

ALL SAINTS DAY & ALL SOULS DAY LITURGY – FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER



Over the past week, our students have been learning about two very special days in our Catholic calendar, All Saints Day and All Souls Day, and the important messages they hold for us as a faith community.

All Saints Day (1st November) is a joyful celebration of all the saints, known and unknown, who have lived lives of faith, love, and service to God. It reminds us that holiness is possible for everyone, not just those officially recognised by the Church, and that we are all called to follow Christ's example in our own daily lives.

All Souls Day (2nd November) follows closely after, and is a more reflective time of remembrance. On this day, we pray for all those who have died; our loved ones, friends, and members of our wider community, asking God to welcome them into eternal peace. It is a beautiful reminder of the deep connection we share with those who have gone before us and the hope we hold in the promise of resurrection.

Our students have explored these days through prayer, discussion, and creative learning activities, deepening their understanding of the Communion of Saints and the importance of prayer for others.

We warmly invite our community to join us for our All Saints and All Souls Liturgy in the church at 9am on Friday 31st October. This will be a special opportunity for us to come together in faith, give thanks for the saints who inspire us, and remember with love those who have passed on.



ROOM 4 MISSION STALL – FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER



Tomorrow, Friday 31st October, our Room 4 students will be running a Mission Stall as part of their service learning and Catholic Social Teaching focus.

Over the past few weeks, the students have been busily collecting a wonderful range of high-quality second-hand items, including books, toys, arts and crafts, and more. Their stall is a beautiful example of living out the Gospel value of giving — turning everyday items into an opportunity to help others.

The Mission Stall will run during the lunch break, and we invite all students to bring along a gold coin or two if they'd like to purchase something special.

All funds raised will be donated to St Vincent de Paul, supporting their work in helping families and individuals in need within our wider community.

We're proud of Room 4's leadership, initiative, and generosity in organising this event. It's a great reminder of how even small actions can make a big difference.



ATHLETICS DAY – TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER



Our annual St Therese Athletics Day is coming up on Tuesday 4th November, and we're excited for a full day of fun, teamwork, and friendly competition!

Students should come dressed in their house colours or PE uniform, with sports shoes, a hat, and a named water bottle. Morning tea and lunch will be provided for all students, so just bring your energy and enthusiasm!

We'll begin the day with a walk from school to Mt Roskill Primary around 9am, where students will take part in track events and long jump. Once these are complete, we'll return to St Therese School for high jump and shot put.

Athletics is a key part of our Health and Physical Education curriculum, and it's always wonderful to see every student giving their best effort. If your child is unable to participate for any reason, please contact the school office by Monday 3rd November.

Whānau are warmly invited to join us for the walk or come along to cheer on our athletes. Extra hands are always appreciated to help run the events. Please let your child's teacher or Ms Geaney know if you're available to assist.

We're looking forward to a fantastic day of school spirit, teamwork, and fun in the sun!



FAMILY FUN EVENT – JOIN US! FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER



We're thrilled to announce our upcoming Family Fun Event on Friday 14 November, from 3pm to 6pm on the St Therese School field.

This special afternoon is all about celebrating our community, enjoying the sunshine, and spending time together as whānau. It's a chance to relax, connect, and make some great memories as we head into the summer season.

There will be a bouncy castle for the kids, along with games, activities, and food to keep everyone entertained. A sausage sizzle and a small selection of food and drink options will be available — just remember to bring cash as there will be no EFTPOS on site.

Our St Therese Board of Trustees representatives will also be supporting this event and taking the opportunity to connect with families throughout the afternoon.

This is a day for everyone — students, parents, grandparents, and friends. Bring your picnic blanket, your family, and your good vibes. Let's enjoy an afternoon in the sun together!

Pop Friday 14 November in your calendar — you won't want to miss it!





SCHOOL FUN RUN – WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER



The St Therese School Fun Run will take place on Wednesday 10th December.

This event is all about fun, fitness, and fundraising as we work together to raise money for new outdoor equipment for our students. It's always a highlight of the year, bringing together our tamariki, teachers, and whānau for a fantastic day of colour and energy.

♥ Thank You to Our Fundraising Champions

A huge thank you to all the families who have already signed up and started fundraising — your enthusiasm and support make a real difference for our school.

