

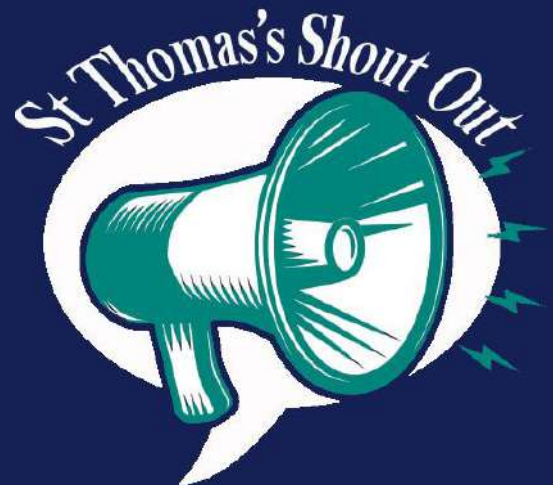
16 June 2023

## Principal's Message

The winter solstice marks the date when the Earth's axis is furthest away from the sun — the longest night of the year. In the southern hemisphere, this is usually around the third week of June. At winter solstice the sun is at its most northern point in the sky. After the solstice, days gradually get more hours of sunlight, although temperatures continue to get colder for a time. In New Zealand, the winter solstice takes place on Thursday 22 June 2023 at 2.57am

In Aotearoa New Zealand, Matariki the Māori New Year celebrates the beginning of Winter. This year, St Thomas's School will celebrate Matariki with an open morning on the last Friday of Term 2. We will celebrate and acknowledge Matariki with a performance by our kapa haka group and invite whanau to join us as we greet the sunrise. See details below.

**Michael Maher**  
Principal



Congratulations to all our Y7&8 students on their Dancesport competition yesterday.

## Upcoming Events

### June

- 19 Eastern Zone Hockey (Y7&8)
- 20 Board of Trustees Meeting (6.30pm staffroom)
- 23 Junior Assembly (J9 & J10 hosting) 9.45am – 10.30am (school hall)  
Senior Assembly (S1 & S2 hosting) 11.45am – 12.30pm (school hall)
- 27 Ki o Rahi Tournament (Y7&8)
- 28 Bay Suburbs Netball (Y5&6)
- 28 William Pike Challenge Trip (Y7) – Extreme Edge 11.30am–3pm
- 29 Y7&8 Social (6 – 8p.m. school hall)
- 30 Matariki Celebration 7.45am  
Term 2 Showcase of Learning Open Morning
- 30 Formal Assembly 11.45am – 12.30pm
- 30 Last Day of Term 2

### July

- 17 First day of Term 3
- 19 Cross Country Carnival
- 21 Eastern Zone Netball (Y7&8)

## Matariki Celebration

St Thomas's School is part of a collective of schools including Kohimarama, Stonefields, Ōrākei & Selwyn called Te Rōpū Pourewa. Over Term 2, we have been working on a Rich Learning Opportunity with the theme 'Matariki'. To celebrate our learning over the last term we have a collaborative celebration week with many activities in Week 10, 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> June.

Over this week we have the following events happening:

- **ALL WEEK 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>:** Each learner in our rōpū has completed a piece of artwork which will be displayed at Ōrākei Bay Village. Many of the stores in the village are taking part in this week with special offers. All whānau are encouraged to visit our exhibition over this week. Please refer to the Matariki in the Village flyer at the end of this newsletter for more information.
- **TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup>:** Ki o Rahi tournament for all our Year 7/8 teams from Te Rōpū Pourewa primary schools at Ōrākei Domain. This runs from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. Spectators welcome.
- **FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup>:** We have a morning acknowledgment of Matariki at St Thomas's School starting at 7:45 am. This will involve karakia, waiata, tea/coffee & biscuits for whānau who wish to attend. Our school's Showcase of Learning will follow this.

We look forward to seeing you at our celebrations.

## Showcase of Learning

On Friday 30 June we would like to welcome our school community to our Showcase of Learning morning from 9.00 a.m. -10.30a.m. This is an opportunity for your child to share with you some of the exciting learning they have been doing this term.

We will also have the COFFEESMITH Van on site for our community to purchase hot drinks.

*Prices are as follows:*

*Small:* \$4.00

*Medium:* \$5.00

*Large:* \$6.00



**EFTPOS and CASH are available.**



## Cross Country Costume Carnival

On the first Wednesday of Term 3 (Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July), we will be holding our annual **Cross-Country Costume Carnival** between 9.30am and 10.30am. This event is a fun way to mark the first Cross-Country training run in the build up to our school Cross-Country event later in the term.

