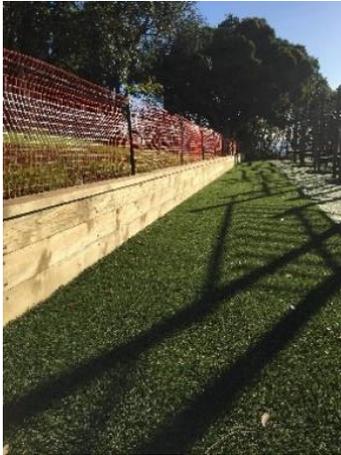


## Thank You PTA



Using funds from our wonderful PTA, seating was installed in the senior playground along with extra artificial turf space to allow students to walk and sit when our fields are out during the wet winter months. We also installed a new long-jump pit at the end of our cricket nets which will be used during our athletics events.

Concrete foundations were recently placed in the junior sand-pit and a giant waterproof umbrella will be erected there over the coming weeks. Seating will be installed around the pōhutukawa tree near the office entrance and around the puriri tree where the large rocks currently are placed. These seats are scheduled to be installed during the next term break.

An upgrade to the sound system in the hall is at planning stage and it is expected that this will be installed by the end of this term.

The funding assistance which the PTA have supplied to the school was instrumental in carrying out the above projects and we are extremely grateful for the effort and the time the PTA parents put in. These projects benefit all our students and I would encourage our community to keep supporting the PTA to ensure that we continue to have the most outstanding school in the eastern suburbs.



..... to the parents that attended Student Led Conferences. We had 87.20% attendance across the school which we were really pleased with.

### Upcoming Events:

#### June

- 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

## Glendowie College Parents Information Evening '2019 Enrolment Process'

Glendowie College will be holding a 'Parents Information Evening' on Wednesday, 27 June 2018 at 7:00pm in the college library.

The purpose of the meeting is to cover the enrolment process for 2019 year 9 students' enrolments.

This is an opportunity to meet informally with Richard Dykes, Glendowie College Principal, to have any questions answered about the enrolment process.

## Student Agency

Students have a sense of 'agency' when they feel in control of things that happen around them; when they feel that they can influence events. This is an important sense for our students to develop in today's changing world.

### Students have agency when they can...

Describe what a successful learner does to achieve their goals

Articulate where they are at in their learning

Say what their goal is in their learning

Describe what strategies they will use to achieve their learning goal

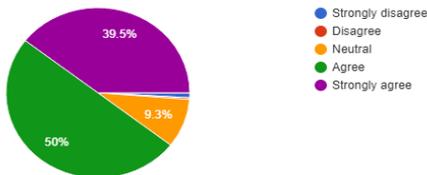
Articulate what their progress looks like toward their learning goal

It was exciting to see that our parent community got a taste of Student Agency in action through our recent Student Led Conferences. Please see the results from the parent feedback below.

## Term Two Student Led Conferences Feedback

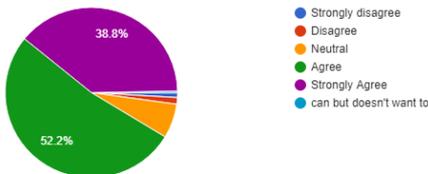
My child is excited about coming to school?

324 responses



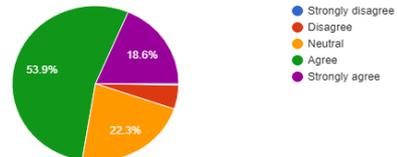
My child is able to talk about their learning?

322 responses



My child can identify their next steps in their learning?

323 responses



## Principal's Award

### Excellence

William Luo – Year 1  
 Chris Li – Year 2  
 Chloe Morton – Year 3  
 Zoe Litchfield – Year 3  
 Tiffany Quan – Year 5  
 Karya Atalag – Year 7/8  
 Jack Artrip – Year

### Passion

Sasha Dutton – Year 7/8  
 Swarit Patel – Year 1

### Connections

Tayla Brown – Year 4  
 Max D'Audney – Year 5  
 Tyler de Reuck – Year 6  
 Lenny Duval – Year 2

### Leadership

Abigail Lord – Year 4

### **S3 & S4's Part 1 Assembly**

On the 1st of June, a combined class of S3 & S4 had part one of their assembly, the other half of S3 & S4 will be performing on Friday the 22nd of June. Our part 1 assembly was based on Antarctica, which was our topic in Term 1. The part 2 group will be performing on the topic of Science because that is our topic this Term.

