



Principal's Pen

EOTC is one of those acronyms that is peculiar to education. It stands for Education Outside the Classroom. We use this acronym when we describe learning opportunities that take place everywhere but the classroom. This covers camps, Waterwise (sailing, kayaking), school trips (Tiritiri Matangi), demonstrations (stock cars), shows (at local secondary schools), visitors who demonstrate the use of their equipment (fire fighters), visitors who share their expertise (coast to coast athlete), sports (Kiwisport experts).

On Monday I had the pleasure of accompanying the Year 7 classes on their EOTC experience. The students had to preplan their own trip into the city, where their goal was to explore the inner city seeing as many sights as possible with one proviso; everything, apart from the bus fare, had to be free.

The 2 teachers and 4 senior managers each had a group of 6 students to supervise. For my group, first stop Vector Arena, up Emily Pl to the University Clock Tower and Albert Park. From there to the Art Gallery where we saw an exhibition called "Making the Useful Useless". Onto the library. Next stop the Edge for a ride in a glass elevator. Into the Town Hall for a look around then up to Real Groovy.

Onwards up the hill to the Langham Hotel to view the chandeliers and be shown a room. Along K Rd to St Kevins Arcade, through Myers Park to the police station to look at the police motorbikes and cars (they were all boys!). From there, along to St Mathews in the City, quick walk down to the ferry building and then onto the bus. PHEW!

It was an outstanding experience. One of my group said 'this is the best day so far this year, can we do it again?' EOTC, bringing learning into real life context.

Coming Up Next Week

Tuesday HPV vaccination
ICAS Writing
Wednesday Years 4, 5, 6 Bay
Suburbs netball tournament
Hearing and Vision testing
Year 7 immunisation talk
Thursday Orange Day
New parents morning tea
Friday Assembly Room 7

Congratulations

Charlie Powner, teacher in room 4, is heading back to England next week to get married. We all wish her the very best for a wonderful day.



Tali Blumgart competed in the Mason Gillespie Memorial Gymnastics Competition last weekend. Tali came 3rd overall in Level 4. She came second

on the beam and her team from Eastern Suburbs Gymnastics Club came second. What a fantastic result Tali.



New Parents Morning Tea

All parents and caregivers whose children have started at St Thomas's this term are invited to morning tea on Friday 25 June at 9.15 in the staffroom. It is a lovely chance to meet other new parents, chat with lovely ladies on the PTA and ask me any questions about the school.



Assembly

Thanks to Sarah Best and Room 25 for their wonderful Assembly item showcasing a Maori myth. They used ICTs to enhance their performance and had obviously been practising hard because their poi dance was perfect.

Congratulations to the following children for receiving a Principal's Award at today's Assembly: Julie Xu, Kyra Ulrich, Olivia Naylor, Vanessa Evans, Sameed Ahmed, Brianna Mackrell, Jordyn Witika, Ha Kyeong Kim, Olivia Shepherd, Jacqueline Cox, Jake Wild, Dylan Horgan, Jarrod Lee, Jon Dobroshi, Gabriela Balulovska, Alexandra Forman, Aidan Johnson, Charlotte McIvor, Freddie Tapper, Samantha Lorrigan, Mitzi Janes, Erin Browne, Cameron Hatton, Sophia Slack, Brian Kim, Alice Waldow, Jade Townsend, Aimee Court, Brooklyn Papali'i, Hannah Wallis.

Next Friday's Assembly has been postponed until Friday 2nd July.

Cultural Festival

We are holding our biennial Cultural Festival in the last week of term 3. We need lots of lovely parents to lead various ethnic groups. A notice will be sent home next week which will outline the expectations and time frame for the Festival and ask for expressions of interest. This is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate your own culture and be part of our great school.

Orange Day – Thursday 24 June

Auckland City Mission Orange Day appeal is being held next Thursday. The City Mission coordinates the collection of cans of food, citrus and blankets which are then distributed to the food banks. St Thomas's children usually embrace this great cause very vigorously and we are proud of the amount collected.

To get into the spirit of Orange Day, children are allowed to add anything orange to their uniform (not mufti). Orange bandannas, rosettes, leis, hair colour; anything as long as their uniform has nothing permanent done to it.

Athon Update

Great work everyone! We have had a fantastic response and raised over \$17,000 towards upgrading the technology in the hall and an outdoor sound system. Thank you all for your participation and support.

Uniform Shop

Hours: Mon, Wed, Thurs
8.30-9.30am

The Tuesday afternoon opening has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

Disposal of Used Batteries

Room 16 will be collecting any batteries you may have to dispose of in an eco-friendly fashion.

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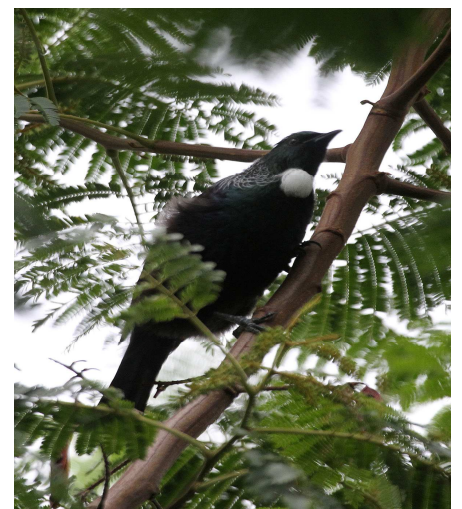
Tiritiri Matangi

At Tiritiri Matangi a Tui is getting surrounded by fern leafs. He is hanging on a smooth tree. The Tui is looking in the cloudy sky. He is white and black with a feathery neck looking fine.

In the photo this Tui is thinking to spy on the people and set off to fly and he is trying to get a bug too. But Room 22 is in the way and the bug is a creepy spider and the Tui is sad because it’s starting to rain and he is going to run away to his nest so he doesn’t get wet.

The Tui is feeling angry because it can’t get the creepy spider and Room 22 is still in the way. He looks at Room 22 they are out of the way he get’s the creepy spider but before that he does his lift off.

This Tui is on Tiritiri Matangi in a native forest. He is on a smooth type of tree. It is cloudy in the sky but hoping it isn’t going to rain. The tree trunk looks like bamboo and the leaves look like ferns.



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