

30 June 2023

Principal's Message

How lovely it was to see our community come together this morning as we celebrated Matariki.

Our kapa haka group were outstanding and I feel really proud of them and how they represented our school.



Collaborative Waiata Official Release

<https://youtu.be/r22DCraTIZ0>

We are very excited and proud to release our collaborative waiata video for Nei Rā Te Kaupapa, featuring our wonderful Waiata Group performers, along with Kohimarama and Stonefield's School. This taonga is a visual representation of the rich learning that has happened across our schools this term and the power of collaboration.

All the best for the term break and I look forward to your return in term 3.

Ngā manaakitanga

Michael Maher
Principal



Photo Life

You will have been emailed your child's unique Key Code to go online to view and purchase 2023 School Photos.

***FREE DELIVERY EXPIRES Midnight Sunday 16th JULY ***

If you haven't received the email, please check your trash / spam folder.



Congratulations to all our Year 5 & 6 Netballers on their awesome day on Wednesday.

Upcoming Events

July

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

August

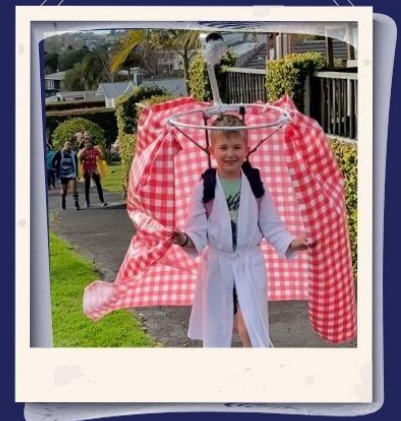
- 04 Junior Assembly (M3 hosting)
9.45am – 10.30am (school hall)
Senior Assembly (M4 hosting)
11.45am – 12.30pm (school hall)
- 04 PTA School Disco (6.00 p.m.)
- 11 School Cross Country Event (Y3-Y8)
- 15 Board of Trustees Meeting
(6.30pm staffroom)
- 17 Year 2 Trip to Kelly Tarlton's
- 18 Formal Assembly 11.45am – 12.30pm
- 21 Eastern Zone and Bay Suburbs Cross Country Event

Friday 20 October School Closed to Students

Friday 20 October is a teacher only day, so school will be closed to all students. This is the Friday before Labour Weekend.

CROSS COUNTRY COSTUME CARNIVAL and sausage sizzle

TO PARTICIPATE
& ORDER YOUR SAUSAGE,
VISIT OUR ONLINE SHOP NOW!



WEEK 1!
WEDNESDAY 19TH JULY

STARTS AT 9:30 AM

Don't forget to make your
outfit in the holidays!

2023 Year 7 & 8 Dancesport Competition

On the 15 June, the school hall was crowded with agitated, yet elegant Year 7 and 8s as part of the annual Dancesport competition, which welcomed guests for a two-hour dancing event that brought a meaningful dose of fun to everyone's Thursday!

Dancesport is an exciting activity that Intermediate students are required to participate in as part of their curriculum at St Thomas' School; the sport allows pupils to exercise while discovering a unique skill, bonding with their classmates, as well as modelling fancy attire! Students were given dance classes throughout the term to participate in the dance competition, which followed the 8-week-long training period. At the event, the couples competed for the fearsome trio of dance styles: 'Cha Cha', 'Rock n' Roll' and 'Bechacha'. The competition was loaded with marvellous music, exceptional dancing, as well as a supportive and cheering audience!

An enormous thank you to the 'Stepz Dance Academy' for judging at the competition and helping our Intermediate students become fantastic dancers! Thank you to the Year 7 & 8 teachers as well, who took the time to take us to practices and make this happen! And last but not least, congratulations to the Year 7 & 8s for taking on such a challenge, and the winning couples of each category!

