



9 July 2021

## Agency Self Perception Tool (ASPT)

As part of our Community of Learning, Te Rōpū-Pourewa, we have worked with our local primary schools to establish a way in which students could better understand how they perceive themselves as agentic learners. To do that we have created and trialled what we call an agency self-perception tool (ASPT) and surveyed students to better understand how *'they perceive themselves'* as learners.

The information gained from these student surveys has helped our local schools to inform strategies, initiatives and achievement challenges.

The areas which students were surveyed on were how they saw themselves (self-perception) on six dimensions including self-aware, assessment capable, collaborative, using tools and strategies, resilience and their ability to take action. Using the survey results we are able to analyse large or small sets of data and use this information to design learning that best suits the needs of our learners.

For instance, we can see if a particular year group or cohort of students perceive themselves as less resilient than another cohort and then put initiatives in place to build their resilience. We have noticed that the self-perception tool has a strong correlation to academic achievement in that generally students who score themselves highly on the self-perception tool also are achieving well academically. However, this could be a classic chicken and egg question as does strong self-perception lead to better academic achievement or does strong academic achievement lead to better self-perception? Either way, from a school perspective the information we gain is important to help our staff create learning opportunities which will help to improve student achievement and strengthen student's self-perception.

The development of the agency self-perception tool is an exciting journey. The information gained from the tool is now giving us insights into groups of students we have never had before. In the ideal world we would produce individual graphs for students, like the ones below, to support students to better understand their own self perceptions, however this is not something currently developed.



## To St Thomas's Strikers and St Thomas's Shooters for winning Y5 Bay Suburbs Netball Tournament

### Upcoming Events

#### July

#### 26 First Day of Term 3

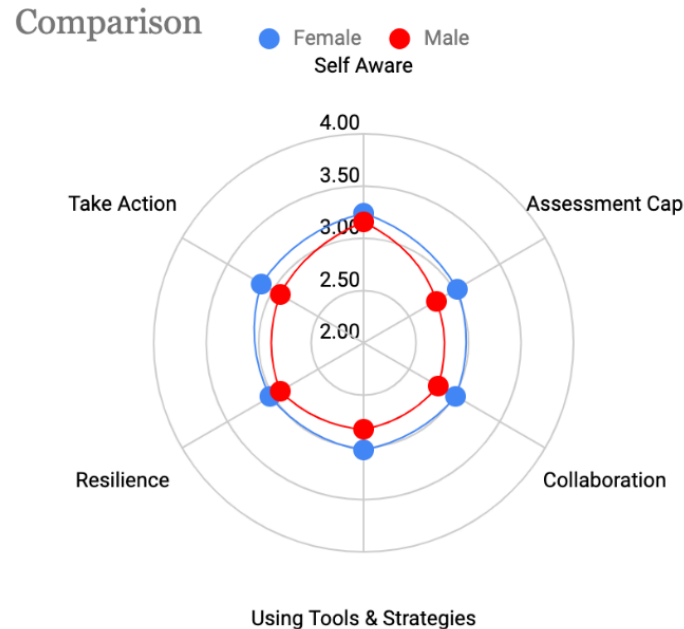
- 26 – 6 Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme
- 27 Cross Country Costume Carnival (9.30am)

