

2 August 2019

Education Review Office (ERO) Final Report

ERO visited our school in week 1 of Term Two and we have now received their final report. ERO previously visited in 2014 and at that time had a system which indicated a timeframe in which they would revisit a school. In March of this year ERO implemented a new system and no longer indicate a timeframe of return visits.

ERO commented on the continued progress toward achieving excellent outcomes for all students and that most children achieve 'at' or 'above' expected curriculum levels in reading, writing and mathematics with student achievement lifting over time. Our Maori students have shown sustained achievement in literacy and mathematics while our small cohort of second language Pasifika children fared less well.

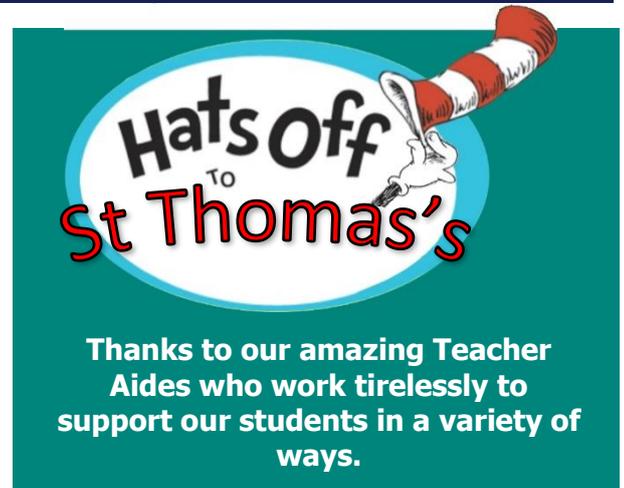
ERO noted that the school has good systems and processes in place to identify, track and monitor the progress of children who need to make accelerated progress and is committed to building staff capacity in accelerating progress and learning.

Key school practices that are supporting achievement of excellence and equity include well-coordinated leadership and growing teacher collaboration and capability. St Thomas's School learning community is characterised by high expectation and respect and our responsive curriculum promotes students to take more ownership of their learning. It was noted that school leaders have been active in contributing to the wider educational community which means leaders and teachers have access to a wide range of professional learning to respond to students' diverse needs.

The Board and Senior Leaders use good quality information to inform their decision making and a coherent strategic plan is in place while accessing the New Zealand School Trustees Association has strengthened the Boards stewardship role.

Going forward ERO noted that St Thomas's School is 'well placed' for success and noted that the school can draw on existing strengths in:

- The principal's inclusive approach to building collaborative leadership that promotes high expectations and a culture of professional learning.



Upcoming Events

August

- 5 Eastern Zone Netball
- 5 – 9 Cook Island Language Week
- 6 Year 5&6 Lit Quiz
- 7 PTA Meeting (7.30pm Staffroom)
- 12 Eastern Zone Boys Basketball
- 14 Eastern Zone Girls Basketball
- 16 Year 3 Assembly
- 19 Y3-8 Cross Country Competition -1.30pm
- 20 Board of Trustees Meeting (6.30pm Board Room)
- 22 Y5&6 Speech Finals
- 23 Year 5 Assembly
- 23 Y7&8 Speech Finals

September

- 2-6 Tongan Language Week
- 7 PTA Meeting (7.30pm Staffroom)
- 5 Year 7&8 Social
- 8-13 AIMS Games Week
- 9-15 Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori
- 10 Bays Suburbs Girls Basketball
- 11 Bays Suburbs Boys Basketball
- 12 ICAS Spelling Bee
- 17 ICAS English
- 17 Board of Trustees Meeting (6.30pm Board Room)
- 18-19 Year 3 Trip to Tiritiri Matangi
- 19 ICAS Maths
- 20 Year 6 Assembly
- 25-26 Student Led Conferences
- 26 Bays Suburbs Hockey
- 27 Last day of Term

- Teaching and learning strategies that enable students to lead their own learning.

