

# TODAY'S NEWS

St. Teresa's School - Week 3, Term 3, 2017

## School Choir

Our school choir are singing at **10.00am Mass this Sunday.**

Please would all choir members meet Mrs W at 9.30am in the Choir loft.

## School Discos

**Next Friday 18th August** the PTA will be hosting our annual school Discos. The Junior Disco will run from 5.30 to 7.00pm with an optional pizza and chip meal offered at 5.00pm before the disco. The senior disco will run from 7.30 to 9.30pm. Disco tickets available from Jess in the office \$5 each. Junior meal ticket an additional \$5. Snacks and lollies available during the so bring some extra \$\$.



## Certificate recipients from last week

## Mid-Winter Cafe - tomorrow!

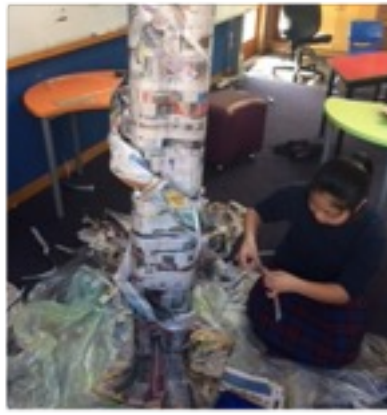
Come along tomorrow from 2.00pm to 3.30 to support our Te Aroha community with their mid-winter cafe. There will be soup, mousetraps (cheese toasties), ice blocks and second hand kids clothing available to purchase for cheap prices - all items \$1 or less! Thanks for your support.

## Message from the School Office.

We are currently auditing our enrolment forms and supporting documents. We are missing many documents from families. Your child may bring home a note requesting copies of birth certificates, baptism certificates, preference certificates or immunisation certificates. Please can you assist us with these requests. Many thanks Jess.



***Guardian Angel from  
heaven so bright,  
Watching beside me to  
lead me aright, Fold thy  
wings round me, and  
guard me with love,  
Softly sing songs to me  
of heaven above. Amen***  
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Pictured above are some of our senior girls who along with Mrs Shefford are working on props for our upcoming school production. A reminder to 'save the date' for our production which all students will be performing in. October 20th and 21st, which is the first week back in term 4.

Living in the Digital Age brings added responsibilities to us all as parents. We are confident in parenting our children and keeping them safe in the physical world. We check out homes they visit, people they play with, words they use, etc. However, now that they have access to the wide world through devices we need to extend our parenting skills. Recently there have been a number of reports of negative experiences for primary and secondary school children.

Advice to parents in regards to children's use devices and apps is:

- Have access to all apps, emails and texts your child is using
- Regularly check the content of these apps. I am surprised by the poor language used by young children on line when they think the adults in their lives will not know what they are writing. We don't accept swearing in conversation, neither should we accept swearing in messaging.
- Talk to your children about their social media use. A reminder that a child under 13 is not legally allowed to have a Facebook page. If a child experiences bullying or grooming on Facebook and a complaint is made, they will simply wash their hands of any responsibility if the child is under 13 as the page is illegally open.
- Familiarise yourself with the apps children use, a new one that came to light for me last night is one called 'Yellow'. A child's version of Tinder. I know I don't want any of these gorgeous children of ours open to the harsh realities of this site.
- Go to <https://www.netsafe.org.nz> for further help

Regards, Suzi

