

9 April 2021

Student Led Learning Conferences

Just a reminder that these are taking place next Wednesday 14th April and Thursday 15th April.

This is a big week for our students as they get to discuss their learning this term and talk about their next learning steps. We are looking forward to parents and whānau attending these conferences which are an important part of encouraging students on their learning journey as well as providing parents the opportunity to understand where their child is at academically.

HOW TO BOOK:

Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

The Event Code is: **6nzs7**

Then follow the simple instructions on screen. If you have any difficulty making your bookings, or you do not have access to the internet, you are welcome to contact the school office or your child's teacher who will be able to help.

Road Safety

Please remember that when crossing the road, you should be setting an example for your children and crossing at the controlled crossings. There is a Kea crossing on Allum Street and the lights on the corner of Allum Street and Kohimarama Road.

Please refrain from turning into driveways to reverse out of, parking across neighbours driveways, parking in the bus stop in the mornings or blocking the staff carpark entrances. It is also very important that you do not park on the yellow lines near the Kea Crossing as this obstructs the patrollers view to be able to see if any cars are coming and puts students in danger.



The Year 7&8 students who took part in their first Outdoor Adventure Group walk yesterday.

Upcoming Events

- 13 Board of Trustees Meeting (6.30pm Staffroom)
- 14-15 Student Led Learning Conferences
- 14 Y7 Youthtown
- 16 Y7 Youthtown
- 16 ICAS Entries Close
- 16 Term 1 Pizza Lunch Day
- 16 Last Day of Term 1

May

- 3 First Day of Term 2
- 6 Nathan Wallis Community Presentation
- 11 Y5-8 Eastern Zone Orienteering
- 13 Y6 Trip to Howick Historical Village
- 18 Board of Trustees Meeting (6.30pm Staffroom)

Principal's Awards

Excellence

Isaac Lin – S7

Passion

Hazel Maclean – J15
Liam Gallagher – M5 QU
Melody Xu – S5

Connections

Delilah Burrett – M3 CR
Rudina Sejdiu – M4 PU

Music Lessons – Convenient and Part of the School Day

St Thomas's School will be offering specialist musical instrument lessons at school DURING THE SCHOOL DAY from Term 2. These lessons are provided by the Music Education Centre, the organisation that partnered with our school to offer music tuition after school time for the last 19 years.

Learning a musical instrument is both a FUN and EDUCATIONAL activity, and lessons are being offered initially on piano, guitar and drums. Enrolments are now open and will close on Thursday 22nd April (during the school holidays).

Please follow the link or QR code on the music lesson image to book directly with the Music Education Centre via the Google Form, or contact the centre by phone on 0800 89 39 39. <https://forms.gle/mESnKkx8d7GFqc8c8>

Is your child the next great popstar?



the music education centre

Our school has partnered with the largest specialist music provider in Auckland to offer students CONVENIENT music lessons, here at school during the school day!

Teaching music is what the Music Education Centre does. They are completely focused on giving your child the best musical education possible.

Programmes are individualised to develop your child's musical passion and ability.

**Scan the QR code below
to enrol your child today!**

We have lessons in **piano, guitar, drums and other instruments** starting in **Term Two**, right here at school! **Enter the URL below into your browser to enrol your child today:**

<https://forms.gle/mESnKkx8d7GFqc8c8>



"Music lessons have transformed our son... The experience has been so positive that his little sister is now learning and receiving all the same benefits."

