



16th September 2022

Message From the Principal

PTA Upcoming Fundraisers

Our amazing PTA are running two events at the end of next week; the Disco for all students is taking place on Friday night (23rd September) and the Quiz Night for parents in on Saturday night (24th September).

The PTA put a lot of hard work into these events and rely on your support to make these events successful. We hope that many of you will get behind these events and help raise money for the school which helps to enhance the school environment.

Over the last few years, the PTA's fundraising efforts have help to provide:

- Shade Canopies
- Bike Track
- School Van
- Junior Playground
- Seating and Picnic Tables
- Sound System

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the PTA team for all their hard work and to our community for supporting them.

For further information about the upcoming events please see the flyers further down the newsletter.

Michael Maher
Principal

School Absences

We would like to remind all parents that reporting absences is important for the safety and wellbeing of students.

Please advise the school office before 9am if your child is going to be away or will be arriving late and include a reason for this.

The best way to report an absence is through our Hero app.



To Emma B and Asher G Y7 for being finalists in the St Heliers Win with Words Short Story Competition

Upcoming Events

September

- 19-23 Y8 Camp
- 20 Y5 Corban Estate Art Centre Trip (M6KI & M6HU)
- 21 Y5 Corban Estate Art Centre Trip (S1 & S2)
- 22 Prospective Parents Open Morning (9.30am)
- 26 **PUBLIC HOLIDAY (School closed to all)**
- 30 Last Day of Term 3

October

- 17 Start of Term 4
- 20 Y6 Whale Rider Trip
- 27 William Pike – Surf Life Saving Mairangi Bay

November

- 8 EZ Touch Tournament
- 10 Y7&8 Athletics Day
- 15 Bay Suburbs Touch
- 16 Y2 Trip to Mangere Bridge
- 17 Y2 Trip to Mangere Bridge
- 21 Bay Suburbs Athletics

December

- 9 End of Year Prizegiving
- 16 Last Day of 2022

St Heliers Win with Words Short Story Competition

We would like to congratulate 2 of our students, Emma B Y7 and Asher G Y7, who are finalists in the St Heliers Win with Words short story writing competition. The prize giving is being held on Thursday 22nd September.

Year 3 Trip to TiriTiri Matangi Year 3 Trip

On 31st August and 1st September, Year 3 went on our school trip to TiriTiri Matangi. We were learning all about native birds, trees, insects and predators.

It was an early morning start at school. The sun was shining, and the sky was a deep blue. Perfect!! We left, all excited at 8am on the school bus. Our destination was Auckland City to catch the ferry. We arrived at the Viaduct for a 9am departure. The ferry was waiting for us. It was a big boat with lots of room. We had to line up and clean our shoes before boarding the ferry. A sniffer dog made sure we had no pests in our bags as the island is pest free.

We set off on the ferry with a few other passengers, our first stop was Gulf Harbour. The sea was calm, and we all sat in our groups with teachers and parent helpers. We had our bags full with goodies for lunch and were looking forward to seeing lots of native birds and trees.

After our stop at Gulf Harbour, we continued to TiriTiri Matangi. It took another 20 minutes. At Tiritiri Matangi, we each had a guide who showed us around and all the way up to the top of the island. The guides were very nice. Some guides had walking sticks. Our parent helpers were helpful. When we arrived at Tiri we were met by our guides. Next, we got into our groups with our parent helpers and guides and started our trek.

On the hike we saw all sorts of native birds and trees. The noise of the birds was beautiful. There were a lot of beautiful birds, like the saddleback (Tieke) which have beautiful wings and they're very strong jumpers. They have a red back and black body. They have a red back which looks like a saddle. During the hike we stopped, we were sitting down when something fell out of the sky. We looked up and it was a Kokako jumping from branch to branch. There are only 1300 North Island Kokako. On the way we saw 13 Bellbirds (Korimako). The bellbirds were at the sugar water feeder. Bellbirds are green yellow with a black beak. They were jumping and flying around. On the way to the lighthouse, we saw a very fat Kereru in the trees. Kereru can eat a lot in a day. We also saw many Tui jumping from branch to branch. We also saw Wetapunga. Wetapunga are endemic to NZ. They're about as big as your hand - or bigger. You can see the Wetapunga on TiriTiri Matangi. One group saw a NZ owl. Ruru are amazing birds because they're owls. Owls have amazing eyesight in the night because they need to hunt for prey. Owls stare a lot and that's why they're so special.

When we reached our destination, which was the lighthouse, we had our lunch. After that we explored the lighthouse and went into the classroom area to see the displays. We also went to the island shop to buy some souvenirs. At the lighthouse we saw a Takahe, which is a flightless bird and its favourite food is tussock grass. Takahe are similar to and are in the same family as Pukeko.

