



28 May 2021

Teacher Only Day – Friday 4th June

Please note that school will be closed to all students on Friday 4th June for a Teacher Only Day.

Arising from the 2019 employment agreement negotiations for the Primary Teachers' Collective Agreement it was decided that each primary school is entitled to 2 teacher-only days in 2021.

These days are to provide teachers and principals with additional time to:

- Refresh and deepen their knowledge and practice around the local curriculum.
- Strengthen their understanding of the use of assessment tools for learning and teaching.
- Familiarise themselves with curriculum work changes that will become available over the term of the collective agreements.

Display Area in Library

Our new display cabinet has arrived for the library and we are delighted to be able to showcase a 'forest' display which is loaned to us from Auckland Museum. The display contains both real and 3D models of various aspects of New Zealand forest wildlife from past times and forests of today. Items include a kiwi skull and egg, feather wings and claws of a morepork and kereru, moa bones, hast eagle claw and tuatara skull. Teachers are encouraged to open the display case while in the library with their students so that students can interact with the different pieces. It is stimulating some rich learning conversations among students and we will have a different display next term.



Youvraj, Mayra and Ariana Singh – for embracing every single letter of STEAM with their amazing challenge entries. [Check them out here](#)

Upcoming Events

June

- 2 Y7&8 Immunisations
PTA Meeting (7.00pm in the Staff Room)
- 4 **Teacher Only Day (School closed to students)**
- 7 **Queens Birthday (School closed to all)**
- 9 Y7&8 Immunisation Catch Ups
Bay Suburbs Football (Y5&6)
- 11 Junior Assembly – J5 Host
9:45am – 10:30am
Senior Assembly – M6 Host
11:45am – 12:30pm
- 15 Board of Trustees Meeting (6.30pm Staffroom)
- 24 Y3 Trip to Tiritiri Matangi
40 Hour Famine Dress Up Day
- 28 Eastern Zone Hockey (Y7&8)

July

- 1 Y7&8 Social (6.30pm – 9.00pm in the Hall)
- 2 PTA Sausage Sizzle Lunch
Y5 Stardome Trip
Junior Assembly – J15 Host
9:45am – 10:30am
Senior Assembly – S3/S4 Host
11:45am – 12:30pm
- 7 Bay Suburbs Netball (Y5&6)
- 9 Pizza Lunch Day
Term 2 Last Day

Pink Shirt Day

Next Thursday 3rd of June we will be standing up against bullies by wearing **PINK** for our very own St Thomas's Pink Shirt Day! Please send your child to school in the craziest pink get-up you've got. A gold doin donation is requested, or you can make a donation via our online shop: <https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/index.html>. All the money we raise will go towards student counselling services with our new counsellor, Charlotte. It's going to be a fabulous day of games and fun so make sure your child doesn't miss out!

The Year 8 Pink Shirt Day Committee



New Whānau and Staff Pōwhiri

Congratulations to our incredible Kapa Haka crew for their leadership of our Term 2 New Whānau Pōwhiri. We were able to welcome our new learners and whānau into our kura without disruption this term. It has been awesome to see our pōwhiri grow and develop each term as we incorporate our new learning in Tikanga Māori. Thank you for joining us on this journey. Many thanks to the whānau who were able to come along in support of their tamariki. We really enjoyed connecting with you all.

Ngā mihi mahana



Uniform

Now that we are in Term 2 and the weather is getting cooler it is time to remind our students of the correct uniform.

Dress Code – Years 0 – 6	Dress Code – Years 7 & 8
Summer Culottes or shorts Hat (compulsory terms 1 & 4) Short sleeve t-shirt PE Uniform (years 5&6 only)	Summer Culottes or shorts Hat (compulsory terms 1 & 4) Senior shirt PE Uniform
Winter Culottes, shorts or track pants* Polycotton sweat or polar fleece Long sleeve t-shirt Undershirt (optional) PE Uniform (years 5&6 only)	Winter Culottes, shorts or track pants Polycotton sweat or polar fleece Undershirt (optional) Senior shirt PE Uniform

* Track Pants are not available from Argyle Schoolwear but can be purchased from The Warehouse. They are the Straight Leg Pongee Trackpant. Here is the link: [Visit Link](#)

Extra Items

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

Socks and Tights

- Plain white, navy or black ankle or knee high socks
- Navy or black tights

Headgear

- Caps, scarves and bandannas are not permitted. The principal must approve head-wear worn for religious/cultural reasons (dark navy where possible).

