

First Reading

Wisdom 9:13-18

What man indeed can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

The word of the Lord

Psalm 89(90):3-6,12-14,17

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Second Reading

Philemon 9,10,12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord

Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

The Gospel of the Lord

"Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple".



Readings for next week

1st Reading Exodus 32:7-11,13,14; Psalm 51:3,4,12,13,17,19; 2nd Reading 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Gospel Luke 15:1-32

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Together we will provide a quality all round education, developing valuable contributors to society who reflect the teachings of Jesus Christ

REMINDER: SPORTS AND WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO ON FRIDAY, 06 SEPTEMBER 2019

Photolife will be here to take our sports team photos as well our whole school photo on Friday, 06 September. Please ensure that your child is dressed in the correct sports and school uniform and looks neat and tidy.

Sports Uniform is our black and white sports shirt with plain black shorts, and the black socks with white stripe and clean sports shoes. If your student was issued with a different sports uniform (Netball & Rugby) to the normal one, we will be collecting those after their team photo has been taken. Miniball shirts will be collected after the season.



OUR HOLLYWOOD QUIZ NIGHT AND AUCTION IS THIS FRIDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER.



DON'T FORGET - Please provide a sweet baked slice that will be served for supper during the quiz. The slice can be left in the school basement on Friday morning. If you are unable to provide baking then we ask that you make a donation of \$10 to the Friends of St Joseph's bank account, 03 0449 0123772 00. Thank you.

We desperately need lots of helpers to set up the venue and help on the night please. This is the last fundraiser for the year and we are so close to having enough funds for the new school astroturf.



If you can help, please let a PSG member know or contact Nicola Van Groenedaal 021 244 0551.

WHAT ARE WE UP TO ?

- 5: REGIONAL SPEECHES: OTOROHANGA SOUTH SCHOOL
- 6: PHOTOLIFE—SPORTS PHOTOS; QUIZ NIGHT
- 8: SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME
- 11: PARISH LUNCHEON
- 18: WAIKATO SPEECHES: OHAUPO

TE KUITI HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 8 STUDENTS AND CAREGIVERS INFORMATION NIGHT

This information night will be held on Wednesday 11 September, starting at 5pm. The Principal will address the assembly at 5 pm, then students and parents will be divided into groups and escorted to different areas in the school to watch a 10 minute presentation from each Head of Departments of the main learning areas of the school. Everyone will then return to the hall for the conclusion. Thank you



MRS DOWNEY'S NOTES ...

Hoki mai ki te kura o Katorika o Hato Hohepa

REBUILD PROJECT

This is very exciting news!!

The building work for St Joseph's school has been authorised/consented and the contracts have been finalised. Mitchell Construction from Hamilton will undertake the project. The project is defined as "Existing main classroom block to have alterations and additions and the toilets are to be demolished and replaced.

Alterations include the creation of a FLE (Flexible Learning Environment) spaces with large openings between classrooms".

The first site meeting was held this week with the architect, (Gisler), Graeme Roil, the diocese property manager, the builder, Mitchell Construction and myself. The project will start very shortly with the demolition of the toilets and replacement portacom toilets coming on site being done in the September holidays.

There will be some significant 'shifts' that need to happen for our learners and their teachers before and during the project. The building contractor and staff are working through a management plan that will outline who will go into what spaces in the interim until the project is complete.

As soon as we know these details I will inform our community.

The project is described as a two Term project - expected completion will be Term 1 2020.

What I do know is that -

- *we are going to need support from our community to move classroom equipment and furniture.
- *the basement and library will be classrooms for Term 4 and Term 1 2020.
- *some events that we hold may be rescheduled, may look different or may be held on other sites.
- *there will be another Teacher Only Day in Term 4 for professional development with Martin Freke Endeavour school in Hamilton.

If you have any questions about the rebuild project please contact myself or a Board of Trustee member.

I will be updating our community regularly about the physical project and the teaching and learning spaces that we are all very excited about working within.

Speech Regional Finals

Matthew Riley, Yasmin Hitchens, Jack Leineweber and Zoe Rawles are heading to Otorohanga South School this evening to compete with other schools in the Waikato Region. They can be very proud of themselves for writing and delivering the caliber of speeches they have. Mrs Erasmus and their families will support them. All the very best to your all. May God Bless you.

