



## Relaunch of Real-Time Parent Reporting

In 2017 St Thomas's School was one of the first primary schools to launch a real-time reporting portal for our parent community with teachers sharing information on student progress. Since then, we have had many other primary schools adopt a similar approach to reporting, and indeed have supported a number of them to do so. The Ministry of Education now has an expectation that, going forward, all schools will move in this direction.

When we first launched in 2017 it was a steep learning curve for our parents and teaching staff and we held information sessions to help parents access the portal and understand how it worked. Since the initial launch we have tweaked the portal several times as needs arose and/or technology changed. With the demise of National Standards in 2018 and with more of a focus on learning progressions we have been working behind the scenes on development of a new portal which we are very excited to launch today.

A large amount of time and effort has gone into the development of this and I would like to acknowledge all our teaching staff for their input, our Community of Learning leaders for their work on the learning progressions and Deputy Principal, Claire Fromow, for her tireless work on the development of the portal, especially the technical aspects. We are also incredibly grateful to those parents who allowed us to use their childrens' accounts to test our new system and to those who were part of the focus group trialling the Hero app.

Similar to our first launch in 2017, it will take us all some time to get use to the new reporting format and we will hold information sessions to support parents. This is an exciting next stage for St Thomas's School as we make our teaching and learning as transparent and as meaningful as possible for our whole community.

For more information about Real-Time Reporting, [please click here](#).

For answers to frequently asked questions about Real-Time Reporting, [please click here](#).



## To the Year 5 Girls football team for winning the Bay Suburbs Tournament

### Upcoming Events

#### June

- 15 Board of Trustees Meeting (6.30pm Staffroom)
- 17 Y8 Camp Bake Sale (morning tea)
- 24 Y3 Trip to Tiritiri Matangi  
40 Hour Famine Orange Dress Up Day
- 28 Eastern Zone Hockey (Y7&8)
- 30 Showcase of Learning (9.00 – 10.30am)

#### July

- 1 Y7&8 Social (6.30pm – 9.00pm in the Hall)  
Parent Information Evening - Keeping Ourselves Safe (6.30pm Staffroom)
- 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
- 5 PTA Musical Showcase (6.30pm – 8.30pm in the Hall)
- 7 Bay Suburbs Netball (Y5&6)  
PTA Meeting (7.00pm Staffroom)
- 9 Pizza Lunch Day  
Term 2 Last Day

## Hero Parent Reporting System

We are delighted to launch our new parent reporting system through our existing communications app, Hero. Your child's progress to date in 2021 is available from now, and further progress will be available, live and in real-time, ongoing.

Hero parent reporting is an online environment that reflects our unique context and local curriculum including our St Thomas's School Learning Progressions. It enables teachers and families to view content anytime, anywhere on any device. The software is secure, easy to use and brings together all school-related information in one place.

We are excited about the features that our new parent reporting system has to offer you:

- read posts and personalised comments relating to your child's learning
- view information on your child's progress and learning goals
- read notices sent to the class or groups your child is part of
- respond to school notices such as surveys and trip permission requests
- view school term dates
- view a school calendar of events
- notify the school if your child is absent or late
- navigate to other school-related web pages



Going forward, goal setting, St Thomas's School Learning Progressions achievement, effort ratings, St Thomas's School Learner Attribute assessments and personalised student comments will form an online report designed to build year on year so that over time you will have access to a range of information relevant to your child's learning all in one place.

