

# NEWSLETTER

## St. Teresa's School

### Sexuality Retreat Day

Today the whole school has been involved in our sexuality retreat day. Our teaching staff have spent a lot of time working on the programme for the day, some of you attended the meeting we held recently about the content covered. I am sure you might have some great conversations with your children tonight about this topic. Our main focus for this day is every person is made in the image and likeness of God, we are accepting of all people and love is the fundamental vocation of all people. Your support of this will be appreciated.

### Communicating with teachers

If you have concerns about any aspect of your child's education, please don't hesitate in contacting your child's home room teacher in the first instance. This teacher will be able to hear you concern, answer any question or arrange a meeting with the people who will be able to do so.

### Parish School Mass - Sunday

This Sunday is our termly Parish School Mass followed by a shared lunch in the school grounds. All children are expected to attend, as was made clear at enrolment. All parents, grandparents, friends and relatives are warmly invited to join us celebrate the Mass. Children may wear neat mufti to Mass and are to meet their teachers outside the office by 9.45a.m. Please bring something delicious to share with everyone for lunch, we will have a table prepared for the food and will eat once we have prayed grace. Looking forward to seeing you all on Sunday.

### Important Dates

23 Nov	6.00pm	Piano recital
24 Nov	All day	Sexuality Retreat day
5 Dec	6.00pm	Board meeting
6 Dec	All day	Senior Camp
7 Dec	All day	Senior Camp Junior Camp
8 Dec	All day	Senior Camp Junior Camp
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
<b>2018</b>		
30 Jan	All day	Stationery on sale at school
31 Jan	All day	School year begins
1 Feb	8.50am	Waitangi Day holiday
8 Feb	All day	Good Friday
30 Mar	All day	Easter Sunday
1 Apr	All day	School closed
2 and 3 Apr		End of Term 1
13 Apr		

## CALENDAR ART

Order forms will be coming home for the purchase of calendars, diaries, greeting cards and notebooks with your child's art on the front. If you wish to look at your child's art please visit the office and peruse the clearfiles. This is a fundraiser for the the school's PTA



## PRODUCTION

### RECORDING ORDERS

We will be taking the last orders and payments for USB and/or DVD recordings of our recent school production. Please can you advise Jess no later than tomorrow afternoon if you are wishing to place and pay for an order.

## OVERDUE ACCOUNTS

Recently statements of account were sent home with children. We are keen to have all accounts tidied up for the end of the year. If you are experiencing financial difficulties please don't hesitate in coming to chat with either Jess or Suzi.

## PRIZEGIVING

Prize giving will held on Monday 18 December at 5.30p.m., beginning with a Kapa Haka performance outside the church. You are warmly invited to join us for this event as we acknowledge the achievements of our children.

## CUPS

It is that time of year again, where the staff are making their decisions on who the worthy recipients of our prize giving cups will be. If you have one at home from last year please could you return it to the school office so that we can have the 2017 names engraved in time for this year's prize giving on 18 December at 5.30pm. We have to have the cups to the engraver by 4 December if we are to get the back on time. This is the busiest time of the year for them as all schools are holding prize givings.

## FINAL MASS

Our final Mass is on Wednesday 20 December at 10.00 a.m. After the Mass we have a ceremony that honours our Year 8 students as they leave us for high school. It is often an emotional experience. You are all warmly invited to join us for Mass.

## YEAR 8 LEAVERS' DINNER

We will be holding our Year 8 Leavers' Dinner on Tuesday 19 December at 6.00 p.m. Year 8 parents will receive their invitation in the next week. Once you get it please let us know if you will be joining us as we cater for this meal and need to make sure we cater appropriately.