#### August

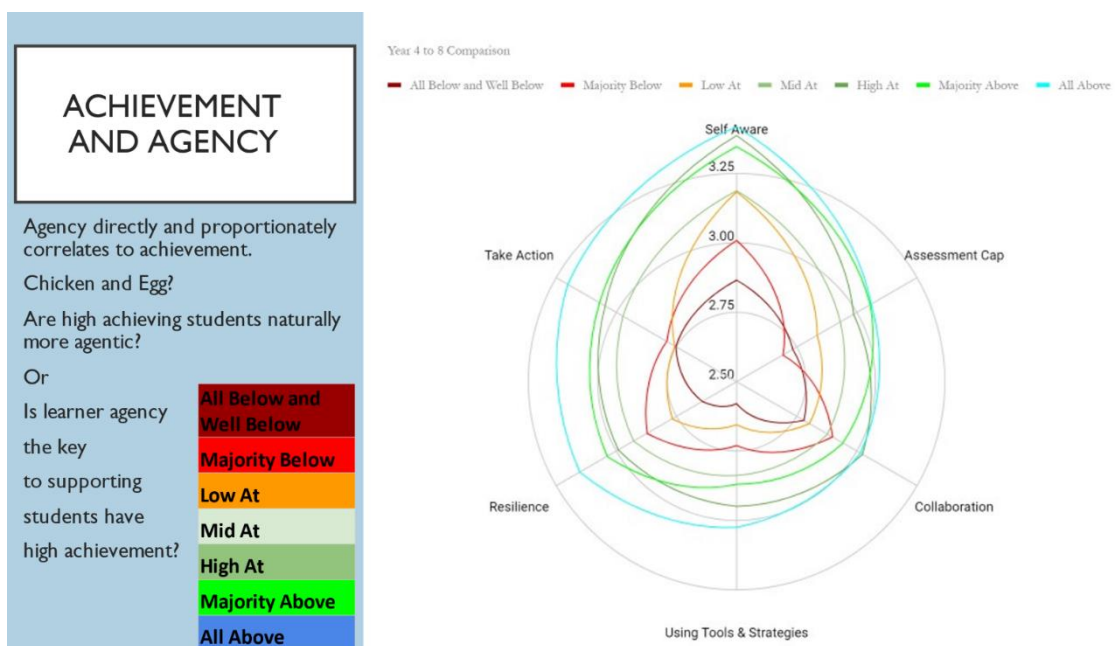
- 4 PTA Meeting (7.00pm in the Staffroom)
- 5 Eastern Zone Netball
- 11-12 Student Led Learning Conferences (from 3.15pm)
- 13 Junior Assembly – M2 & M3 Host (9.45am – 10.30am)
- Senior Assembly – M4 Host (11.45am – 12.30pm)
- 16 School Cross Country (1.30pm) Y3-8
- 17 Board of Trustees Meeting (6.30pm in Staffroom)
- 18 School Cross Country (Rain Date)
- 19 Y2 Trip to Mangere Mountain
- 20 Y2 Trip to Mangere Mountain
- 23 Bay Suburbs & Eastern Zone Cross Country
- 27 Formal Assembly (9.45am – 10.30am)
- 30 Eastern Zone Girls Basketball

## "Changing Learning for a Changing World"

An example of what the data looks like for a group of students, in this case boys and girls across the school is displayed below. It is important to remember that this is how the '*students perceive themselves*' at a certain time and place and not something that is set in concrete but provides a snap-shot of self-perception in relation to learning.



In the following diagram we compare the relationship between achievement and self-perception data. Groups of students who are achieving above expectation (green & blue) also score themselves high in the self-perception survey. Groups of students who are not achieving as expected (red) rate themselves low in the self-perception tool. We will continue to refine this self-perception tool as we move forward and utilise any insight, we gain to improve our teaching and learning programmes.



## Term 2 Principal's Awards

### Resilience

Arthur Machado – Year 1  
Ashleigh Robb – Year 2  
Eddie McBeth – Year 3  
Rudina Sejdiu – Year 4  
Jesse Lyne – Year 5  
Collette Whittfield – Year 6  
Lola D'Ortenzio – Year 7  
Chelsea Miller – Year 8

### Collaboration

Joshua Im – Year 1  
Jeremy Huang – Year 2  
Aika Sato – Year 3  
Charlotte Dimes – Year 4  
Senuki Singappuli Mudiyansele – Year 5  
Evie Moors – Year 6  
Neeve Wairepo – Year 7  
Caleb Wilson – Year 8

### Creativity

Ashton West – Year 1  
Clea Kilgannon – Year 2  
Axel O'Connor – Year 3  
Riley Fechny – Year 4  
Zofia Wells – Year 5  
Penny Carroll – Year 6  
Tishani Karaka – Year 7  
Mia Morrison – Year 8

### Curiosity

Matthew Wheeler – Year 1  
Isaac Bruell – Year 2  
Rory Burrett – Year 3  
Ethan Suppiah – Year 4  
Sophie Fargher – Year 5  
Jack van Rij – Year 6  
Shpat Sejdiu – Year 7  
Brooklyn Collett – Year 8





## **Matariki Kapa Haka Festival 2021**

On Thursday the 1st of July, St Thomas's Senior Kapa Haka Group went to Stonefields School to perform at their Matariki Kapa Haka Festival. We all had to arrive at STS at 8am to get ready, for the girls to do their hair and get into our costumes. We left school by bus at 9:30am and were soon at our destination. Once all the schools arrived, we went into the hall and the festival began!

Three schools performed before morning tea, and they set the bar high! At morning tea all the schools hung out together, played basketball and talked. There was one school that did an extra performance, three girls from that school harmonised and it sounded beautiful. We were surprised at how good they and other schools were and hope that with the help of our new kaiako Matua Sam that we could be that good someday too.

