

NEWSLETTER

St. Teresa's School - Week 3, Term 4, 2017

ST TERESA'S SCHOOL FAIR!

JOIN US FOR A FAMILY FUN DAY!
Saturday 11th NOVEMBER
 11am - 4pm
 10 PURIRI STREET, RICCARTON

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Important Dates

4 Nov	12pm	Fair working bee
6 Nov	6.00pm	Sexuality programme consultation
11 Nov	11am	School Fair
17 Nov	All day	Canterbury Anniversary day
20 Nov	All day	Open day
23 Nov	6.00pm	Piano recital
24 Nov	All day	Sexuality Retreat day
6 Dec	All day	Senior Camp
7 Dec	All day	Senior Camp Junior Camp
8 Dec	All day	Senior Camp Junior Camp
12 Dec	6.00pm	Board meeting
18 Dec	5.30pm	Prize Giving
19 Dec	6.30pm	Yr 8 Farewell Dinner
20 Dec	10.00am	Final Mass
	11.30am	Final Assembly
	12.30pm	End of school Year

2018

30 Jan	All day	Stationery on sale at school
31 Jan	All day	sale at school
1 Feb	8.50am	School year begins
8 Feb	All day	Waitangi Day holiday
30 Mar	All day	Good Friday
1 Apr	All day	Easter Sunday
2 and 3 Apr		School closed
13 Apr		End of Term 1

Message from our Principal

Our Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday was another example of collaborative practice. Trustees are currently working on developing Strategic Goals for 2018 - 2020 for St. Teresa's School. They are also working with Catholic Education Office on the development of our property. **Great news** being the addition of a purpose build learning environment beginning in term 1, 2018. A primary role of the B.O.T is continued student achievement. I was absolutely delighted to share the following reading data with them

18% of students are on track to meet the expectation of them

42% of students are already meeting the expectation of them.

45% of students are exceeding the expectation of them.

At the time of assessment we were 3/4 of the way through the year so I am very excited to see the end of year results. You can all be very proud of your children and the progress they are making.

With the change of government we can expect to see the National Standards go. There is so much negativity in the media, please do not worry, some people just like to grumbling make a fuss. The NZ curriculum is a document recognised as world class by educationalists around the world. In this document are levels our children are expected to achieve, they are:

L1 - achieve by the end of Yr 2

L2 - achieve by the end of Yr 4

L3 - achieve by the end of Yr 6

L4 - achieve by the end of Yr 8

There are 8 learning areas, English, Mathematics & Statistics, the Arts, Social Sciences, Sciences, Technology, Languages, Health & P.E. As a Catholic school we have a 9th learning area, Religious Education. We will continue to ensure our children meet the expectations of the New Zealand curriculum.

I will share the results of writing next week.

The Board has requested that children present their learning to them at each meeting. We will have 2-4 students or groups doing so from now on. On Tuesday evening Finian Waddell shared the water pump he has build and explained how is is converting 240w electricity to 12w and the safety features he included in his design. I was totally in awe of the knowledge this 11 year old shared. Malia Sula then share her team's work on their radio station. They broadcast every Tuesday & Thursday for 45 minutes. The process these girls have gone through to get to this stage is amazing.

As students are invited to present to the B.O.T I will share with you what they are doing. Please remember that you are able to attend B.O.T meetings, the dates are on the front page of the newsletter. Presentations will always be number one on the agenda so will begin at 6.00 p.m.

Regards,

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ways you can assist with our school fair preparations:-

Donations of Clothing - We are looking for donations of clean, tidy second hand clothing and footwear - any size, kids or adults - please deliver bags to the school office during the next week.

Donations of unwanted gifts - Have you got anything hanging around the house that perhaps you've been given but don't have love for??? Why not donate it to the PTA where they can perhaps make a profit from it.

Donation of your time - We will need plenty of help for the set up of our fair and the running of it on the day. Are you able to help us? We will be doing a bit of set up on Friday afternoon from 3pm-6pm and will be on board on Saturday morning from 8am. Come along and give us a hand if you can.

Filipino Food Stand - If you are part of our Filipino community you may have received a message from the wonderful Tessie, Jhanna and Robin. They are looking for donations of ingredients for their Filipino BBQ or donations of money to assist with the purchase of ingredients. They are also looking for cooked foods or baked items to sell on their stand - please liaise with Tessie (Hadrian and Houston's mum) as to how you can help.

Plants and Produce - Do you have a magnificent vegetable garden that you could donate veggies or fruit that we could sell. Or are you able to make cuttings of plants around your garden which can be potted and sold?

We will have our final **mufti day** in relation to the Fair **next Friday 10th November**. For the privilege of wearing mufti we will be asking each family to donate some home baking or sweets (e.g. fudge, coconut ice, marshmallow etc). The PTA will provide boxes on Thursday that are to be filled and brought into school on Friday morning ready to be priced etc. for the Fair on Saturday.

Thank you in advance for the help you give to our school!

"...little ways of achieving big things..."