– Rien & Andrew

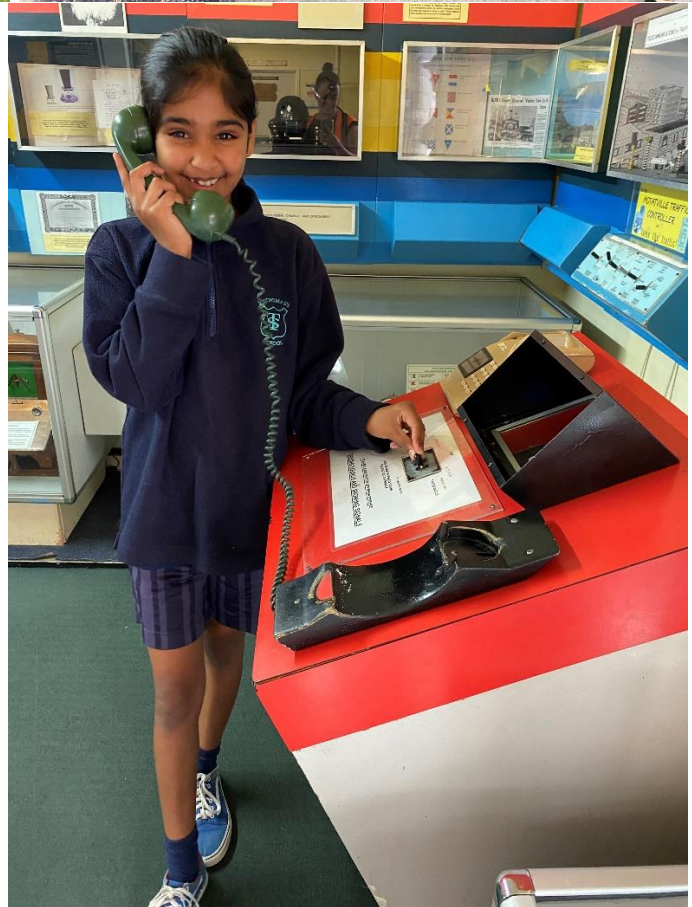
0800 89 39 39
www.musiceducation.co.nz



Year 5 Trip to MOTAT

On Thursday the 18th of March, Year 5 went to MOTAT. We did a scavenger hunt around MOTAT and saw olden day schools, old emergency vehicles and telephone boxes. After walking around for a while we went on the tram around MOTAT and back. When we got off the tram, we did an educator session and learnt about influential New Zealanders, dressed up and saw Kiwi inventions. After the session, we went to the Future Science Centre and saw amazing inventions including an invisible wall, a dancing skeleton and moved a ball with our minds. We also went into the invention room with loads of slides and games. We all give thanks to the teachers, helpers and the tour guides who gave us an amazing day.

By Sofia Nigro, Zofia Wells and Olivia Gargiulo



Year 2 Easter Egg Hunt

On Thursday, the Easter Bunny came to visit Year 2! Everyone got to enjoy an Easter Egg hunt and share the bounty together!

Charlie J5 - I liked searching for the eggs in the playground!

Anagha J8 - I liked it when we got to eat the Easter Eggs!

Isaac J7 - I really liked finding the eggs.

Riley - J7 I liked the Easter Hunt it was funny to run in the rain!

Michael J6 - It was super hard to find the eggs in the playground.



Outdoor Adventure Group

On Thursday 8th of April, a large group of our Year 7s and 8s went on their first walk for the year around Ambury Farm Coastal Walking track.

We arrived at Ambury Farm at 10am. When the school van was driving it got a flat tire and our Property Manager Glen, had to come to fix it. After that, I think he deserved a good coffee. We had some morning tea first to get some energy. After that, we started the walk and made our way around the whole track. The trail was great, and the scenery was amazing. In the middle of the walk, we had a look at the Coastal Watercare Interceptor Project. The Water Project is a central wastewater tunnel that is going to be the largest one in New Zealand. It reaches approximately 14km long is the height of a giraffe and is 4.5 rhinos wide. After we finished the walk, we had walked 10.69km in total and it took us about 4 hours. At 1:30 we got to walk around and look at all the animals at the farm. We returned to St Thomas's School at 2pm and completed the big walk!

A big thanks to all the parents that helped us make this walk possible for many of our students and a big thanks especially to Mr. Buchanan and Mrs. Kroonenberg who made this whole walk possible in the first place.

Quotes

William: While we were walking around the walkway the scenery was amazing and beautiful.

Jack: Very amazing time on this naturalistic walk the birds were stunning.

Hayden: The water project was so cool it was very interesting to learn about.

Dylan A: The walk was stinky for my nostrils and my legs were broken at the end.

Jamie: The walk was flat, but my legs were broken afterward.

Roxy: The scenery was beautiful, and it was a very nice day.

Harry: It smelt like Rotorua and I was crippled from the waist below.

Holly: The walk was fun and interesting; it was good to get outdoors!

Lola: The animals were very cute, and we got to pet them, and we got to learn about plants.

Scott: It was interesting to learn about the WaterCare pipe being installed.

Neeve: On the walk I learnt a lot of new things, such as the new sewage filter pipe was as tall as a giraffe, we got to see a lot of animals like a sheep, cow, goat and a pregnant pig.

