

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Yesterday on 1 September 2022, we practised our emergency procedures under the guidance of Harrison Tew®, who specialise in emergency management planning for schools and educational facilities.

The procedures we follow allow us to respond safely and quickly to a range of situations.

We are pleased to inform you that our practise went very well with our students responding safely and calmly.

During the year we will continue to practise our emergency procedure exercises to ensure all staff and students remain familiar with them.

**Should you become aware of a lockdown or an evacuation at the school, can I please ask that you do not attend the school or phone, as we will not be able to respond. Your presence or contact may make it more difficult for us or the emergency services to manage the situation.**

Any information pertaining to an emergency occurring at the school will be updated on our website as regularly as possible.

We believe that it is important that we conduct regular practices for lockdowns and evacuations so that we can all be well prepared and familiar with our procedures should an emergency occur.

We thank you for your support.

## Uniform

Over the course of this term, we have noticed our uniform standards have slipped a bit. There are a lot of students wearing nail polish and jewellery including large, brightly coloured hair accessories. There are also a few students wearing non-uniform hoodies and sweat tops.

We would like to tidy up our uniform standards going into the last few weeks of the Term 3 and of course into our final term for the year. From Monday, any students wearing nail polish will be sent to the office to remove it using nail polish remover that we will hold in the office. Students wearing jewellery and excessive hair accessories will be asked to remove them. Student's wearing non-uniform jumpers will be asked to take



**To Holly F and Greta W for qualifying for the Auckland Interzone Cross-Country Championships**

## Upcoming Events

### September

- 7 Bay Suburbs Basketball Boys & Girls  
PTA Meeting (7.00pm Staffroom)
- 8 Y7&8 Vaccinations
- 15 Y7&8 Vaccinations Catch Up
- 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)
- 30 Last Day of Term 3

### October

- 17 Start of Term 4

these off at the gate upon arrival to school. We understand that it has been cold, but now that spring has arrived and the weather is warmer, we expect to see only correct uniform items.

We thank you in advance for your support with this.

## **Future Problem-Solving Success**

Congratulations to our Year 6, 7 & 8 Future Problem Solvers (FPS)!

Our Year 6 and 7 teams have been recognised by FPS New Zealand for their hard work and brilliant solutions on the topic of 'Wearable Technology'. The certificates were awarded for "Excellent challenges and creative futuristic ideas".

This is what the children wrote about what they learned:

- "The challenge covered the design of a futuristic backpack called the Quiback 2500 which contained all the necessary technology needed by a student in 2040. We learnt a lot about how to use nanotechnology materials to make the backpack and how anti-theft tracking devices could help to keep the pack safe."

**Year 6 Team 1** - Conor F, Aryan S, Senuki R, Leura H, Skyla G

**Year 6 Team 2** - Olivia G, Kirstin D, Anastasia P, Chloe G, Veronika L

- "Our Future Scene was set in 2042 and was based around an advanced high-tech house. A parent who was constantly monitored by their work through wearable technology and a 12-year-old child who had type1 diabetes. We learnt that whilst technology can offer amazing benefits and be very helpful in everyday life and managing such a life serious health condition, if you are not careful it could drastically impact your family relationships and your mental wellbeing as you can't escape".

**Year 7 Team** - Franklin M, Timothy T, Medha S, Chloe M, Amalya P-H

All year groups have just finished their 1st topic of 2022 covering 'Clean Water Supply'. Yesterday we received results for our Year 8 group. They were awarded a certificate of excellence with the examiner commenting "This is one of the best researched booklets I have ever seen."

**Year 8 Team** – Olivia M, Lola D, Holly F, Mia C, Shaurya P

We hope for more fantastic results once all teams submissions have been judged.

## **Lit Quiz 2022**

On Wednesday 31st of August, the Kids' Lit Quiz event took place at St Cuthbert's College, gathering over 50 teams from schools across the Auckland Region.

Kids' Lit Quiz is an annual literature competition for Year 5's to 8's - this reading sport gives readers an opportunity to test out their knowledge of books and to earn great prizes as they compete, such as money that varies from a single five dollar note to a whopping two hundred dollars given to each team member!

