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St Thomas Aquinas School
2020 Community Information

Dear Parents,

Firstly thank you for coming along to this Community Night. The 2020 school year is set to be a very eventful and progressive year for our school community.

School Redevelopment

This is scheduled to take place in Term 2 this year. I will be managing this redevelopment by keeping you up to date with developments. As our timeline is confirmed I will provide information on how it affects our children and how we are managing the situation. You will no doubt be inundated with messages about Health and Safety.

Special Character Review

Every three years we are reviewed by leaders within the Catholic diocese. A Catholic Special Character review is designed to look at the work the school has done, in its internal evaluation and development, to grow Catholic Character. It affirms what our school has done and the opportunities for further development the school has discerned. It challenges the school to be more transformational. Reviewers encourage and commend best practice, and work with the school to analyse opportunities to further strengthen and develop the Catholic culture. This review is scheduled to take place in week 6 of Term 2.

Education Review Office Visit

At some stage this year we will be reviewed by the Education Review Office. Our last review was in 2017 and our strengths as a school were highlighted. We are continuing to develop in some areas and have made a lot of progress especially in the area of improving outcomes for all our tamariki.

Polyfest

This year we are excited for our children to be learning through our national heritage and also Filipino culture. We will be learning waiata and songs that we will then share and perform at Polyfest in Term 3.

Pet Day

This year we will be facilitating our own Pet Day. We are looking forward to our children learning through agricultural experiences and sharing their rural knowledge. This is set to take place in Term 4.

On behalf of the team we appreciate your support in working towards greater outcomes for our students.

Blessings,

Teresa Jarvis

Principal St Thomas Aquinas School