Tishani: On the walk, it was very fun and a good way to get outdoors to do some exercise in a fun way. We got to see animals and got to pet them which I enjoyed.

Alona: On the walk, we got to pet the animals like cows and do some bird watching and learnt somethings about Ambury Farm.

Gaia: The walking track was great, and the place was amazing.



EDUCATION OUTSIDE
THE CLASSROOM



Orienteering Zones Competition

We have had a great turnout for the pre-registration training for our 2021 Orienteering Zones competition – this is open to Years 5-8. If your child is keen to be considered for the team, please complete the [registration form](#) (also shared on Hero). Deadline is Thursday 15 April, 2021.

The competition is on Tuesday 11 May at Western Springs Park. Any queries, please email Mrs Kroonenberg (mkroonenberg@stthomas.school.nz).

Nathan Wallis - The Developing Brain Presentation

Thursday 6th May, 2021, 7.30pm – 9.00pm
St Thomas's School Hall

St Thomas's School is proud to announce that Nathan Wallis, the host of the documentary "All in the Mind", and co-host of the TV Series "The Secret Life of Girls", is coming to our community with his talk – The Developing Brain.

Captivating audiences over 200 times per year to sell out events, Nathan has a profound reputation as a lively and engaging speaker. He uses humour and plain language to make this complex topic burst into life.

In his presentation, Nathan provides an informative narrative on how our day-to-day interactions with children and young people, significantly the early years, plays a critical role in defining later outcomes for our children. In this talk, Nathan will guide you through the stages of brain development from the first 1000 days and into adulthood. He will reveal little tricks that will hopefully make parenting easier, and help you open up communication with your child. You will walk away with a much better understanding of how both your child's brain and your own brain works.

Tickets are available now at www.eventfinda.co.nz Search "Nathan Wallis Auckland"

Limited early bird prices are available.

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SAUSAGE SIZZLES – ARE BACK!

With the completion of the new classroom block we are now able to safely run our Sausage Sizzle lunches again.

The first one will be next Thursday, 15th of April and details of how and when you can order via the Online shop will be sent out on Monday. We'll continue doing them once a Term throughout the remainder of the year.

PRE-LOVED UNIFORMS

Please continue to drop off any pre-loved uniforms to the school office, as we will have another Uniform Sale next term.



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 5th May** 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!



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Celebration of Art 2021



Chloe Or, 'Views from Port Hills', Digital painting, 2021

MAHIA
Do it

Children's Art Competition

'Celebration of Art 2021' at St Heliers Library

Draw, paint or create an A3 or A4 picture themed '**Colours of the Earth**' and be in to win great prizes! Bring your art to St Heliers Library by Monday 24th May 2021, 6pm

This competition is open to children who live in or go to school in the Orakei area.

Age groups: 5-6yrs / 7-8yrs / 9-10yrs / 11-12yrs

One entry per child. Entry form is available at St Heliers Library and participating schools, and online on stheliers.com and the St Heliers Library Facebook page.

All being well ~ Prize Giving will be on Saturday 12th June 2021, 1pm

Entries will be on display at the Library from Friday 4th June to Saturday 19th June 2021

Find out more



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GIRLS & BOYS RUGBY



grammarjuniors.co.nz

Age 4-13 years registrations now open!

Rugby is great for developing fitness, team play and ball skills... and Grammar Juniors is one of the leading junior rugby clubs in the central Auckland area. Situated at Shore Road Reserve, we are fortunate to have some of the best fields in Auckland as our home grounds.

Grammar Juniors has a very proactive committee of parents, great coaches and our teams perform well in the competitions within their grades.

Grammar Juniors offers Rugby for girls and boys aged 4-13 years and Ripa (non tackle) rugby for girls and boys aged 4-11 years.



Register online: grammarjuniors.co.nz

Or for more information email: grammarjuniorsrugby@gmail.com





SCHOOL HOLIDAY COURSES

Aspiring Young Cooks (ages 8 – 12)

27 & 28 April, 9am – 2pm



Creative Hand Lettering (ages 8 – 12)

19 April, 10am – 3pm



Soap Making (ages 7 – 12)

19 April, 10am – 3pm



Flight and Rocketry (ages 8 – 11)

29 April, 10am – 3pm

www.selwyncomed.school.nz

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