



St Claudine Thévenet
School

Week Six Term Three Monday 29 August 2016

Self Control

There never has been, and cannot be, a good life without self-control. –
Count Leo Tolstoy

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our theme for this fortnight has been self-control. We know that this is a critical skill for children and adults alike. We have focused on the meaning of self-control – taking time to think before we act, before we speak and before we react. We all make choices and we are responsible for those choices...yes even children and yes even very young children. We encourage our students to take personal responsibility – it is important that you as their parents do the same. When things happen at school – and make no mistake things happen – it is a valuable opportunity to talk to your child about their reaction, their choice and their words. We are not accepting of the statement – “He made me do it” She made me angry”. These statements are about relinquishing personal responsibility. When you talk with them be careful that you do not take on their battle without seeking clarification about the incident. If you need to talk to someone at school then please do so respectfully as you are a role model for your child and they look to you to see how to resolve issues they may face.

You may be aware that the Minister of Education is currently reviewing the funding processes for schools. You may have heard in the media two perspectives on this debate. There are also many other statements being made in particular the idea of COOLs, an online learning school and the change to the way in which special needs funding is allocated. I would recommend that you take time to read the material and familiarise yourself with these developments. These are some of the most significant changes to how schools are funded and will most certainly have an effect on our communities. Further details will be shared with all staff at their paid union meeting. This has been called by the PPTA (Secondary) and NZEI (Primary) unions. It is significant that these two unions have joined together to explore this proposal. We understand the challenge of these meetings however they are only called in school time when the issues is of significant concern. We appreciate your support in making sure we know what this funding proposal means for each and every one of your children in our care.

Attached to this newsletter is the advice that all staff will be attending a stopwork meeting on
THURSDAY 8th September.
Please make sure you mark this date in your diary.

Have a great week
Sue Jury

ROAD SAFETY

You may have noticed that the Hutt City Council have a team called Parksafe... 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.

ACCOUNTS 2016

We have 284 students at St Claudine's. We rely on payment being made on time in order for us to manage our finances and accounts. Thank you to all of those families who have paid their accounts and those who have regular automatic payments set up to cover costs.

To date we have a total of
110 students fully paid
72 students on Automatic Payment
HOWEVER:

There are 102 students for whom nothing has been paid. This is a total of \$21,000 outstanding.

If you are having difficulty please let us know as soon as possible.

All other accounts are due to be paid in full by 25 November and unpaid accounts at this stage will be followed up by the bursar.

Our next two weeks in view:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29	30 Sisters of Charity Visit Hinau Team	31 A3 Wainui Museum Visit Sacramental Programme 3-4pm	1 September Tennis Year 5/6	2 Ki-o-rahi Year 5-8 Kapa Haka
5 School Photos	6	7 Year 5/6 Tennis	8 School Closes 12.30pm STAFF UNION MEETING 1pm- 3.00pm	9 Assembly C1 1.45pm



COMMUNITY NOTICES

LUCKY BOOK CLUB

If you wish to place an order, please return order forms and money to the school office by Monday 12th September.

PHOTO DAY

A reminder that Monday 5th September is School Photo Day. Each child will be photographed and the order envelope will be sent home for your approval. If you then wish to order you can fill in details and return with money.

If you wish to **order family photos** please complete the order form that students were given last week and return to the office before photo day.

Wainuiomata Tennis Club OPEN DAY - Seniors and Juniors

SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER anytime between 10am-4pm. Main Rd, Village.

All welcome. We offer Junior Group Coaching & Fun on Tuesdays for 9 yr +

Junior Aces Wed for 5 - 8+ yrs, Senior events Come along, have a hit - have some fun. Sausage Sizzle

You can register your child. Senior Registrations welcome too For more info phone Julie on 564 3075

jday@mierslabs.co.nz or see our website for contacts: www.wainuiomatatennis.org.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 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 – 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.

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Thanks for your continued support.