All students (Years 0-8) are invited to wear a costume of their choice for the 1 lap course. Over the years we have had some amazingly elaborate costumes, the making of which is a fantastic school holiday activity for bored kids. Check out some of the photographs below for inspiration. There will be prizes on the day including:

- Best costume
- Most colourful costume
- Most difficult to run in costume
- Best group costume

Please note that costumes do not have to be expensive, in-fact we love the inventive, resourceful, home-made ones the most!

Out on the course, there will be fun interactive activities and obstacle stations organised by our Year 8 sports leaders. There will also be spot prizes for students who are having fun and taking part in the spirit of the event. We will also be including our Year 0, 1 and 2 students in this event with a shortened course on the school site.

**The cost for participation in this event is \$5 which includes a sausage sizzle at the end of the run.** This can be pre-paid through the Online Shop from today. If your child does not want a sausage, you can pay a \$2 entry fee only, also via the Online Shop.

Our fantastic PTA will also open a 'tuck shop' over morning tea break, so send your child along with some cash (\$1 or \$2) if they would like an extra treat for morning tea after the event. Items will include; crisps, liquorice, home baking, ice-blocks and more.

In the event of bad weather, the carnival will be postponed. Postponement will be announced via Hero by 8am on the morning of the event.

### ONGOING CROSS-COUNTRY TRAINING

At the start of Term 3, students in Years 3-8 will be participating in 3x cross-country training runs per week (Monday, Wednesday, Friday). We hope that you will encourage your child to enjoy taking part in these events to improve health and fitness. Students are not forced to run, they may walk briskly around the course with friends if they wish. If your child is injured, they can be excused by way of a written note to their classroom teacher. Students who have been excused from the event due to injury will need to continue with their classroom work for the duration of the training run. If your child is too sick to walk the course, they should be kept at home for the day. Please do not send a sick note to excuse your child from participating.



## Provision of Home Learning for Students who are Travelling/Absent

Our teachers and office staff have been receiving a few leave applications from families wishing to travel abroad with their children. A few families have also asked teachers to provide school work for their children while they are away.

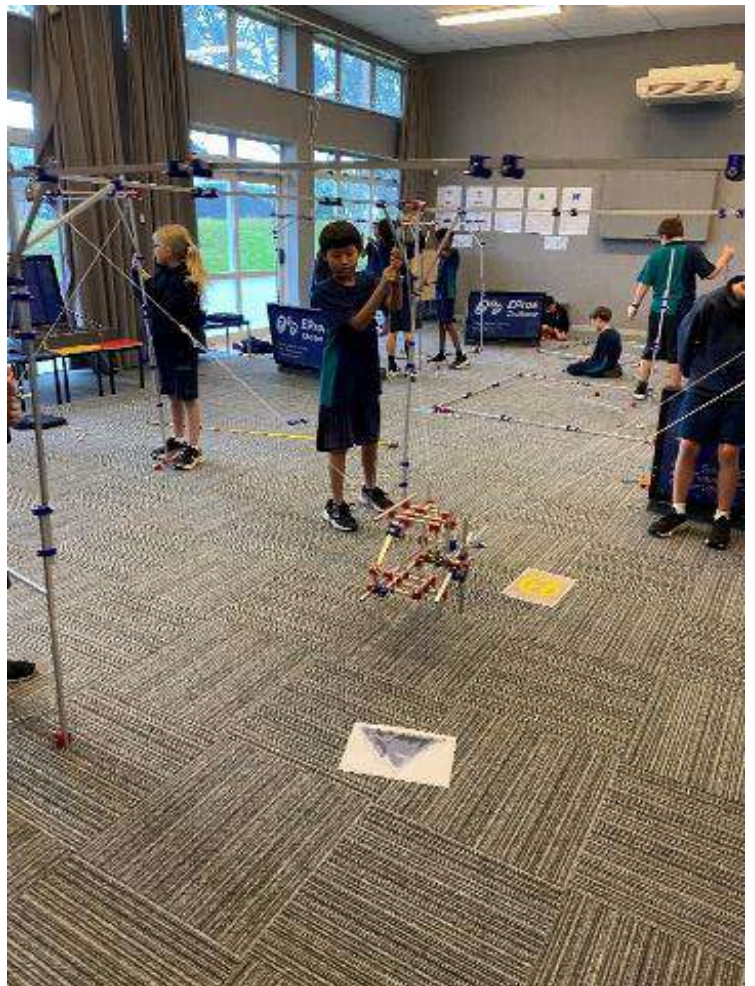
Please note that we **do not** provide home learning work for students who are away from school for any reason other than extreme medical circumstances (e.g. long term illness).

