



St Claudine Thévenet
School

Week Eight Term One Thursday 29 March 2018



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We have had such a wonderful start to the year...Our classes are settled and learners engaged. There is so much enthusiasm about learning in the classroom, outside the classroom, in the gardens, in Ako Pai sessions, Culture group, Kapa Haka group and Student Council – this is a true reflection that both teachers and students have got on board with the notion that learning happens anywhere and can happen at any time. We are all looking forward to sharing our learning journey with you. If you haven't already booked a time please make sure you do... the website is www.schoolinterviews.co.nz (code neemk). I know both teachers and students are looking forward to sitting down with you to talk about where your child is on the journey, where they want to go and how they are going to get there.

The Board of trustees have also "joined the journey". As a board we have discussed what it means to be a trustee in a Catholic school, what good governance looks like and how to effectively connect with our community. There were positive ideas and we are all looking forward to the role of trustee this year.

Our theme this week is compassion: This is a most appropriate theme for this season of the Church year. This week we walk through Holy Week, we began the week on Sunday with Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem to the chanting of crowds waving palms- as we move through the week we remember the events leading up to Jesus being crucified on the Cross- this is a time for us all to share in the experience of Jesus, to understand the pain and suffering he endured for us... we think about how we can show compassion to others who may be suffering, we think about ways we can help those who most need our help and how we can be kind to those others may ignore.. After dying and being buried, we then experience a time of waiting, a time of anticipation about the joy we will experience when Jesus is raised from the dead. We look forward to the Easter break and returning to school to celebrate the risen Jesus.

We hope you all have a blessed Easter shared with family and friends.

Sue Jury
Principal

Our Digital World

As we know our world has become more and more digital. In school we are committed to providing opportunities for our students to use digital tools in their learning. One concern often raised by adults is the amount of screen time students have each day. We as a staff believe in the use of chrome books, computers and iPads as a learning tool... these digital tools enable students to access a wide range of information and to learn in a variety of ways however we want to assure you that this is only one part of the learning process. Students continue to use more traditional methods to learn and practice new skills.

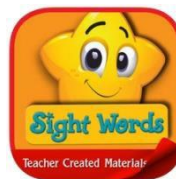
We also recognise that many families have access to digital technology at home so to support those families who wish to use their digital tools to reinforce learning we are happy to provide you with a list of useful apps/ websites that will be familiar to your children.

Junior apps



Eggy 100

Sight word recognition. Swipe the given sight word as they come across the screen.



Sight Word: Kids Learn

Tap the word to hear it, then use your finger to trace and write the word. You can also record yourself reading the word.



Endless Reader

Drag correct letter sounds onto the word, then put the word in the sentence



Endless 123

Number recognition and addition/subtraction facts to 5.



Abc Pocket Phonics Lite

Handwriting and letter sound association.



Maths with Springbird

Addition and subtraction within 20. With every correct answer the bird jumps higher up the tree to unlock new features.



First Words Sampler

Drag the letters to the correct spot and spell simple words to match the picture.



Quick Math Jr

Counting, skip counting, numbers to 100, matching objects to given number, and addition/subtraction. This app is great because it allows you to track your child's progress and identify areas for further development.



Sight words Learning

Sight word recognition, spelling, bingo, memory, and flash cards for basic sight words.



Animal Math

Counting to 10, number sequences, number patterns, and addition to 10.

Apps appropriate for all learners



Math slide:

Addition & Subtraction

Multiplayer game great for practising addition and subtraction.



Math slide: Tens & Ones

Recognising numbers and place value to 100.

For Older Students

Khan Academy

Short videos to support a range of mathematical skills and applications.



Quizlet

Students can create their own flashcards and review information in games and quizzes.



Grammaropolis

Review parts of speech with fun lessons and games.



Comics head lite – Create your own comic

Create your own comics



Fractions Lite

Reinforces fraction knowledge through quick tutorials and games.



Sushi Monster

Basic facts – Addition and subtraction reinforcement through games and number bonds.



Ready to read series

A range of Ministry of Education published books across levels. Click and drag over the word to listen to the story, read and record your voice and listen to the stories in NZ sign language. Each App is downloaded individually – I want to fly (L10), Late for the race (L5), Talking to Nanny (L6), A special visit to Koro and Nanny (L15), The King's Birthday (L17), Dad's snore (L7), Dragons! Dragons!

Dragons! (L14), Tim's costume (L13), I'm the King of the mountain (L), The hole in the King's sock (L15), Is that an earthquake? (L15), Bubbles (L2), The crocodile's Christmas jandals (L16).

Websites:

www.studyladder.co.nz/games/course/mathematics-addition-430

www.studyladder.co.nz/games/course/english-spelling-and-vocabulary-185

www.freerice.com – vocabulary quiz

www.teachyourmonstertoread.com – reinforces letter, blends, and vowel sounds

EASTER BREAK

Please be aware that we break from Thursday 29th March at 2.40pm and return to school Wednesday 4th April 8.40am (Tuesday is also a school holiday).

Kāpiti Island for Kids school holiday programme for ages 9-13 from 25-27 April 2018.

3 days/2 nights - Includes: night time 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

SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS: CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES APRIL 19 – 20

In the upcoming school holidays, Weta Workshop is opening its doors to a new cohort of creative superheroes! We warmly invite the children of St Claudine Thevenet School to come along. From sketching and sculpting, our workshops for ages 7 – 12 years old will excite and delight! Don't miss out. Book online at www.wetaworkshop.com/school-holidays

Wellington Phoenix are running two holiday programmes during the April school holidays!

This is an opportunity to play your favourite game all day, develop your skills, make new friend and rub shoulders with members of the Wellington Phoenix.

Monday 23 – Tuesday 24 April, Wakefield Park, Island Bay, 9am-3pm

Thursday 26 – Friday 27 April, Upper Hutt Artificial, 9am-3pm

Includes coaching from Wellington Phoenix Academy Youth coaches, a Wellington Phoenix holiday programme t-shirt and a Wellington Phoenix football. Suitable for ages 8-12 and all abilities. To register, visit www.wellingtonphoenix.com or email beckyc@wellingtonphoenix.com

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COMMUNICATION 2018

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 2018 as there are new room names and teachers.

A REMINDER : FEES ARE NOW DUE FOR THE FIRST CHILD.....ALL OUTSTANDING FEES FROM 2017 ARE DUE TO BE PAID BY THE END OF THIS TERM – FRIDAY 13 APRIL.