We also have a group of students who have registered but haven't yet begun fundraising. It's super easy to get started — simply log back into schoolfunrun.co.nz and share your child's fundraising page on your social media accounts. Every share helps spread the word and brings us closer to our goal!

☀ How It Works

- Create or log into your child's profile at schoolfunrun.co.nz.
- Share your child's fundraising link with family and friends by text, email, or social media.
- Earn prizes! Students who raise at least \$10 can choose a prize, and the more they raise, the better the reward.
- Order prizes online between 1st–8th December by logging into your profile and clicking "Claim Your Prize."

🙋 Need a Hand?

If you need help setting up or accessing your child's fundraising page, Principal Ms Geaney is happy to support families to get this sorted. Please reach out — we'd love everyone to be involved.



AUDITIONS FOR OUR 2025 NATIVITY PLAY – "IT'S A PARTY!"



Each year, our Rooms 1, 3 and 4 students delight us with their musical nativity plays, joyfully retelling the story of Jesus' birth as we move into the Christmas season.

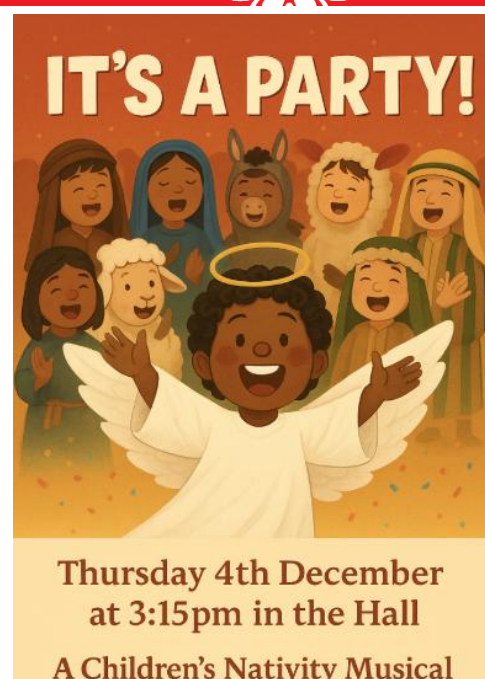
This year's production is titled "*It's a Party!*" — and what a celebration it promises to be!

The invitations were unusual... the guests were unlikely... and the venue was unconventional. But what a party!

More than two thousand years after that first Christmas night, the celebrations still continue. As Mary and Joseph journey to Bethlehem, we follow the angels as they deliver invitations to a most unexpected gathering — one that reminds us that God's love welcomes everyone.

In preparation for the show, we are inviting students to audition for speaking roles. Those interested can collect a short audition script from their classroom teacher.

***Auditions will take place in the library at lunchtime on
Wednesday 5th November.***



These auditions are a wonderful way for students to grow in confidence, express their creativity, and take on new challenges. Rest assured, every student will have a role in the play and perform proudly alongside their peers.

SERVICE VALUES AWARD WINNERS



A huge congratulations to our most recent St Therese School Values Award recipients!

- David Negash
- Sawol Kebede
- Jordan Leumuava
- Ella Manubay

We are so proud of the way you live out our school values each day — showing genuine service, kindness, and care for others and for God’s creation. You notice the small things that make a big difference: helping without being asked, showing respect for our environment, and putting the needs of others before your own. These are the quiet acts of love that build a strong and faith-filled community.

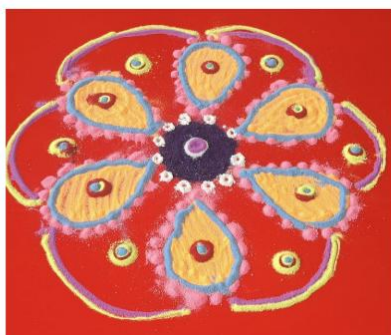


ROOM 1 LEARNING THROUGH DIWALI



Our theme for this term is “Celebrations”, and each class has been exploring different cultural and religious events that bring people together in joy and unity.

The students of Room 1 have been learning about Diwali, the Festival of Lights — a celebration observed by millions of people around the world. As part of their learning, Room 1 students worked together to design and create their own Rangoli patterns. These traditional artworks are made during Diwali to welcome guests and bring good luck to the home. Using colour, shape, and imagination, the children created vibrant and beautiful designs that filled their classroom with energy and joy.