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.

Year 4 Art Club, Hosted by Year 8

Art is a fantastic way to express yourself and get creative, so for my Year 8 House Leader passion project I started an art club for Year 4's on Wednesday. In our first session we made cards for a special person, last week we made bookmarks. So far it has been a fun experience in an accepting, friendly atmosphere. We always welcome new members, so if your child is in Year 4 and would like to join the fun, tell them to come along on Wednesday lunchtimes after lunch eating!

Mia, Year 8



Year 8 House Captains

On Wednesday 26th of May, the Year 8 House Captains travelled to Vodafone Events Centre for the extraordinary NYLD (NZ Young Leaders Day). The theme was 'Stronger Together', defining what it meant to be a team player and group supporter, a true leader.

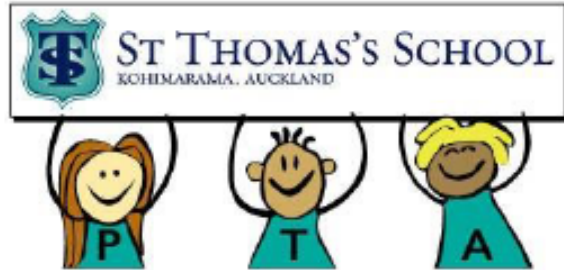
Together, the House Captains took notes and wrote down inspiring messages about the five motivated speakers. The show had an upbeat community and was started off with Cam Calkoen, an inspirational speaker born with cerebral palsy. Cam spoke of his troubles as a child and how he overcame his fears of not fitting in and went on to become an athletic gold medallist, all because of a positive attitude and his close-knit group of supporters. Cam showed us all that 'life is awesome.' Next, we enjoyed a speech from Brooke Neal, ex-black stick, Olympian and mindset coach. Brooke showed us the importance of teamwork and trusting each other to complete the job.



After the break we heard from Shay Wright, a social entrepreneur and named in the 2016 Forbes Asia 30 Under 30 list of entrepreneurs who grew up in the far north. He has helped grow a range of organisations and taught the NYLD community about kindness and pushing through the tough times. We also had a lucky appearance from Benny Tipene and his best friend Jesse. Benny Tipene is the New Zealand X-Factor 3rd place winner and support care worker, supporting his best-friend Jesse who has Down Syndrome. We also had a surprise guest: Julian Dennison, known as *Ricky Baker* in *Hunt for the Wilderpeople!* After the day we all learned more about being student leaders and have a great badge to pin to our uniforms. Thanks for an awesome day!

By Mia (Hauraki Vice Captain) and Leonardo (Kohimarama Vice Captain)

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OLYMPIC A-THON

A-thon pledge cards will be coming home this week. We encourage you to support your child by helping them to learn their A-thon questions and sponsoring them for the test.

Testing will take place on **Thursday 3rd of June** – not Friday 4th of June as printed on the A-thon cards. Friday is of course a teachers only day!

OUR ANNUAL QUIZ & AUCTION NIGHT IS COMING!

Watch this space for further details and date confirmation.

We will be reaching out to our community & local businesses to source auction prizes and we would love to hear from you if you have anything you would like to donate toward this. Please contact us at stthomasschoolpta@gmail.com if you can help!

MORE PTA FUNDRAISING EVENTS COMING SOON!



SAUSAGE SIZZLE
Fri 2nd July



QUIZ NIGHT
September



ICEBLOCK FRIDAY'S
Every Friday at 3pm

Our next PTA meeting is **Weds 2nd June** 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!

Travelwise
School



St Heliers road safety improvements

Construction starts in June 2021

In support of Vision Zero, Auckland Transport is constructing new road safety improvements in St Heliers village and surrounding streets.

Vision Zero for Tāmaki-Makaurau Auckland is an ambitious new transport safety vision that states that there will be no deaths or serious injuries on our transport system by 2050.

In partnership with St Heliers community representatives, AT has co-designed changes to improve the connection between the beach and shops as well as make it safer to walk, bike or drive around St Heliers Bay.

