



PRICIPAL'S MESSAGE – UPDATES ON LITERACY AND NUMERACY



Kia ora St Therese School Community,

I wanted to take this opportunity to share some updates regarding recent announcements from the Minister of Education, Erica Stanford, concerning the teaching of literacy and numeracy. These new directives align with the high-quality, research-backed programmes we already implement here at St Therese School. Our commitment to fostering a strong foundation in literacy and numeracy for all our students remains steadfast, and we are proud of the positive outcomes we've achieved with our Maths-No Problem! Programme, the Better Start Literacy Approach, and the Writer's Toolbox Writing Programme. These initiatives are designed to equip our students with essential skills that will serve them well throughout their educational journey and beyond.

At St Therese School, we are dedicated to providing a supportive and nurturing environment for our students, ensuring they receive the best possible education. We want to reassure our parents and whānau that our current practices are in line with the latest educational standards and are continuously reviewed to meet the needs of our students. We warmly invite you to connect with our teachers or me if you have any questions or wish to discuss our literacy and numeracy programmes. Your involvement and support are invaluable, and we appreciate the partnership we have with our school community in nurturing our children's growth and learning.

To further support our students' literacy development, we are excited to announce an upcoming Parent Information Session on the Better Start Literacy Approach. This session will provide insights into how this programme supports our children's reading and writing skills. We encourage all parents and caregivers to attend and will be sharing more details soon. As always, we are committed to doing our best to prepare our students for success as they transition to college and beyond.

Ngā mihi nui,
Laura Geaney

CELEBRATING GEOFF'S CONTRIBUTION TO ST THERESE SCHOOL



It was a pleasure to welcome Geoff back to St Therese School and acknowledge the incredible work he accomplished with our students and staff over Term 1 and Term 2. His dedication and expertise have guided us through a fantastic learning journey about our families' stories and experiences, culminating in our school production in the final week of Term 2.

During our recent assembly, students from each class had the opportunity to share their learning and express their appreciation for Geoff's contributions. They shared the skills and knowledge they gained through his teaching, highlighting the profound impact he has had on our school community.

We are grateful for Geoff's time and efforts in making our learning journey meaningful and inspiring. His commitment to our students' growth and development is truly valued, and we look forward to continuing this positive momentum in the terms to come.



GRANDPARENTS LITURGY INVITATION



We are delighted to invite all grandparents and significant role models to our Grandparents Liturgy on Friday, 9th August, at 10:30 am in the church. This special event will be followed by morning tea in our school library, where we look forward to welcoming and celebrating you.

We understand that not all grandparents can join us for this liturgy. To include them in this celebration, we invite children to bring in a photo of their grandparents or other significant role models to be placed on the altar. You may send the original photo to school (we will photocopy it and return the original on the same day, as we know these are precious), or you are welcome to email a copy to principal@sttherese.school.nz, and we will ensure it is printed and placed on the altar.

We apologise for any inconvenience the previous rescheduling of this event may have caused, and we hope this special day will be a wonderful opportunity to honour and appreciate the important role grandparents and significant role models play in our children's lives.

Join us to celebrate
HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY
Friday 9th August

Liturgy for the Feast of Anne and St Joachim
(commemorating the parents of the Virgin Mary)
in the Church at 10:30am

Morning Tea for children and grandparents
in the School Library at 11am



JUNIOR SCHOOL UPDATE- A STRONG START TO THE TERM



Our junior school has kicked off the term with great enthusiasm, and we are thrilled to see the impressive progress our students are making day by day. Each day, our students engage in a minimum of an hour each of reading, writing, and mathematics, laying a solid foundation for their academic success. Our dedicated teachers tailor their lessons to meet the unique needs of every student, ensuring that each child receives the support and challenge they need to thrive. It's inspiring to witness the focus, determination, and resilience that our students demonstrate in their daily learning activities.



PRIDE IN OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM



At St Therese School, we take great pride in our school uniform, which reflects our identity and sense of community. We kindly ask that all students arrive in the correct uniform each day. If your child is wearing a singlet or shirt underneath their school uniform, please ensure that it is not visible. We also request that parents check that all uniforms are named, especially jumpers. This simple step makes it easier for misplaced items to be returned promptly. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain the standard of excellence we hold at St Therese School.

SENIOR SCHOOL UPDATE- EXCELLING IN LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT



Our senior school has also gotten off to a strong start this term, showcasing their enthusiasm and dedication to learning. In addition to their literacy and numeracy lessons, our students are engaging in a diverse range of high-quality experiences and opportunities that help them develop a broad spectrum of skills. From exploring their creativity in Visual Arts and expressing themselves through Music to enhancing their physical abilities in Physical Education and engaging in in-depth learning in Religious Education, our students are immersed in a well-rounded educational experience that fosters growth in multiple areas.

Just two weeks into the term, our senior students have already applied their learning in various meaningful ways, demonstrating their commitment to excellence and their ability to adapt and thrive. Their eagerness to embrace new challenges and explore different disciplines reflects the values we instil at St Therese School and sets them up for success.



EXCITING LEARNING ADVENTURE AT AUCKLAND ZOO



On Tuesday, 13th August, all students will be attending a trip to Auckland Zoo. During this trip, they will participate in an educational lesson with the zoo educators on either 'Classification' or 'Adaptation.' After the lesson, students will have the opportunity to explore the zoo in small groups, which will enhance their understanding and appreciation of wildlife and the natural world. Thank you to all who have already returned permission slips for this exciting outing.

We have received a fantastic response from parents and family members interested in joining us as adult helpers. The principal will be in touch early this week to confirm participation. At this stage, we have all the adult helpers required, but if any parents or family members are still interested in joining us and taking on this role, please continue to indicate this on your child's form, and we will be in touch. Additional adult helpers will be required to pay the admission cost for Auckland Zoo. We look forward to this enriching learning experience and appreciate the support from our school community in making it a memorable day for our students.

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Education

Auckland Zoo is a world-renowned conservation learning provider. Our mission is to connect young people with wildlife, building a generation of conservation scientists for the future. We look forward to sharing our curriculum-linked education programmes with you!

IMPORTANT DATES IN TERM 3 – MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Wednesday 7 th August	Catholic Caring Mass (selected Room 6 students attending)
Wednesday 7 th & 8 th August	Puberty Lessons for Room 6 students
Friday 9 th August	Grandparents Liturgy @ 10:30am
Friday 9 th August	Skateboarding Lessons for Room 4
Tuesday 13 th August	Zoo Trip for the whole school
Wednesday 14 th August	Class Mass for Rooms 4 and 6
Thursday 15 th August	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday 16 th August	Volleyball Lessons for Rooms 4 & 6
Monday 19 th August – Friday 23 rd August	Book Week (including Book Character Dress-up Day and class trips to Mt Roskill Library)
Monday 26 th August	Bigfoot Bike Session for R4
Wednesday 28 th August	Class Mass for Rooms 1 and 3
Friday 30 th August	Father's Day Liturgy
Tuesday 10 th September	Mt Roskill Zone Volleyball Event for R4 students
Monday 9 th September – Friday 13 th September	Catholic Social Justice Week (including a Bible Dress-up Day)
Wednesday 18 th September	St Therese School Cross Country
Thursday 19 th September	Kahui Ako Māori Mass 6pm at Christ the King
Friday 27 th September	St Therese Mass & Talent Show & Shared Lunch Last Day of Term 3

UPCOMING BOOK WEEK

