



PRICIPAL'S MESSAGE – STUDENT-LED LEARNING CONVERSATIONS



Kia ora St Therese School Whānau,

I am excited to invite you all to our upcoming Student-Led Learning Conversations on Tuesday, 17th September. These conversations are a wonderful opportunity for your child to take centre stage and share their learning journey with you.

So, what exactly is a Learning Conversation? It's a special meeting led by your child, entirely focused on their recent learning experiences. During the conversation, your child will present their work across different curriculum areas, discussing the process and progress they've made. This is a unique chance to hear directly from your child about their learning, allowing them to showcase their hard work and reflect on their achievements.

Why do we have Student-Led Learning Conversations? When students lead these discussions, it makes their learning more active and meaningful. It encourages them to evaluate their performance and take greater responsibility for their learning, helping them to develop important skills that will benefit them throughout their education.

I strongly encourage all parents and whānau to come along and support your child as they share their learning and progress. This is a time to celebrate their successes and understand the steps they are taking in their educational journey. Our teachers will also be present to meet with you after your child has finished sharing, providing an opportunity to discuss any further questions or thoughts you may have.

We look forward to seeing you there and being part of this special moment in your child's learning journey.

Ngā mihi nui,
Laura Geaney

BOOK WEEK- A CELEBRATION OF READING AND CREATIVITY



Book Week 2024 at St Therese School was an absolute highlight, filled with fun, laughter, learning, and a passion for reading! Our students truly embraced the spirit of the week, diving into a range of activities that allowed them to explore and share their love for books. From creating amazing book reports, reviews, and character descriptions to producing stunning artwork.

In our school library, students participated in various activities and competitions, showcasing their knowledge and enthusiasm for their favourite stories. One of the standout moments of the week was the Book Week Parade. Our students blew us away with their creative and eye-catching costumes, bringing their beloved book characters to life in the most imaginative ways.

Every class also had the opportunity to spend time with our local librarians, Marian and PoYee, at Mt Roskill Library. Their sessions were a fantastic way for students to familiarise themselves with the public library and all that is on offer.

A huge thank you to everyone who played a part in making Book Week 2024 such a memorable experience. Your support and involvement helped foster a deeper love for reading within our students, and we couldn't be more grateful. Here's to the next chapter in our reading adventures!

- *Photos from Book Week have been shared on our St Therese School Facebook Page and Instagram*

FIRE AND LOCKDOWN DRILLS



On Wednesday, 28th August, we conducted a fire drill to practice our emergency procedures. Today, Wednesday, 4th September, we held a lockdown drill to test the effectiveness of our lockdown protocols. Both drills were communicated to the children in advance, and they were debriefed by their classroom teachers afterward. We're pleased to share that all systems and procedures ran smoothly during both drills, ensuring that our students and staff are well-prepared for any emergency situation.

YEAR 5 & 6 STUDENTS PEDAL TO SUCCESS



Last week, our Year 5 & 6 students had an unforgettable day of Bike Skills training, thanks to the team from Bigfoot Adventures. The day was all about growing confidence on a bike, learning crucial bike safety, and putting these new skills into practice through a series of fun and engaging games.

Our students embraced the challenge, with each one showing determination and enthusiasm, regardless of their starting point. The coaches were incredible, guiding our tamariki with patience and expertise, ensuring that everyone felt supported and motivated.



ALL STARS VOLLEYBALL COACHING



Over the past three weeks, our Year 5-8 students have been honing their volleyball skills, thanks to the coaching provided by the All Stars Volleyball team. During these sessions, students have learned key volleyball techniques such as forearm passes (bumps), overhead passes (sets), spiking, and proper footwork. They've also focused on teamwork, communication, and game strategies, putting their new skills into practice in fun and engaging drills.

It's been incredible to see their progress, and we're so proud of their enthusiasm and effort. A big thank you to the All Stars Volleyball coaches for their dedication and expertise in helping our students develop both their skills and their love for the game.



A HEARTFELT FATHER'S DAY LITURGY



Last Friday, we were blessed with a beautiful Father's Day liturgy, celebrating the fathers, uncles, granddads, and significant male figures in the lives of our students. Room 1 students shared touching reasons why they cherish their dads, Room 3 graced us with a beautiful liturgical dance, Room 4 created a special focus acknowledging their fathers while celebrating our Holy Father, and Room 6 read with reverence.

A huge thank you to all the community members who joined us for this special occasion. We hope everyone had a memorable Father's Day!



IMPORTANT DATES IN TERM 3 – MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Friday 6 th September	Cans for Christmas Charity Collection
Tuesday 10 th September	Mt Roskill Zone Volleyball Event for selected R4 students
Wednesday 11 th September	Pasifika and Māori Maths Challenge (selected Year 5 & 6 students)
Thursday 12 th September	Room 4 Sports Afternoon with Dominion Road School
Monday 9 th September – Friday 13 th September	Catholic Social Justice Week <i>*This includes a bible/saint dress-up and activity day on Friday</i>
Tuesday 17 th September	Student-led Learning Conversations (1pm-6pm) <i>*Supervision available until 3pm. No Navigators</i>
Wednesday 18 th September	St Therese School Cross Country
Thursday 19 th September	Kahui Ako Māori Mass 6pm at Christ the King (all welcome)
Friday 27 th September	St Therese Mass & Talent Show & Shared Lunch Last Day of Term 3

CANS FOR CHRISTMAS COLLECTION THIS FRIDAY



On Friday 13th September, we will be collecting canned food for the Cans for Christmas charity. These donations will be handed over to St Vincent de Paul, who will distribute them to those in need this Christmas. If you are able to send in a can or two with your child prior to or on this day, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support in helping us make a difference in our community this Christmas.

IMAGINE PEACE FOR ALL

POHEWATIA TE RANGIMĀRIE MŌ TE KATOA



Catholic Social Justice Week

To celebrate these we are holding a

Bible/Saint Dress-up Day

FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

We ask for a donation of cans of food on this day that will go to St Vincent de Paul to distribute to those in need this Christmas through the Cans for Christmas Charity.

CANS FOR CHRISTMAS

CAN DRIVE



St Therese
School

CROSS COUNTRY 2024

Wednesday 18th September
11:30am on the school field.

ALL WELCOME



Māori Mass

19 September
6pm

Christ the King
Church, Ōwairaka

St Therese Mass

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE
FEAST OF SAINT THERESE
OF LISIEUX

FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER
10:30AM
IN ST THERESE CHURCH

FOLLOWED BY A
SHARED LUNCH
11:45AM IN THE CLASSROOMS

TALENT SHOW
1:00PM IN THE HALL

DOING LITTLE THINGS WELL WITH LOVE