



St Claudine Thévenet
School

Week One Term Two Friday 5 May 2017

People travel to wonder at the height of mountains, at the huge waves of the sea, at the long courses of rivers, at the vast compass of the ocean, at the circular motion of the stars; and they pass by themselves without wondering. (Saint Augustine)

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our theme this week is *WONDER*- This theme focuses on our ability to experience- the wonder of creation – the wonder of God's gifts to us- and the wonder of ourselves as gift to the world. Take some time this week to talk about these gifts and how it is appropriate to respond to them.

If you have been down to school, you may be aware of building work going on at the school. We have had two major projects being undertaken since the end of last term. The first is the structural upgrade to the Hinau block. This has been planned for some time and whilst it did take the structural engineers some time to develop a plan that would best meet the brief we are delighted it is finally underway. The upgrade means the installation of both concrete support structures at the ends and side of the building and reinforcing frames on the window side of the building. It will ensure much greater safety of the building.

The second project has been the development of an outdoor area for the Rata Whanau. This includes the installation of external doors, fencing and a wonderful deck. This area will be developed over the term and we are looking forward to watching our discoveriescape take shape. Thanks Mr Barrie Casley for the great job.



The discovery process promotes learning through exploration, meets social, cognitive and co-operative needs of the individual.

This area will have a wide range of activities available for your children to explore, play, engage with others and understand that learning is a life experience. It is not confined to books and paper or digital tools but rather it is the process of discovery and experimentation.

The children will be working on plans for this area over the next few weeks.

Have a great weekend
Sue Jury

Our next two weeks in view:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8	9	10 Kapa Haka 1.30	11	12 Students Council 10am Seniors Mass 10am Taonga Time 11-12.30 Assembly 1.45
15 Theme: Sincerity	16 Writing Assessment	17 Reading Assessment Pasifika 1.30pm	18 Maths Assessment House Mtgs 1.30pm	19 Year 4- 8 School Cross Country

Lucky Bookclub – orders are due in at the school office 12 May. Alternatively order online mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY:

This year we have decided to add a fundraising part to our cross country. This is a special sort of fundraising as it allows every participant to win a prize based on the amount of money they earn through sponsorship. Included with this newsletter is a personal booklet... have a read and follow the instructions. Students may get sponsors from family and friends, parents' workmates and perhaps relatives who are online. It is a great way to raise money and keep fit at the same time...

The money raised will go towards the development of our outdoor areas as this is a main focus of the Board for this year.

The Year 4-8 students will have their cross country at the Edwards' farm (as they did last year) on Friday 19th May.

The Year 1-3 students will have their cross country at school on Friday 2nd June.

A notice from Mr Mac for the Year 4-8 students is included with this newsletter.

We hope you will all join in with this fundraising event and encourage your children to be active participants too.... Have a look at the great prizes they can win ...Further details are included on the event letter on the next page.



Building Champions

We recently received \$1000 from Wayne Barton and Tui Reid after members of our community sold their houses and nominated our school as the recipient of the \$250.00. Thank you so much to these community members. This money goes towards the development of our outdoor areas.



We would also like to thank Wayne and Tui for their ongoing support

SURVEY: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DMMF3TV>

We would really appreciate you taking a few minutes to answer three questions about home-school connection. The link is also available on our school Facebook page and the school app.

