

School Newsletter  
Panui  
Week 4, Term 1  
23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2018.  
Nau mai, Haere mai.

# St Thomas More Catholic School

KA NGARO, KA NGARO, KA EA, KA EA, TE TOKA A TIRIKAWA  
NO MATTER WHAT, STAY TRUE

We had a really great turn out for our first Reading Together workshop. The workshops are specially designed for parents who would like to grow their knowledge about reading with their children. Having a really supportive, enjoyable routine for reading together at home is a wonderful way for your child to learn...and reading is their first step towards literacy.

Thank you parents for joining in on Wednesday afternoon for our Reading Together Programme with Mrs Duncan. It was lots of fun and the feedback was really positive. Mrs Duncan is a very knowledgeable, experienced tutor with a wealth of teaching in both Early Childhood and Junior School – the ideal person to lead these sessions - she has the patience of a saint and enjoys sharing her passion for learning. Good on you, Kerry.

The Reading Together programme is funded by the Ministry of education. You receive a bag of fun games and little books which you can share at home- all designed to give you and your children a great experience. The workshops will be held every second Wednesday, the other Wednesdays will be reserved for Little Pebbles sessions.



There are two times which you can attend...if you miss one you can do a catch up either Friday 9.30 am or evening session on Wednesday February 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre. Come along and meet others who want to find out more about life and why we are here.



**Meet our Young Vinnies leaders:** Tayla, Shan, Fritz and Noella.

They need your help. Our school is combining with St. Mary's Tauranga and Aquinas College to raise money for Tongan families who have been affected by Cyclone Gita.

We are holding a cake stall at the Aquinas Twilight Gala next Thursday afternoon from 3-7 p.m.

How can you help?

If you drop off baking in the school staffroom on Thursday morning our Vinnies leaders will **make sure that it gets to their stall on Thursday afternoon.**

**Are you a great cookie baker or a cake maker or a cup cake expert? If your kids love your baking then this is a job for you.** We would love to be able to provide the most we can...Aquinas has been collecting goods and Heilala Vanilla Company are going to send a container over to Tonga where many of their workers' families live. Thank you so much everyone- we'll see you at Aquinas on Thursday night. ☺**Tayla, Shan, Fritz and Noella - the Young Vinnies.**

Every family will get a free pass to the Aquinas Twilight obstacle course – Jane is getting everything ready for classes today.

If you arrive between 3-6 p.m. with your togs and towels...you can have a go on all the fun activities. Just show them your voucher.

There will be entertainment, music, challenges and more.... a great way to see around Aquinas College if you have never been there before.... meet the people that make Aquinas such a great school community.



## Dates for your diary

February 26 <sup>th</sup>	Paua Rocky Shore Trip
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Aquinas Twilight Gala STM Swimming Carnival (optional students year 4-6) 12-2.30 pm
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Matamata Swimming Competition (students who have qualified through STM Swimming Carnival) BOT Meeting @ 6 pm
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	School Mass
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mount Cluster Swimming Competition (students who have qualified)
March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Thursday- we will be at school but away Friday, Monday and Tuesday the following week.
March 30 <sup>th</sup> – April 3 <sup>rd</sup> School closed – Easter	
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	WBOP Swimming Competition
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	End of term 1
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	School photos
June 13 <sup>th</sup> , June 14 <sup>th</sup> & June 15 <sup>th</sup> – School closed – teachers attending Catholic Convention in Wellington	

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