Swearing

Jesus answered the question "which is the greatest commandment?" in this way

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'... Matthew 22: 36 - 38 - The first commandment also says "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord"

There has been a growing number of complaints about swearing in the playground. I think we can do better... and am asking our parent community to check your child's language. We have never condoned swearing and do not accept it - if as staff, we hear it. If we are all to truly Love our neighbour as ourselves - then we need to look at the way we speak to each other and model how we want our children to speak. Are we respectful of their dignity? Do we misuse the name of the Lord? Can we all try please - in front of our children and to each other.

God Bless, Suzanne.

FROM FATHER MATT ...

On Thursday we celebrated the Feast day of Mother Teresa (St. Theresa of Kolkota). Mother Teresa used to catch planes without buying a ticket. She would carry all her possessions in 2 buckets. She won the Nobel Peace prize and in her acceptance speech, on the world stage, she offended millions by calling out abortion. She made it quite clear that everything she did was for God. And in terms of evangelisation through the Corporal Works of Mercy, I think she is the prototype.

The superior of her religious order (Sister Pierick) gave an interview on the charism of Mother Teresa and her nuns. Here is an extract, that I think explains the contribution made to the Church and the world by Mother Teresa.

Blessings

Fr. Matt

The aim of the Missionaries of Charity's apostolate is "to bring souls to God and God to souls," the order's superior general emphasized during an October 26 intervention at the Synod of Bishops.

"Our Mother Teresa is known for the work done for the poor," said Sister Mary Prema Pierick, MC. "Not all are immediately aware of the aim of our work, that is 'to bring souls to God and God to souls.' When asked by the Minister of Social Work about the difference between his work and her work, she responded, 'You do it for something, we do it for Someone.'"

In many countries the sisters take medicine to interior villages, where Jesus is not yet known. The very sick ones are admitted in our homes, where they receive the treatment mostly for tuberculosis. During their stay with us the poor share in the prayers of the sisters. They hear the Word of God, are present for Holy Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. They learn about God's merciful love for them and to pray the rosary. Their deepest questions about life receive an answer. At their return to their village they spread their experience of Jesus to their families and neighbors.

In Kolkata volunteers come from many countries to share in the service of the poor in our homes. They come from all walks of life with very different expectations. These young people are invited to participate in the Holy Mass at 6 o'clock in the morning. After their service where they have touched Jesus in the poor, they return to Mother House to adore Jesus in the Eucharist at 6:00 pm. Usually a priest is available for confession.

"Our Mother spread the kingdom of the Immaculate Heart by offering a miraculous Medal to every person she met," she added. "We go two by two, rosary in hand, and Our Lady opens the doors and the hearts of the poor for Jesus to enter. Please, pray for us, that we may make the Church fully present by our love for Jesus and the poor wherever God has sent us."

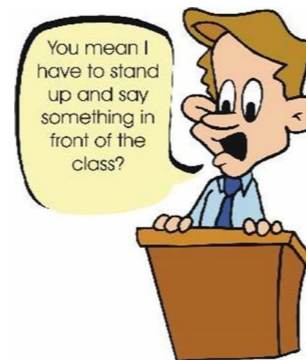
PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS

Te Kuiti and Otorohanga Family Group

Those interested in coming together for family focused (Mum, Dad and children) social and spiritual time on a regular basis are invited to contact Fr. Matt (07 8786417) to register interest.

Parish Luncheon

Parish Luncheon after Mass on 11 September.



PLEASE TAKE NOTE

What did we learn with Matua Amai

Toto Wera haka - what do some of the words mean?

The People
 The Chief
 Giving it 100%
 The blood that flows through the veins
 Leave all my emotions out there
 Give it 100%