They also noted the priorities for further development are in:

- Board training to strengthen stewardship.
- Continuing to build leadership capability at all levels to support the school's achievement of parity for its Pasifika students.
- Strengthening teachers' analysis and use of assessment information.
- Extending the use of effective teaching strategies that accelerate student progress and learning.

I would like to acknowledge and thank all our staff for their commitment and energy which they bring to St Thomas's School community which makes this the wonderful school that it is.

Click this link to read the report:

<http://www.stthomas.school.nz/ero-report.html>

Principal's Awards

Leadership

Charlie Bowker J8

Passion

Alen Kobayashi J15

Excellence

Olivia Gargiulo M10

Melody Xu J2

Dylan Vaughan S6

Ben Jamison S11

Community Support for Teachers

St Thomas's School Staff would like to extend a huge thank you to our school families who supported our teachers in the recent contract negotiations with the Government. The settlement of the negotiations now places the profession in a stronger position moving forward for recruitment, retention and career pathways.

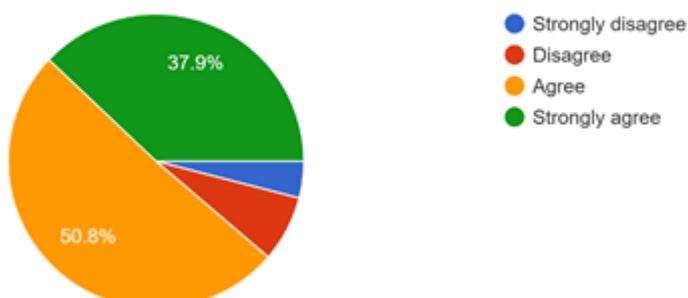
We thank you for not only supporting the teachers but for supporting the profession in general.

Term Two 2019 Student Led Conferences Feedback

A big thank you to all the parents that attended their child's conference in Term Two. We had 84.97 % attendance across the school which we were pleased with. Please see the results from the parent feedback below. It's important for us to capture parent feedback around Student Led Conferences and the Progressions as this allows us to continue to develop our Home School Partnership.

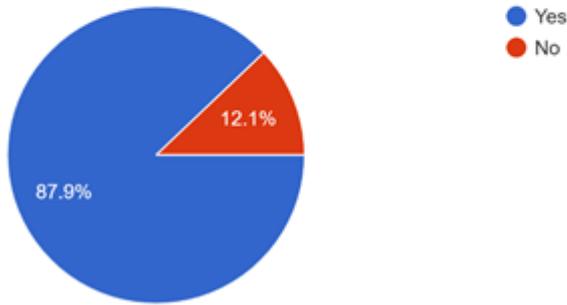
My child is excited about coming to school?

124 responses



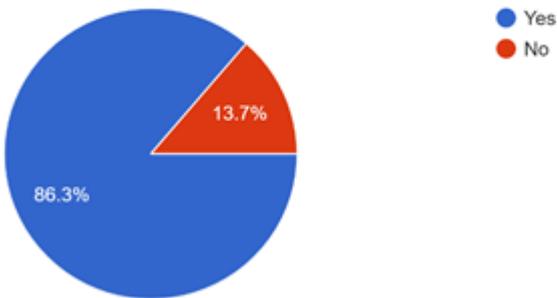
My child was able to use one or all of the St Thomas's School Learning Progressions to show me their goal and next learning step's ?

124 responses



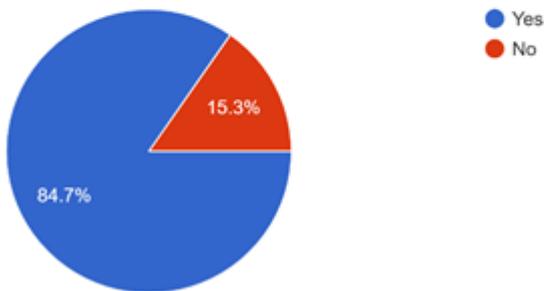
My child was able to show a piece of evidence that linked to their goal?

124 responses



As a parent do you feel the progressions could help you have a greater understanding of your child's learning pathway ?

