</sup> July** – Student-led Learning Conversations (School Closes at 12pm). Reports given out.

**9<sup>th</sup> July** – Last Day of Term

**JOB VACANCY FOR ST THERESE PARISH SECRETARY**



Applications are being sought for the role of Parish Secretary. This is a part time role - 16 hours a week @\$20 an hour. A full job description is available on request. Please email your resume to [sttherese@st3kgs.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:sttherese@st3kgs.onmicrosoft.com) by Monday, 21st June 2021.

**JOB VACANCY FOR CATHOLIC CARING FOUNDATION**



The Catholic Caring Foundation is looking for a community-focused database/grants and administrator co-ordinator to join their busy team on a fixed term 11-month (August 2021 to July 2022) contract period for 20 hours per week.

The Foundation is the philanthropic trust of the Bishop of Auckland, and annually gives out grants to social service agencies who care for the poor, the marginalised and the vulnerable.

To help us with our mission, we need a co-ordinator who will make sure that our office runs smoothly and that our team are well supported in grant making, fundraising and donor care.

You'll have great attention to detail, demonstrate excellent customer service, have experience of working with a CRM system, and have well-developed organisational skills to help us successfully connect with our donors and provide grants to our partner agencies.

Please visit our website [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz), Diocesan Services, Staff Vacancies for a full position description and how to apply.

## HEALTHY SCHOOL LUNCHES PROGRAMME – KA ORA, KA AKO



We are really excited to let you know that our school will be joining the Government's healthy lunch programme Ka Ora, Ka Ako from the beginning of Term 3 this year.

Through this programme lunches will be available for all our students every day of the week. St Therese School is also looking into providing morning tea for all students each day as well so that there will be no need for students to bring any food to school with them.

Lunches are not compulsory; however, we do strongly encourage all students to partake in the programme as there are many benefits, including saving time and money in the preparation of lunches, the assurance that lunches will cater for the diet, health and cultural needs of our students, and the promotion of eating as a community developing new tastes and trying new foods.

We will be working with suppliers and the Ministry of Education to make sure lunches are healthy and nutritious. All suppliers will be required to meet New Zealand food safety standards and be aware of allergies and allergens. Right now, we are working with the Ministry of Education to select the best supplier to meet our school's needs.

There will be more information coming out in the next few weeks, and we will hold a parent meeting later this term to inform our community about the Healthy Lunches Programme in greater detail. There will be a representative present from the Ministry of Education, and we will be able to answer any questions you may have at this meeting.

You can find out more about the programme at: [www.education.govt.nz/free-and-healthy-school-lunches](http://www.education.govt.nz/free-and-healthy-school-lunches)  
If you have any further questions, please contact our office, or the Ministry at [school.lunches@education.govt.nz](mailto:school.lunches@education.govt.nz)

## STUDENT LED LEARNING CONVERSATIONS



Our Student-led Learning Conversations are being held on the 1 July, 2021. Please complete the booking sheet and return to the school office by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June.

### What is a Learning Conversation?

A Learning Conversation is a meeting run by the student for his or her parents/caregivers, entirely focused on the student's recent learning. During the Learning Conversation the student presents work in different curriculum areas, discussing the process of learning and the progress made to date.

### Why have student led Learning Conversations?

Student led Learning Conversations provide a valuable opportunity to develop students' ability to reflect, talk about their learning and their progress and take ownership of their next steps. We believe that student involvement in the conferences makes learning more active, provides better opportunities for students to evaluate their performance, and encourages students to accept greater responsibility for their learning. Having students take charge of the conference makes them more accountable for what they are learning. This principle is consistent with effective pedagogy and assessment within in the New Zealand Curriculum. In addition, this form of conferencing creates a stronger partnership between the home and the school that is difficult to get in any other way.

***The purpose of student led learning conversations is for students to display learner agency (ownership of their learning) and to help them take personal responsibility for their progress. It is a chance for them to share their learning journey with whanau (family) and friends.***

In the traditional parent-teacher conference, students are "third parties" to assessment, hearing about their progress through the grapevine of teachers and parents. Teachers and parents do play a vital role in assessment but students must also take an active role in this area to maximize their potential for success.