Appropriate times to do the haka? Haka is an expression of your emotions

Funeral/Tangi Farewell Thank you Celebrations
 Wedding Unveiling

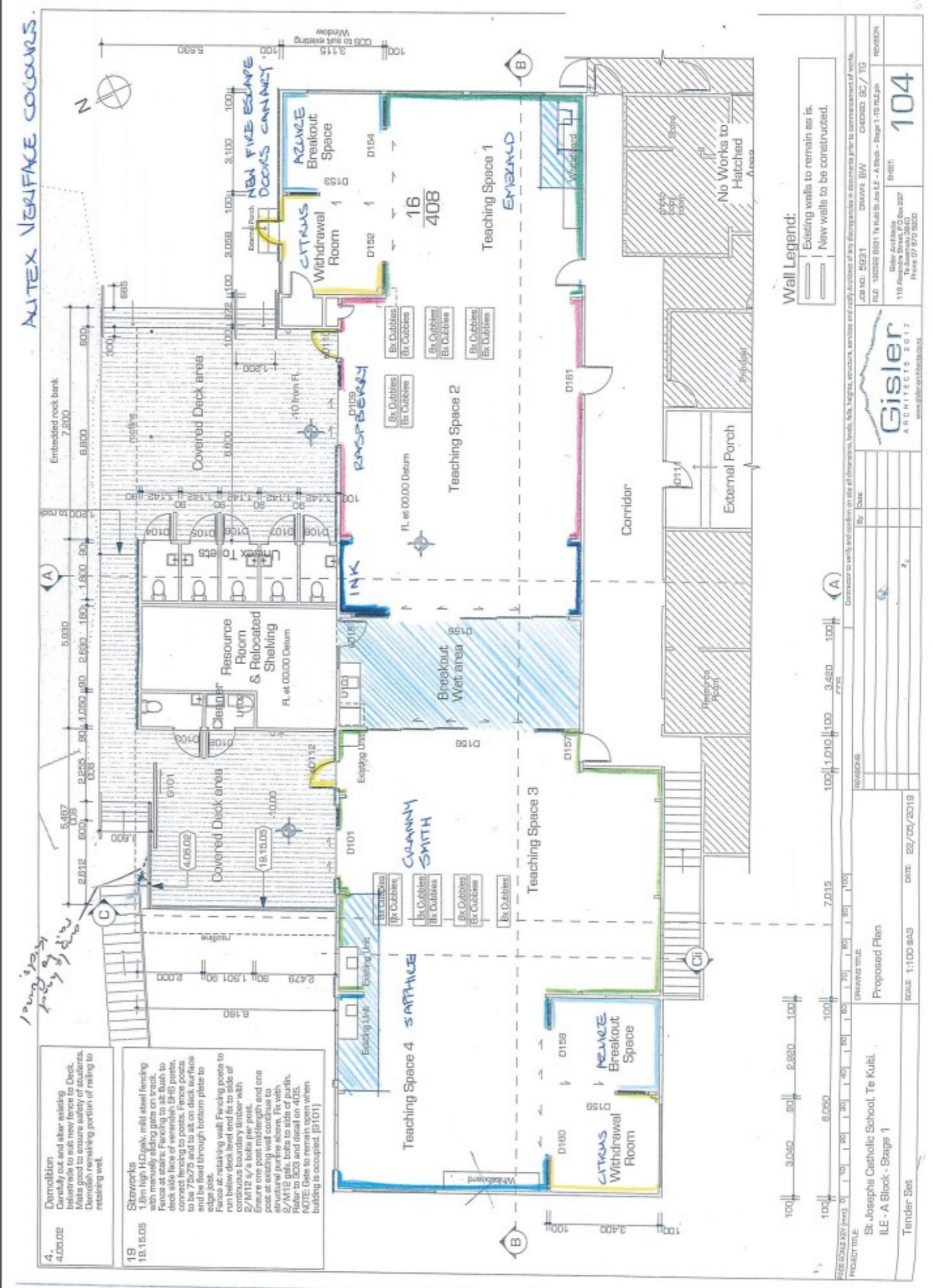
Week 3 Term 3

What did we learn with Matua Amai this week?

Left - Maui
 Right - katau
 Huri maui - Turn left
 Huri katau - turn right

Week 4

I whea koe? Where were you?
 I haere ana ahau ki te toe. I went to the shop
 E haere ana ahau ki te toa. I am going to the shop
 I a whea? When
 Inanahi - yesterday
 Inaianei - right now
 A tōna wa - later on



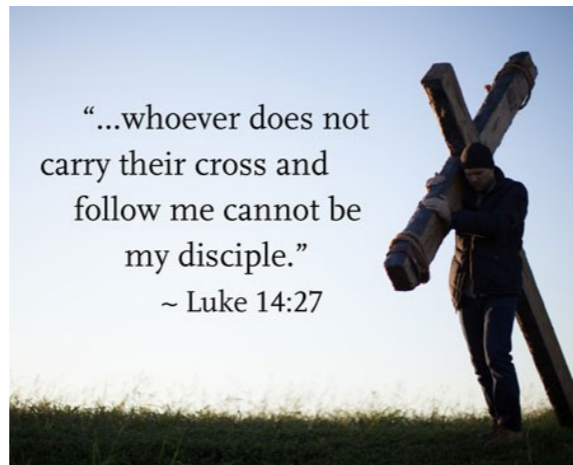
23rd Week of Ordinary Time Luke 14:25-33

Jesus teaches us that discipleship is not easy that we may have to bear many burdens, some greater than others.