124 responses



Application for Out of Zone Enrolments for 2020

A number of out of zone places may be available at Year 0 and Year 1. Only Second Priority applications will be accepted, which is a sibling of current students at the school.

Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office.

Application for places must be made on the application form available from the St Thomas's School Office – Ph 528 3938.

The deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone places is Tuesday 15th October 2019.

The ballot will be held on Tuesday 22th October 2019. Parents will be informed within three school days of the ballot being held.

Children Turning 5 Within the Next Year

If you have a child who will be turning 5 within the next year can you please contact Karen Mills, in the school office, to put their name down in our enrolment register.

Measles in Schools

We are still seeking immunisation information from some families regarding the immunisation status of their children and will continue to do so until we are comfortable that we have current information on all our students. Should we have an outbreak of measles at school it can have serious consequences for our students and their families.

Please read the latest update from Auckland Regional Public Health Service (ARPHA) regarding the spread of measles.

If there is a measles case, any child or adult aged under 50 years who has been in the same classroom or confined space with the case **will be asked to stay at home** if they:

- have not had at least one documented MMR vaccination or other measles vaccination at least two weeks prior;
- or have not had a blood test or doctor's record showing they are immune to measles.

ARPHA is aware that excluding children and staff has a very large impact on schools and on family lives. We do have to balance this, however, with the need to stop the spread of the disease and protect others, especially those at risk of complications from the disease.

Thank you for your help in reducing the impact of measles in your community.

Yours sincerely

Dr Julia Peters Dr Maria Poynter

Clinical Director Measles Lead

Auckland Regional Public Health Service Auckland Regional Public Health Service

Information for staff and parents

Why do I (or my child) have to stay at home in quarantine?

If you are developing measles, staying home stops it spreading to others and making them unwell.

What does quarantine mean?

It means staying home away from others. Do not go to work, school, group or social activities, sports, or public places like movie theatres, shopping malls, supermarkets and other food markets. Do not use public transport or visit friends or family. Avoid being in the same room as people who are not immune to measles.

What are the symptoms?

The signs of measles are a cough, high fever, runny nose and sore red eyes. A few days later, a rash begins on the head and spreads across the body.

What if I or my child feel worse or have symptoms, and need to go to a doctor again?

If you need to see a doctor, phone the medical centre or after-hours clinic before going there and tell them you (or your child) may have measles. When you arrive, you must be isolated and not sit in the waiting room.

My child hasn't been in the same classroom as a measles case. Are they still at risk?

If your child has been in the same class, room or space as the person with measles while they were infectious, then your child will have been exposed. If your child is not in the same class, even though they may have been in the same classroom afterwards or in the same hall or playground, the risk is much lower. The school is not asking you to keep your child at home, but do watch for symptoms, particularly if they are not vaccinated. We also ask you to check that they are vaccinated.

I don't have any proof that I have been vaccinated– what do I do?

If you are younger than 50 years, and if your doctor cannot confirm you have been vaccinated or had measles, you will need to stay home for the quarantine period. Please get vaccinated when you are out of quarantine.

If my child has been exposed to measles, do I have to tell others?

You do not need to tell anyone else that your child may be developing measles and is in quarantine, unless your child is confirmed as having the virus. Only then will you need to inform the school, and then any family and social contacts.

I've only had one MMR – do I have to get another vaccination, or stay away from the school?

You are considered immune during this outbreak if you have only had one MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) vaccine, provided it has been at least two weeks since the vaccination as this is the time it takes to provide protection. It is a good idea to have a second MMR as this vaccine also protects against mumps and rubella.

I'm pregnant or have a weak immune system – am I at risk?

Pregnant women who haven't been vaccinated, and anyone with a weakened immune system, are at greater risk of measles complications. They or their caregiver should ask their doctor or lead maternity carer for advice.

More information:

- Auckland Regional Public Health Service: www.arphs.health.nz
- Ministry of Health: www.health.govt.nz
- Immunisation Advisory Centre: www.immune.org.nz (0800 466 863)
- Healthline: 0800 611116



Translated messaging



English

Worried about measles?

