



Thursday 20 August 2020

## Quote of the week

"Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do." John Wooden

# OUR WONDERFUL GRANDPARENT DAY CELEBRATION



**Dear Parents, Caregivers, Whanau and Friends**  
**Nga Mihi o te wa ki a koutou. Greetings to you all.**

I hope this stunning day finds you happy and well. What an excellent couple of weeks we have had with our students. Grandparents day was a huge success and we have heard from many that attended that they had an absolute blast.

Our First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation programs are all running extremely well. It has been fantastic for me to work with the students from St Annes and Cullinane for the confirmation program and the team from St Mary's are enjoying all of the children who are preparing for reconciliation.

I would like to congratulate all of the children for the way they have managed to take care of each other and to come to the classrooms by themselves prepared and ready to learn. I would also like to thank all of our amazing parents for following the protocols and making sure you are staying off school grounds unless it is absolutely necessary to come in. I would also like to congratulate all who have downloaded the tracing app, this makes tracking who is here so much easier just by the tap of a button. It is pleasing to see how many New Zealanders are responding with kindness to this latest outbreak. At Alert Level 2 we continue to emphasize the importance of:

- Good hand hygiene, cough and sneeze etiquette.
- Stay away if sick (we will ring you if we have any concerns.)
- Cleaning and disinfecting our high touch surfaces daily.

### **Life Education**

We have Mark Keelty and Harold working with our students for the next two weeks. The classes have all been loving their time in the bus with Harold so make sure you ask them what they have been learning about.

**Our planned open evening on the 24th of August has been postponed.** We will look to the middle of September for the rescheduling of this dependent of course on us being back in Level 1. We will get confirmed dates to you once we know the Government's position on the levels.

**Book Fair:** This has been cancelled for 2020. We were unable to have the books delivered from Auckland in the normal display cases so we have made the call to cancel this until 2021. We will still have our character dress up day but this is also postponed until later in the term.

### **Winter Sports:**

Netball is postponed while we are in Level 2: hockey, rugby and football are continuing with special conditions to allow for limited numbers. As we all adjust to the Level 2 changes I would also like to thank all our coaches, parents and students for understanding and following the regulations that have been set in order for sports to continue. It is uncharted waters for us all and it's been great to see how everyone pulls together in order to ensure the children can complete their activities.

### **Your Child's Seesaw Account**

Please make sure you link into your child's Seesaw account. It is where you can see your child's learning in real time. Their learning has teacher comments aligned to the tasks and this is how we are reporting. This is also the way we are sharing important messages/notifications with you. This allows us to have one platform across the school that everyone can access. Please contact your child's classroom teacher or Jo in the office if you need help connecting to your child's Seesaw account. Thank you for your understanding and your continued support.

**Blessings – Ann-Maree and the St Anne's team**

# Faith Facts

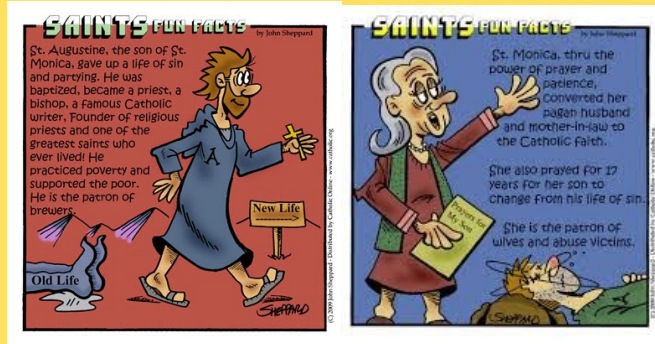
## Week 6 24th - 28th August

24th St Bartholomew

27th St Monica

28th St Augustine

St Bartholomew was one of the twelve apostles. His name means "son of Tolomai" and scholars believe he is the same as [Nathanael](#) mentioned in John's Gospel, who says he is from [Cana](#) and that [Jesus](#) called him an "Israelite...incapable of deceit." He preached in [India](#) and Greater Armenia.



## Week 7 31st August - 4th September

3rd St Gregory the Great

6th Father's Day

Pope Francis prayer intention for September

1st Day of Prayer for Care of Creation (Start of Season of Creation 1 Sept – 4 Oct)

Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful

### A prayer for our earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love,

that we may protect life and beauty.

**We would like to invite our parents and caregivers of the following rooms to join their classroom at Mass on Tuesday.**

Room 4 and Room 5 at St Anne's Church 11.30 on Tuesday 25th August

Room 1-2-3 at St Anne's Church 11.30 on Tuesday 1 September

### SPRINGVALE BOOKSHOP—closing down sale Catholic-religious-giftware

Rosary beads, sacramental gifts and cards, bibles, children's mass books, Saint books/cards/ medals/ keyrings and catholic birthday cards. Shop closes 31 Aug 2020.





# Love to Sing?

Come and add your voice to the

## **Te Awa Kids Choir**

A choir for primary and intermediate aged children

### **We sing to make a difference!**

We perform regularly at concerts & to raise money for good causes. We sing a range of different styles and aim to make singing together fun!

Practices are on Tuesdays at 3:30-4:10pm during the school term at St James Church, corner Boydfield & Helmore Streets.

More info: Ph 3439746 or find us on Facebook