On our return to the ferry, we visited the penguins and saw where they had their nest house.

Too soon, we boarded the ferry for our long journey home. It was a fantastic day out. We had the best time!!!

Thanks to all our teachers, parent helpers and guides.

By Shahzane, Archie, Nate, Ben, Joseph, Abbie, Eion, Marshall, Georgia, Charlie, Harley.

"Changing Learning for a Changing World"



Bay Suburbs Basketball Tournament (Y5&6)

Boys Basketball

On Wednesday 7th September the Year 5 and 6 Basketball Teams went to the Barfoot & Thompson Stadium to play in the Bay Suburbs Basketball Tournament. Each team played three games, and if you made the finals, you would play four games.

The boys team won their first three games and then we had to play off for 1st. We won that game and got first overall. Our coach was Saia and our captain was McQuade. We very much enjoyed the experience. The first game we played we pulled off 38 points to 12. We thought we would make the finals for sure. Then we got to have a rest for an hour, after that we played Churchill Park for our second game, we won 12-8. Now for the last playoff game we played St Ignatius and won 40-4.

By Charlie B



Girls Basketball Newsletter:

On Wednesday 7th September our basketball team went to the Barfoot & Thompson Stadium to play in a tournament that many other schools competed in. Once we got there, we found a place to put our bags and went down onto the basketball court to warm up. Fortunately, we weren't playing the first game. So the team and I cheered on the boys and they won! I guess the cheering helped since they won by 18 points! The score was 38 - 20.

After watching a few more games we played Parnell District and won 6 - 22. The next game we played Glendowie School and tied 10 all! That means if we win the next game we go to the finals! The pressure was on. We played St Ignatius and won by a whopping 28 points 32 - 4! So, we went on to the finals to play Churchill Park School for 1st and 2nd place but sadly lost. The girl's team and I were still extremely happy with how hard we tried.

By Skyla G



Out of Zone Ballot: Siblings of Current Students

Just a reminder that if you have moved out of zone while your child has been attending St Thomas's School and you have another child that you would like to enrol for 2023, you will need to fill in the Out of Zone application online. This link can be found on the school website under Enrolments and Out of Zone Enrolments.

This also applies to families who have previously enrolled as Out of Zone and there are siblings to enrol for 2023.

The deadline for these applications is **28 September**.

The Ballot will be on 19 October, and you will be notified of the results by the end of that week.



**SADDLE UP PARTNERS!
MOSEY ON OVER TO ST THOMAS'S**

 **ULTIMATE** 
BARN DANCE

**FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER
IN THE SCHOOL HALL**

**YEAR 0-3 5 - 6.30PM
YEAR 4-8 6.45 - 8.30PM**

\$5 ENTRY, PAY AT THE DOOR

**DJ FETU | DRINKS | PIZZA
CANDY FLOSS | GLOW STICKS
CASH ONLY**



PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED!

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION:
THE DISCO WILL BE FULL SUPERVISED BY PARENT VOLUNTEERS.
PARENTS ARE REQUESTED TO DROP THEIR CHILD AND THEN
COLLECT THEM AT THE END OF THE DISCO - NO CHILD WILL BE
ALLOWED TO LEAVE WITHOUT A PARENT OR CAREGIVER.



St Thomas's School PTA Presents Our Annual **QUIZ NIGHT** "St Thomas's On Tour"



Buffet
Table

Live and
Silent
Auctions

Cash bar
and Eftpos
available

Brought to you by our friends
John & Jane,
at Ray White Orakei



Saturday 24 September | 6:30pm
In the school hall - See you there!

BOOK YOUR TABLE NOW!
Email: stthomasschoolpta@gmail.com
Table of 10 costs \$500

Thank you to our silver sponsor, St Johns Butchery, and our other major
sponsors, AV Technix and Coimex.





HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Mon 3 – Fri 14 October



Join us for a fun-filled School Holiday Programme including a Kiwiana day, craft and cooking activities, 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 venue.

OSCAR PROGRAMME SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE!
*Conditions apply

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT
www.kellyclub.co.nz

OCTOBER 2022 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

ST THOMAS'S SCHOOL

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/ren and their property. However, organisers of Kelly Club accept no liability for any injury sustained to your child/ren or any loss or damage to his/her property whilst at a programme. If your child/ren are collected late after the conclusion of the programme you will be charged \$20 per 15 minutes or part thereof.

Prices & Session Times:

Full Days: \$53
7:30am-5:30pm

Event Days:
Additional costs may apply

School Days: \$43
8:30am-3pm

Website: kellyclub.co.nz/st-thomas

Contact: Sophie Harold

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BOOK ONLINE NOW AT www.kellyclub.co.nz



KELLY CLUB ST THOMAS'S

WE'RE HIRING!
Get paid to have fun!

WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU ON OUR TEAM!

We are looking for fun, friendly staff who love to work with kids for our before and after school care and holiday programmes! Training provided.

For more information, chat to our Area Manager Ryan

Send your CV and cover letter to
ryan@kellyclub.co.nz



A fantastic opportunity for your child!

Shine Speech & Drama classes inspire confidence and imagination, helping students communicate effectively and build self-belief that helps them succeed in life.

Here's what people are saying about Shine's lessons ...

"He got up and spoke in front of the school. He would never have done that before"

— James' Mum

"Thank you so much for calmly and reassuringly, through zoom after zoom, guiding the boys' through their tasks. Thank you for all the extra energy and organisation that has gone into all of this. You've been simply fantastic!" - Catherine

"....the best speech and drama teacher working in New Zealand today." NZ Herald

SHINE SPEECH & DRAMA covers:

- public speaking
- acting skills
- voice (projection and articulation)
- reading aloud skills
- positive body language
- storytelling
- relationship skills

Register [here](#) for term 4 lessons, beginning Thursday 20th October 2022. Term fees are \$240 with 8 lessons guaranteed per term. Sibling discount of 10% for any siblings enrolling.

Any questions please don't hesitate to call Nina on 021-160 9197



[Shine School of Confidence](#)



Entries are open for

Central East Auckland Event

on **Sunday February 12, 2023**

at **Pt England Reserve**

The TRYathlon is all about giving it a TRY and is a rewarding and fun day out for you and your child.

Participants need to be aged 7-15 years old on event day, and can complete the TRYathlon as an individual or in a team of two.

Participants need to be aged 6 years old on event day to complete the Splash&Dash

To enter the TRYathlon visit www.tryathlon.co.nz/

Our school has created a School Group which you can join when you enter from home. Search for **St Thomas's School** when prompted. By linking to our school group it will give us the chance to win some great prizes.

The direct link to register into our school group is <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/GroupAcceptance.aspx?E=48058&G=161815>

If someone you know requires financial assistance to enter the TRYathlon, should it be subsidised entry fees or funding for necessary equipment, then you can apply to the Weet-Bix TRYathlon Foundation for assistance. Visit www.tryathlon.co.nz/foundation for details.

If you have any school related questions please contact Kim Chapman on kim@chapman.gen.nz otherwise contact the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon team; email Sophia@smcevents.co.nz or phone 0800 WEET BIX (0800 9338 249).



BOOK NOW FOR OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS! at Orakei Tennis Club

Holiday camps are running from 3-14 October at Orakei Tennis Club for children aged 5+.

Book at www.kiwitennis.co.nz for fun filled days of tennis and lots more! Half day or full day options available and early drop off too.



Where?

Orakei Tennis Club
2 Kupe Street
Orakei



When?

9am-12.30pm half day
9am-4.30pm full day
Early drop off available at 8.30am
1.30-4.30pm performance

ALL ABILITIES & AGES (half & full days)

3-7 and 10-14 October

PERFORMANCE CAMP (bronze and above)

10-14 October

Cost?

Half day: \$45 per day, \$50 performance
Full day: \$80 per day
Club members receive a 15% discount, contact us for the code.



(022) 8981212



coaching@kiwitennis.co.nz



www.kiwitennis.co.nz



INTRODUCTION TO SAILING HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Mon 3 Oct to Fri 7 Oct 2022, 1:00pm to 4:30pm

Glendowie Boating Club's Introduction to Sailing programme is AWESOME! We offer young people aged 9 years and older a fun and safe way to begin sailing.

- Experienced, qualified young coaches that love sailing.
- Maximum six sailors per coach.
- Great way for kids to learn independence, self-reliance, and confidence on the water.
- Supportive, family-run club.

Register at: gbcyachting.org.nz

Email: admin@gbcyachting.org.nz



Jazz School, school holiday Big Band workshop

This will be an exciting three day school holiday workshop where year 6, 7 and 8 students will learn to play in a Jazz Big Band and then perform a concert for family and friends on the final afternoon. The Big Band is for Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone and Clarinet players plus Electric Guitar, Piano, Bass and Drums. The music we play will range from jazz standards to modern pop classics with an emphasis on having fun while producing music at a high standard. This workshop will be run by Drew Hutchinson. Students must be playing at grade 2 level or higher, or have had two years of lessons. The workshop is on October the 3rd, 4th and 5th from 9am - 3pm at Remuera Primary School, 25 Dromorne Road, Remuera. To register for the workshop please visit jazzschool.co.nz or email inrjazzschool@gmail.com for more information.