If you wish to do some learning with your child while you are away, we suggest the following ideas:

- Keep a written travel diary
- Read books
- Learn some of the local language
- Use the internet to search for learning activities that will suit your travel situation.

## EPro8

This term selected Year 5 – 8 students have been involved with EPro8, a programme designed to promote science, engineering, and problem solving. Working in teams of four, students were given a different challenge each week which they had to construct according to a set of criteria. In this photo, teams had to construct a helicopter of a certain size with a spinning rotor and tail, and working as a team control its 'flight' from the helipad to a mountain and rescue (pick-up) a mountaineer. Next week our top teams will represent St Thomas's at the inter-school competition. We wish them well!



## Mountain to Sea Showcase

The Year 7 and 8 students have been learning about their local environment. Students have been busy planning and completing a social action for our local area. Last week the students held a showcase to celebrate and share their learning and social action projects with the school, whānau, Mountain to Sea Trust and Ōrākei Local Board members. Topics varied from kina barrens, littering, recycling, marine reserves, and animal extinction. The action projects included: creating artwork, fundraising, creating petitions, writing emails and letters, and sharing important information through a variety of mediums. Students showed responsibility and respect for their local environment by creating positive change.

*Ka pai Year 7 and 8 students!*



## Year 3



The Year 3 students demonstrated outstanding resilience and responsibility this week when learning how to use our school Chromebooks for the first time. The students first drafted a creative story in their writing books about flying on the back of a giant Tieke bird then published their stories on a Chromebook. Finally, they created a beautiful piece of artwork - a picture of them flying on their imaginary bird. It was wonderful to see how excited the students were using Chromebooks for the first time and their outstanding responsibility. The teachers were extremely proud of the outcome which is magnificent work - writing, art and topic rolled into one. The work is displayed in M3.



## Year 6 School Values

### Responsibility



At our S9 and S10 assembly, I showed **responsibility** by being one of the main speakers. I showed responsibility by making sure I knew what I had to do and say. I waited patiently for people to calm down by asking them to stop talking and stayed calm and polite.

- Aila Duncan S9

### Respect

In Year 6 we show **respect** towards our school. We show respect by picking up rubbish if we see any on the school grounds. We use the correct bins inside our classroom to sort the rubbish and the recycling.

- Hope Binnendyk and Indigo Staples S12.



### Resilience

In our S9 and S10 assembly, I showed **resilience** when I showcased my diabolo performance. At home I normally finish the performance when the music finishes but the music didn't work while I was on stage. I also dropped the diabolo during my performance but I showed resilience by picking it up and carrying on. Everyone should show resilience and never give up.

- Adam Chen S9



## Year 5 Museum Trip

Once we got to the museum we walked past Barbara and Peter (the T-Rexs) and sat on the mat and had a little snack. After that we went in our groups and explored the first floor well. S7 went on their education tour in the whareniui and some other groups went to the second floor to explore. One of the room's was dark and gloomy and there was this big phone which had activities and right next to it there was a projector showing a big map of Auckland. The room next to it had artificial wood work that is over 100 years old.

The weird and wonderful room was full of insects and bugs between the glass. There was a colouring table for the kids and a butterfly making area that once you finished it would appear on the big screen. The room next to it had these big purple cushions that right next to it had a monkey, so our group would play tag and pretend to be monkeys. After that our group went up a big lot of stairs that was creepy when we looked down.

While some groups were wandering around downstairs lots of groups started walking up the stairs to the second floor. Our groups were walking towards the volcano area. In the volcano area there was a little room that had a TV talking about an earthquake that could happen in the future. Suddenly it happened and the ground would shake like crazy. It was scary but of course it wasn't real, it was so much fun. Just before we had our educators session, we had our lunch. After that the whole of M6 went outside for a game.

At 1:15 it was M6KI's turn to get the tour in the whareniui the guy named Gabriel told us a lot about the history of the whareniui and about the taniwha that got tricked about food that was at the Manukau harbour. There were nets that were there to catch the taniwha. They held the taniwha under the water until she died that is why there is a big sand bar that she warns us about for boats and stuff that can get caught on it. After he told us about the taniwha he taught us how to weave and we went into partners and tried it out.

After the big day that we had, it was time go back to school. We had a great time and experience and thanks a lot to our amazing teachers.

