



26 March 2021

Music Lessons – Convenient and Part of the School Day

We are excited to announce that St Thomas's School is providing the option of specialist musical instrument lessons at school DURING THE SCHOOL DAY from Term 2. These lessons are provided by the Music Education Centre, who have provided music tuition after school time at St Thomas's for the last 19 years.

At this stage, Music Education Centre will focus on promoting 3 instruments and use next term as a "soft launch" whilst they work out the logistics and teaching spaces involved.

Learning a musical instrument is both a fun and educational activity, a great way to enrich your child's creativity.

For more information – or to PRE-ENROL for Term 2, please contact Music Education Centre on 0800 893939. Enrolment details will be sent in our next newsletter in 2 weeks' time.

Powhiri

This morning we held a powhiri (welcome) for all our new students and parents who have started school since the beginning of the year. With over 50 students attending along with numerous parents it was a lovely way of officially welcoming our new families into our school community. A big thank you to our Kapa Haka performers, and staff members Amy Thurston for her organisation of the morning and Kororia Witika for her waiata (song).



To Kapa Haka for their outstanding performance when welcoming our new families into our Community

Upcoming Events

March

29 Y6-8 Cybersafety Talks with Constable Gordon

April

2-6 Easter Break
(NB School is not open on Tuesday 6th April)
7 PTA Meeting (7.00pm Staffroom)
13 Board of Trustees Meeting (6.30pm Staffroom)
14-15 Student Led Learning Conferences
16 ICAS Entries Close
16 Term 1 Pizza Lunch Day
16 Last Day of Term 1

May

3 First Day of Term 2

Principal's Awards

Excellence

Laith Al-Jubbawey – M6 RO
Zakary Suppiah – S4

Passion

Jayden Xin – M5 KI
Tia Dutton – S10

Landscape Concept

One of the aims of our current strategic plan is to develop outside spaces into a learning landscapes. We have engaged landscape architects KamoMarsh to help us achieve this goal and they are currently finalising a concept plan which they will present back to us for feedback. We would like any parent who has an interest in this area to join us to provide a parent perspective into their proposal.

If this is of interest to you, please email Tina on thill@stthomas.school.nz and once we have the finalised plan, we will be in contact with you.

Vandalism

Over the holiday period we had some significant vandalism take place at school. Some of it was recorded on our security cameras which the police have followed up. Along with several broken windows and damage to our external lift, the most significant vandalism was the poisoning of our titoki trees which line our netball courts. Considerable effort was put into preserving these during the building project and it was heart breaking to find that someone had drilled all of these trees and poisoned them. As the year progresses, we will monitor the condition of the remaining trees and replace any that do not survive. If you are on the school grounds at the weekend or after school hours and see suspicious activity, please call the police and let them know what is happening or call our security company Matrix on 09 5791567.

Walk to School Day!

Congratulations to all of the children that managed to walk to school on Wednesday morning. We had so much fun handing out stickers, the thing that was so good was that we used more than 500 stickers we felt so happy after. We loved it when we saw their smiling faces after they had done their walk.

The Year 6 leaders have counted up the stickers and are happy to announce the winners! The year level with the most stickers is Year 6 (we are not biased!). Great work on your walking! Now, the house with the most stickers is Hauraki! Congratulations, 500 house points will be issued! We also saw a lot of children on bikes and scooters which is great to help the environment.

Written by William Lang and Emma Stevens, Year 6 leaders



Our Principal's for the Day, Lucy and Georgia, Catching up with our Police Officers for the Day.



Year 8 Camp Fundraiser

On Thursday 18th of March, St Thomas's School had their annual school PTA picnic and the Year 8's were doing some fundraising for school camp. We did face painting, lolly jar guesses and two hamper raffles. Thanks to your generous support we raised nearly \$500 for our Year 8 camp coming up in Term 3.

The winners of the Lolly Jar were Semesi and Connor (the number of lollies was 148 if anyone was wondering).

The winner of the child hamper was Annabelle.

The winner of the adult hamper was Janine, Nicola came second and won a bottle of wine.

We would like to thank everybody who donated their time by setting up and helping out at stalls, anyone who donated items and especially Miss Ko and Ms Thain, boy you two painted a lot of faces!

Thank you for supporting our fantastic St Thomas's community - we can't wait to see if we can top it next year in 2022!

