

14 September 2018

## Kapa Haka Performance

On Wednesday 12th September our school hosted Mount Carmel Kapa Haka Group, for a combined performance to celebrate Maori Language week 2018.

This was a great opportunity for us to perform in front of another school and for our group to grow in confidence. The Mount Carmel Group were amazing, and we enjoyed being able to host them and represent our school. We were very proud of ourselves for standing up there and giving it a go. We enjoyed everyone watching and supporting both schools while we were performing.

We thought it was a great time to do the performance, especially since it was Maori Language week. We are so proud of our group because lots of people gave it a go for the first time, even a year 0 student.

Thank you to all the teachers, parents and students that contributed to this amazing day. Nga mihi nui.

*By Luca Morton and Amara Looi – Year 5*



The following students achieved "Distinction" for their ICAS Writing Exam

- Annabelle Chen M6
- Jia Guo S6
- Francesca Price S5

Auckland Cross-Country Championships

- Liam McLachlan 15<sup>th</sup> place
- Leo Bamfield – 30<sup>th</sup> Place
- Lily Smith – 44<sup>th</sup> place
- Anna Crowther – 71<sup>st</sup> place

### Upcoming Events:

#### September

- 19 Tiritiri Trip Year 3 #1
- 18 Board of Trustees Meeting  
(6.30pm – 8.30pm, Boardroom)
- 20 Tiritiri Trip Year 3 #2
- 21 PTA Sausage Sizzle
- 26 Innovation Celebration:  
A Showcase of Learning!
- St Thomas's School Market Day
- 27 Abel Tasman Training Walk –  
Auckland's Coast to Coast
- 28 Last Day of Term

## Update from Auckland Transport on School Bus Changes

We have been advised from Auckland Transport that they are continuing to look at how they can improve the 549 school bus. In-particular, they want to better serve students living in the area bounded by St Johns Rd, Truman St, Norman Lesser Dr, and Gerard Way, but without adversely affecting other students, living elsewhere, who are well served by the current route.

They are currently investigating what new infrastructure (bus stops or pedestrian crossings) they could create, and how soon they could implement any changes.

They will keep the school up to date and once they have confirmed their conclusions will discuss these with us.

### Principal's Award

#### Excellence

Annabelle Chen – Year 5  
Stella Boersen – Year 6  
Anjan Pradhan – Year 6  
Emma Stevens – Year 3

#### Passion

Jade Blomfield – Year 7  
Eli Martin – Year 1  
Noe Nozaki – Year 4

#### Connections

Thomas Oldham – Year 2

#### Leadership

## Inter-School Speech Competition

Congratulations to Felix Littlejohn who represented St Thomas's School at the Years 5&6 Inter-school Speech Competition and won second place with his speech about perseverance!



## **M8 Has Talent**

M8's assembly today was focused around the Year Three topic of native birds. Students dressed as birds and competed in a version of NZ's Got Talent, trying to impress the judges with their version of The Dawn Chorus. We can't speak for the judges, but the audience were certainly impressed with their rendition of Rockin' Robin and some sharp 1950s dance moves. Well done to the students for teaching us such interesting bird facts – and to the parents who helped with the fabulous costumes.



## **S8 Assembly**

On September 7<sup>th</sup>, S8 had their school assembly. It was based on a series of skits about their favourite characters from different movies and cartoons meeting in bizarre situations, as well as a variation of the popular TV show MasterChef.

We had a load of fun doing this as we could use the weirdest and most wonderful characters for our skits, and in doing so, made it extremely funny.

In the first skit, Donald Trump was building 'The Wall' while Dora the Explorer and Diego tried to find their way over it with the help of Rapunzel.

The second skit saw characters ranging from The Terminator to Jackie Chan stuck in traffic and arguing over what kind of music to play.

The third skit saw the students on the set of MasterChef making their last dish for the finals, pancakes. The only thing was, their arms were not their own. Everything was going smoothly until it was time to put on the toppings. The pictures say it all.

The final scene was one of the funniest! We'll leave it to your imagination, but it ended with Harry Allen dancing as Beyonce to 'Single Ladies' in a leotard. Enough said!

Overall, it was really fun doing our home-made play and we all owe a special thanks to our homeroom teacher, Mr. Putty, for perfecting the play and for putting his time and effort into each scene. We would also love to thank Mrs. Quickenden for helping with our presence on stage and using lots of constructive feedback to make our play the best it could be.



## **Auckland Interzone Cross-Country**

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September Lily Smith, Anna Crowther, Leo Bamfield and Liam McLachlan took part in the Auckland Interzone Cross-Country event held at Muriwai Surf Club, Muriwai Beach. The students were amazing and did really well, the results are as follows;

- Lily Smith 44<sup>th</sup>
- Anna Crowther 71<sup>st</sup>
- Liam McLachlan 15<sup>th</sup>
- Leo Bamfield 30<sup>th</sup>



A huge congratulations to you all and well done on making it to the Auckland Interzone Cross-Country as well as doing our school proud. A huge thank you to Irene McLachlan who transported and supported the students throughout the day at Muriwai Beach."

## **School Holiday Programmes**

Please visit our website to view the eclectic selection of holiday programmes being run during the upcoming school holidays. They can be found under <http://www.stthomas.school.nz/school-holiday-programmes.html>



# NEWS

## CALENDAR ART NOW AVAILABLE TO BUY!

Our children have been working hard all term on their Calendar Art, and it is now available to purchase! These make awesome Christmas presents for family and friends, and are wonderful keepsakes.

Your child will come home with a flyer that has a unique code on it. Simply logon to [www.kidsartworks.com](http://www.kidsartworks.com) and enter your code to view the artwork and begin ordering.

Calendars \$18

Cards (pack of 5) \$15

Diaries \$17

Mouse Mats \$15

Sketch Pads \$16



Orders must be placed by 9am Monday 24th September, to be delivered by the end of this term.

This is a PTA fundraiser and all proceeds go toward this year's fundraising goal of upgrading the sound & lighting in the school hall. Thank you in advance for your support!

## Sausage Sizzle

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

Sausages must be ordered via Flexibuzz and will be delivered to classrooms on Friday. \$2 for Beef and \$2.50 for Chicken.



## SCHOOL DISCO

Save the date - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November

More details to follow and a suggestion box to collect the children's ideas for a fun theme!



If you haven't already, please join our PTA Facebook page; St Thomas's School PTA for regular updates and event reminders.

## MOVIE NIGHT

Save the date!

29<sup>th</sup> November 2018



# Tennis Coaching at St Thomas's School

Summer time is tennis time!  
All abilities welcome.

**Where:**

St Thomas's School courts by the field

**When:**

Monday lunchtimes  
from 12.40pm - 1.15pm (all years)

**Dates:**

Term 4, starting week 3  
29 October - 10 December 2018  
\$60 for 7 sessions

Book online at [kiwitennis.co.nz](http://kiwitennis.co.nz)

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