



St Claudine Thévenet
School

Week Nine Term Three

Friday 22 September 2017

“Never forget that you are one of a kind. Never forget that if there weren't any need for you in all your uniqueness to be on this earth, you wouldn't be here in the first place. And never forget, no matter how overwhelming life's challenges and problems seem to be, that one person can make a difference in the world. In fact, it is always because of one person that all the changes that matter in the world come about. So be that one person.”

– R. Buckminster Fuller

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our theme for weeks nine and ten is “Make a difference”. We end this term with a focus on what treasure/ Taonga each and every student has to offer our world. Next Term we focus on sharing this Taonga with others. As the quote above says – be that one person you are called to be and in turn offer that gift to the world.

This week we have had the Education Review Office team in our school. We have shared all of our wonderful practices with them. The students have welcomed them so positively and the team have told me that they are so hospitable and that the school values are evident in all their interactions. I was so proud. The entire staff have worked very hard to prepare for this review and I thank them for their efforts- they always have the achievement and wellbeing of the students at heart and I know that their efforts bring great reward. Whilst the roles may differ in terms of learning support, admin, caretaker or teacher each person contributes to the community as a whole – these are all of our children and we do our absolute best to grow them as learners with a strong faith base and a sense of self they are proud to share. The oral feedback we received yesterday affirmed our work and gave us great reason to celebrate. We look forward to receiving the draft report in a few weeks' time and look forward to sharing the confirmed report with you as soon as we receive it.

Last night our senior Pasifika Group performed at a gathering with Jacinda Ardern. They were such a credit to our school. I personally feel so proud of them when they perform and know that you feel the same pride. Thanks to Ms Tuifao, Ms Auta, Ms Soane and Ms Nikolao who continue to support this group with such passion. We are blessed to have you as both role models and leaders for these young people.

Attached to our newsletter this week is a feedback form related to our curriculum planning for 2018. Please fill this in and send it back to school by next Wednesday...

Have a great weekend

Sue Jury

COMMUNITY NOTICES

MUFTI DAY – Next week Mufti Day is Thursday 28th September, remember a gold coin donation.

ASSEMBLY – Friday 29th Sausage sizzle lunch, Student Council Assembly and Blessing Ceremony for new students, starting at 1.30pm. Hope to see you there

SCHOOL PHOTOS – Proofs sent home today. Order online using shoot key or return to school by 20 Oct.

PENCARROW KINDERGARTEN

Space available for children 2-4 years from 8.30am to 12.30pm or 8.30am to 2.30pm. Phone 9209828 or enroll online at www.huttkindergarten.org.nz

Kāpiti Island for Kids school holiday programme for ages 9-13 from 11-13 October 2017

3 days/2 nights - Includes: nighttime kiwi spotting, nature adventures, fishing, swimming, games, wildlife discovery, cabin accommodation (quad share), delicious food, ferry and DOC permits. \$395pp. Limited to 14 spaces. Email: bookings@kapitiisland.com

Book now for Wilderkids school holiday programme. Run by Sustainability Trust, this programme gets kids aged 5 to 12 outside into Wellington Town Belt, connecting with nature and learning about birds, bugs, bees, trees! \$56 a day, or if you have a Community Services Card apply for a \$10 place. Runs Oct 2 to 13. More at www.sustaintrust.org.nz/wilderkids

Weta Workshop OUR SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME IS BACK! OCTOBER 10 – 12th 2017

In the upcoming school holidays, Weta Workshop is opening its doors to give kids a chance to make movie magic! We warmly invite the children of St Claudine Thevenet School to come along.

From drawing to prosthetics and chainmaille, our workshops for ages 7 – 12 years old will excite and delight! Don't miss out. Book online now at www.wetaworkshop.com/school-holiday-programme

EL RANCHO SPRING HORSE CAMP is on 10 & 11 October. 9am – 4pm each day. \$160 gets you 2 days.

Come and experience the magic of El Rancho and learn all there is to know about Horse Riding and Care. Suitable for beginners or those with some experience. Not just for kids, parents and grandparents are welcome too. This is a day camp, so no overnight stay, just turn up each morning ready for action! If you're not local and would like to stay over, then we have a range of accommodation available for an additional cost. See our website for Holiday Park options. All those under 18 years need to be accompanied by an adult if staying the night 😊 Apply online at: <http://elrancho.co.nz/Camps+and+Events/Horse+Camp.html>

STAGLANDS

School holidays are fast approaching! We are all as excited as you are and we have prepared an awesome adventure especially for you. We will have the first Staglands Wild Trail Challenge from 30th September to 15th October 2017. Kids need to bring a copy of the Staglands Wild Trail Challenge to Staglands Wildlife Reserve's Café. Complete the challenge and receive a FREE KIDS' MEAL. Within the sheet is also a bonus challenge where they can win a Family Staglands Pass, they just post their Wild Images and Sounds, captured during the activity, on Facebook using the hashtag #StaglandsWildTrailChallenge. Further details and a copy of the Staglands Wild Trail Challenge Sheet can be found on our website at

www.staglands.co.nz.

COMMUNICATION 2017

We want to communicate well with parents and whanau and know that we have to do this in a range of ways, our most preferred forms of communication are digital as they do not require so much paper.

Our School App – this is downloadable from the app store – if you already have the app you will need to update this for 2017 as there are new room names and teachers.



Thanks for your continued support.

Looking Forward

In 2018 we would like to have a priority focus on HEALTH and WELLBEING. We believe that this is a real priority in terms of giving our students the best possible resources to enable them to look after themselves, keep safe, develop healthy relationships and make healthy decisions.

There are four main areas of the Health Curriculum-

- Personal Health and Physical Development
- Movement Concepts and Motor Skills
- Relationships with Other people
- Healthy Communities and Environments.

At St Claudine's Health is always integrated with other curriculum areas especially our RE programme. It is fully aligned with our school values and the teachings of the Catholic Church.

We are now in the process of planning our curriculum overview for next year and would love your feedback. Listed below are some of the areas of health and wellbeing we are looking to make a focus. We would really appreciate you taking some time to look at these and circle the areas you believe would be great for us to focus on.... If there are any other areas, you would like to suggest please feel free to add them. Once the feedback is collated and we have developed a draft plan we will share this with you.

Draft areas of focus (Circle the areas you would like to see in our curriculum next year....)

Garden to Table (Healthy Eating)

First Aid/ Emergency Response

Building Healthy and Positive relationships

Physical Wellbeing (Exercise and Fitness)

Keeping Myself Safe

Resilience – How to manage the hard stuff....

Hygiene Practices

Changes at Puberty

Building a Healthy Community

Do you have any other suggestions?