



St Claudine Thévenet  
School

Week Three Term Two Friday 20 May 2016

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love.

Ephesian 3:16-17

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our theme for this fortnight is faith – this has been an opportune time for me to personally reflect on what faith means in our lives. With the recent passing away of my mother in law I was in the midst of reflecting on her life and my faith. I believe she is now at peace and in the arms of God along with being reunited with family who have gone before her. We can sometimes take our faith for granted and this can make us a little complacent about our need for God. We are all reminded regularly through various events in our lives that we need God and that our faith gives a sense of comfort and peace in times of sadness. What faith also asks us to do is to celebrate all that is good and to offer prayers of gratitude for all that God has shared with us, for all that people offer us in so many ways. Our students have also been reflecting on faith and what it means to them in their lives. Take some time to talk with them about your faith and ask them to share their ideas with you. Take some time to pray together and give thanks for the gift of each other's lives.

Next week we begin our midyear assessments. All students from year 3-8 will take part in assessments (e-asTTle) in reading, writing and maths. Today as a staff we have talked about how to make these assessments part of the learning journey rather than a scary test that creates anxiety.... Here are a few tips for all of us in terms of undertaking these assessments:

- Remind students this is a process to help us learn what is next rather than what they can or cannot do.
- Recap on the key learnings in these areas so that students know they have the skills already and this is a matter of putting those skills into practice.
- Celebrate all the successful experiences they have had this year so as they are feeling positive come the assessment day.
- Remind them that these assessments do not assess everything about them... just their reading, writing and maths skills.... There is so much more to each and every child and it is important to acknowledge this.
- As adults use positive language about the assessments- do NOT pressure students....encourage and support them.
- Take some time to practise what they already know and praise every effort.
- Remember these are your children.... They are not achieving for you they are achieving for themselves.
- Be proud of everything your child does...socially, in sport, music, dance, friendships, and remember to smile at them often.
- Eat well, sleep well and enjoy some downtime with family and friends...

Have a great weekend  
Sue Jury

## Catholic Schools Day

On Monday all of our students took part in a special day to celebrate being in a Catholic School. The Year 1 and 2 students loved visiting San Antonio in Eastbourne – especially the beach. The Year 3 and 4 students visited Sacred Heart Petone and loved making slime and icing biscuits. The Year 5 and 6 students visited Our Lady of the Rosary and participated in a beautiful liturgy and a school logo competition.

The Year 7 and 8 students hosted the seniors from Sacred Heart and Our Lady of the Rosary. They welcomed them with a beautiful and powerful Mihi Whakatau and celebrated a liturgy that focussed on their gifts and the call to share these gifts with others.

A most successful day was had by all. We will put some photos up on our Facebook page as soon as we have gathered them all together.

## Digital Technology

As our students gain more and more skills in the use of digital technology it is important to remind them about what digital citizenship means. This is particularly necessary when they have more knowledge of social media and apps than many of their parents.

Our advice is to be always aware of what your child is doing in terms of their use of digital media. They need your guidance as to what is and is not appropriate. Whilst social media is available freely it is important to know that none of these sites are legally available to students under the age of 13:

Does your child use:  
Facebook?  
Instagram?  
Twitter?  
Snapchat?

Do you know what they are doing on their  
laptop?  
Computer?  
Tablet?  
Phone?

All of these social media sites are blocked at school so if students are using them they have created them outside of school. You as their parents need to take responsibility to ensure they are safe online.

Take some time to talk to them about their online behaviour.



## Our next two weeks in view:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
23 May Book Club Orders to office	24 Yr 5/6 Football	25 Sacramental Prog 3-4 Maori Parents Hui 6pm	26	27 Culture Group Assembly D3
30	31 X Country Yr4-8	01 June Baptism 6pm	02 pp day X Country	03 Kapa Haka Team Singing

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**NETBALL**-If you have a query regarding Netball, please contact your coach, check the Netball Facebook page or phone/text Stella as the Office is unaware of any information regarding this.

**LUCKY BOOK CLUB** - Orders are due in to the school office with money and student name and room number by Monday morning.