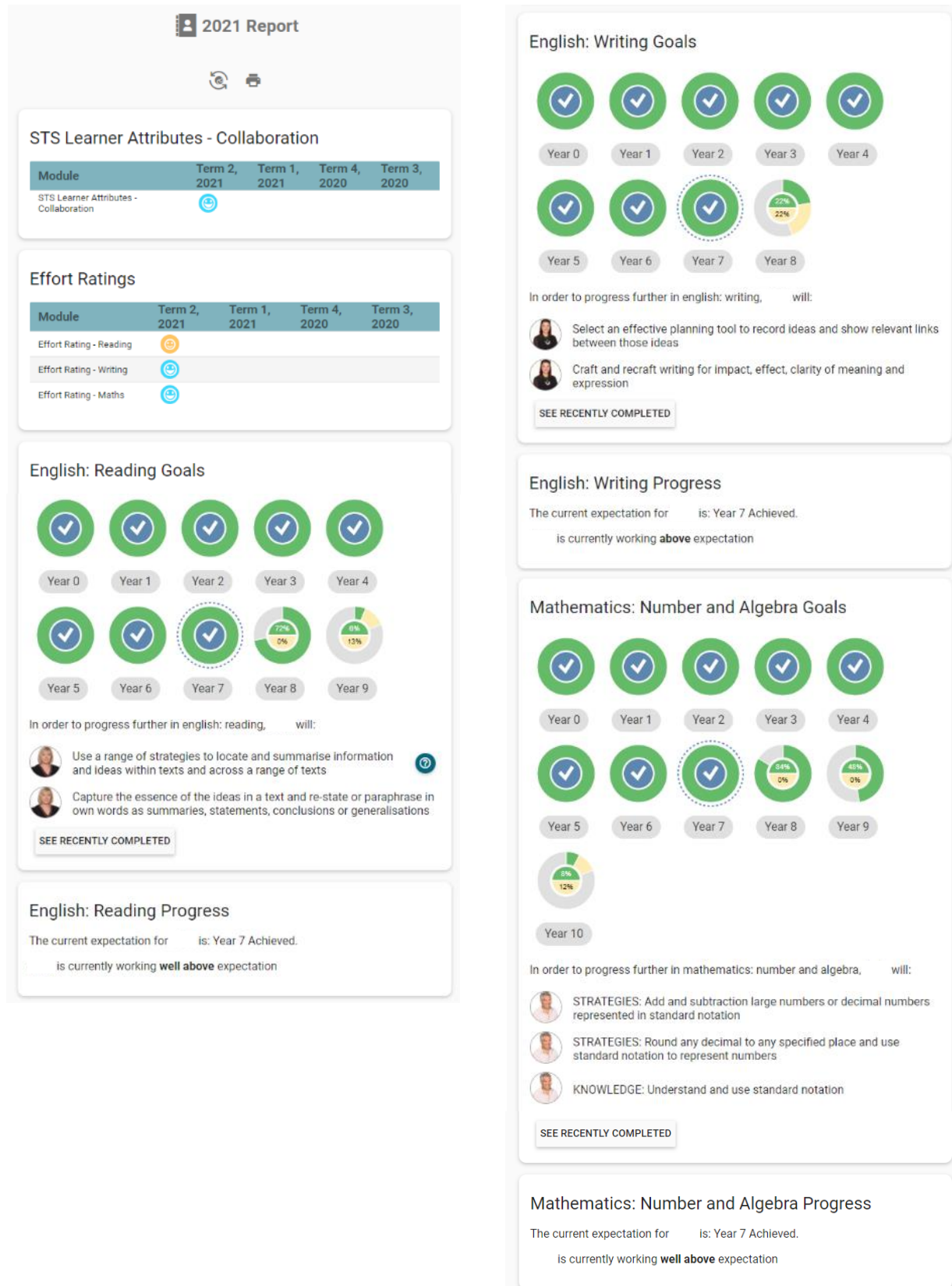
We encourage you to log into your existing Hero app and have a look at the reporting information that is now available for your child/children.

For information about how to log in and view your child's learning, go to the [Hero for Parents website page](#).

An example report is shown below. [Click here](#) to access information that will help you interpret the reporting information you can view about your child's learning progress.

If you have any issues using the new features of the app, or if you have any questions about your child's report, [please feedback via this link](#). We will collate all feedback/queries and include answers in ongoing communications and/or parent workshops that we plan to hold to support parents to use the app.

## Example Student Report



## Keeping Ourselves Safe Parent Information Evening

To start Term 3 off every teacher will be delivering the Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme to their students. This programme will be delivered in weeks 1-3.

On Thursday 1st July at 6.30pm in the staff room our Community Constable, Gordon Campbell, will be running a Parent Information evening where he will talk through the key themes of the programme and answer any questions parents may have.

Below is an outline of what is covered and what your involvement is as a parent.

### What will children and young people learn?

They will learn:

- To work out when their safety is at risk.
- How to keep safe when they meet and mix with other people.
- Who and how to ask for help if they, or someone they know, is being abused.
- To go on asking for help until someone does something to stop the abuse.
- That it is important to make and follow personal, family and school safety rules.

They will know:

- That abuse is never okay.
- That abuse is never their fault.

View the [Keeping Ourselves Safe programme resources](#).

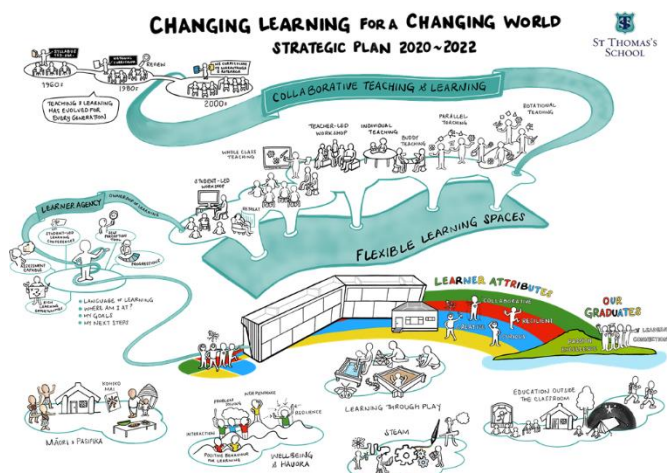
### What part do parents, caregivers and whānau play?

Parents and whānau are strongly encouraged to support Keeping Ourselves Safe.

- You can attend a meeting at school to tell you more about Keeping Ourselves Safe.
- You can find out about abuse and what to do if you think a child, you know is being abused.
- You can talk to your child about what they have learnt in Keeping Ourselves Safe.
- You can set safety guidelines with your family.
- You can help young children with the Keeping Ourselves Safe activities they bring home.
- You can give the same safety messages as the school is giving.

