

National Young Leaders Conference

The Senior School Council had the opportunity to attend the National Young Leaders Day conference. There were four inspiring speakers who talked about how they have become a leader and their journey. Each of the speakers talked about a different part of their motto, 'Me Whakāro Rangatira', meaning 'Think Like A Leader'.

The first speaker was Amanda Wilson. She talked about 'Me'. It means 'You Can'. Amanda came from nothing to being an amazing, worldwide horse rider and tamer.

The second speaker was Lisa Tamati. Lisa spoke of *Whakāro*, which means To Think. Her talk was about having the mental and physical toughness to overcome any challenge. She is an ultra-marathon runner, so she understood the topic.

The last word, *Rangatira*, was split between two speakers. *Rangatira* means to weave together, like a leader. Jono Naylor and Riley Hathaway talked about *Rangatira*. Jono worked in parliament so he had lots of experience of leading. Riley has her own company that tries to decrease the entering of plastic into our oceans. She had to bring together a group of people to create her company. Her company, Young Ocean Explorers, has grown lots since day one.

Everyone had a great time at NYLD. Don't forget, *Me Whakāro Rangatira*, Think Like A Leader.

Zach Howe and Dom Lough - Year 8 Students



Congratulations to all those who went to the football tournament yesterday, it was a great day and you were all fantastic.

A special mention to **Tyler De Reuck** of S3 who was pointed out by a member of the public for his actions that demonstrated our school values of leadership and connections - we are proud of you Tyler.

Upcoming Events:

May

27 PTA Lantern Walk

June

6 PTA Meeting
(7.00pm in the Staffroom)

11 Year 5 Zoo Trip

19 Board of Trustees Meeting
(6.30pm in the Boardroom)

24 PTA Movie Night –
Incredibles 2 at Sylvia Park

July

1 Kapa Haka Performance at
Orakei Marae

4 PTA Meeting
(7.00pm in the Staffroom)

6 Last Day of Term

ST THOMAS'S SENIOR LIT QUIZ TEAM

Week Three was a big week for our senior Lit Quiz team. After months of work we attended the Auckland Heats and our Team A achieved 8th place out of 60 teams. Well done to everyone for their hard work including Hugo, Ryan, Sivakami, Amaya, Jack, Joanne, Beau, Molly,



Natalia and Francesca. On Tuesday we also visited the Aotea Centre for the Auckland Writer's Festival's Schools Day Programme. The Lit Quiz team listened to both local and international authors, including Stacy Gregg and Chris Riddell, talking about the writing process and sharing fantastic tips. A great time was had by all!

Principal's Award

Excellence

Georgia Wood – Year 8

Passion

Penny Carroll – Year 3

Connections

Leadership

Charlotte Dimes – Year 1

Sofia Nigro – Year 2

Harry Sisam – Year 4

Millie Duggan – Year 5

Riley Hancock – Year 6

Te Reo in St Thomas's School

St Thomas's School provides our students with opportunities to learn Te Reo Māori through *The New Zealand Curriculum*.

Understanding Te Reo Māori stretches learners cognitively, enabling students to think in different ways and preparing them for leadership.

By learning Te Reo Māori, students are able to:

- participate with understanding and confidence in situations where Te Reo and tikanga Māori predominate and to integrate language and cultural understandings into their lives
- strengthen Aotearoa New Zealand's identity in the world
- broaden their entrepreneurial and employment options to include work in an ever-increasing range of social, legal, educational, business and professional settings.

As we build our Te Reo fluency we will include phrases in our newsletter which our students are learning and which you may find they are using out of school as well.



St Thomas's School Māori phrase for next week is:

Morena : Good morning

J9's 'Super Senses' Assembly

On the 18th of May we had our assembly on 'Super Senses.' We shared information about our five senses - taste, sight, hearing, smell, and touch. Our eyes are for seeing, our nose is used for smelling, our ears are for hearing, our tongues are used for tasting and our hands are used for touching. We shared amazing facts - Did you know that your eyes process approximately 36 thousand pieces of information every hour and your eyes will process 24 million images in your lifetime? Amazing right! We also talked about animals that have amazing senses, like dogs. Did you know that dogs can identify smells somewhere between 1 thousand to 10 thousand times better than humans? Our costumes were HUGE noses, mouths, ears, tongues, and hands, and we had great animal costumes too. We think that animal's senses are better, but our senses are important too as they help to keep us safe from danger. Thank you to everyone to helped with our assembly.

By: Amelia, Daisy and Lia



Year 2 Trip to the Zoo



On Monday 21st May the year 2 cohort went to Auckland Zoo for the day. We were able to look at the animals at the zoo and more importantly their habitats. We got to see ocean, coastline and underwater habitats as well as desert-like habitats that would be for animals that like the hot weather.

We got to meet John, an Auckland Zoo educator. He talked to us about giraffes and how amazing they are. Did you know that they have a blue tongue and it's as long as our arm. We are glad our tongue isn't that long!

We got to see the elephants, lizards and lots of birds. Our favourite bird was Captain the Cockatoo. We all had lots of fun trying to get him to talk.



