

22 October 2026

## Principal's Message

It has been wonderful to see our students return refreshed and ready for an exciting final term of the year. We have many learning opportunities, events, and celebrations ahead and we look forward to seeing our students continue to thrive.

As shared in previous newsletters, we remain committed to providing meaningful opportunities for our Year 7 and 8 students. In 2027, we are excited to introduce a new school hoody and cap exclusively for our intermediate students. Designed with input from our current students, these items will help strengthen their sense of identity and pride as senior members of our school. The hoody and cap will be available through the Argyle website early next year.

We look forward to seeing our senior students wearing these with pride as they continue to lead by example and make a positive contribution to our school community.



## New Automatic Door at the School Office



During the term break, the Ministry has installed a new automatic door at the school office. This upgrade improves accessibility for visitors and helps enhance safety by supporting the secure management of movement in and out of the administration area.

## Teacher Only Day - Friday 23 October

There will be no school for students on Friday, 23 October due to a teacher only day. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday, 27 October 2026.

Ngā mihi nui  
**Michael Maher**  
Principal



**Well done to our amazing Mitey community! Your care, respect, and encouragement of others help make our school a place where everyone feels valued and connected.**

## Upcoming Dates

### October

- 23 Teacher Only Day
- 26 Labour Day Holiday
- 27 Eastern Zone Touch Rugby
- 30 Yr 1-3 Assembly 9.15am (School Hall)

### November

- 1 Family Photo Day (Must Pre-booked via Kindo)
- 2 Yr 4-6 Assembly (M5 Hosting) 11.45am (School Hall)
- 2 Yr 7&8 STS Athletics Day
- 10 Yr 5&6 STS Athletics Day
- 11 Bay Suburbs Touch Rugby
- 12 ESOL Market Day (J1)
- 13 Yr 1-3 Assembly 9.15am (School Hall)
- 16 Yr 4-6 Assembly (S9&S10 Hosting) 11.45am (School Hall)
- 17 Board of Trustees Meeting 6.30pm (Staffroom)
- 19 Eastern Zone Athletics
- 24 Bay Suburbs Athletics
- 25 Year 3 Trip to Corban Estate
- 26 Year 3 Trip to Corban Estate
- 26 Year 7 Youthtown
- 27 Yr 1-3 Assembly 9.15am (School Hall)

## Going Green and Growing Together: Mitey Community Day 2026

On Friday 16 October, St Thomas's School was transformed into a sea of green as students arrived ready to celebrate Mitey Community Day. From the moment they stepped through the gates, there was a real buzz around the school, with excitement building for an afternoon dedicated to resilience, wellbeing, positive relationships, and belonging.

Classrooms quickly filled with conversation, laughter, and teamwork as students took part in a variety of hands-on Mitey activities. The highlight of the day was welcoming parents and whānau into our learning spaces, where they joined their children in exploring the important Mitey themes of growing resilience, managing emotions, building connections, and using their voice.

Across the school, families could be seen working side by side, sharing ideas, learning together, and celebrating the strengths that make each of us unique. These moments created meaningful opportunities for students to show their learning while strengthening the partnerships between home and school.

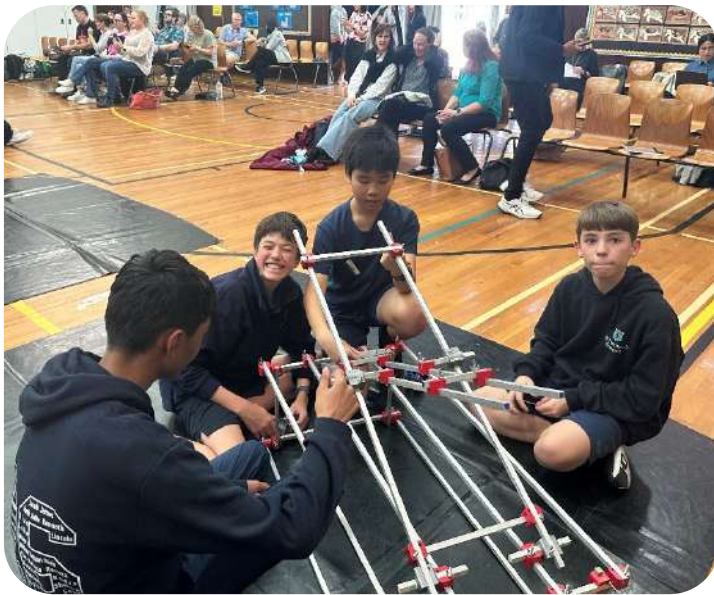
Mitey Community Day was a wonderful reminder that wellbeing is at the heart of learning. By coming together as a community, we continue to nurture confident, connected learners who know how to support themselves and each other. Thank you to all the parents and whānau who joined us and helped make the day such a special celebration of what it means to be Mitey!



## Engineering Minds in Action at EPro8

Creativity, problem-solving, and teamwork were on full display as our Year 5-8 students represented St Thomas's School at the EPro8 Interschool Competition. Students tackled a range of challenging engineering tasks, including building a Mario Kart that dropped bananas, a solar power station, a balloon obstacle course, and a scissor lift.