- Georgia Mehrtens & Mia Lin M6KI



## Jiu-jitsu Competition

Congratulations to Daniel Doustani, Theo Bastos and Alfie Cheung who recently went to Mount Maunganui and competed in the Pacific NZBJJF Jiu-jitsu championship. It was a national event including some overseas competitors. Well done to the boys for their achievements.



PROGRAMMES, OPPORTUNITIES, & ACTIVITIES THAT KIDS JUST LOVE!

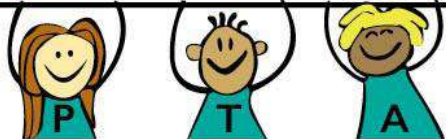
**KIDS' HOME AWAY FROM HOME!**

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An advertisement for 'Kids' Home Away from Home' featuring three smiling children. The background is a bright blue and yellow. The text is in white and yellow. There is a circular logo for 'OSCAR PROGRAMME SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE!' with a small note '\*Conditions apply'.





A massive THANKYOU to our generous school community for the amazing effort in supporting our 2023 Kind-A-Thon.

We have raised over **\$10,000** and still collecting money. What a fabulous achievement, especially in this financially challenging environment.

All money raised will be going to a new full-sized outdoor basketball court and upgrading existing courts...woohoo!

Winners will be announced at the next school assembly.

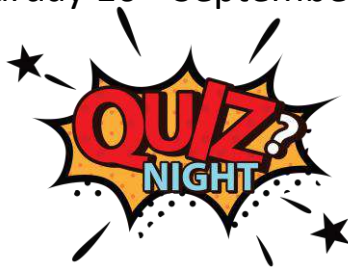


### WATCH OUT FOR UPCOMING TERM 3 EVENTS

- School Disco – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August
- Quiz Night – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September



### REMINDERS



#### **Gorilla Bags:**

Book through Kindo now - \$50 goes to the school for each bag sold.

#### **Second Hand Uniforms:**

Donate your preloved uniform for us to on-sell. Please drop off at the office.



Why not consider joining the PTA in 2023? It's fun, rewarding and most of all, benefits the school and our Tamariki. Contact us on the email below or come along to our next monthly meeting to find out what we do. Next meeting **7pm Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, in the school staffroom.**

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!



# Matariki

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# Village

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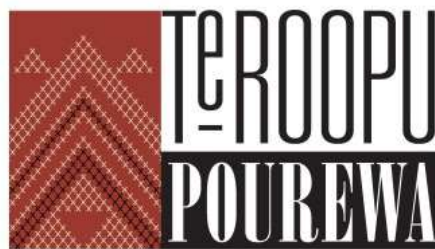
26 June to 30 June 2023  
228 Ōrākei Road, Remuera

Ōrākei Bay Village is proud to be hosting Te Rōpū  
Pourewa Kāhui Ako our Community of Learning's  
celebration of Matariki 2023.

Showcasing a cluster of talented artists - our tamariki!



ŌRĀKEI SCHOOL



ST THOMAS'S  
SCHOOL

Plenty to see and do at your local shopping Village from 9am to late  
- plenty of parking down by Kings Plant Barn



# **OPEN EVENING**

## **For Students and Parents/Caregivers**

**THURSDAY 27 JULY AT 6:45PM**

The evening will begin with an address from the Principal. This will be followed by a tour of the school and an opportunity to meet teachers and students across all Learning Areas.

**We look forward to welcoming you.**

## **ENROLMENTS**

**Details are on our website:  
[www.selwyn.school.nz/New Students](http://www.selwyn.school.nz/New_Students)**

**Please complete the online enrolment process. We encourage early applications.**



**General Information:** We believe in giving children opportunities to do the things they love and enjoy in a supportive and encouraging environment. We provide quality childcare in safe and fun surroundings for children out of school. Our holiday programme is focused around sports, games, and outings to local attractions. Our friendly staff are passionate about working with children. They are provided with training on behaviour management techniques, first aid and activity planning/delivery.

**Who can attend:** Children aged 5-13 yrs

**What do you need to bring:** Shoes and appropriate clothing, jacket or sweatshirt, hat, drink bottle and food.

**Food:** Please bring plenty of packed food and drink for morning tea/lunch/afternoon tea. Lunch will be from approximately 12:30pm to 1:00pm each day.

**Programme activities:** Programme activities are adapted to suit children of all ages and children may be grouped by age depending on numbers. Programme activities may vary without notice dependent on weather conditions and programme numbers.

