



St Claudine Thévenet  
School

Week Ten Term Two Friday 8 July 2016

“Collaboration isn’t about giving up our individuality; it’s about realizing our greater potential.”  
– Joseph Rain

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our theme for this fortnight has been PARTNERSHIP... We know that we can’t be true partners unless we choose to collaborate... We collaborate as teachers, we collaborate with our students and we are committed to collaborating with you - their parents and caregivers. I hope you have all taken the time to book your learning conversations in the first week back at school. This conversation gives you the chance to meet with your child and their teacher and together to discuss the goals you have all set for the second half of the year. At this conversation your child will share their learning with you and together you will allocate the roles of each partner in learning. If you have struggled to make an appointment please check the school app for your child’s teachers’ email address and let them know when you are available and they will assist in making the appointment. I cannot stress enough how important this conversation is.... To us, to your child and to you....

[www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) code: EQTEX

**A reminder that we are only able to book one conversation per child. Multiple bookings are not possible due to the limited timeframes.**

Your child’s report and partnership pathway will be sent home today. It is great you will have some time to think these documents over before joining us at the conversation. The record of learning book will be sent home the day before your conversation. The reason for this is to limit the chance of it going missing or getting mislaid. This book holds a lot of information teachers use to plan for your child so it is a critical document for them.

The calendar for the term will be added to the app so make sure you keep up to date with what is planned for next term.

Our first events are:

Tuesday 26 July, Wednesday, 27 July and Thursday 28 July: Learning Conversations

Friday 29 July: Grandparents Day.

On Grandparents day we want to celebrate the special place grandparents have in the lives of our children. This also celebrates the very special models we have in Ann and Joachim – Jesus’ grandparents...

We would like to extend a very special invitation to all of our grandparents. Our theme for the day is:

“From yesteryear to this year”.

Our celebration will at this stage begin with a Mass – providing the church is still open – (We will let you know). The grandparents will then all be welcomed back to school for a Mihi Whakatau and performance by our kappa haka group followed by a scrumptious morning tea hosted by our student council. After morning tea we would like to invite you to spend time in our classrooms. What we would like is for you to bring something from yesteryear... to share with our students. This could be a photo, a game, a tool, a story, anything that reminds you about the good old days. We are all so much looking forward to seeing you.

Have a great holiday  
Sue Jury

## Accounts

A reminder about your accounts. It is an expectation that the fees for your second child are due to be paid by the end of this term. Please make sure you have all accounts up to date.

The school relies on these funds to provide important programmes and resources.

It is also important that parents ensure they pay for the activities their child/ children participate in... We know that it is often convenient to add things to the account – what is also very important is that these accounts are paid. This is not the donation part of the school accounts but rather compulsory fees so please make sure you are on track to be completely paid off at the correct time. Statements will be sent out next week. Please email Mrs Leeanne Neville [leeannen@stclaudine.school.nz](mailto:leeannen@stclaudine.school.nz) if you have any concerns.

## ***Farewell***

On Wednesday we farewelled Trish Heward from our school community. Trish has worked in our school community offering support services for the past 8 years. She has been an invaluable member of our community working with some of our most vulnerable children. She has also worked with many families in a support role. She will be greatly missed by us all.

We thank her for her support, care and love for our children, staff and families. We wish her every blessing as she begins the next stage of her life journey.

We are currently working towards a replacement social worker and will let you know who that is when the decisions have been made.

## Water Only School

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Late last term the Student Council planned to become a Water only School, which means that we are encouraging students to drink water instead of fizzy, juices etc. As you may be aware, obesity, and in particular childhood obesity, is a growing problem in New Zealand. Sugary drinks are a very big contributor to obesity, damaging children's oral health, causing tooth decay, and increasing their likelihood of developing Type 2 diabetes. Eating well and leading a healthy lifestyle play a big part in this, and replacing sugary drinks with water helps fight obesity.

What we are planning to do with your support is for students to bring water in their drink bottles to school. We are also looking for sponsorship to get every student a water bottle that can be kept at school.

The school are looking to installing more water fountains to support our project.

We are counting on your support to encourage a healthier lifestyle for your children

Thank you,

Group 3, Student Council



## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

### **Year 4-6 Interschool Cross Country**

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February we took a group of 30 students to represent St Claudine's at the Wainuiomata Interschool event. We went by bus and picked up Fernlea on the way to keep the costs down. Some of our students did really well and we are proud of all of them for completing the course.

Year 4 girls – Darnaka Barry 7<sup>th</sup>

Year 4 boys – Mark Lagutin 7<sup>th</sup>

Year 5 boys – Amomua Burgess Chase 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Nahson Tuita 12<sup>th</sup>.

Year 6 girls – Keira Smith 1<sup>st</sup>, Achal Narayan 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jasmine Van Driel 5<sup>th</sup>.

Year 6 boys – Daniel McNatty 2<sup>nd</sup>, Genesis Seupule-Mose 6<sup>th</sup>.

Special thanks to Joanna and Pat for helping look after the team, *Mr Mac*

**WELLINGTON ZOO** July school holidays are approaching fast, so make sure you book your little monkeys into our popular [Zoo Holiday Programme!](#) Every day they'll meet animals, interact with the Zoo team and go behind the scenes.

There are still spaces available for some of our school holiday programme sessions, but get in quick as spaces are limited!

**Animates** stores nationwide will be hosting free workshops, perfect for keeping the kids entertained! This is a great way for kids to learn important life skills such as kindness and compassion towards animals. The workshops will teach them everything they need to know about fantastic fish and rocking reptiles. The sessions will be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July at 11am at your local Animates store.

**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/)

### **Mad for marshmallows at STAGLANDS**

Staglands yummy winter marshmallows are back and for a limited period only, during the July School Holidays, they will be given away FREE to all visitors!!

Toast your own on the cosy Barn campfire and enjoy some wild cooking in the great outdoors.

[www.staglands.co.nz](http://www.staglands.co.nz)

### **\*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](http://www.sustaintrust.org.nz/curtainbank)

For more information, or get in touch with Lynley, our Curtain Bank Coordinator, on

[curtainbank@sustaintrust.org.nz](mailto:curtainbank@sustaintrust.org.nz)

### **KIDS DISCO**

Charity Fundraiser – 50% proceeds go to Variety, remaining towards Miss Tijana Selak's journey to Miss Universe. 19<sup>th</sup> July 6.30pm to 8.30pm, Wainuiomata Community Hall, \$5 per child, all ages, snacks available for a gold coin. [www.facebook.com/misstijanaselak](http://www.facebook.com/misstijanaselak)

## **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