When both St Thomas's School teams entered St Cuthbert's College, the immense, antique building was packed with students, and the great crowd of parents and teachers rushed to their seats as the clock hit 9:30am. The competition had a total of 10 rounds with interesting topics such as beverages and cities to sisters and nicknames. The challenging questions included books from the '60s to the 2000s, and genres that

ranged from poetry, fantasy to sci-fi and biographies. Each round had its own 30-second break, and during those breaks, the grand quizmaster burst out questions to the audience, and 10-dollar notes appeared to those that were capable of answering the questions correctly.

The eight individuals from the two teams of four represented our school with pride as 'St Thomas's School 1' came in 7th place, followed by 'St Thomas's School 2', which placed 14th.

Medha S, 2021 and 2022's Lit Quiz team member shares her thoughts on Wednesday's reading competition, she says: *"It was really fun, and it was a great experience,"* comments Medha. *"It was harder than I thought it would be but it was still enjoyable - I enjoyed working with my team as well!"*

Below is the list of the 2022 Kids' Lit Quiz members:

St Thomas's School 1:

- Alice M, Yr 7
- Amalya P H, Yr 7
- Medha S, Yr 7
- Kaelyn M, Yr 7

St Thomas' School 2:

- Bonnie T, Yr 7
- Greta W, Yr 8
- Isla B, Yr 6
- Chloe G, Yr 6

Thank you to Miss French for giving up countless lunchtimes to train us and taking us to the competition! We would also like to thank the parents who helped us on the day of the competition, thank you all!

*By Alice M and Bonnie T*

## School-wide cross-country results

Year 3 Girls	Name	Class	Year 3 Boys	Name	Class	Year 4 Girls	Name	Class	Year 4 Boys	Name	Class
1st	Abbie	M3CL	1st	Archie M	M3CL	1st	Mackenzie	M5RI	1st	Jordi	M4RO
2nd	Mica	M3CL	2nd	Nate V	M3CL	2nd	Sofia	M6KI	2nd	Tommy	M6KI
3rd	Sofia	M2GI	3rd	Lucas D	M3CL	3rd	Georgia	M5RI	3rd	Ethan H	M4RO
Year 5 Girls	Name	Class	Year 5 Boys	Name	Class	Year 6 Girls	Name	Class	Year 6 Boys	Name	Class
1st	Stephanie	M6HU	1st	Jesse M	M6HU	1st	Zoey	S5	1st	Huxley	S5
2nd	Sora	S2	2nd	Ali M	S2	2nd	Skyla	S6	2nd	McQuade	S4
3rd	Milena	S1	3rd	Huxley T	S1	3rd	Pippi	S6	3rd	Theo	S4
Year 7 Girls	Name	Class	Year 7 Boys	Name	Class	Year 8 Girls	Holly	Class	Year 8 Boys	Name	Class
1st	Fumika	S12	1st	Danny	S10	1st	Holly	S8	1st	Mehran	S7
2nd	Kaelyn	S11	2nd	Jackson	S11	2nd	Greta	S7	2nd	Henry	S8
3rd	Sena	S10	3rd	Marvin	S10	3rd	Freya	S7	3rd	Scott	S8

## Bay Suburbs & Eastern Zone Results

On Monday 29th July over 60 students competed at the Bay Suburbs and Eastern Zone cross-country events. The students all ran really well and we also had some great results.

<b>Year 4 Girls:</b> <i>Sofia C placed 8th</i>	<b>Year 5 Girls:</b> <i>Makayla S placed 11th</i>
<b>Year 5 Boys:</b> <i>Jesse M placed 4th</i> <i>Ali M placed 8th</i>	<b>Year 6 Girls:</b> <i>Kirstin D Placed 6th</i>
<b>Year 6 Boys:</b> <i>Huxley F Placed 4th</i> <i>McQuade I Placed 7th</i>	<i>The Year 6 girls came second overall as a team on points</i>

## Eastern Zone Year 8 Girls Results

*Holly F placed 4th*  
*Greta W placed 7th*

*Both Holly and Greta have made it through to the Auckland Champs taking place at Muriwai Beach in the next few weeks. We wish them luck!*