As the challenges became more complex, our teams showed great perseverance and collaboration, working together to test ideas and overcome obstacles. While they will not be progressing to the next stage of the competition, they can be incredibly proud of everything they achieved. Well done to all involved!



## Sun Safety - School Hats Required

As we head into the warmer months, a reminder that school hats must be worn during Terms 4 and 1. Wearing a hat is an important part of keeping our students safe while enjoying outdoor learning and play.

If your child does not yet have a school hat, these can be purchased from the School Office for \$15.50.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep our students sun safe throughout the summer months.

## STS News

To watch the 58<sup>th</sup> episode of the series, click [HERE](#).

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## Please See Our Website for Details About:

### Clubs and activities:

<https://www.stthomas.school.nz/clubs-and-activities/>

### Community notices:

<https://www.stthomas.school.nz/community-notice/>

### School holiday programme:

<https://www.stthomas.week.nz/school-holiday-programmes/>

### Music lessons right at

**school** 🎵 Complement your child's school experience with music lessons! Piano, guitar, bass, drums, and violin lessons available at school, helping students build confidence, creativity, and lifelong skills. 🙌 **Enrol here:** <https://musiceducation.co.nz/pages/mis-enrolment>

# ST THOMAS'S INTERMEDIATE

## What's been happening in our Intermediate School

### SHARING ABOUT OUR INTERMEDIATE AT RANGITOTO HOUSE ASSEMBLY

Rangitoto House shared their House Assembly item on Monday of Week 2. They invited the Year 6 students along to share with them all of the exciting things we have been doing in our Intermediate school, and included an exciting announcement about their new uniform for 2027!



In addition to this, the students also shared their experiences of their time in our Intermediate and hosted a question/answer session. What was shared included:

- The range of leadership opportunities that we now have at our school. Some of these include the Year 8 responsibilities of house, sport, cultural, and enviro leaders as well as our Year 7 responsibilities of student librarians, and bike shed monitors. Both Year 7 and 8 students have also had crossing monitor duty (Year 8 Terms 1-3, Year 7 Term 4).
- The Year 7 Skiing and Snowboarding programme at Snowplanet. This was an incredibly exciting opportunity for our students who visited Snowplanet once per week over the course of a few weeks to have lessons and practise their skills. This will be available for Year 7 students again in 2027.
- Year 8 Camp, which was one week long at Kawau Island involving a series of challenging but exciting outdoor activities.
- William Pike - an exciting opportunity available only for Year 7 students in which they complete a series of activities, community service, and a passion project over the course of the year to earn their award at the end of the year. We have William Pike himself coming to share his journey with our Year 6-8 students in Week 3!
- The structure of our day of learning including Science, Social Studies, Discovery Lab, NIWA Science Fair, and our 6-period learning day structure.
- We also shared the exciting news that the students in Year 7 and 8 will be able to wear the new Intermediate school hoodie and cap! These two new uniform items are exclusively available for our Year 7 and 8 students, and can be worn in place of their blue school fleece and bucket hat.

We are excited to have the current Year 6 students join us in our Intermediate next year and offering them these opportunities, plus continuing to build on what we currently offer!

# PTA NEWS

The PTA is on  
Facebook & Instagram  
@ StThomasSchoolPTA

## Mark Your Calendar: Term 4

### CALENDAR ART

order by 26 Oct

### FAMILY PHOTOS

Sunday 1 Nov

### CHRISTMAS MEATS

Coming Soon

### COLOUR RUN

Mon 14 Dec

**SAVE THE DATE**

## Family Photos



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## Ice Blocks

A massive **THANK YOU** to



**NEW WORLD  
Stonefields**

for donating ice blocks to our  
Friday fundraiser!

Every Friday from 3pm,  
weather allowing

## Second-hand Uniforms Needed

Kid's outgrown their uniforms? Keep uniforms out of the landfill & donate them to the PTA! You can drop them off anytime to the school office.

## Upcoming PTA Meetings

28 OCT, 25 NOV 7pm in the staff room



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**Website:** kellyclub.co.nz/st-thomas



## KELLY CLUB ST THOMAS'S UPDATE

### What's been happening...

We fell straight down the rabbit hole for Alice in Wonderland Week at Kelly Club! The kids jumped right in by decorating sweet cakes, balancing full teacups in fast-paced water races, having a go at croquet, and crafting their very own card soldiers.



**DO YOU QUALIFY FOR CHILDCARE SUBSIDIES?**

More families now qualify for childcare subsidies and the rates have increased for those already qualified!