Our plan includes putting in raised crossings, speed tables, widening footpaths and street lighting.

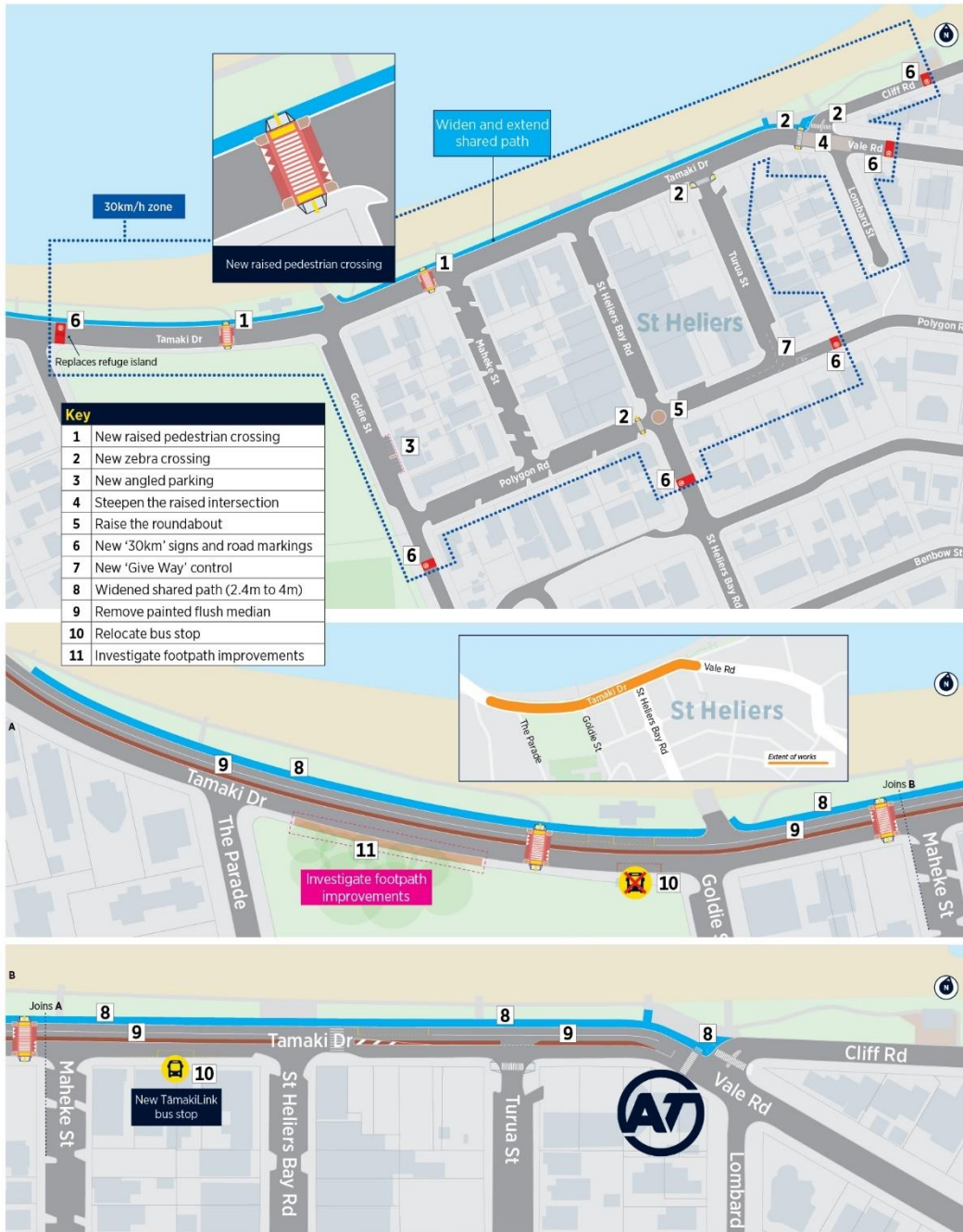


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Please plan your travel as there will be delays and parking restrictions during construction. There will also be St Heliers and Mission Bay town centre speed changes from 50 km/h to 30 km/h from 30 June 2021.



St Heliers road safety improvements



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For more information contact Auckland Transport on **09 3553553** or email us on projects@AT.govt.nz