Stay at home and call your doctor or Healthline (0800 611 116) for advice. Healthline has interpreters – when your call is answered, say you'd like an interpreter and the language you'd like to speak in.

Māori

Kei te āwangawanga koe ki te mītera?

Noho ki te kāinga me te waea atu ki tō tākuta ki Healthline

(0800 611 116) rānei mō ngā tohutohu. He kaiwhakamāori ā-waha ā Healthline – hei te wā ka whakautua tō waeatanga atu, kōrerotia tō pīrangī ki tētahi kaiwhakamāori ā-waha me te reo e pīrangī ana koe ki te kōrero.

Samoaan

Popolega i le misela?

Nofo i le fale ma vili lau foma'i po'o le Healthline (0800 611 116) mo se fautuaga. E i ai fa'amatala'upu a le Healthline – Afai e tali mai i lau vili atu, ona fa'ailoa lea i ai e te mana'omia se fa'amatala'upu ma ta'u iai le gagana e te mana'o e te fia talanoa ai.

Tongan

Hoha'a fekau'aki moe mahaki misele?

Kapau koia. Nofo ma'u 'i 'api pea ke fetu'utaki ki ho'o toketā pe koe Healthline (0800 611 116) ke 'oatu ha fale'i. 'Oku 'i ai 'a e kau fakatonulea 'i he Healthline – talaange ki he tokotaha tali telefoni 'oku ke fiema'u tokotaha fakatonulea faka-Tonga keke lea ki ai.

Cook Island Māori

Te manatā'ia āinei te maki mīsara?

E no'o ki te kāinga ma te kāpiki atu koe i tō'ou taote, mē kore ra te Healthline (0800 611 116) nō te akamārama tauturu. E aronga uri reo tō te Healthline – mē pa'u ia mai tā'au kāpiki'anga, e akakite koe ē, ka anoano koe i tēta'i tangata uri reo, ē pērā katoa, i tā'au reo ka anoano koe i te tuatua atu anga.

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Niuean

Tupetupe ha ko e gagao misele?

Nofo he kaina ti hea e telefoni ke he ekekafo haau poke Healthline (0800 611 116) ke kumi lagomatai. Fai tagata fakaliliu e Healthline – ti talaage he magaaho ka tali ai e telefoni haau, ka manako tagata fakaliliu a koe mo e vagahau motu ne manako a koe ke fakaaoga.

Chinese

担心有麻疹?

请留在家中并且打电话给您的医生或者健康热线 (0800 611 116) 获取建议。健康热线有口译员-当您的电话被接听的时候, 说出您希望用一名口译员和希望说自己的语言

Korean

홍역에 대해 걱정 되십니까?

외출을 삼가 하시고 담당의사나 헬스라인(Healthline 0800 611 116)으로 전화하여 조언을 받으십시오. - 헬스라인에서는 통역 서비스를 제공해 드립니다. - 전화 하실 때 한국어 통역을 요청하시고 서비스를 받으시기 바랍니다.

Hindi

खसरे की चिंता है?

घर पर रहें और सलाह के लिए अपने डॉक्टर या हेल्थलाइन (0800 611 116) को कॉल करें। हेल्थलाइन में दुभाषिए उपलब्ध हैं - जब आपकी कॉल का उत्तर दिया जाता है, तो कहें कि आपको एक दुभाषिया की आवश्यकता है और आप किस भाषा में बात कर सकते हैं।

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Year 7 Assembly

On July the 5th 2019, the Year 7's hosted the last assembly of the term. Everyone gathered at 11:00 am on Friday morning. The assembly was based on a Year 7's regular school day.

There were four sections that we were showcasing. Maths Rich Task was the first block, morning tea, English in the middle block, lunchtime, afternoon sports in the last block and home learning which was the last section. The audience got to participate in the assembly and there was lots of cheering.

It was a great end to term two! The year sevens had a lot of fun creating the show. A big thanks to Ms. Thain who ran things and to all the parents for coming to support. Everyone participated in the assembly, even if they weren't going to be there on the day, such as those in the planning committee.

