

# Week Nine Term Three Tuesday 20 September 2016

Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our theme for this final week of school is GENEROSITY. Our focus is on what we can do to help others – how can we be generous... not only in the giving of things but also in the giving of time and the giving of ourselves. Generous people bring a smile to the face of another and a sense of warmth to hearts. Take some time to talk to your children this week about their learning and share with them your experience of the generosity of others.

The third term has almost ended and whilst a shorter term it has been no less busy. Beginning with learning conversations in week one to the various learning, sporting and outside the classroom learning that has taken place. We know you will be looking forward to the break as are the staff.

Next term begins on October 10 and no doubt it will seem to fly by as has this term. Our focus for the term is: Understanding Changes and Imagining Possible Futures. We have spent three terms learning about change, personal change, change through science and nature and changes over time – from yesteryear to this year.... Next term we galvanise all our learning about change as we focus on how can we change things.... Ourselves, our classrooms, our school, our community and in fact our world. This gives children the chance to imagine, to innovate and to share their dreams of a better environment, community and world. We look forward to sharing some of their imaginings with you.

On Thursday the Totara team are visiting the Home of Compassion in Island Bay to learn more about the life of Suzanne Aubert who is on her way to becoming the first NZ saint. On Friday we have a special blessing ceremony for all the students who have started at St Claudine's this term... because we prefer our students to be in uniform for these formal events we have moved our end of term mufti day to

WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER. Please remember a gold coin.

We would like to thank you all for your continued support over the term. We wish you all a very happy and restful holiday and pray that you are able to enjoy some quality time with your children in beautiful spring weather.

Have a great week Sue Jury

## "Footpaths are for peopledriveways are for cars".

Please use the footpath NOT the driveway to enter the school grounds.

### **TERM FOUR:**

Remember that every child will need a sunhat for term four. If you need to purchase a new one you can do so at the school office.

### Sacramental Programme 2016

On Saturday 17 September our 12 students made their first holy communion. It was a beautiful ceremony shared with our local parish community. Thanks to all those of you who joined with us to celebrate this special day. We ask that you continue to pray for these children and their families as they continue to grow in faith.

Our special thanks to Ms Nikolao who has worked with them for the past three terms. We appreciate her tireless support of them all.

Thank you also to Fr John who has celebrated with us at each sacrament.

### <u>MUFTI</u>

Mufti this week will be TOMORROW Wednesday 21st September. Gold coin donation.

### NETBALL PRIZEGIVING CHANGED TO NAENAE POOL

Prizegiving this year will be held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September at <u>Naenae Pools</u> from 12.30pm to 3pm. All players welcome, for enquiries please contact your coach or Stella. Please remember to return Netball uniforms to School office.

### STAGLANDS - Calling all budding film buffs!

These school holidays Staglands will be running a cool new competition to see who can make the best video at Staglands! The video can be about anything you like – just as long as it is filmed at Staglands!

It doesn't matter either if it's shot using a professional camera or your smartphone – it's all about the ideas. The competition runs from Saturday 24 September to Sunday 9 October 2016. To enter you need to upload your video to Facebook, and use the hashtag #StaglandsSprogs. There are fantastic prizes on offer. Winner will be announced on Friday 14 October.

Visit website for further details <u>www.staglands.co.nz</u>

### Free school holiday kids' events at Te Papa

It's showtime! Join amazing entertainers on the stage, or enjoy crafts, music, magic, and more.

Come to our Teddy Bears' Picnic, dance to the Funky Monkeys, and meet Big Ted, Humpty, and Manu from *Play School*. Learn tricks and balloon twisting with Zappo the Magician. Drum with the Goodtime Music Academy. Sing with NZ Opera members. Design wearable art or make an outrageous hat.

See you at Te Papa for two weeks of fun!

## Want to create a vibrant Queen St where everyone can relax + play?

### The opportunity is here!

Queen St is having a 7-Day Makeover Sun 25 Sept to Sat 1 Oct.

### What is it?

It's simple + lots of fun. Just decide what you want for Queen St, pick where it goes, then make it happen with some DIY + creativity.

- There's a budget available + lots of DIY support
- There's a resource bank with materials + tools to use
- There's a fantastic Makeover 'coach', David Engwicht, available to help

### Who's it for?

Everyone who wants Queen St to come to life! You, your whanau, your mates, your sports

team, your group, your work, your business.

Get stuck in + get hands on. Together we'll MAKE it happen.

### Where in Queen St?

It's where you want the changes! On the grass? the footpath? outside the library? behind the hall? on the reserve's edge? There's lots of freedom + just a few things to be aware. Find out @ the Info Night or Iovewainuiomata@gmail.com

### How does it work?

Start your own project or join one.

- Start planning + creating now or do it all during Makeover week.
- Makeover Days 1 + 2 for ideas + planning on Sun 25 + Mon 26 Sept.
- Makeover Days 3 7 for making + installing Tues 27 Sept to Sat 1 Oct
- Makeover Launch Party for everyone 4PM Sat 1 Oct.

### What can we make?

Just about anything! Think of your wishlist for Queen St. What attracts people, makes them feel at home + encourages them to stay longer? Something for kids like a slide or stepping stones? Something for youth like table tennis or hoops? Something for everyone like groovy picnic tables or colourful knitting to decorate the trees. You decide!