**FROSTY SPORT** Just a quick word to say that a new indoor ice skating rink has opened in Wellington. So if you are looking for something new and different for the kids to do, then come on down. We have called it "Frosty Spot" and it's located at 85-87 Port Road in Seaview, on the same site as Daytona Raceway indoor go karting. Feel free to check us out at: [www.facebook.com/Frostyspoticerink/](http://www.facebook.com/Frostyspoticerink/)

### **GET WILD FOR OPEN WEEKEND**

On the 21st & 22nd of May you'll be able to visit to **ZEALANDIA** and **Wellington Zoo** for a \$2 donation. All proceeds from the weekend will go towards Zealandia's ongoing conservation efforts and the local and international field conservation projects supported by Wellington Zoo. Where: WELLINGTON ZOO, 200 Daniell Street, Newtown, Wellington & ZEALANDIA, 53 Waiapu Road, Karori, Wellington

Dates: Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd May 2016

Hours: 9am - 5pm Last Entry: ZEALANDIA: 4pm, WELLINGTON ZOO: 4.15pm

Entry: \$2 donation for entry per person (please bring appropriate change)

### **EVENT CINEMAS FAMILY PROMOTION**

Weekend Family Flicks \$6.00 - Why not take your children to the Movies this weekend, the first session of the day on selected Movies are great value at only \$6.00: 21 & 22 May - Kung Fu Panda. 28 & 29 May - Zootopia. 4 & 5 June - The Jungle Book. 11 & 12 June - The Angry Birds Movie.

**SENIOR DETECTIVE MYSTERY** New Zealand Police Museum, Papakowhai Rd, Porirua - Mana. Suitable for all ages, Admission Free, please see [New Zealand Police Museum website](#) Pit your detective skills against our Senior Detective Mystery: 'Operation Stump' and see if you've got what it takes. Locate the evidence, identify your suspect and solve the mystery! Suitable for ages 8 years and above. Plus: we have all the usual favourites including police uniform dress ups and the M.O.T. motorbike; they make a great photo opportunity for the young and the young at heart! Younger visitors can grab a clipboard and follow trails of 'evidence' in our Junior Detective Trail.

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### **THE WELLINGTON FOOD SHOW**

[Westpac Stadium](#), 105 Waterloo Quay, Wellington

Friday 20 May 2016 - Sunday 22 May 2016 10:00am - 5:00pm

Where: [Westpac Stadium](#), 105 Waterloo Quay, Wellington

Restrictions: All Ages

## **HOMESTAYS WANTED!**

Warm, safe, comfortable homes wanted for Wainuiomata High School International Students. Short term or long term. Do you have a spare warm room, is your home within walking distance of High School, or on the 160 bus route. For more information please contact [LisaF@wainuiomatahigh.school.nz](mailto:LisaF@wainuiomatahigh.school.nz)

## **GOOD CHILDREN to GREAT CHILDREN via NUTRITION.**

NZ Kids Food are a new locally owned and operated company offering an easy and convenient service for parents and caregivers to order their child's school lunches via an online service. Lunches are a low cost alternative to some conventional methods of ordering lunches for your children. Our rates start at \$4.50 per lunch (if you are a Community Services Card holder). Lunches are delivered fresh daily to the school by 10am, and incorporate food based on the Ministry of Health food and nutritional guidelines. For every lunch ordered through NZ Kids Food, 10c will be donated back to our School, as contribution and support towards the school. This is a great way to give back to the school and local community. For more information about our service, visit [www.nzkidsfood.co.nz](http://www.nzkidsfood.co.nz) or 0800543736.

## **COMMUNICATION 2016**

Communication is a very important part of our relationship with you. Below are the three forms of communication we use...

- Email - if you wish to receive communication via email please ensure the office have your correct email address. We are able to send all newsletters and notices via email
- Website - [www.stclaudine.school.nz](http://www.stclaudine.school.nz) - this is in the process of being updated for the 2016 school year.
- Our school App - this is downloadable from the app store - if you already have the app you will need to update this for 2016 as there are some things which have been updated for ease of use.



We post updates and messages on our school Facebook page along with celebrating special events our students and staff are involved in.



Thanks for your continued support.