**BOOK NOW** [www.kellyclub.co.nz](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz)

### What's happening next week!


**KELLY  
CLUB**

# THEME: Monster Mash!

Term 4 Week 3, 26th October 2026

Weekly Activities Plan  
Kelly Club St Thomas's

|                           | Monday                                                                              | Tuesday                                                                             | Wednesday                                                                           | Thursday                                                                             | Friday                                                                                |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 7:00 - 8:15 am            |  | Lego Building<br>& Structured Free Time                                             | Coffee Filter Monsters<br>& Structured Free Time                                    | Origami<br>& Structured Free Time                                                    | Colouring Comp<br>& Structured Free Time                                              |
| 8:15 - 8:30 am            |                                                                                     | Game: Balloon Stomp                                                                 | Game: Boss of the Balls                                                             | Game: Monster Mash                                                                   | Game: Football                                                                        |
| 3:00 - 3:10 pm            |                                                                                     | Sign In & Free Time                                                                 | Sign In & Free Time                                                                 | Sign In & Free Time                                                                  | Sign In & Free Time                                                                   |
| 3:10 - 3:30 pm            |                                                                                     | Intro & Afternoon Tea<br>Sammies & Fruit                                            | Intro & Afternoon Tea<br>Cheese Toasties & Fruit                                    | Intro & Afternoon Tea<br>Sammies & Fruit                                             | Intro & Afternoon Tea<br>Corn Chips, Salsa & Fruit                                    |
| 3:30 - 3:45 pm            |                                                                                     | Game: Master                                                                        | Game: Space Invaders                                                                | Game: Scatterball                                                                    | Game: Lonely Ghost                                                                    |
| SENIORS<br>3:45 - 4:30 pm |                                                                                     | <b>CRAFT</b><br>Yarn Wrapped Monsters                                               | <b>GAME</b><br>Feed the Monster                                                     | <b>DISCOVERY</b><br>Monster Slime                                                    | <b>COOKING</b><br>Monster Pancakes                                                    |
|                           |                                                                                     |  |  |  |  |
| JUNIORS<br>3:45 - 4:30 pm |                                                                                     | <b>DISCOVERY</b><br>Monster Potions                                                 | <b>GAME</b><br>Monster Bowling                                                      | <b>CRAFT</b><br>Monster Headbands                                                    | <b>COOKING</b><br>Monster Pancakes                                                    |
|                           |                                                                                     |  |  |  |  |
| 4:30 - 4:35 pm            |                                                                                     | Tidy Up                                                                             | Tidy Up                                                                             | Tidy Up                                                                              | Tidy Up                                                                               |
| 4:40 - 5:15 pm            |                                                                                     | Playground                                                                          | Playground                                                                          | Playground                                                                           | Playground                                                                            |
| 5:15 - 5:30 pm            |                                                                                     | Homework & Quiet Time                                                               | Homework & Quiet Time                                                               | Homework & Quiet Time                                                                | Homework & Quiet Time                                                                 |
| 5:30 - 6:00 pm            |                                                                                     | Snack Time<br>Raisins                                                               | Snack Time<br>Muesli Bars                                                           | Snack Time<br>Potato Sticks                                                          | Snack Time<br>Baking                                                                  |

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# TERM 4 IS HERE!

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# “He spoke in front of the whole school! He never would have done that before.”

James' (9) Mum

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Now available at St Thomas's School, Shine Speech & Drama lessons teach:

public speaking  
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positive body language  
storytelling  
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self belief  
conversation skills

St Thomas's School lessons begin in term 4 on **Thursday 22 October**

- Thursdays 12.35pm – 1.20pm

8 lessons in the term

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If you have any question please email [shine@shine.school.nz](mailto:shine@shine.school.nz).

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## LEARN TO SAIL

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# JUNIOR NETBALL

## Coaching Workshops



If you coach a team from Year 1 through to Year 8 and would like more information, tips and guidance for coaching your team this season please come along to one of our Junior Netball Coach Workshops.

**St Johns Venue** - 7 Allison Ferguson Dr, St Johns

Year 1-4 Fri 13 Nov, 6:30pm-8pm FREE

Year 5-6 Thu 12 Nov, 6:30pm-8pm \$25

Year 7-8 Wed 11 Nov, 6:30pm-8pm \$25

Scan QR code for more information

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To book or for more information please contact:

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# SPECIALIST CLINICS

## For Year 7-10 Netballers



Three specialised Netball clinics targeted at refining positional skills and gaining a deeper understanding of the game.

### NETBALL SMART SESSION

**Date:** Friday 6th November

**Time:** 4:30pm - 6:00pm

Delivered by Netball Smart focusing on movement efficiency, injury prevention, strength and stability.

### POSITIONAL CLINIC

**Date:** Saturday 7th November

**Time:** 12:00pm - 1:30pm

Learn different skills specific to players' preferred playing positions. Split into defence, mid-court and attack.

### GAME TACTICS

**Date:** Sunday 8th November

**Time:** 12:00pm - 1:30pm

Tactical session focused on applying skills in game situations.

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**Venue:** Auckland Netball Centre  
7 Allison Ferguson Drive

**Cost:** \$25 per session or,  
\$65 for all three sessions

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# STEP INTO 7v7

## For Year 6 Netballers



Supporting Year 6 players transitioning from 6v6 to 7v7 Netball next year.

- Learn the positions of 7-a-side netball
- Develop an understanding of positional movements
- Practice strategies suited to 7-a-side netball

Dates: Sun 25th Oct, Sun 1 Nov, Sun 8 Nov

Time: 10:00am - 11:30am

Cost: \$70 per player

Venue: Auckland netball Centre, St Johns



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