**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](http://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.

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# JULY 2023 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

## ST THOMAS'S SCHOOL

WEEK 1

Mon 3 July

### ARCTIC EXPLORERS

Join us for a daring Arctic adventure where we will find shelter from the biting cold and embark on a trek to reach the North Pole.

Tues 4 July

### TOPSY TURVY TUESDAY

Everything is inside out, upside down, back to front and topsy turvy this Tuesday! Embrace the silliness with our back to front and upside down fun!

Wed 5 July

### CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN

Join us for an awesome trip day to Crystal Mountain. Please remember a big lunch, drink bottle, shoes and a warm jacket. \$24 extra for the day.

Thurs 6 July

### LET'S MAKE BELIEVE

Unicorns, dragons, elves, or fairies, what does your imagination see? Together we will dive into the world of make-believe.

Fri 7 July

### CHOCOLATE DAY

It's World Chocolate Day! A day to celebrate the world's most loved treat! Where does chocolate come from? Come along chocoholics to find out.

WEEK 2

Mon 10 July

### TURN IT UP!

Get ready to make some music and move to the beat. Shake your tail feathers with your own instrument, then join the band for a jam session.

Tues 11 July

### MID-WINTER XMAS

Let's bring some winter cheer by having a mid-winter Christmas – USA Style! Have a holly jolly time as we celebrate together!

Wed 12 July

### MOVIES

Join us for an awesome trip day to the movie Elemental. Please remember a big lunch, drink bottle, shoes and a warm jacket. \$24 extra for the day.

Thurs 13 July

### MATARIKI CELEBRATION

It's a time for reflection and celebration as the Māori New Year begins! We are going to share stories, make food to share and play some traditional Māori Games.

Fri 14 July

## PUBLIC HOLIDAY

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Happy Matariki!

**FULL WEEK:** \$280  
7am-6pm

**FULL DAY:** \$55  
7am-6pm

**SCHOOL DAY:** \$45  
8:30am-3pm

**EVENT DAY:** Extra \$24  
(Included in Full Week)

**DON'T MISS OUT! BOOK IN QUICK!**



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# HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Mon 3 – Thur 13 July



Join us for a fun-filled School Holiday Programme including an Arctic Explorers 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 school.*

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## Prices & Session Times:

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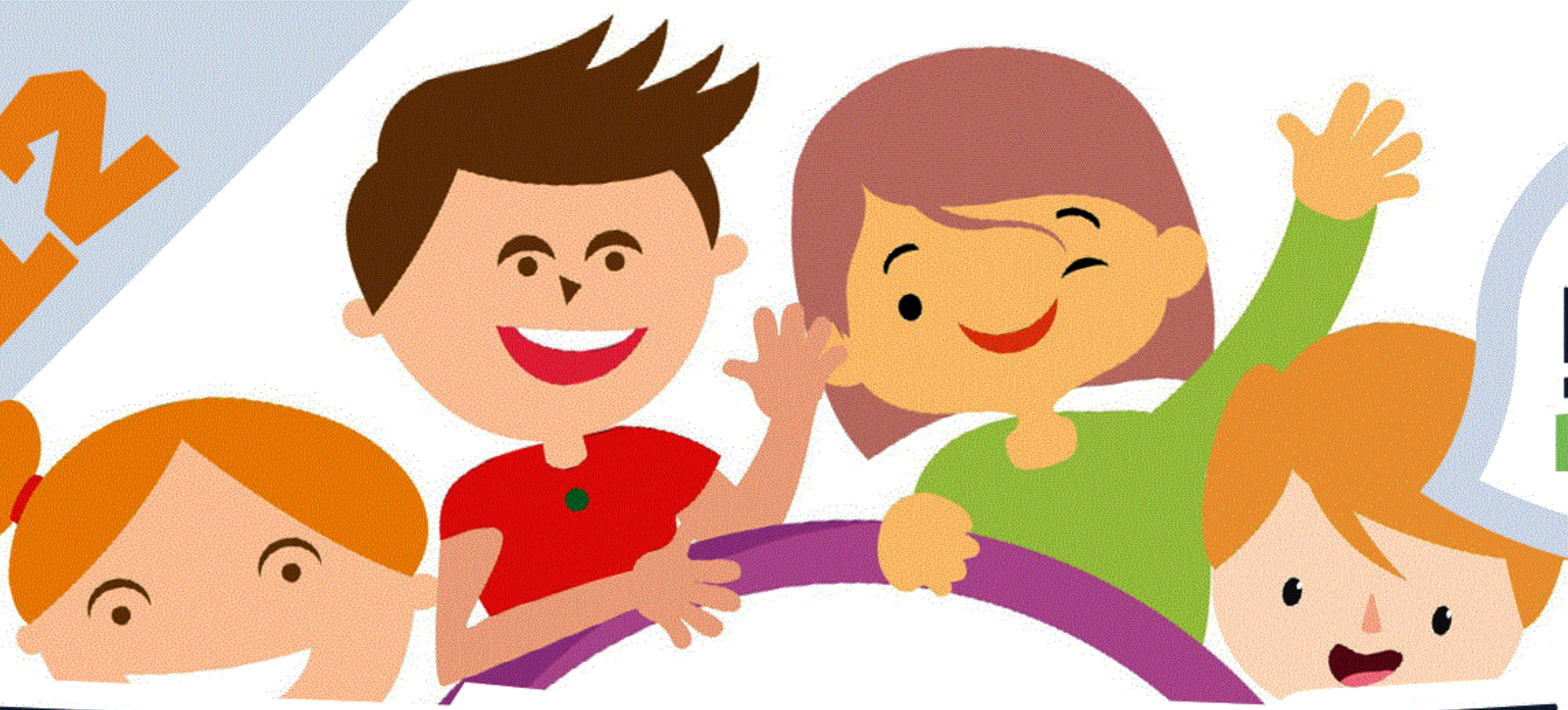
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PER DAY