The assembly had three skits. The skits were, Survivor NZ (Antarctica edition), Antarctica Animal Olympics, and last but not least, group 1 finished with a great laugh, Dancing with the Penguins.

In Survivor Antarctica edition there were 8 famous explorers or long-lost relatives of the explorers. Such as Captain Robert Scott, Ernest Shackleton, Sir Edmund Hillary, Captain James Cook, Sir James Clark Ross, Archibald McMurdo, Roald Amundsen, Nobu Shirase and Fabian Gottlieb von Bellingshausen.

For the Antarctic Animal Olympics, the children dressed up as Antarctic animals and paired up with a buddy to do a sport together. The animals and sports included, Gull vs Albatross (bird weightlifting), Adelie vs Emperor Penguin (penguin boxing), Elephant Seal vs Lion Seal (sumo wrestling), and last of all the Antarctic Toothfish vs Killer Whale (swim race).

Our final skit was called Dancing with Penguins. Each couple was a famous person paired up with a penguin. The penguins and stars were, Steven Adams and the Emperor Penguin, Adele with the Adelie Penguin, and the last couple was Mario from Mario Kart with the speedy Gentoo Penguin.

We hope you enjoyed the assembly if you came along to watch. If you didn't come we hope this told you a bit about S3 & S4's part 1 assembly.

*By Gemma Robertson S3 & Ella O'Brien S4*



### **J5 Assembly**

On Friday 8th June (Sofia's birthday), J5 performed their awesome assembly about Habitats at the Auckland zoo. Before the assembly, one half of the class was nervous, and the other half were excited.

We waited very quietly beside the Takahe room, so that we could make a grand entrance into the hall. We came onto the stage wearing masks that Mrs McAdams and Miss Clark had made and dancing to 'We're going to the zoo.' Once all the animals were onstage, Michael and Sofia checked all the enclosures were safe and secure and said goodnight to all the animals. However, our animal characters were very naughty. The monkeys unlocked all the enclosures and all the animals came out and danced to the song 'Dynamite.' In the morning, Michael and Sofia were shocked to see all the animals out of their enclosures.

Even when the animals went back into the enclosures, they got into the wrong cages with monkeys in polar regions and in the New Zealand forests. The penguins were in the grasslands. It was such a mix up! Michael and Sofia had to sort them all out because the animals were very confused. But the animals saved the day and introduced themselves to us. Mr Maher was amazed that whales could hear a sound from 800km away, which is further than Auckland to Wellington. What incredible hearing!

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After the assembly, we were so starving that we had to eat all of our yummy morning tea and celebrate with our families and friends.

*By Olivia G, Thomas and Theodore.*



### **S11's Assembly**

This afternoon S 11 performed their assembly to the senior part of the school. The focus of our assembly was about the three national languages of New Zealand which are Maori, Sign Language and English. We performed three songs to go along with the languages these were Paradise ( Sign Language), Tu teramina iwi ( Maori) and The Gumboot Song ( English).

A big thank you to Ms Bell and Miss Thain for helping us with this performance.

*By: Sivakami and Evan*



## Oceania (Karate Tournament)



I (Beau) represented NZ in a karate tournament, 6 other countries also participated Australia, Nahate, Fiji, New Caledonia and Tahiti. I managed to get a gold but  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the credit goes to my other 2 teammates. At the end Australia beat us (The Kiwis) in the 13 years+ divisions but NZ got 1st in the -13 years division. The chanting from each country was CRAZY! NZ was chanting "LETS GO KIWIS LETS GO!". While Australia's chant was "Aussie Aussie Aussie Oi Oi Oi Aussie Oi Aussie Oi Aussie Aussie Aussie Oi Oi Oi!!!" (This is literally what they yelled!). Tahiti did some drumming with plastic bottles, but the other countries didn't do much. After the 3 days of competing we had a party night on Sunday, the experience was truly amazing!

**I'm in the middle**

## Year 7 and 8 Eastern Zones Football Tournament

On Thursday 31st May a group of year 7 and 8 boys went to play Eastern Zones football at Cross Fields Reserve.

We played 7 games and we won 6 of them which was exciting as we were up against some pretty strong competition. As a team we played really well and showed good team work. It was challenging at times having to play on an 11-a-side pitch as many of us play 9-a-side for our clubs.

A big thank you to Miss J for coaching us and for the parents that came to support us on the side-line.

*By Franco and Harry H*



## Tree Planting at Madills Farm

As part of our William Pike Challenge three of our Year 7 students, Ben Ward, Liam McLachlan and Jake Laurence, joined the Minister of Conservation, Eugene Sage, at Madills Farm for a day of tree planting. Eugene is an ex-St Thomas's student.