Just before lunch and after a dance to the Māori Macarena, St Thomas's School finally got to go onto stage and perform. Everyone felt a bit nervous but once they got up there we had lots of fun! The Macarena also helped shake out some nerves. We performed Hareruia and Tutira Mai. We were only supposed to perform Hareruia, but then Matua Sam told us that we were also doing Tutira Mai. A lot of people forgot the actions but then remembered. After lunch, Stonefields School performed for the rest of the day. They did a lot of songs, some of which the other schools have already done so we could join in. Stonefields had a very big kapa haka group, and their performance was amazing! Overall, the day was very fun, and a lot of amazing schools performed some awesome songs.

*By Holly Fergusson, Neeve Wairepo and Tishani Karaka*



## **Y5 Bay Suburbs Netball Tournament**

On Wednesday our team the St Thomas's Strikers competed in a school Netball tournament. We had to play 3 games and if we won all of them, we would move on to the championship and the finals, we won them all! The final game was the hardest, it was a close game and we tied, we had to continue the round until a winner was found and we won so we were happy. It was a great fun day for me and all my friends.

*By Sienna Holt*

## Musical Showcase

On Monday the 5th of July 2021, students from St Thomas's showed their wonderful musical skills to their families in a concert. The STS Musical Showcase is when kids from STS who know how to play an instrument perform in a concert for their family and friends. A couple of weeks earlier the juniors auditioned, then it was the seniors turn. A very big thank you to Ms Clark, Mr Drucker, Miss French and Dory for judging the auditions.

Then it was finally time to do the showcase. There were two parts and an interval: the first part was where all the junior pieces were played, then in the interval students could practice on the piano and the adults could get a drink and/or some food for them and their kids, then in the second part most of the Senior students played. At the end of the show there were some special awards. After that, you could have fun on the piano one last time before you left to go home.

*Elliot's perspective:* When it was my turn to play, I was as nervous as a frozen goat after being startled, but when I got to the piano to play, I had so much fun! I would recommend learning an instrument just to have the pleasure I felt when playing.

Congratulations to all performers and particularly to the special award winners:

Samuel (Year 1)  
Hiroto (Year 3)  
Simione (Year 4)  
Isaac (Year 4)  
Andy (Year 5)  
Sky (Year 6)  
Medha (Year 6)  
Harry (Year 8)

Thank you's: Thank you to Zoe and Mia in Year 8 for hosting the showcase, the parents being a big help setting the showcase up and helping pack up. Thank you to Luke's crew for making the wonderful dumplings and finally thanks to Miss Thain, Nicolette and the PTA for putting on a great showcase.

*By Alec and Elliott, Year 7*





## Eastern Zone Hockey Tournament

Last week the St Thomas's School Year 8 boys hockey team went down to the Eastern Zones competition at Lloyd Elsmore Park. Prior to the tournament we had training every Wednesday morning on the astro turf, led by Ms Johnson. At the tournament we played our first game against Panmure District. We got a comfortable lead on them, and they couldn't keep up with our strength and speed, the final score being 9-0. Our second game was against a tough team, St Kents. We didn't have much hope, but we knew that we had to put up our best effort. Throughout the first half St Kents had most of the possession but we stood strong and kept them from scoring. This continued through the second half and as it went on, we had more and more chances from counter attacks but couldn't pull through any goals. The final score was 0-0. Our last pool game was against the competitive side, Kings. Since our previous game used most of our energy, we had trouble against the Kings team. They kept on pressuring and eventually came out on top. The final score was 6-1. After this we moved into the fifth and sixth playoff, against Churchill Park. We knew it would be a difficult game because they had some very good players. This game was different for some of the players because of the new format, it was now full field. This meant a lot more running for the team and a lot harder work. The game started off well for us, scoring a goal in the first half. But then the second half got cut short because our game started late. Overall, the day went well, and everyone enjoyed playing hockey with their mates.



*By Lachlan, Hayden, Connor*

## House Football Cup

Last week the St Thomas's House Football Cup began. The first teams to compete against each other were Hauraki and Pohutukawa with a score of 6 goals to 2, Hauraki came with a huge win. The next matchup was Kohimarama and Rangitoto and bringing home the win was Kohimarama with a big score of 6 goals to 3. Earlier this week Hauraki and Rangitoto faced each other and once again Hauraki secured the lead early on and went on to win 4-2. This game meant that Hauraki was ensured a spot in the final, but it was all down to the last game between Kohimarama and Pohutukawa. If Kohimarama were to lose this game the second spot in the final would be up for grabs but they didn't. They won comfortably 3-0. Finals will be played on the last day of term between Hauraki and Kohimarama. We personally think that this tournament is a great way to find new friends and show off your skills. Every game has a great atmosphere, and we are so excited for the final this Friday afternoon.

