



St Claudine Thévenet
School

Week Six Term Two Friday 10 June 2016

“When we least expect it, life sets us a challenge to test our courage and willingness to change; at such a moment, there is no point in pretending that nothing has happened or in saying that we are not yet ready. The challenge will not wait. Life does not look back. A week is more than enough time for us to decide whether or not to accept our destiny.”

Paulo Coelho

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The theme for the past two weeks has been CHALLENGE. Our students have undertaken their mid-year assessments to gauge their improvement over the first two terms. The challenge is for them to review their assessments and goals they set in the beginning of the year and to begin to think about the goals for the second half of the year. Towards the end of the term we will be opening up the online booking for our learning conversations. These conversations will take place in the first week of Term Three. Tuesday 26 July – Thursday 28 July. The record of learning book will be sent home before the conversation as requested by the feedback last year. This will be given to your child the day before your conversation and you will need to bring it to the conversation with you. At the learning conversation your child will share with you their learning, their achievement and their goals. They will have their partnership sheet filled with how they will work, what their learning partner will do to help and what their teacher will provide so as they are able to reach their goal. They will then ask what it is you as their parent are able to do to help with their learning ...this partnership is the most powerful predictor of success and success is what each and every one of us want for your children.

The theme for the next two weeks is THOUGHTFULNESS. We want our students to be thoughtful of others. To be able to see when others might need help and offer them support. Being thoughtful does not cost anything but the rewards are great. We had a visitor in our school yesterday and before she left she came to speak to me. She told me that the students we have at St Claudine's are some of the nicest children she has met. They were genuinely welcoming, friendly and spoke so politely. It is always so lovely to hear this feedback, it gives us all a real sense of achievement in terms of the work we all put into teaching our children how to be a respectful member of our community. Thank you for all you do in partnership with us to build this welcoming and positive community.

Next Wednesday (weather permitting) we will be holding our Junior Cross Country event at school. The races will begin at 11am. Students are permitted to wear a tee-shirt of their house colour. We would love for you to come and join us to cheer our little runners on.

The middle/seniors enjoyed a wonderful cross country event at the Edward's farm recently. It was a challenging course and they participated with great enthusiasm. Thank you to Mr Mac and Ms Tuifao who planned and ran such a successful event. Thanks also to Erina and Shayne Edwards for welcoming us to your place. The teams for the interschool events will be announced very soon. There are two Inter school events – The Year 7/8 event which will take place on 21st June and the Yr 4-6 event on 28th June. We are looking forward to our teams representing our school at the events. Details will be sent home from Mr Mac in the coming days.

Have a great week
Sue Jury

Board of Trustees 2016

The election process for the Board of Trustees has now been completed. We received five parent nominations. Due to the number of nominations received being the same number of nominations sought we did not need to proceed to the voting process. All parents nominated have been duly elected to the Board.

The Board is made up of the following members:

The Principal:

Sue Jury

The parent elected members are:

Karen Kirkland
Keri-Anne Brown
Joanne Fenika
Mike Fryer
Victoria Seupule- Mose

The staff elected member is:

Jamie Casley

The current proprietor representative members are:

Sarah Ricketts
Amy Kamo

We are still looking to appoint two further proprietor representatives. If you are interested in this role please contact:

Karen Kirkland
karenkirkland@xtra.co.nz
027 4844662

The Board officially took office on 27 May and will meet for the first time next Wednesday 15 June. At this meeting we will welcome our new members and farewell our departing members. The departing members are:

Graeme Johnson
Hayden Burgess
Patrick Tangipo

On behalf of the whole school community I would like to offer them my sincere gratitude. They have all given willingly of their time and talent to be a member of our board. This can be a challenging role in many ways and we acknowledge their contribution to the wonderful governance of the school. We wish them every blessing as they move on to other commitments.



Our Two Weeks in View:

Monday 13	Tuesday 14	Wednesday 15	Thursday 16	Friday 17
		Junior Cross Country 11am BOT 6.30pm		Kapa Haka Group 11.30am School Singing 1.45pm
Monday 20	Tuesday 21	Wednesday 22	Thursday 23	Friday 24
Online booking for Learning Conversations Open	Yr 7/8 Inter-school Cross Country			Culture Group 11.30am Team Singing 1.45pm
		BOT 7pm		

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/

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, 11 & 12 June – The Angry Birds Movie.

FREE CURTAINS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE CARD HOLDERS

This is Tessa from Sustainability Trust, emailing on behalf of the Wellington Curtain Bank. I'm writing to let you know that we're operating a Mobile Curtain Bank out of the Wainuiomata Community Centre from June 20 to July 1 to give families a chance to get free curtains to create warmer, healthier homes this winter.

It would be great if you were able to share this information with the families you work with. The service is free for Community Service Card holders and lined curtains are custom-made for their living spaces – if there are young children, elderly or sick people we can also sometimes supply curtains for bedrooms. The measurement form used to order the curtains can be picked up from the Community Centre for families to complete from June 20, or is available

here: www.sustaintrust.org.nz/curtainbank

For more information, or get in touch with Lynley, our Curtain Bank Coordinator, on curtainbank@sustaintrust.org.nz

H2O XTREAM

We have a TeenWave coming up on Saturday 25 June 2016, It is called Winter Wonderland. It is for children 8 years and older.

Please find attached the poster for more information.

Loren Marine

Customer Service Officer

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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 contact 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 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 – 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.