By: *Alice Machado*



Olympic Champion Alana Barber Shares Her Journey With The Year 7&8s

On Monday 26 June, we had New Zealand Super Race Walker, Alana Barber, come and talk to the Year 7&8s about her journey of becoming an Olympic Race Walker. Alana has been a super race walker for 15 years winning a silver medal in the 20km walking race at the 2018 Commonwealth Games. She talked about how much she had to train to get to where she is now and even when she didn't win her first or second race she didn't give up. Her message was centred around three key values; respect, friendship and excellence and she shared many examples through her presentation of where she demonstrated these values. After her talk we had a super walk race between Year 7&8 which we all enjoyed.

By *Dornika S6*



EZ Hockey Tournament

On Monday 19 June, eleven students from Year 7 and 8 competed in the Eastern Zone Hockey Tournament at Lloyd Elsmore Park in Pakuranga. With all but one student new to hockey, players took to the field for their first game against Kings, with a mix of excitement and nerves. With each game players rapidly improved their skill, getting low to tackle, passing wide, and our opportunities to attack increased. There was a huge amount of enjoyment and desire to improve with the whole team taking time between games as a chance to put in more practice. All students played exceptionally well and represented the school with pride and sportsmanship. The team finished in 6th place.



Football Tournament

By *The Year 8 Football Team*

The football tournament was an incredibly fun, frustrating, and rewarding experience. We threw ourselves into the first division and versed five different schools. We versed St Kents, Kings, St Heliers, Glendowie and Sacred Heart. After an intense battle we managed to finish in fourth place. On the day of the tournament we only had around 5 minutes till the game started, so we had to frantically put our boots on and make sure we were ready when the whistle blew. We didn't even have time to warm up! Despite the pressure we were able to tie our first game against Sacred Heart.

Micah's perspective

I loved playing as goalie. The goals were massive and I couldn't even touch the crossbar. It was challenging, and I struggled, but I saved many goals, and I am proud of myself and my amazing team.



Bay Suburbs Netball

On the 28 June year 5 and 6 students attended the annual Bay Suburbs Netball tournament at Auckland Netball Centre.

When we arrived at school we did a roll call under the Pohutukawa tree and then we hopped on the bus. The Year 5s went on the first bus and the Year 6s on the second. The first games started at 9:30 and everyone was really excited. There were 44 teams at the tournament and 8 from St Thomas's, everyone had a blast!! There were many different groups, there were 8 different grades. The tournament lasted all day and there were heaps of games. But in the end everyone played really well and tried really hard, below are the placings. By *Harry*

Netball Tournament

On the 28 of June, we went to the Netball Tournament at Auckland Netball Centre. In our team we had Bailey the captain, Ollie, Tommy, Axel, Rafael, Tanaki, Antoine, Eddie and Afridi. Our first game was against the other St Thomas's team, which we won 6 nil in the derby. Then we played the St Heliers team and we won 8-2, in the first half we scored 6. In the second half we scored two and conceded two. Then we had a lunch break and lots of the team got hot chips, so everybody was fueled up. Then we had about an hour to practise and play a couple rounds of bullrush, being careful not to injure any players. Then we had the closest game of the tournament. In the game we won 2-1 against Glendowie School. There was a feeling in the team that we could be invincible, so we went straight into the next game and we won 10-nil against Churchill Park. Finally came the moment we had been waiting for, the team that won was going to be announced. After a suspenseful five minute wait for announcements to come. We had won the tournament for the Year 5 boys grade! By *Tommy*



FINAL RESULTS:

Y5 Aces - 1st

Y5 Renegades - 4th

Y5 Girls Stingers - 2nd

Y6 Flying Shreks - 1st

Y6 Snakes - 2nd

Y6 Ninjas - 4th

Y6 Shooting Stars - 5th

Y6 Dynamites - 4th

Ki-o-rahi Tournament

On the 27 June we went down to the first ever Te Rōpū Pourewa Kī-o-Rahi tournament. Kī-o-Rahi is fast to play and you have to run a lot. Even though it was most people's first time playing the game we had a good time. It was very muddy at Ōrākei Domain. We won every game until the semi-finals. We had this comeback in one of the games. We went from down ten to winning it in the end. At the end, this teacher said we should mix up all the teams together because of whanaungatanga, and then we played a game in mixed teams with people from other schools. It was cool to play with people we'd just been versing before.