We learnt that the Auckland Zoo do a wonderful job at looking after the animals and work hard to make their habitats as real as possible. We need to look after our environment around us, so we protect the homes of all animals that live in them.

By: J8

English Language Assistants

This year our school is not only giving the ESOL Teacher Aides a wonderful opportunity to develop their skills as English Language Assistants, but we are hosting the course here at St Thomas's. The ELA (English Language Assistants) course provides training and professional development workshops for teacher aides/bilingual assistants currently working in schools providing English language support to new learners of English. This highly regarded programme has been delivered to over 300 schools throughout New Zealand. It has been very positively received by the principals, teachers, and teacher aides who have participated in the programme, all of whom say it has had significant impact on school practices with individual and school wide benefits.



The training programme spans across three terms, consisting of an introductory meeting for principals and co-ordinating teachers, six full-day workshops, six in-school visits, six inter-workshop tasks for the trainee ELAs, and a final evaluation/graduation morning for participants, including a meeting of principals with the Ministry of Education programme manager.

Eastern Zone Girls Football & Bays Suburbs Football Tournaments

Despite the terrible weather this week, we have been lucky enough to get two football tournaments in in-between the rain! On Tuesday our Year 7 & 8 Girls teams competed in the Eastern Zone Tournament at Madills Farm. Our Year 7 girls placed 2nd overall, our Year 8 girls placed 2nd in their pool and 6th overall. On Thursday, our Year 5 & 6 football teams headed to a newly re-furbished Glover Park for the Bays Suburbs event. Our Year 5 boys B team won their grade, as did our Year 6 girls B team. Our Year 5 boys A team scooped up a 3rd place in their grade. A huge thank you to all parents who came along to coach/manage teams on the day, and a special congratulations to our 7 senior students (Amber J, Jade B, Will L, Ryan S, Lewis P, Tom F, Franco D) who trained and acted as referees on the day.

Toby the Cat



We have a new member of our school and his name is Toby. Toby belongs to one of our neighbours and loves nothing better than jumping the fence and joining us all for a day at school. He has become a huge fan amongst the kids and staff and can be found anywhere from the library, curled up on a chair in the office, checking out the staffroom, hanging out in the tepee in J6, joining in on story time in J10 and checking in on M4 as well as many other places. Some of the children have been writing about Toby so below are a few of their stories.

Toby the cat has big googly eyes. He has black fur and he has a shiny red collar. We see him in the playground and we see him down the bank. We see him climbing in the tree. After school Toby the cat will go to Mr Maher's office and he will turn it into an airplane. He will send Mr Maher's messages.

By Patrick

Toby is a cat that is black like midnight. He has golden eyes and white whiskers as well as a red collar. Toby likes wandering around the school and he comes into our classroom for a visit. He is brave because he doesn't mind if we are in the class. He comes in at any time of the day. Toby belongs to a 12 year old girl. He is friendly like a fish and likes to visit us at the swimming pool in the week ends.

By Olivia Gargiulo

Toby lives next to our school. He is Glen's best friend and he lets us pat him. He is very brave because he comes into our class sometime. We are nice to him and I love him too.

By Liam Gallgher.

Enrolments

Secondary School Enrollment

If your child is in Year 8 and you haven't enrolled your child into a Secondary School yet please remember to do this as soon as you can. If you need support with this please contact Ingrid May at imay@stthomas.school.nz

St Thomas's School Out of Zone Ballot

**OUT OF ZONE
BALLOT**

Reminder to parents who are living out of zone and who have children currently attending St Thomas's School:

If you have pre-schoolers who are due to start school at any time during 2019 you need to notify the school office and arrange to collect an out of zone **application** form.

Children (who live out of zone) who have not participated in the ballot will not be eligible to enrol next year.

PTA NEWS

- Come and join us in our annual Lantern Walk this Sunday. We'll start at the school with a sausage sizzle (\$2) and lantern preparation, and then walk down to Madills Farm once it starts getting dark. We would encourage you to also bring along non-perishable food to donate to the Glen Innes food bank.
- SCIENCE A-THON testing is Tuesday 29th May. Kids, keep practising your questions and getting sponsorship for all the hard work you are doing in learning your science questions. Please return your sponsorship forms to your class teacher before testing day.
A reminder of the great prizes up for grabs:
 - * Drones
 - * Sports equipment
 - * Pizza lunches
 - * Science kits and much more
- Registrations are open for our inaugural Musical Showcase. If you are in Year 3 or higher, play a musical instrument and are interested in entering, do so at the school office before next Friday 1st June. Once all registrations are received, auditions will be held during lunch time in the school hall to select the finalists to perform at the showcase – dates TBC.
- We are in full swing preparing for our Casino & Auction night on Sat 4th August. This is the PTA's biggest fundraiser of the year and we need creative ideas for auction items! Your input is much appreciated. If you have something to donate, or you know someone who does, we would love to hear from you. We're also looking for anyone who might be able to help with lighting & sound in the school hall on the night. Email Keri at keri.brown@dynamowork.com if you can help.



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