By: Sophie Barry, Sami Lawler and Erin Lawler



2020 Term Dates

Term 1	January 29 th – 31 st January Monday 3 rd February	Teacher Only Days Meet the Teacher
	Tuesday 4th February	First day of term
	Thursday 6 th February	Waitangi Day
	Thursday 9th April	Last day of term
Term 2	Tuesday 28th April	First day of term
	Monday 1 st June	Queen's Birthday
	Friday 3rd July	Last day of term
Term 3	Monday 20th July	First day of term
	Friday 25th September	Last day of term
Term 4	Monday 12th October	First day of term
	Monday 26 th October	Labour Day
	Wednesday 16th December	Last day of term

Chess Tournament

On Thursday Alex C, Caleb, Annabelle and I went to Point View Primary School to represent St Thomas's Chess Team. This was the first time St Thomas's had submitted a chess team. Everyone tried their hardest to win their matches and we won some games and lost some games. There were lots of really strong teams who were really good, but no one gave up. In the end our team came 22nd and had a really good time playing chess.

By Matthew Xu



Goldie's Bushwalk

On the 24th of July, a group of Year 7 and 8's headed out to Goldie's Bush Track in the Waitakere Ranges as part of St Thomas's Outdoor Adventure Group. The walk is 4.5km one way up to Te Henga and had a well-made track and amazing views, waterfalls and streams. As we entered the bush, we had to go through a shoe cleaning process to help protect Kauri trees from the Kauri dieback disease. We did this process twice, once going into the track and another when we came out. We first walked Goldie's to the southern end and then after a morning tea stop under the swing bridge, we walked up lots of stairs to Mokoroa Falls for lunch. This was an incredible experience and we definitely recommend trying it out for yourself. A special thanks to Mrs Kroonenberg, Mrs May and to all the parents who helped make this walk possible.

By Sophie B, Sami L and Erin L





NEWS

PTA TREASURER WANTED

If you have accountancy experience and are bursting to join the PTA please contact us!

stthomasschoolpta@gmail.com



The children have been working hard on their artwork.

Orders to be placed in week 7 of this term...watch this space!

Athon Time!!

It is that time of year again, study sheets and pledge cards coming home soon this term. Questions will link into the school wide topic of 'Future Problem Solving'.

This is another big PTA fundraiser and with some great prizes for the kids, we thank you in advance for your support!

House T-shirts on Sale soon!



Remember to join our St Thomas's School Community Facebook page for regular updates and event reminders.

St Thomas's Inaugural Tasting Event Save the date - 9th November



The PTA are collecting **second hand uniforms** again for another **sale** this term. Please **drop off** your preloved uniforms to the **office**.

Thank you.

Welcome back to term 3!



PIZZA LUNCH

Friday 16th August



Netball

AFTERSCHOOL SKILLS PROGRAMME

TERM 3 | AGES 5 - 13

Help your child develop & improve their netball skills with our specialised clinics

Improve confidence and refine technique

6-week programme

Delivered by expert coaches

Run at both St Johns & Mt Eden

To register or for more information visit:

www.aucklandnetball.co.nz



Blended Family Success: Expert Advice

ONE DAY ONLY. Essential information for every couple on how create a united, supportive home life and help children adjust in a step family.

Overcome common challenges and learn practical strategies that really work! Live happily ever after in your stepfamily! Last workshop this year. Numbers limited.

Saturday 7th September: 8.30am – 3.30pm

Venue: The Parenting Place, Greenlane, Auckland

For tickets go to: www.blendedfamilysuccess.nz/events **email:** adele@stepfamilyhelp.info



OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 15th AUGUST 2019

6:45PM

starting in the Theatre

The evening will begin with an address from the Principal. This will be followed by a tour of the school and an opportunity to meet teachers and students across all Learning Areas.

ENROLMENT DAYS

Monday 19th August - 10am – 6pm

Tuesday 20th August - 10am – 6pm

Wednesday 21st August - 10am – 6pm

Enrolment application forms for In Zone and Out of Zone are available on our website www.selwyn.school.nz/New Student/Enrolment