



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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

As we head into the school break, I would like to thank the staff and community of St Therese School. As we continue to live through this pandemic, we remain united in our faith, resilient through the challenges that arise, and connected as a community. The staff of St Therese School have managed to keep our school open for all our students this term and we are truly blessed to have this team of dedicated people.

Term 2 is full of amazing learning experiences and opportunities for our students. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 2nd May. I would like to wish you all a happy and holy Easter.



God our Father,
 by raising Christ your Son
 you conquered the power of death
 and opened for us the way to eternal life.
 Raise us up and renew our lives
 by the Spirit that is within us
 AMEN



PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Our Parent Teacher Meetings, held on Thursday 30th March, were a great success and we were delighted to be able to connect with parents, whanau, staff, and students face-to-face. Thank you to all those who attended these conversations.

Working in partnership with both home and school is more important than ever for our students' progress and success. Homework goal sheets, covering Reading, Spelling, and Basic facts, were shared as we work together to achieve these goals. Teachers will re-assess in Week 1 of Term 2 and new goal sheets will be provided in Week 2 of Term 2.

Teachers are always available via email if you have any queries or would like some support with your child's goals. Videos to support Home Learning can be found on our school website.

It is really important that all students are at school each and everyday, on time and ready to learn. A settled start to the day makes all the difference and starts your child on the right foot with their learning.



TEACHER ONLY DAY

There will be a Teacher Only Day on **Friday 13th May**. School will be closed this day and we ask you to ensure that supervision has been arranged for your child as there will be no staff onsite.

Teachers will be attending professional development to learn about the newly designed Religious Education Curriculum: TĀ TĀTOU WHAKAPONO - OUR FAITH.

The curriculum will be implemented in all Catholic Schools in New Zealand over the next few years and we look forward to sharing this important document with you in the near future.



NAVIGATORS

It has been a great term at Navigators. The majority of our Year 3-8 students remain each day until 4:15pm to work in a quiet area with access to devices, books, resources, and teacher support to complete their homework and work on their goals.

There will be **no Navigators** on the last day of Term 1, Thursday 14th April. Navigators will resume on the first day of Term 2, Monday 2nd May.



TERM 2 THEME- 'HARMONY'



Our whole-school theme for Term 2 is 'Harmony'. Across the school, teachers and students will look at human impact on our environment, as well as our role to play in looking after God's creation. There is such knowledge and skill within our wider community and we ask if you or someone you know could contribute in any way to our teaching and learning next term to please contact principal@sttherese.school.nz

Topic focus for Term 2:

- Room 1: Rubbish and Recycling
- Room 3: Reduce, Re-use, Recycle, Re-invent / Composting
- Room 4: Eco-Warriors / Native Plants
- Room 6: Human Impact on the Earth / Adopt a Stream



Pope Francis has written a letter addressed to every person on this planet, asking us all to protect our common home, the earth. In his encyclical, Laudato Si', Pope Francis speaks openly about the devastating effects of the ecological crisis has on people and the planet. He says that climate change is real, urgent and it must be tackled, asking us to remember that the climate is "a common good, belonging to all and meant for all".

TERM 2- RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



In Term 2 as part of our Religious Education Programme, our students will grow in their understanding of:

Te Atua- God & Te Wairua Tapu- The Holy Spirit

- Room 1- God is Creator / God- the Holy Spirit
- Room 3- God is Present in the World / The Fruits of the Holy Spirit
- Room 4- Who is God / Baptism and the Holy Spirit
- Room 6- The Mystery of God / The Mission of the Holy Spirit in the Church and in the World



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME



Enrolment forms for the upcoming Sacramental Programme through the St Therese Parish are now available at the school office as well as at the back of the church.

This year the Programme will include First Reconciliation, Holy Communion, and Confirmation.

For those children who received Holy Communion last year, there is an option to receive only Confirmation this year.

Enrolment forms are to be returned to the Parish Office by Sunday 1 May.

NETBALL



There has been great interest in Netball this year and we have begun training sessions for our Primary Netball Team and 2 Intermediate Netball Teams in the lead up to the 2022 Netball Season. Activities outside normal school hours cannot take place without the support of our community. Thank you in particular to Teresa, Lingi, Lute, and Rey for coaching this year. We still require umpires for the Saturday games. Please contact principal@sttherese.school.nz if you can assist with this. There are training workshops available if you would like to help out but have not had experience in umpiring yet.

- Please note that **Primary training will change from a Thursday to a Tuesday** next term 3:15pm-4:15pm.
- Intermediate training will remain on both Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:15pm-4:30pm.



HOLIDAY WRITING COMPETITION



As a 'Travelwise School,' working in partnership with Auckland Council, this term's Holiday Competition is focused on Road Safety.

Students need to answer the question:

'What would your neighbourhood look like if everyone could travel safely on our roads and footpaths?'

Each child will receive an entry sheet on Wednesday 13th April. We look forward to viewing your great ideas!

**Auckland Transport
Kids' Road Safety
Competition**

