



St Claudine Thévenet  
School

Week Two Term Three Friday 5 August 2016

Reputation is what other people know about you. Honour is what you know about yourself.

**Lois McMaster Bujold**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our theme for this fortnight has been HONOUR. Our students have been able to describe what honour means, what it looks like and how we can show we honour others. Honour is a gift, it cannot be earned. Honour shows the level of respect we have for another person. I have been delighted to read the HONOUR wall in D2 this week. It is wonderful to see why they honour the person they chose. What beautiful words for all of us to read. At times it is easy for us to think that honour is reserved for the famous, the rich or the bold.... This wall teaches us honour is for the hardworking, the honest, the lively and the people who commit to helping others.

Last Friday we were delighted to be able to celebrate honour in such a real way. Mass to honour the grandparents of Jesus (Ann and Joachim) and then back to school to honour our own grandparents and great grandparents. We welcomed over 70 visitors to our school – the Mihi Whakatau was a most appropriate way for us to do this. We then shared a lovely morning tea, a performance by the kapa haka group and then our visitors headed for the classrooms to share stories and time with the children.

The faces of our students were a picture to behold. They were delighted to see you all here and have talked nonstop about the stories and the experience. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you so much for making our day so special. If you haven't already done so – check out the photos on our school Facebook page. There are some priceless photos.

Thank you to all of you who attended the learning conversations. What a powerful message to your children. They were delighted to be able to share their progress and achievement with you. I know that teachers take a lot of time to help prepare your children and whilst some may be a little nervous they value the experience greatly.

Of the 282 students we have at school – 271 have shared their learning. That's an attendance rate of 96%. That's fantastic.

I will contact those of you who have not yet made an appointment to ensure you understand the importance of this conversation for your child. You are their partner in learning and they need you.

The theme for the next two weeks is CHARITY. We will be looking at ways we can be charitable in our everyday lives. Charity doesn't always mean giving money or things... it can be as simple as a charitable word or gesture. Take some time to talk to your children about how you show charity.

**“You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.”**

**John Bunyan**

Have a great weekend  
Sue Jury

## ROAD SAFETY

You may have noticed that the Hutt City Council have a team called Parksafes... They are asked to visit schools on a regular basis to ensure parents and caregivers are parking safely around the school at both drop off and pick up time. They do issue tickets so please follow the road rules.

Our road patrol students work hard to ensure that every child is able to access school safely. We ask that you respect their role and remind your children that they are there to ensure their safety. They give up their free time and undertake this role in all sorts of weather. They all deserve our respect.

We know that when it is wet some people would like to get as close to the school gate as possible... be aware that rain doesn't harm your child but a car can.

We have a saying at our school "footpaths are for people- driveways are for cars". Please use the footpath to enter the school grounds.

## LITURGY WORKSHOP

Liturgy Workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Proclaimers of the Word. Fr Joseph Grayland will be providing an opportunity for current ministers and people interested in exploring these ministries to come together for formation.

**WHEN:** Saturday 27th August 2016

**WHERE:** Sacred Heart Petone  
41 Britannia Street, Petone

**TIME:** 10:00am - 12:30pm

### WORKSHOP CONTENT

- A. Overview of the Eucharist thanksgiving of the Church
  - History of the Eucharist as thanksgiving meal
- B. Proclamation that facilitates active listeners
  - The Liturgy of the Word
  - Proclaiming the Word
- C. Eucharistic Rite
  - Eucharistic Prayer
  - How to Distribute

**COME, JOIN AND PARTICIPATE!!!**

## Celebrating Grandparent's Day 2016

"Today was finally the day our school had been preparing for all week!" On Friday 29th July, our school celebrated Grandparents day. It was also a day to remember St Joachim, and St Anne.

To celebrate this day, we went to St Patrick's church, the Kapa haka group performed, and we took part in activities in our classrooms. Not only were their grandparents, but there were great grandparents.

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet," as everyone sang. At 8:40am everyone started arriving to church. Theodore and I were asked to be altar servers. I wasn't nervous because I usually altar serve on Saturday evenings. By 9am the church was packed with children, teachers and our grandparents. During the mass, we sang lots of songs and prayed to Jesus. After the mass was finished, the grandparents started to file out of the church, so they could come back to our school. Soon the kids were allowed to board the bus back to school. It took quite a while for our entire school to get back to school, because there were only 2 buses. I was very grateful for the grandparents, for being so patient for us to return back to school.

"He Honore, he karoria." After morning tea the students who were part of the Kapa Haka group walked over to the Fale, and got into their positions. I was part of the performance too. I was in the third row with some other girls. Halfway through the performance I realized how happy they were when they were watching us. I was so honoured to get the opportunity to perform to all the grandparents.

After the Kapa Haka performed, it was time for the grandparents to come to their grandchild's classrooms. In D2 we made pompoms, origami and necklaces out of magazines. During that time I was mostly using my time to make pompoms. While I was learning how to make a pompom, I got to talk to some of the grandparents. Since my grandparents don't live in New Zealand, I thought it was quite nice to meet a few grandparents, and talk to them.

Overall I thought it was a very special day to celebrate all our grandparents, those who couldn't be there, and for those who have passed away. I am so grateful for the grandparents that take a really big role in our lives. Because a grandparent's love is strong & deep, filled with memories to cherish & keep forever and ever.

Nethu Warnakula

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

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 has 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.

### **INFO NIGHT for the Queen St 7-Day Makeover**

TUES 16 AUGUST 6.30-8.00PM @ Wainuiomata Mall Spot Prizes - Snacks - Kids' Area – Free - Everyone welcome – just come along Come to the Info Night and....Find out how the 7-Day Makeover (25 Sept – 1 Oct) works

Discover the opportunities, resources + budget

- Hear from David Engwicht - the chief Makeover 'coach'
- Ask any questions + share any ideas
- Get excited about what we can all achieve!

All ages + abilities can help on the Makeover from kids + youth through to kaumatua. Free + great activity for families in the school holidays. Find out how 1 hour of your time (or more if you want) can make a huge difference.

[7day.co.nz](http://7day.co.nz) [lovewainuiomata@gmail.com](mailto:lovewainuiomata@gmail.com) 020 4116 975

### **Our next two weeks in view:**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sunday
8 August Book Club Orders to office	9	10 Sacramental Prog 3-4pm	11 A1 visit WOA Museum	12 Kapa Haka School Singing Confirmation Practice	14 Confirmation Mass OLOR 3pm
15	16	17	18	19 Culture Group Assembly A2	

More great photos from Grandparents Day:

