



## Message From the Principal

Our last newsletter for 2022 and an opportunity to thank all our families who turned up today for our end of year prize giving. Congratulations to our students who were nominated or won awards today. Next week is our final week. A reminder that school finishes at 12:30pm and there are no school buses scheduled at that time.

It has been a busy and successful year, and once again thank you to all our staff who work so well to make this school what it is.

Have a safe and peaceful festive season and we look forward to your return in 2023.

Meri Kirihiomete,

**Michael Maher**  
**Principal**

## Staff Farewells

At the end of this year, we say farewell to some of our staff.

Matt Hansen has worked with us for 8 years and is off to Churchill Park School. We wish Matt all the best and thank him for his input to St Thomas's over the years.

Wendy Carson who has worked in the education sector for many years is hanging up her chalk and heading into a well-deserved retirement.

Lana Thain, who started here as a beginning teacher 5 years ago is moving up to Selwyn College to teach Social Sciences.

Louise Crean has taught here since 2016 and is moving to St Pius Catholic School to take up a classroom position.

Tiffany Hu is moving closer to home to teach in her local primary school.

Flora Ko started here as a beginning teacher, is loving her time with her baby girl and after 9 years at St Thomas's, is not returning from maternity leave.

Principals PA, Tina Hill, has worked here for 6 years and is now moving to Melbourne.

Thank you to all the above staff who have contributed to St Thomas's School in so many ways and we wish you all the best for the future.



**Hats Off to St Thomas's**

**To all the students for brilliant singing at Prizegiving this morning and Miriam Gwyn for leading the school song.**

### Upcoming Events

**December**

14	Year 2 Athletics Day
16	Last Day of 2022 (School closes at 12.30pm) NO AFTER SCHOOL BUSES RUNNING

**February 2023**

1	Meet the Teacher Day
2	First Day of Term 1
6	Waitangi Day (School Closed)

## End of Year Reporting

All Term 4 reporting comments and end of year assessments are now complete and can be viewed within your Hero account. Progress Charts are now visible and will remain on student reporting feeds until school starts up again in 2023.

If your child is leaving St Thomas's School at the end of this year, we suggest that you print, or save as a pdf file, a copy of all 2022 (and earlier if you require) reporting information to retain for your records. Report comments and assessments will not be available once your child has been un-enrolled from St Thomas's.

For those students who are staying at St Thomas's school, reporting information from any year can still be accessed using the 'Time Warp' function within Hero.

## 2023 Class Placement Information

For students remaining at St Thomas's School for 2023, class placements will be sent out via Hero at 3pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December, students will have the opportunity to meet their 2023 classroom teacher. Some of our new staff members are not available for this session, but 2023 classroom groups will still gather in their new learning space so they will get to see who else is in their class and familiarise themselves with their new classroom for next year.

## 2023 Term Dates

<b>Term 1</b>	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February <b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b> Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February <b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Meet the Teacher <b>First day of Term 1</b> Waitangi Day Observed <b>Last day of Term 1</b>
<b>Term 2</b>	<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April</b> Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April <b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b> Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June <b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Teacher Only Day</b> Anzac Day <b>Students return for Term 2</b> Queen's Birthday <b>Last day of Term 2</b>
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	<b>First day of Term 3</b> <b>Last day of Term 3</b>
<b>Term 4</b>	<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b> Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October <b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>First day of Term 4</b> Labour Day <b>Last day of Term 4</b>

**Please note that there is a Ministry of Education designated Teacher Only Day on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023. The Ministry has also mandated a second Teacher Only Day for later in the year. The date for this will be advised by the Ministry early in 2023.**

## Corban Estate Arts Centre

The Year 3 classes went to Corban Estate Arts Centre on a school trip earlier this term. Our bus was a little late, we saw a train on the way there. It took ages to get there but we got there in the end. There were three people teaching us. We received lots of instructions on how to make a pinch pot. First, we designed our pinch pot, secondly, we made pinch pots out of clay, and third, we painted our pinch pot. It was so much fun, and a very long day! They are called pinch pots because you must pinch them to form the shape. Some of us made large pots, but then they became too fragile and crumbly, so they needed to be rolled it into a ball, a hole needed to be punched into the ball to create a pot. We then decorated around them with more clay. After we made our pots, they were to go into a kiln which is a giant oven for hardening pots. Then they will get dipped into a white glaze that dries into glass and then the pots will go into the kiln again.

During lunch we played by the giant Pohutukawa trees. Soon we made our way back to school on the bus, which was rather noisy! We are expecting to receive our pots any day now!

*By Ben W, Sylvie G, Jenna N, Hugo G*







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# DECEMBER 2022 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

ST THOMAS'S

	Mon 12 December	Tues 13 December	Wed 14 December	Thurs 15 December	Fri 16 December
<b>WEEK 1</b>	<b>SCHOOL DAY</b> Last week of Term 4! Holiday Programme not in session yet.	<b>SCHOOL DAY</b> Last week of Term 4! Holiday Programme not in session yet.	<b>SCHOOL DAY</b> Last week of Term 4! Holiday Programme not in session yet.	<b>SCHOOL DAY</b> Last week of Term 4! Holiday Programme not in session yet.	<b>SCHOOL DAY</b> Last week of Term 4! Holiday Programme not in session yet.
<b>WEEK 2</b>	<b>SUPER SUMMER DAY</b> Have fun in the sun with your friends! Don't forget, when the sun comes out so do the water bombs so prepare to get wet!	<b>SANTA'S LITTLE HELPERS</b> Join us for a day of giving back. Bring a food donation for those in need and prepare special cards so you can put a smile on someone's face.	<b>CHILD VS WILD</b> Have you got what it takes to survive in the wild? Come and learn some tips and tricks to ensure you do.	<b>FILM DAY</b> Whether you are a natural in front of the camera or prefer working behind the scenes, there is something for you today.	<b>XMAS EXTRAVAGANZA</b> Join us for all things Christmas. Games, baking, crafts and an awesome end of year Christmas party!
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WEEK 1	Mon 9 January	Tues 10 January	Wed 11 January	Thurs 12 January	Fri 13 January
	<b>MEDIEVAL TOURNAMENT</b> Step back in time and have heaps of fun with jousting sticks, mini catapults, and goblets plus some medieval super challenges!	<b>DISCO DANCE PARTY</b> Who doesn't love a good boogie? Come ready to compete in a dance off as we dance the day away.	<b>KIWI VALLEY FARM</b> Join us for an awesome trip day to Kiwi Valley Farm. \$22 extra for the day. Please remember a big lunch, drink bottle, shoes and a hat.	<b>WICKED WHEELS DAY</b> It's a day of spinning, turning, flipping and flopping. Bring your bike, skateboard or scooter and don't forget your helmet!	<b>MOVIE MADNESS</b> Dress like your favourite movie character and come for a day full of movie madness. Who knows, maybe there will be a special treat at the end of the day!
WEEK 2	Mon 16 January	Tues 17 January	Wed 18 January	Thurs 19 January	Fri 20 January
	<b>GAME SHOW</b> We love to play all kinds of games at Kelly Club so we've decided to make a show out of it! Come along for a day full of fun!	<b>ICKY ICKY STICKY</b> Lets have an icky sticky time making all kinds of slime! This is the best time of messy fun	<b>ROCKET ROPES</b> Join us for an awesome trip day to Rocket Ropes. \$22 extra for the day. Please remember a big lunch, drink bottle, shoes and a hat.	<b>H2O LET'S GO</b> What is summer without a big water fight? Be sure to bring togs and a change of clothes!	<b>HAWAIIAN LUAU</b> Today we party in the traditional Hawaiian way. We will have delicious food, free dancing and you will provide the entertainment. We cannot wait!
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WEEK 3	Mon 23 January	Tues 24 January	Wed 25 January	Thurs 26 January	Fri 27 January
	<b>MAMMA MIA</b> Who loves pizza? We do! Have you heard of the Leaning Tower Of Pisa? We have! Can you guess which country we are going to explore today?	<b>GOING GREEN</b> We live in such a beautiful country with the freshest of air! Let's ensure we continue to work hard and keep it that way.	<b>PARAKAI POOLS</b> Join us for an awesome trip day to Parakai Pools. \$22 extra for the day. Please remember a big lunch, drink bottle, shoes and a hat.	<b>ICE ICE BABY</b> Do you like yummy 'cool' drinks and can you do a freeze dance off? If so, Kelly Club is the place for you. Come along and let's have some icy fun!	<b>CIRCUS FUN</b> Step right up! We are going to have fun at the circus with some juggling, clown races and a whole lot of fooling around!
WEEK 4	Mon 30 January	Tues 31 January	Wed 1 February	Thurs 2 February	Fri 3 February
	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b> <b>AUCKLAND ANNIVERSARY</b> No Programme today Enjoy the public Holiday!	<b>RACE THE DAY AWAY</b> It's a day at the races so be sure to wear your craziest outfits and get ready to see who the fastest kid at Kelly Club is.	<b>BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY</b> It's almost time to head back to school so let's have a party to celebrate the fun summer and look forward to the year ahead.	<b>SCHOOL DAY</b> No Programme Today. Enjoy the start of Term 1.	<b>SCHOOL DAY</b> No Programme Today. Enjoy the start of Term 1.
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