Religious Education

Sacramental Programme
This Sunday 8th September
3pm in the basement



CARITAS - SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK
8-14 SEPTEMBER



Caritas and Social Justice

Caritas works for a world free of poverty and injustice through community development, advocacy, education and emergency relief. Poverty is often caused by the actions of people and therefore, we can take action to eradicate poverty in our world.

Caritas works with all people to help them understand the underlying causes of poverty and empower them to end injustice. As advocates for social justice, Caritas works to ensure the poorest and most marginalised in society have a voice.

Social justice is promoted through our Church doctrine. In addition to the Gospel teachings and person of Jesus Christ, we have Catholic social teaching (CST) that guides us on how to 'see, judge and act' on issues of social justice.

CST is a body of thought that has been developed over several centuries by the Catholic Church, and is rich in Scriptural values such as love, peace, justice, reconciliation and service. CST provides us with guidance for addressing modern social justice issues with fairness and integrity.

QUIZ NIGHT AUCTION LOTS - to be auctioned during the quiz

LOT 1 Te Kouma, Coromandel Holiday Home - kindly donated by Wilton/Downey Family valued at \$1500 3-4 night stay in 3 level home, ideally suited to two families 3 minute walk to safe swimming sandy beach. Boat parking Use by January 2020, time negotiable with Holiday Home owners

LOT 2 Ladies Pamper Me Package (valued at \$250)
Nadia Lim Journal, Stand Easy Coffee voucher \$10
Waitomo Sushi Voucher \$10, Aurora Hair and Beauty Voucher \$50
Moss & Co Florist Voucher \$40, Bosco Cafe Voucher \$10
Womens Sunglasses, A Little Bit Different Voucher \$50 & Soy Candle

LOT 3 Waitomo Package (valued at \$1000)
\$200 Voucher at HUUH Café, Spellbound Voucher for 2 adults & 2 Kids
Waitomo adventures - Family Troll Cave pass for 2 adults & 3 Kids & Breakfast deal Voucher
Waitomo Zipline Park Voucher for 2 Adults

LOT 4 Mans Best Friend Package (valued at \$250)
Concrete Dog Bowl Dog Grooming Voucher, small dog \$60
20kg bag Royal Canin 4800 Endurance Dog Food, Dog Collar

LOT 5 Rotorua Getaway Package (valued at \$400)
1x Night Accommodation in a Superior Room @ Sudima Hotel (2 Queen Beds, sleeps 4)
Skyline Gondola Family Pass and 6 Luge Rides Voucher
3x Adults Paradise Valley Springs Pass

LOT 6 Piopio Package (valued at \$150)
\$50 Night Owl Voucher / \$50 Fat Pigeon Cafe Voucher / Vanilla Blonde Hair Products

LOT 7 Home Sweet Home Family Package (valued at \$250)
Hutsons Home Preserves Family Feud Board Game
1x concrete Dog Bowl \$10 Stand Easy Coffee Voucher
\$50 Pizza Zone Voucher 1x 5L X-clean Sure Thing, Moss & Mould Remover
Dipping Platters and Hand Towels Kiwiana Leisure Park Mini Golf Family Pass

LOT 8 St John Otorohanga Package (valued at \$160+)
1 year Full Membership Ambo First Aid Kit

LOT 9 Man's Package (valued at \$200)
Chilly Bin Bag and Thermos \$10 Bosco Cafe Voucher
\$10 Stand Easy Coffee Voucher Tregoweths' Bag of Firewood
Glass Cleaner Mens Sunglasses
Wheel Alignment Advantage Tyres, Otorohanga

QUICK FIRE RAFFLES

John Deere Tractor Toy - valued at \$80

1 x 5L X-clean Sure Thing Moss & Mould Remover Concentrate - valued at \$86.25

A box of raw healthy treats from Nourishing Indulgence

1 night in an Auckland Hotel for 2 from Larissa Dunn Travel Managers