



## Keeping Ourselves Safe and Choices Programme

This term, St Thomas's School will be delivering the "Keeping Ourselves Safe" programme for Years 1-6 and the "Choices" programme for Year 7-8 which are aligned with NZ Police and taught every two years.

These programmes will be taught by your child's classroom teacher. Constable Gordon will also be running two sessions with each class.

Below are some links that will give you further information about the programmes:

### KOS

<https://www.police.govt.nz/sites/default/files/publications/kos-generic.pdf>

<http://www.police.govt.nz/advice/personal-and-community-advice/school-portal/resources/successful-relationships/keeping-1>

### Choices:

<http://www.police.govt.nz/advice/personal-and-community-advice/school-portal/resources/healthy-body-healthy-mind/choice-year-0>

## Innovation Celebration: a showcase of learning!

Week 10, Wednesday 26 September 2018

This term we have had a whole-school initiative around the **Technological Development Process**. Students will be showcasing their innovations, creations and inventions on this special day. We welcome parents, caregivers and extended whanau to join us and enjoy the day during either of the following times:

9.15am – 9.45am  
2.15pm – 2.45pm

During the rest of the day, students will have the opportunity to visit all the other year levels. They are very much looking forward to celebrating their learning.



**To Rachel Lange, our Year 1 teacher, who is getting married this weekend.**

### Upcoming Events:

#### August

- 21 Board of Trustees Meeting  
(6.30pm – 8.30pm, Boardroom)
- 20 – 31 Keeping Ourselves Safe
- 23 Yr 7&8 Mathex Competition
- 29 Interschool Debating

#### September

- 5 PTA Meeting  
(7.30pm, staffroom)
- 10 – 14 AIMS Games Week
- 10 – 16 Te Wiki O Te Reo  
Maori Language Week
- 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!
- 28 Last Day of Term

## **M11 Assembly**

In anticipation of our Year 3 trip to Tiritiri Matangi, M11's assembly was set on the island against a backdrop of the iconic Tiri lighthouse. After a long ferry ride from the mainland, the children of M11 were met by two conservation educators; Ranger Paris and Ranger Pescy. The children were briefed on their day of exploration and birdwatching but some of the class were distracted by the idea that along with many endangered New Zealand birds, there may in fact be moa living somewhere on the Island.....



And so, the hunt began...

As the audience watched the children of M11 search for the elusive moa across the challenging Tiritiri terrain they soon began to wonder who is hunting who...



## **Principal's Award**

### **Excellence**

Abinayan Jeyaseelan

### **Passion**

Jack Murray  
Amalya Poona Handi  
Olivia Mason  
Jesse Lyne  
Jackson Braun  
Ari Kennedy-Casas  
Lauren Hunt  
Mia Morrison  
Nikki Taylor  
Jessica Litchfield  
Amelia Self

### **Connections**

Abinayan Jeyaseelan  
Grace Gregor

### **Leadership**

Rudina Sejdiu  
Ari Kennedy-Casas

## **J7 Assembly**

Today, J7 performed an assembly about a book called *The Rhyming Rabbit*, by Julia Donaldson. This is a story about two rabbits who loved to rhyme and make up poems about the things around them. First, they made up a poem about the lovely grass the other rabbits were eating. Suddenly, a fox came and tried to eat them. Luckily, they reached the burrow just in time, even after making up a poem about the fox! Then instead of going to sleep, the Rhyming Rabbits dug a tunnel to look for other lovers of poetry. On the way, they met a worm and a mole, who couldn't appreciate their rhymes. Finally, they met a group of sheep who liked to make up poems just like them! They became best friends forever.

*By Leura, Callum and Toby*



## **S5 and S6 Girls Assembly**

Our S5 and S6 GIRLS assembly was a first for St Thomas's! We thought we would have some fun and keep on topic with the speeches currently being written and presented throughout the school. Why not persuade the audience *"Why girls are better than boys."* In fact there was an uproar in the audience with the boys who thought they were better than girls! We could see the boys thinking about why they were better than us girls and that is what we wanted. Our favourite part of the assembly was dancing in the beginning and the end.

*By Molly and Juliette*

## **School Cross-Country**

On the 13<sup>th</sup> August 2018 we had our annual School Cross-Country Event. It turned out to be a very successful day and we would like to thank the many supporters that were present on the day as well as all the students who took part in the event. Well done to you all for your participation in the lead up to the School Cross-Country Event as well as on the day itself. The results of the top 3 finishers in each year group are as follows:

*"Changing Learning for a Changing World"*

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Year 3 Girls	Maddie Green	Charlie Fong	Mila Fong
Year 3 Boys	Carthew Snowden	Blayke Gallagher	Jesse Duggan
Year 4 Girls	Holly Fergusson	Tallulah Savory	Stella Harvey
Year 4 Boys	Miller Hawthorn	Henry Artrip	Francesco Oyaka
Year 5 Girls	Lily Pastiroff	Roxy Pastiroff	Amelia Hitchcock
Year 5 Boys	Jack Baillie	Louis Harland	Lachlan Zonneveld
Year 6 Girls	Zara Pomfret	Sophie Barry	Molly Willis
Year 6 Boys	Felix Littlejohn	Daniel Farnworth	William Rattenbury
Year 7 Girls	Lily Smith	Anna Crowther	Katelyn McKay
Year 7 Boys	Leo Bamfield	Ricky Kobayashi	James Hills
Year 8 Girls	Dom Lough	Jazmin Carter	Kate Allan
Year 8 Boys	Lennart Pant	Alex Liu Cao	Thomas Fitzpatrick

**New Seating**

Many thanks to the PTA for raising the funds for our amazing new seating that has recently been installed. Hopefully you will all get to enjoy it once the sun comes out again.



## **Health and Safety**

Please refrain from putting your child on the roofs around school to retrieve lost balls. All balls lost on roofs are retrieved at the end of each term.

Please remember that when crossing the road, you should be setting an example for your children and crossing at the controlled crossings.

Also, remember to be considerate when parking and do not block our local residents or staff car park with your vehicle. Can you also refrain from pulling into staff carparks and reversing out. There are a lot of children running along the footpaths and the beginning and end of the day.

## **Congratulations to Eamon Wairepo (Year 7)**

Eamon recently competed at the US Kids Golf World Championships in Pinehurst, USA.

Eamon's scores were 86, 74 and 76. His best score of 74 was the 8th best score of the tournament. Unfortunately, because of his first-round score of 86 he ended up coming 123rd in the boys 11 age group. There were 167 boys competing in that age group.





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## 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.





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We are still collecting yummy stickers, download your sheet today and hand into your teacher.

[https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Sticker\\_Collection\\_Sheet.pdf](https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Sticker_Collection_Sheet.pdf)