



St Claudine Thévenet
School

Week Ten Term One Friday 7 April 2017

The first to apologize is the bravest

The first to forgive is the strongest

The first to forget is the happiest

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we begin to prepare for Holy Week we are practising our skills in forgiveness.... Why forgiveness – Because as the story on Good Friday will remind us all – Jesus forgave those who put him to death... He chose to forgive those who hurt him the most...and he asked God, his father to do the same... He is our role model. If Jesus can forgive something this big we can most certainly forgive people for the little things others may do to hurt us. Another important aspect of forgiveness our students have been thinking about this week is the fact that when we forgive it not only allows the other person to move on – it also allows us to move on. It allows us to let go of the hurt so that we do not continue to carry it like a burden. Forgiving others is a way of freeing up our hearts to be able to love others more.

It has been a long term and I know teachers and students are looking forward to a break to rest and re-energise before the beginning of Term Two. Next week we will have our whanau liturgies at 11am and our final assembly at 1.30pm. This will include the very special blessing ceremony so if you have had a child start at St Claudine's from Term four last year to the end of this term then we would like to warmly invite you to this assembly to share the blessing ceremony with your child/children. This will also be the student council's first assembly. They have finished writing their vision and plan for the year. We are happy to be able to share this with you all:

Vision:

We believe in a school where all students feel they belong, where all students are safe and well and where all students feel a deep sense of pride.

Values:

Respect, Integrity, Service, Compassion

They have created three goals:

1. To ensure every student feels they belong
2. To ensure every student is safe and well at school
3. To ensure every student experiences a deep sense of pride in their school.

This week the student council have undertaken the Well@school survey. This is a great starting point to see if there are particular areas that need our attention. The second thing they have done is create their PRIDE assembly for the end of the term.... We are looking forward to sharing this with the school community.

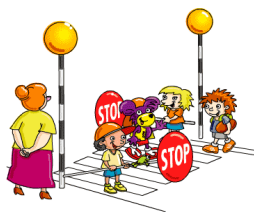
Have a great weekend
Sue Jury

ROAD SAFETY BEHAVIOUR

There are some serious concerns being raised by teachers and students who do road patrol. They have asked me to remind you of the following rules and expectations:

1. **USE THE CROSSING**
2. **Park Legally**
3. **Use the footpath for walking into school**
4. **Drive slowly – especially when approaching the crossing**

**And MOST importantly
BE A POSITIVE ROLE MODEL FOR YOUR CHILDREN**



Digital Technology

As our students gain more and more skills in the use of digital technology it is important to remind them about what digital citizenship means. This is particularly necessary when they have more knowledge of social media and apps than many of their parents.

Our advice is to be always aware of what your child is doing in terms of their use of digital media. They need your guidance as to what is and is not appropriate. Whilst social media is available freely it is important to know that none of these sites are legally available to students under the age of 13:

Does your child use:
Facebook?
Instagram?
Twitter?
Snapchat?

Do you know what they are doing on their laptop?
Computer?
Tablet?
Phone?

All of these social media sites are blocked at school so if students are using them they have created them outside of school. You as their parents need to take responsibility to ensure they are safe online.

Take some time to talk to them about their online behaviour.

Our next week in view:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10	11	12 Accounts due for first child.	13 Whanau Liturgy 11am PRIDE Assembly 1.30pm	14 GOOD FRIDAY (No School)

Board of Trustees Newsletter - March 2017

Welcome to the first Board of Trustees newsletter for 2017.

The Board would like to welcome everyone back to the new school year and extend a very warm welcome to families that are new to our school community. In this issue of our newsletter we would like to update you on Board members and our School Charter.

Board Members

The current members of the Board of Trustees are; Karen Kirkland (Chairperson), Sarah Ricketts, Amy Kamo, Joanne Fenika, Tony Harrington, Mike Fryer, Victoria Seupule-Mose, Keri-Anne Brown, Liz Tanoai, Sue Jury (Principal), and Jamie Casley (Staff Representative).

Profiles and photos of all members of the Board are available on the school website. We will be bringing more information to you in the coming months so keep your eyes on the website.

School Charter

Over January and February, the Board held strategic planning meetings where we updated the School Charter. The Charter is available on the school website and includes our vision, our values, our key principles and our strategic goals.

Each Board member has their own area of responsibility, which links directly to the strategic goals in the School Charter, and will be the contact person for that area. The areas of responsibilities are as follows:

Strategic Goal / Priority Area	People Responsible
Special Character	Amy, Liz
Excellence in Achievement	Sue, Jamie
Professional Practice	Sue, Jamie
Community and Governance	Victoria, Joanne, Karen
Physical Environment	Sarah, Mike
Cultural Diversity	Keri, Tony

In upcoming issues of this newsletter we will be sharing progress towards the achievement of our strategic goals with you.

Contact Us

If you would like to get in contact with us you can send an email to board@stclaudine.school.nz or leave a message at the school office for us. If you want to discuss a specific strategic goal or priority area put that as the subject of your email or message and we will make sure it gets to the right person.

If there is anything else, you would like us to cover in our communications with you then please let us know.

Wainuiomata Community Preparedness Day!

What would you do if there was an earthquake? Do you have a plan? How could you help? How long could you look after yourself if Wainuiomata was cut off?

Come along to find out how you can get prepared and help your community after a disaster. The Wellington Region Emergency Management Office (WREMO) along with will teach you how you can get prepared, and run a fun community exercise to show you how you could help one another after a disaster. Bring along your whānau, friends and neighbours!

When: Saturday 8th April 10am-12pm at the Memorial Hall (followed by a community BBQ!) <https://www.facebook.com/events/1500348686675989/>

WELLINGTON ZOO Wild Ideas Takeover Day Saturday, 8 April 9.30am - 5pm

Wellington Zoo's global and local conservation partners are taking over Wellington Zoo for a very extraordinary day! Come along to meet the Zoo's partners, find out about the amazing animals they work with and join in some fun conservation themed activities. Visitors will also be able to pre-book [Close Encounters](#) and hear a personalised talk from our partners who work closely with the animals we seek to save in the wild. The special Close Encounters available to book on April 8, are the [Red Panda](#), [Lemur](#) and [Cheetah](#). Hurry, spaces are limited! Join us Saturday 8 April as we showcase the big steps we're collectively taking for global change! Check out our [Facebook Event page](#) for the schedule of events on the day. *Normal Zoo entry fee applies

School Holiday Computer Classes

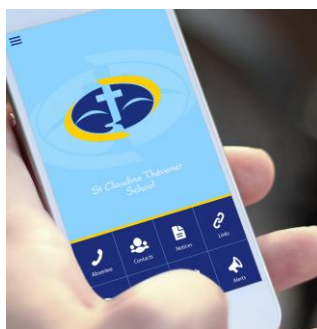
For ages 5 – 15 in Minecraft, Learn to Code in Scratch or Python, Create 3D Games, Web Design, Animation, Video Editing or Build a PC and if young the Discovery Computer Class. For further information call 499-2211 or visit www.grandtraining.co.nz.

Nitsy Pixies - No more Nits! In-salon treatments or take home products WORK AND INCOME SUPPLIER! contact Lisa on 0800 nitsypixies (648 797)_or www.nitsypixies.co.nz

COMMUNICATION 2017

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.