By Lola



School Bus

The morning school bus route is 549. This bus will drop our students off outside of school on Allum St. Please note that there is only one bus in the mornings. In the afternoon there are two buses, and these are route numbers 549 and 550. If you would like information about these routes or concerns about the service please contact Auckland Transport either via their website <https://at.govt.nz/> or by phoning them on 09 366 4467

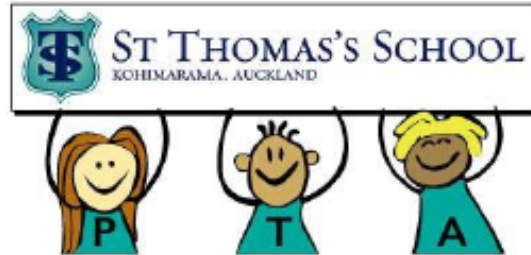
Eastern Zones & Bay Suburbs Swimming Sports

On Monday, the 22nd & Wednesday the 24th of March, the school took 27 students from Years 5 to 8 to Sacred Heart Pools to compete against other schools using different strokes of swimming. We were against some very good competitors from many different schools. Our school had at least one swimmer in most of the events. Overall Y7&8's did well and made it in the finals for a few strokes with both our relay teams finishing 4th. Y5&6 did very well and some of our swimmers even ranked first in the zones. Y7&8 events were 50m and 100m whereas Y5&6 events were 25m and 50m. We all ended up having a great day overall.

By Chelsea Miller



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PTA & Bakers Delight Hot Cross Buns Fundraiser

With the support of our wonderful friends at Bakers Delight Eastridge, we are delighted to offer you delicious Hot Cross Buns, in 3 glorious flavours – just in time for Easter!

Cost is just \$10 per bag of 6 buns, \$2 of which will go back to the school. Order via the school Online Shop between now and 11am this Monday 29th of April. Buns will be available for you or your child to pick up from the school on Thursday the 1st of April.

Flavours include Traditional,
Apple & Cinnamon
and Chocolate Chip.



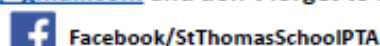
ICE BLOCK FRIDAY'S

Every Friday in Term 1 from 3pm,
under the tree outside the Office.
\$2 each, or 3 for \$5

Our next PTA meeting is **Weds 7th April** from 7pm,
upstairs in the School Staffroom. All welcome! We'd love
to have more members – many hands make light work!



We encourage you to contact us with your thoughts & suggestions any time at
stthomasschoolpta@gmail.com and don't forget to Like us on Facebook!



Spring Kitchen Lunches on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Spring Kitchen offer school lunches on Tuesdays and Thursdays. To order you can either go into the shop and place orders or send an envelope with your child's name, class and order written on the front, which can be placed in the box in the office. If you send you order into school, it **must come in the day before** the lunch is required.

Order options are as follows:

Katsu Chicken on rice	small \$6.00	large \$9.00
Teriyaki Chicken on rice	small \$6.00	large \$9.00
Cooked teriyaki salmon on rice	Small \$7.00	large \$10.00
Tempura prawns	(3pcs) \$6.00	
Deep fried mushroom dumplings	(5pcs) \$6.00	

Sauce or mayo can be removed if requested.

Subway Lunches on Friday's

Subway orders can be placed on Friday mornings at the office. There are envelopes available on the day to write your child's order onto. Sandwiches are either \$4.00 for a 4" mini sub and \$5.00 for a 6" sub. Please note that the correct money is required as no change can be given.

"Changing Learning for a Changing World"



HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Mon 19 – Fri 30 April



Join us for a fun-filled School
Holiday Programme including a
Legendary Leaders Day, lots of sports,
awesome games **& MUCH MORE!**

*Some activities may need to be swapped for other exciting ones!
Go online to check out a full, up-to-date timetable for your school.*

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AVAILABLE!**

**Conditions apply*

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www.kellyclub.co.nz

APRIL 2021 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

ST THOMAS'S SCHOOL, KOHIMARAMA

A timetable and full programme information is available online or at the programme venue.

Who can attend: Children aged 5-13 yrs

General information: We believe in giving children opportunities to do the things they love and enjoy in a supportive and encouraging environment. Our friendly staff are passionate about working with children. They are provided with training on behaviour management techniques, first aid and activity planning/delivery.

What do you need to bring: Shoes and appropriate clothing, jacket or sweatshirt, hat, drink bottle and food for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

Payment details: Payment is required before the holiday programme begins. An invoice will be issued when a completed booking is received. All payment details will be included on the invoice.

Work and Income OSCAR Subsidy: Parents/caregivers that meet certain criteria will be able to access a WINZ subsidy to help cover the cost of our programme. For more information visit www.workandincome.govt.nz.

Please note: Every care will be taken to ensure the safety of your child and their property. However, organisers of Kelly Club accept no liability for any injury sustained by your child or any loss or damage to their property while at the programme. If your child is collected late after the conclusion of the programme you will be charged \$15 per 15 minutes or part thereof.

Prices & Session Times:

Full Day: \$51
7:30am - 5:30pm

School Day: \$41
8:30am - 3:00pm

Half Day: \$33
7:30am - 12:30pm
or 12:30pm - 5:30pm

Event Day:
Additional costs may apply to run special activities or trips. Maximum 1 per week.

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BOOK ONLINE NOW AT www.kellyclub.co.nz



ANZAC DAY 2021 MEMORIAL SERVICE

WHERE: College Rifles Rugby Club

WHEN: Sunday 25th April

TIME: 8:45am-10:00am

info@collegerifles.co.nz