## Showcase of Learning

On **Wednesday 30th June 9.00am -10.30am** we would like to invite you to the St Thomas's School Showcase of Learning. This is an opportunity for parents or caregivers to pop into childrens' learning spaces to view and celebrate the learning they have done this term.





## **Pink Shirt Day**

On Thursday June 3rd it was St Thomas's School's annual Pink Shirt Day. Three of our House Captains plus a few of the wonderful teachers led a team of Year 8's working together to put on this incredible event. We organised stickers, a whole school photo, hula hooping with some of the younger kids as a friendship activity, and a fabulous dance party which took place on the court with songs to dance to. There were some amazing and creative costumes worn all around the school which were awarded with certificates and house points. It was such a fun day, and it was a great way to stand up to bullying and we raised \$986.40 for our school counselling service. Overall, it was a great way to spread kindness and good vibes through the school.

*Lola and Roxy, Year 8*



## **Lost Property**

We have a large number of unnamed school fleeces and hats in our lost property. We do try to return lost items back to their owners as soon as possible but if they are not named this is impossible.

Can you please ensure that you name all of your child's school uniform items so that if they do misplace an item it can be returned to them.

## **Year 5 and 6 Bay Suburbs Football Tournament**

On Wednesday we travelled on a bus to Glover Park for the year 5 and 6 Bay Suburbs football tournament. It was really fun and I enjoyed playing with my school friends who are not in my Saturday club team. Playing against all the other schools was really cool. We played six games and were undefeated so we won the tournament for the Year 5 girls !! It was a really tiring day with all the running around. Thanks to Divesh and my Mum for helping out "

*Amelia - Year 5*



## World Vision 40 Hour Famine

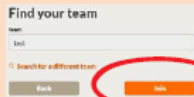
The World Vision 40 Hour Famine is coming up on the weekend of the 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> June. Join our St Thomas's School team by following the steps below and get ready for an **orange themed dress-up day on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June** to support this cause. Our team is called **St Thomas School (Auckland)**.

### How do I join a school, church or team?

Joining a team is a great way to fundraise!

If you already have a fundraising page:

- 1 Head to **40hour.org.nz** and click **Sign in** on the top right of the page.
- 2 Select **My fundraising**.
- 3 Select the fundraising page you want to connect with your team.
- 4 Under the team section, select **Search teams**.
- 5 Type in the name of the team you want to join.
- 6 Join your team!



If you don't have a fundraising page yet:

- 1 Find your team's fundraising page.
- 2 Select **Join this Team**.
- 3 Follow the prompts to set up your own fundraising page, which will automatically connect to the team.

**Remember**  
to share your page to  
your social media and  
friends and family – to  
make sure you reach  
your fundraising target.  
**#40HOURNZ**

Instagram Facebook TikTok @40hourfamineNZ

**40hour.org.nz**

## Photos From This Mornings Senior Assembly – Hosted by M6



## **Glendowie College Parents' Information Evening '2022 Enrolment Process'**



Glendowie College will hold a 'Parents' Information Evening' on Tuesday, 6 July 2021 at 7:00pm in the college library.

The purpose of this meeting is to outline the programmes the school offers and to cover the enrolment process for 2022 Year 9 students' enrolments.

This is an opportunity to meet informally with Gordon Robertson, Glendowie College Principal, to have any questions answered about the enrolment process.

We look forward to seeing you there. No RSVP is required.



## PTA News Issue #7 2021



### OLYMPIC A-THON

A huge congrats to all of our Tamariki for completing the A-thon last week! We have been collecting sponsor money this week, and will continue to do so until Weds next week. Please encourage your Tamariki to bring their sponsor cards and money to school with them next week.



### HONEY HONEY!

Kinesterrain Estate is offering Premium Raw Honey from Golden Bay. See flyer below for details, available to order from the Online Shop from today.

### OUR ANNUAL QUIZ & AUCTION NIGHT IS COMING!

September - watch this space for further details and date confirmation.



### 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 7<sup>th</sup> July** 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](mailto:stthomasschoolpta@gmail.com) and don't forget to Like us on Facebook!



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# Honey Fundraiser!

**Purchase a pack of Premium Raw  
Honey from Golden Bay!**

Honey – a better way to enjoy something sweet!

Each Kinsterrain Honey Pack includes:

**Mono-flora Manuka MGO 83+ 500g (equivalent to UMF 5+)**

**Manuka/Kanuka multiflora 500g**

**Alpine blend honey 500g**

\$20 of each pack sold goes back to the school to enhance  
the outdoor learning environment, play surfaces, and  
learning through play equipment.

**Order now via the online school shop!**

**Hurry! Available from 11 June to 2 July**

Delivery by 8 July 2021

**YOUR PRICE**

**\$59<sup>90</sup>**

**Normal Retail**

**\$90<sup>45</sup>**



**ST THOMAS'S  
SCHOOL**

Fundraiser is run by  
the St Thomas's PTA