*By Lily Pastiroff, Roxy Pastiroff, Zara Laurence*







## On the Meadowbank to Kohimarama Connections

As Auckland's population grows, we need to provide more travel choices and find ways to make it easier and safer for people to walk or ride a bike around our region.

We're proposing new shared path connections to link with popular walking and cycling networks between Meadowbank and Kohimarama. We are working hard to improve travel options and encourage more children and adults to get out and walk and bike – and be less reliant on car travel.

We're proposing new shared path connections that will cross through the Pourewa Valley and connect with the Glen

Innes to Tāmaki Drive Shared Path – Te Ara Ki Uta Ki Tai (the path of land and sea). We're proposing access to the shared path from John Rymer Place in the north, and Gowing Drive in the south.

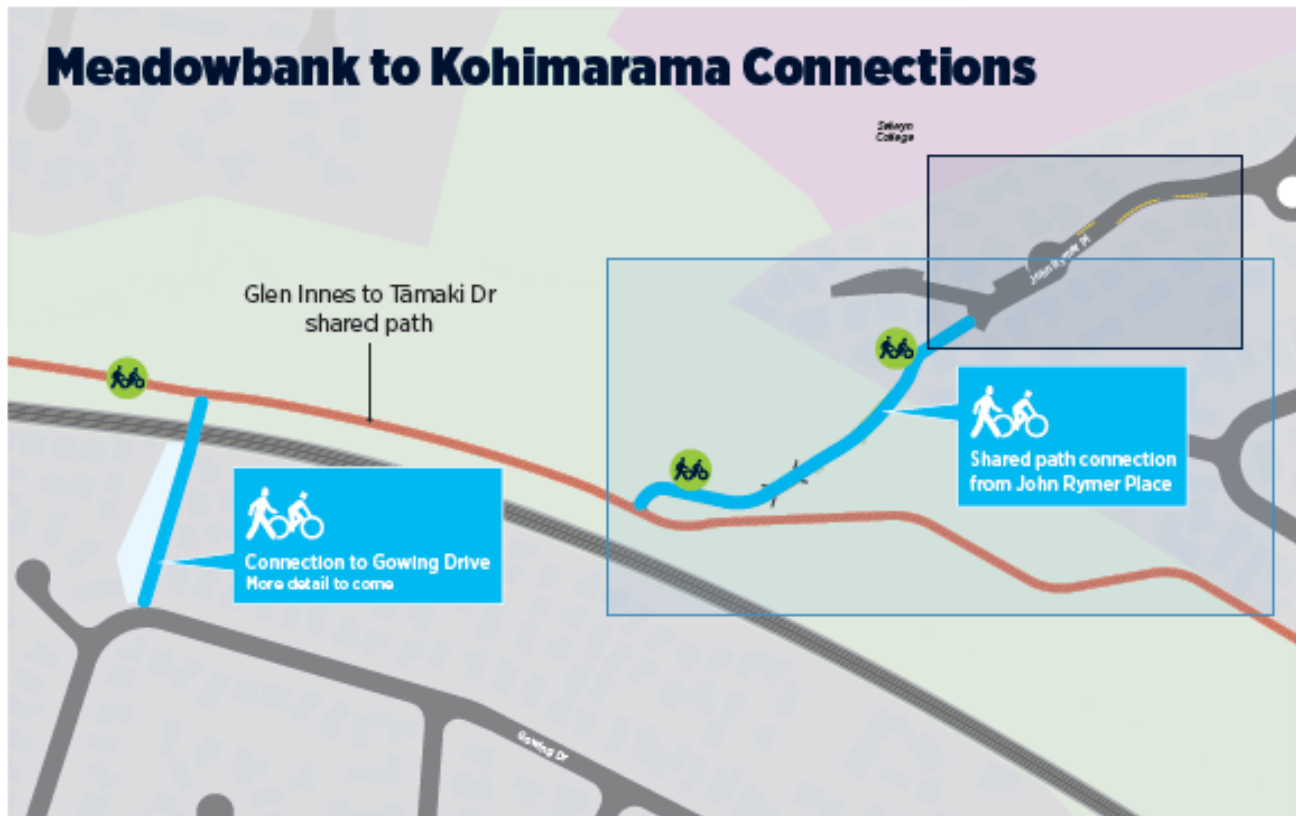
When complete, people will be able to bike all the way from Meadowbank and Kohimarama to the train station, schools, and the city centre, separated from traffic.

