



Kia ora, Kumesta, Kia Orana, Maloilelai, Talofalava, Greetings to you all ☺

SPECIAL CHARACTER FOCUS: The Kingdom of God

During our school camp last week we celebrated a beach side liturgy that focused on the kingdom of God. During our prayer we were reminded that we are to work to bring about the kingdom of God in our world for all people. God's reign is present when we share and care for each other in Jesus' name. Jesus wants us to live as people of peace, justice, and love. Spending time in prayer, going to Mass (church), forgiving others who've hurt us, and giving to the poor are just some ways that we can live as people of the kingdom of Jesus.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

We all arrived back safely after a fabulous three days of camp at Ohope Beach. We had changeable weather – some excellent days with clear blue skies, a couple of drizzly mornings and on our final night the heavens really opened for a brief time. Everyone coped admirably and spirits were not dampened (metaphorically speaking). We had a wonderful crew of parent helpers supporting the teachers and all of our students. The camp meals were nutritious, delicious and better than what I would normally have at home. School camps offer real life experiences in a variety of learning environments, which often cannot be provided within the classroom. The learning

experiences gained during this Ohope beach camp were both educationally valuable and memorable for the students and supporting adults involved.

A huge thank you and shout out to everyone who had input into the success of our camp: the students who gave everything a go, our wonderful staff, parents and caregivers who came, our German student teachers (Frau Maria & Frau Franzi) and all the behind the scenes generosity – donations of food, vehicles and tents. It really was a team effort and our wee school is truly blessed by all those folk who support us. I would like to make a special mention of thanks to Mike from Mighty Fine Meats who donated all the mince and sausages for our main meals. This was an extremely generous donation. Thank you so much. Also, SWPIC (South Waikato Pacific Islands Community Services) who lent us a ten seater van to transport our students and to Sonny Uili who works at Fonterra (Lichfield) for donating Cheese, milo, tea, coffee, sugar, paper towels and plastic cups – we really appreciated the trust and your generous willingness to help out.

Danke und Tschüss – Thankyou and Goodbye



Tomorrow, Friday, is the final day that our German student teachers, Frau Maria Gobel and Frau Franzi Senn will spend in our school. We'd like to thank these young ladies for sharing their language and culture with us over the last month. We've thoroughly enjoyed their participation in our school with teaching, learning and school camp. All the best for your Kiwi holiday and your future careers as teachers. Auf Wiedersehen.

St Patrick's Day and 50 Cent Sale

This Saturday it is St. Patrick's Day (March 17). Our students are keen to have a green themed day in honour of this great saint. Students are encouraged to wear mufti with plenty of green. There is no charge for the mufti as on this day our students are having their 50 cent sale with the proceeds of the selling of our unwanted good going to Caritas – the Catholic agency for justice, peace and development.

St Joseph's Day – Monday 19th March

On Monday it is the feast day of St. Joseph – the foster father of Jesus and husband of Mary. We will be marking this feast day by celebrating a liturgy with the Josephite Companions and other parishioners' in the church at 10:00 am. St. Joseph was a patient and just man who trusted God in all things. He took loving care of Mary and Jesus and is a great role model for us all to emulate. Please feel most welcome to join us for the liturgy. There will be a cup of tea on after the liturgy in the entrance to the church.

Lost Property

We have a loads of lost property from our school camp last week, please come in and have a look in our school office.

School lunches

Friday's – Sausage sizzle \$1.50, Juicy ice blocks \$1.00

God Bless

Helen McGuigan

Tumuaki / Principal

DATES FOR THE DIARY

St. Patrick's Day – Green themed mufti – Friday 16 March

50 Cent sale for Caritas – Friday at 12:00 pm

School Liturgy – Monday 19 March @ 10:00 am (St. Joseph's Day)

Duffy Books Role Model Visit TBC

Life Education Classes 22nd March

Science Roadshow (Yr 5-8) 11th April @ Putaruru College

Term 1 finishes Friday 13th April 2018

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