### How do Learning Conversations work?

Learning Conversations are 15 – 30 minutes long. Multiple student lead conversations may be held at the same time in your child's classroom. You will be involved in a variety of activities during the time — looking at samples of learning, doing an activity to support learning, talking about goals and what your child, you and the teacher might do to support these goals, or looking at work around the classroom. During the Learning Conversation, your child's teacher/s will spend some time with you. This time will allow the teacher to expand on the information your child has shared or for you to clarify something if necessary.



St Therese School has been working with SchoolDocs to create a website for our policies and procedures. We are excited to announce that the site is now available to our school community.

The school works with SchoolDocs to maintain, update, and review our policies. SchoolDocs provides us with a comprehensive core set of policies, which have been well researched and follow the Ministry of Education National Administration Guidelines. The policies and procedures are tailored to our school, and the school supplies specific information such as our charter, and procedures for behaviour management, reporting to parents, etc.

SchoolDocs updates, modifies, or creates policies in response to changes in legislation or Ministry guidelines, significant events, reviews/requests from schools, and regular reviewing from the SchoolDocs team. Our board of trustees has the opportunity to view changes/additions and comment on them before they are implemented. We will advise you when policies are up for review and how you can take part in the review.

## Here is how to access St Therese Policies and Procedures:

Go to [www.sainttherese.school.nz](http://www.sainttherese.school.nz)

Hover over the tab titled 'School Documents' which will then allow you to click on 'School Policies'

On this page you will see the image below.



Click on this image and you will be taken to the login page for School Docs

The username and password for our St Therese Community are:

**Username:** sttherese

**Password:** therese

Once you are signed in you will see this screen:

**St Therese School Three Kings**

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St Therese School

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## Welcome!

This site contains  
**St Therese School Three Kings' Policies and Procedures**  
along with useful checklists and forms.

### What's New

Throughout the year, the SchoolDocs team updates your content to reflect policy changes, new legislation, and general improvements for clarity, readability, and purpose. The changes are summarised on the **What's New?** page.

### Policy Review

Each term, board members, staff, and/or parents are asked to review and comment on specific policies. This feedback is captured using the red Policy Review button, which is only visible when a policy is up for review. The review dates are listed on the **Policy Reviews** page.

### General Feedback

At any time, you can send general feedback on a topic to the principal by clicking the green Feedback button at the top right of the page.

The policies and procedures can be found on the left hand side. If you are looking for a specific policy or procedure, enter keywords into the search panel and click the magnifying glass.

If you would like any further support or have queries, contact [principal@sttherese.school.nz](mailto:principal@sttherese.school.nz)

## NETBALL UPDATE



Our St Therese Primary Netball Team completed their grading games and are now 2 weeks into the Competition Season in the C Grade. We have been so impressed with the enthusiasm shown by the players to learn more about the game, develop their skills, work as a team, and have fun on the court. The first week of the competition St Therese versed Elim Christian School and won 23 – 0. The second week St Therese versed Edendale School and won 19 – 0. The team plays each Saturday at Windmill Courts and we encourage the St Therese community to come along and support them from the sidelines.



## FUN AND FURRY AT MT ROSKILL LIBRARY



Our Year 1, 2, and 3 students learnt so much at their Fun and Furry Session at Mt Roskill Library last Wednesday. They spent time learning about braille, listening to stories, and getting to know the job guide dogs carry out and how they are trained.



## LESSONS WITH THE COMMUNITY CONSTABLE



It has been great having Constable Tineke in at St Therese School for the past two weeks. Rooms 1, 2 and 3 participated in 'Stepping Out', which supports children in developing the knowledge and skills to be safe around roads. Room 4 participated in 'Keeping Ourselves Safe', which teaches children to identify safe and unsafe situations and actions to take. Room 6 took part in the 'Choice' Programme, which strengthens young people's ability to make positive life choices with special emphasis on drug use. Thank you Constable Tineke for teaching us and being such an important part of our community.

