



29th July 2021

Dear Families of St Therese School,

Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Talofa, Hola, Mālō e lelei, Namaste, Mālō ni, Makadini, Annyoung, Bula, Kamusta, Selam, Bonjour. Welcome back! We hope all families had an enjoyable break over the school holidays. We have an amazing term of learning prepared for your children and look forward to celebrating our 4 goals of Faith, Knowledge, Growth, and Community as we move into the second half of the year.

Classes are beginning their learning this term with a unit in Religious Education on ‘Sacrament’.

Year 1/2: Holiness

Year 3/4: Forgiveness – The Rite of Reconciliation

Year 5/6: Healing

Year 7/8: Holy Orders – Called for Other

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>E Te Atua tapu rawa, e kitea ana te tapu, i ahu mai i a koe, i roto i te tangata, i runga hoki i te whenua.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Poua te mau-mahara me te whakaaronui ki roto i ahau:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>ina matakiaki i te a o miharo nei, me hoki nga whakairo ki a koe,</i> - <i>ina titiro atu ki nga tamariki nei, me hoki nga whakairo ki a koe, i roto i nga arohatanga ki te whanau me hoki nga whakairo ki a koe, engari, moku nei paiherea atu ki a know, e te Atua tapu rawa, kia tapu koho ahau.</i> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Amene</i></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">O God most holy One, Your holiness can be seen in every person and every place. Remind me of it – so that I am reminded of you</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In the beauty of the world around me - In the faces of the children in my class - In the love I share with my family and friends <p style="text-align: center;">And most of all, deep within my own being, So that I may be connected to you, my most holy God. Amen</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div>
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TERM DATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS



Term Dates 2021			
Term 3	Monday 26 th July	to	Friday 1 st October
Term 4	Monday 18 th October	to	Thursday 16 th December

Upcoming Events:

- Monday 2nd August-** Rooms 3, 4 & 6 Stardome Trip
- Tuesday 3rd August-** Rooms 4 & 6 Olympics Trip
- Thursday 5th August-** Room 6 participating in Everyday Theatre
- Friday 6th August-** Mary Mackillop Liturgy in Church @ 2:15pm
- Thursday 12th August-** Rooms 3, 4 & 6 participating in Ballet Workshops
- Friday 13th August-** Rooms 3,4 & 6 attending the ‘Firebird’ Ballet
- Thursday 19th August-** Pasifika Fono

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday 19th August
St Therese Hall
6:30pm

More detailed information will be sent out shortly.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Over the past few months children who are planning to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at St Therese Parish have been attending lessons each weekend to prepare for this special occasion. We would like to invite our school families to attend this mass at St Therese Church on Sunday 8th August and celebrate with our students and wider community.



PERSONALISED FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDLES @ \$18/-

Handmade 12inch candle with images of the Chalice, Host and Holy Spirit Dove on the front of the candle. On the reverse the child's name will be written on it. The ribbon will have 'FIRST HOLY COMMUNION' written on it. Blue ribbon for boy and pink ribbon for girl. Contact Audrey on 0211415778

CATHOLIC CARING MASS



We would like to congratulate the following students for being recognised by the Bishop at the annual Catholic Caring Mass on Wednesday 27th July for their daily actions and attitudes of kindness and care.

Elsa, Kosilio, Sione, Lei'ataua, Antonio, Hermela

Continue to follow in the footsteps of Christ as we encounter others each day.



PUNCTUALITY



Punctuality plays a huge role in starting the day in a settled and positive way as well as increasing children's academic success. When students are not in class they miss out on a wealth of knowledge as well as continuity of learning. All students should be in class prior to 8:50am to provide them with time to prepare learning materials.

We provide supervision in the morning for children who are required to be dropped earlier:

Breakfast Club: Tuesday – Friday 7:30am – 8:15am

Before School Care: Monday – Friday 8:00am – 8:30am

NAVIGATORS- ATTENDANCE INFORMATION



The Navigators Programme for Year 3-8 students after school on Mondays-Thursdays is very successful and we have had a very high percentage of students attend this year. Navigators is a homework club that is facilitated by 2 teachers each day, providing a quiet, well-resourced area for study, with access to digital devices and technologies.

At the beginning of the year, a form was filled in and returned to the school stating which days your child will be attending. As the students are legally under the supervision of the school during these sessions and their safety is our top priority, it is vital that this information is kept up to date. Please notify the school if this has changed or whether your child will not be attending on a certain day.

The Programme runs from 3:15pm – 4:15pm each day. It is important that students remain for the entirety of the session as students being picked up early can be very disruptive. The school gates will open at 3:55pm each for parents/caregivers to drive in and wait on the courts to collect their child/ren. The Navigators teacher will walk all students up to the courts at 4:15pm before the gates will close again at 4:20pm.

HEALTHY SCHOOL LUNCHES PROGRAMME – KA ORA, KA AKO



It has been a fantastic start to the implementation of the 'Healthy Lunches Programme' this term. The students have been exploring Nutrition in class as part of their lessons and discussing ingredients, tastes, cooking methods and more as they delve into their lunches. We are also fortunate to have Fruit in Schools each day and a supply of healthy morning tea items through KidsCan. The support from the community has been greatly appreciated as students become more familiar with new routines and foods.