# GETREAL

## A UNIQUE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Providing fun ways for kids to understand relevant social topics and enjoy making positive changes in the world and in the lives of others.

**Sign up for 1 day or the whole week**

**July 3rd - 7th 9am - 4.30pm**

### **Crafting for a Cause**

**Monday 3 July**

It's always nice to know someone cares for you, particularly if you are a child going into foster care. Today the children will create hand loom knitted beanies and hand sewn sock monkey toys to donate to children going into foster care placements.

### **Cooking for a Cause**

**Tuesday 4 July**

Today the children will cook healthy meals for people in need - the meals will be collected at the end of the day by the charity.

### **Art for a Cause**

**Wednesday 5 July**

Today the children will spend the day at St Andrews Retirement Village in Glendowie meeting some of the residents and creating works of art for them based on their life stories.

### **Growing for a Cause**

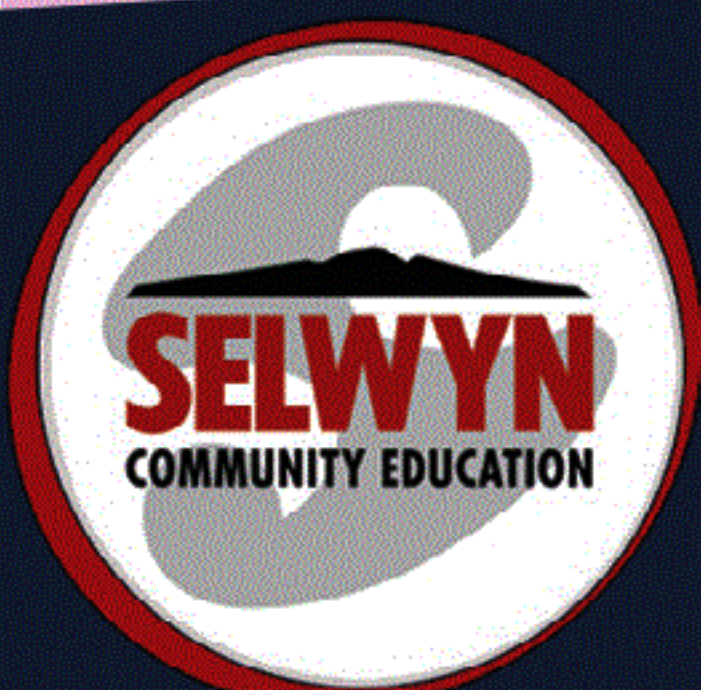
**Thursday 6 July**

Come and have some fun while learning about climate change and biodiversity and how it applies to you! During the day you will get out into nature and whilst having fun you will learn about your carbon footprint and you will come away excited about the difference you can make to help our planet and all the creatures on it.

### **Drama for a Cause**

**Friday 7 July**

While having fun the children will play drama games, experience improvisations and work as a group to create a presentation that is grounded in values of empathy, compassion and kindness with an understanding of diversity.



To enrol, phone **09 521 9623** or go to:  
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or **[www.getreal.org.nz](http://www.getreal.org.nz)**