Auckland Transport is asking for your feedback on the project and options. We believe our communities have important knowledge that we can use to help improve Auckland's transport. We want your help to shape our project.



Scan the QR Code, call **09 355 3553**,  
email **AT@Engagement.govt.nz**  
or visit **AT.govt.nz/haveyoursay**





## Come and talk to us

If you would like to speak to someone in person, we would love to see you at one of our pop-up locations.

**Saturday 10 July, 10am – 1pm**

**Orakei Bay Village**

228 Orakei Road, Remuera, Auckland

**Saturday 17 July, 9am – 12noon**

**Sunhill Garden Centre Corner**

317 Saint Johns Road, St Heliers, Auckland

## Find out more

Read more about the Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive Shared Path – Te Ara Ki Uta Ki Tai. Keep up to date and check on its progress, see online or scan the QR code to take you there: [AT.govt.nz/easternpath](https://AT.govt.nz/easternpath)



**IMPORTANT:** These events will not be held if Auckland is at COVID-19 Alert Level 2 or higher.

Visit [AT.govt.nz/haveyoursay](https://AT.govt.nz/haveyoursay) for event updates.



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## PTA News Issue #9 2021



### PTA CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Our wonderful Chairperson, Emma O'Brien has decided to step down and we have appointed two new Co-Chairs; Josie Tait & Nicolette Rattenbury. We thank Emma for all the tireless & tenacious work she has done for the PTA over her 3 years as Co-Chair and Chair – she is thankfully still with us, so you can look forward to continuing to see her at our events!

#### INTRODUCING..... JOSIE TAIT



Hi, I'm Josie. I'm mum to three girls; one in year 4, one in year 2 at St Thomas's and I have an almost 4 year old, who will join her big sisters at school next year.

In my professional life I'm a Paediatric Occupational Therapist, who works within schools in the local areas – including 1 day a week at St Thomas's. In this role I aim to support teachers to identify and meet students' needs so that all students can experience success.

I joined the PTA to join other parents and caregivers, to give back to the school by supporting fundraising efforts and engaging with the community. I hope you will come and join us as we endeavour to have lots of fun events this year!

#### INTRODUCING... NIC RATTENBURY



Kia ora. My name is Nicolette. I have two children; my son left St Thomas's to go to Selwyn College and my daughter is in year 3 at St Thomas's. I am a Professional Teaching Fellow in the Department of Mathematics at The University of Auckland. I get to spend my work hours sharing a subject I love with hundreds of students. I joined the PTA to support the wonderful work done by the teachers at St Thomas's.

The fundraising not only helps provide even better resources for our Tamariki; many of our events also help build a sense of community. It is a great group of people to be involved with. You only have to commit as much as you can - we would love to see you at our meetings!

Our next PTA meeting is **Weds 4<sup>th</sup> August** 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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## Aquarelle Art Classes Holiday Programme!

**Week 1 - Painting workshop:** The holidays are an excellent time to dip our brushes into some paint and create a masterpiece! I invite your kids to an exciting painting workshop where they can have fun while developing their acrylic painting and stencilling skills. Perfect for kids of all ages.

**When:** 12th, 13th, and 14th of July, 10am-1pm.

**Where:** Meadowbank Community Centre (29 St John's Road)

**Price:** \$40 per day per child

**Week 2 - Sewing Club:** In our exciting sewing club, your child can design and make their very own soft toys! The fun and creative environment is perfect for learning a new skill. This workshop is suitable for children aged 6 and up, of any skill levels.

**When:** 19th, 20th, and 21st of July, 9am-3pm.

**Price:** \$60 per day per child.

To book contact Yulia on 021 308 207 or email [artyulianz@outlook.com](mailto:artyulianz@outlook.com)

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Course facilitator:  
**Shirley Pastiroff**  
Counsellor and mum of 5

#### WHERE & WHEN

Glendowie Primary School  
217 Riddell Rd

**DATE:** starting Wed 18 August 2021

**TIME:** 7.30 – 9pm for 6 weeks

**COST:** \$150

Special couples rate: \$250 per couple



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St Chads Scouts in Meadowbank have spaces for girls and boys seeking adventurous experiences aged between 6 and 8 years old, and over 10 years olds.

We are also seeking adults to join our team of volunteer as leaders.

For more information, please contact Kaye at [stchads@group.scouts.nz](mailto:stchads@group.scouts.nz) or on 027 46 46 221.