CELEBRATING FIJIAN LANGUAGE WEEK



At St Therese School we recently marked the celebration of Fijian Language Week (5–11 October 2025) with enthusiasm and cultural pride. The theme for the week, “Na noqu vosa me na tekivu mai vale – My language starts at home”, emphasising the vital role of our family and home in nurturing and preserving the Fijian language and heritage.

Our Room 6 student leaders took centre stage with a beautiful performance and presentation that brought this theme to life.



WHEELS DAY ON – RAIN OR SHINE!



The rain couldn't stop us- the wheels were turning, the smiles were wide, and Wheels Day was a huge success!

Before the fun began, our wonderful Community Constable Tineke joined us to carry out helmet safety checks, making sure everyone was ready to ride safely and confidently. Her visit was a fantastic reminder of the importance of being prepared and protected whenever we're out on our bikes, scooters, or skates.

It was amazing to see so many students bring along their bikes, scooters, and even roller-skates, filling the school grounds with energy and excitement. Constable Tineke also led some fun and practical activities, helping the children practise their braking and balance skills — all while having a great time.



FINANCIAL LITERACY LEARNING



Rooms 3, 4 and 6 recently participated in a financial literacy programme facilitated by ASB Bank called GetWise. This programme is designed specifically for primary-school students and helps build strong foundational money skills.

During their sessions, our students explored key financial concepts such as:

- distinguishing between needs versus wants, helping them become more thoughtful about spending decisions.
- the importance of saving and budgeting, so they can plan ahead and make choices that align with their goals.
- age-appropriate tools and resources that support ongoing learning about money, both in class and at home.

It was fantastic to see how engaged the students were: asking inquisitive questions, participating in interactive activities, and reflecting on how these new skills apply to their everyday lives; whether at home, school or out in the community.



TERM 4 EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Thursday 30 th October	Board of Trustees Meeting at 6pm
Friday 31 st October	All Saints Day & All Souls Day Liturgy
Friday 31 st October	Mission Stall in Room 4 at lunchtime
Friday 31 st October	Assembly led by Room 1 at 2:15pm in the school library
Tuesday 4 th November	St Therese Athletics Day
Friday 14 th November	Assembly led by Room 6 at 2:15pm in the school library
Friday 14 th November	Family Fun Event on the school field from 3pm-6pm
Tues 25 – Thurs 27 th November	Year 7 & 8 BLAKE Camp
Wednesday 26 th November	Board of Trustees Meeting at 6pm
Friday 28 th November	Assembly led by Room 4 at 2:15pm in the school library
Thursday 4 th December	Nativity Play at 3:15pm in the hall (Rooms 1, 3, and 4)
Sunday 7 th December	Carols at the King Performance 5:30pm-7:30pm at Three Kings Reserve
Monday 8 th December	Ballet workshops for all classes
Tuesday 9 th December	Whole school trip to the Nutcracker Ballet
Tuesday 9 th December	Graduation Mass at 5pm in the church – whole school to attend
Wednesday 10 th December	Colour Fun Run Fundraising Event
Thursday 11 th December	Last Day of Navigators for 2025
Friday 12 th December	Prizegiving at 11am in the hall followed by Shared Lunch Reports will be sent out via HERO
Monday 15 th December	Year 8 End of Year Trip to Onehunga Pools
Monday 15 th December	Assembly led by Room 3 at 2:15pm in the school library
Tuesday 16 th December	Last day of Term 4. School closes at 12pm

2026 TERM DATES



2026 Term Dates				Public Holidays
Term 1	Monday 2 nd February	to	Thursday 2 nd April	Waitangi Day- Thursday 6 th February
Term 2	Monday 20 th April	to	Friday 3 rd July	ANZAC Day- observed Monday 27 th April King's Birthday- Monday 1 st June
Term 3	Monday 20 th July	to	Friday 25 th September	-
Term 4	Monday 12 th October	to	Monday 14 th December	Labour Day- Monday 26 th October

STAY CONNECTED WITH ST THERESE SCHOOL



Keep up to date with all the learning, events, celebrations, and important reminders happening in our school community by following us on Facebook and Instagram!

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