## **Year 8 PE at Selwyn College**

On the 18th and 29th of August, the whole of Year 8, walked up Kohimarama Road towards Selwyn College for P.E. where Year 13's coached us in different sports like badminton, table tennis and basketball as part of their Level 3 NCEA assessment. Even with the horrible weather and the pouring rain, we still managed to get to Selwyn and back. We were grouped into 6 groups, and a handful of Year 13's introduced different sports to different groups. My group played basketball, but the Year 13's gave us options to play the other sports. All of the Year 13's were actually really nice and inclusive. I chose to play badminton and I had an absolute blast! Even though I wasn't the best at hitting the shuttlecock I still had a lot of fun. I don't normally love PE but I actually really enjoyed it. I played for what felt like 10 minutes, but it was actually half an hour! I'm excited to go back next week for our last two P.E. session and hopefully when we walk up to Selwyn, the weather is a bit better.

*Simoune, Year 8*



## Kindness Collective Guest Speaker and Donation Drive

On Thursday, the 18<sup>th</sup> of August, Sarah Page, CEO and founder of the Kindness Collective (KC) came to our school to talk to the Year 6 - 8 students. The Kindness Collective began as a small, behind-the-scenes, group of about 40 people wanting to do good in their community, but now it is a network of over 25,000 people with active donors, volunteers, followers, brands and businesses all working together to build a kinder Aotearoa.

The KC runs all sorts of projects from their PJ Project (delivering pyjamas to kids in need) to their Christmas Joy Store (a store that gives Christmas gifts to families in need for free). Their mission and purpose is "to spread kindness by connecting children and families with the things they need (from everyday essentials to moments of joy) so that kiwis in need can thrive and not just survive." Their vision is "to be more than just another charity. They aim to build a movement that creates a culture of kindness so that Aotearoa is the kindest place on the planet."

Their five "pillars" or values are: Build and Transform, Events and Experience, Recognise and Encourage Kindness, Support and Connect.

Many thanks to the St Thomas's community for their generous donations, the House Captains are now in contact with Sarah Page to deliver our donated goods to the Kindness Collective to distribute.

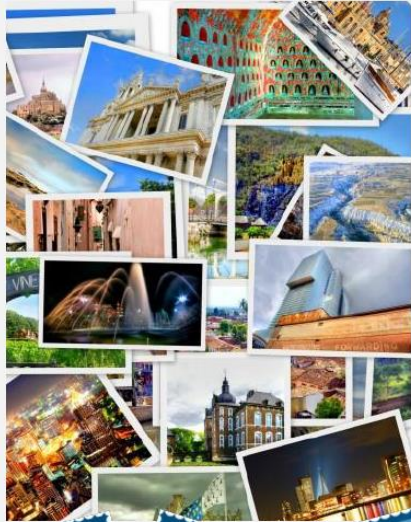
Written by Medha and Greta, and Isaac



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



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Something for the holiday's and you might even spot a few familiar faces in the cast as there are some of our students in there.



## at Mission Bay Tennis Club

11am to 4pm - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September

**A fun day where ANYONE of ANY LEVEL can give tennis a go!**

- Tennis games for the kids from 11am
- Fun drills for the adults – meet our coaches
- Enjoy a cuppa tea or coffee with cake & take a look around our clubrooms
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## Brain Play

A little bit about us: Brain Play teaches after-school science & technology classes to Kiwi kids aged 5 - 13. Find us in 9 venues across Auckland and online. Topics this term include 3D printing, electronics, coding, animation, STEM experiments & more. Free trials available for new students. We also run regular events across Auckland, including free events! Make sure to follow us on social media and check the Events page on the website so you don't miss out. Check out our after-school timetable on our website and use the form to get in touch - <https://www.brainplay.co.nz/>.





## **JAGUARS BASKETBALL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**



**Venue:**  
Barfoot & Thompson Stadium

**Dates:**  
Week 1 - Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th October  
Week 2 - Monday 10th, Tuesday 11th & Wednesday 12th October

**Times & Cost:**  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
\$150 per week or \$75 single days

**Registration Link:**  
<https://bit.ly/ABSHoliday>