## Carpark and Safety

Please do not drive into the staff carpark at anytime as it puts our students at risk and staff cars are damaged by parents crashing into them. If drivers are banging into staff cars it causes us concern as to the safety of our little children who are difficult to see when drivers are reversing.

If you are dropping off or picking up your child from Karma Kids please park on the road.

We are currently investigating options around gating our carparks however in the meantime please stay out of them.

## **Health and Wellbeing**

Many parents ask, "When is my child sick enough to stay home from school?" This is not always an easy question to answer and we hope that these tips can help.

A child who is sick will not be able to perform well in school and is likely to spread the illness to other children and staff. We suggest making a plan for childcare ahead of time so you will not be caught without a comforting place for your child to stay if he/she is ill.

You should not send your child to school if he/she has:

- ♣ Fever in the past 24 hours
- ♣ Vomiting in the past 48 hours
- ♣ Diarrhoea in the past 48 hours
- ♣ Chills
- ♣ Sore throat
- ♣ Strep Throat (must have been taking an antibiotic for at least 24 hours before returning to school)
- ♣ Bad cold, with a very runny nose or bad cough, especially if it has kept the child awake at night
- ♣ Head lice – until your child has been treated according to the nurse or doctor's instructions

If your child becomes ill at school and the school first aiders feel your child is too sick to benefit from school or is contagious to other children, you will be called to come and take him/her home from school. It is essential that the nurse has a phone number where you can be contacted during the day and an emergency number in the event you cannot be reached. Please be sure that arrangements can be made to transport your child home from school and that childcare is available in case of illness. If your daytime or emergency phone number changes during the year, please notify the school office. These guidelines are meant to serve the best interests of all the children in school.

## **Uniform**

We want all our students coming to school in correct uniform. With the cold snap of weather some students are arriving at school with 'additional' pieces of clothing such as knee-high boots, long sleeve thermal tops, scarves etc. Please see the uniform code below for reference.

### **Dress Code**

#### Winter

- Culottes, shorts or track pants
- Polycotton sweat or polar fleece
- Long sleeve t-shirt
- Undershirt (optional) – Navy Blue
- PE Uniform (years 5-8 only)
- Senior Shirt (Years 7&8 only)

#### Footwear

- Plain shoes, sandals: black, brown or navy
- Running shoes
- No jandals or crocs allowed
- For safety reasons, students in years 7&8 must have closed in shoes when attending technology classes at Selwyn College
- Plain white, navy or black ankle or knee-high socks
- Navy or black tights

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### Headgear

- Caps, scarves and bandannas are not permitted.
- Plain headbands allowed (no elaborate headbands e.g. cat ears etc)

### Jewellery

- Necklaces of cultural or religious significance are permitted. Watches, plain stud earrings and small hoop earrings may be worn. No other jewellery is permitted.

### PTA

- Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Lantern Walk last week, despite the rain! We raised a little over \$500 and we dropped a big box of non-perishable items off at the Glen Innes food bank.
- The SCIENCE A-THON has had great support, thank you to everyone who encouraged our children to participate. Prizes will be awarded at assembly next week. Final tally still to be confirmed, but we're looking like beating our fundraising efforts of \$12k last year, which is brilliant!
- Registrations closed today for our inaugural Musical Showcase. Auditions will be held soon and we will be advising the date in the next week.
- See attached flyer for more details on our Movie event; The Incredibles 2, 3pm Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June At Hoyts Sylvia Park.
- Our most popular and biggest fundraiser of the year is our Casino & Auction night – James Bond themed and being held Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> of August. 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](mailto:keri.brown@dynamowork.com) if you can help!
- Finally, if you haven't already, please join our PTA Facebook page; St Thomas's School PTA for regular updates and event reminders.

### **Incredibles 2 movie PTA fundraiser - BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW!!**

Bring your family and friends to an ADVANCED and PRIVATE screening of Disney's INCREDIBLES 2 movie at Hoyts Sylvia Park Cinemas  
Sunday, 24 June at 3pm  
Tickets are \$15.50 per ticket. Same price for Adults and Children.

BOOK NOW via Flexibuzz app or St Thomas's School website via Fees and Donations link to Kindo. Your movie ticket will be emailed out closer to the time of the event.

This is not a drop off event. Children must have adult supervision.

Any questions, contact Julie Hancock on 021 240 7948.

**DON'T MISS OUT AND BOOK YOUR TICKETS TODAY!! THIS POPULAR EVENT WILL SELL OUT!!**