By *Joseph Edwards S2*

Author Talk

Maria Gill is an author of non-fiction stories based on heroes in New Zealand. In partnership with Hells' Pizza Reading Challenge she hosted a special Zoom meeting across New Zealand on 29 June which the Year 7 and 8's at St Thomas' School joined. We were lucky to hear all about her new book, *Epic New Zealand Adventurers*, which tells the tales of 10 fascinating heroes who travel the world. Maria uses complex, yet simple language to hook readers into her stories. The ten New Zealand heroes that star in Maria's story are Sir Edmund Hillary, Cam McLeay and Garth MacIntyre, Laura Dekker, Helen Thayer, Mark Watson and Hana Black, Lisa Tamati, Lydia Brayden, Jean Batten, and Matahi Brightwell. After hearing about her own adventures, she read to us her favourite story from her new book. This story features Hana and Mark, an adventurous duo who travel from the top of North America, Alaska, to the bottom of South America, Patagonia. This adventure started in June 2016, and finished with glory on the last Friday of April this year. The couple had to bike around various and unique terrain, fend off dangerous animals, and continue their journey despite the hard obstacles. In 2020, their journey was interrupted by a new virus which popped up named Covid. The duo had to frantically rush to Santiago airport, in hope of getting back to New Zealand. Once covid was over, the journey was back in action. In the end, Hana and Mark achieved their goals of crossing both continents, displaying strong resilience and responsibility throughout their experience.



By *Olivia Norwood and Timothy Tsui (S6)*

EPro8

Our Year 5 – 8 teams competed at the inter-schools competition last week at Churchill Park School. All teams put in a stellar effort and can be justifiably proud of their achievement. The Year 8 team 'STS Red Joiners' performed exceptionally well and came away with first place. They are now going through to the Auckland semi finals in September – we wish them luck!



PB4L 100,000 House Points Celebration

On Thursday 22 June, we had a reward for reaching 100,000 house points as a whole school. We had several options to choose such as jewellery making, drawing, dodgeball, tug of war, science experiments, Minecraft Edu, Just Dance, and watching a movie. I chose Minecraft Education because it is my favourite game and it also gave me an opportunity to play with my friends that I usually don't play with at home online. It was very fun and everybody enjoyed what they were doing. *Tommy Tran, M6NA*

"I tried really hard with my drawing and I love what I made so much!" *Lottie, M3RU*

"I enjoyed making the tassles. It looks hard, but if you are resilient, you can do it - if you make a mistake you can just unwrap it." *Adam, Year 3*

"I chose the arts and crafts activity for the PB4L block. It was so much fun because we created our own art using things from nature. We collected leaves and sticks off the ground and using these items I created my own leaf crown and a nature dress on paper. Thanks to all the teachers for organizing these activities." *Rose Carpenter, S11*

"I chose to do painting. I loved that we could paint whatever we wanted and mix the colours. It was really exciting!" *Summer, Year 7*

"The Minecraft Education room was a really nice reward. It was nice for the whole school to get to do a fun activity." *Finn Casci, M6NA*

"The popcorn was so yummy and we liked watching the WALL-E movie." *Stanley Yau and Musawwir Hamzaie, M6KI*

"In Year 6 I chose Minecraft Education as my activity for the PB4L block which I really enjoyed. Me and my friend Sa explored our Minecraft world and we managed to survive! Let's keep up the awesome work St Thomas's with collecting house points so we can get another fun block!" *Shiza Ahmad, S12*



Year 3

As a reward for students' resilience, respect and responsibility efforts and earning 100,000 house points, the whole school received a choice of activities to select in the middle block on Thursday 22nd June. The Y3/4 teams joined and students could choose from origami, pushin drawing, board games, movie, jewellery making, Pokémon and rock painting.

Those in the jewellery making option were very creative, as displayed in the images below.



STEAM Centre - Term 2

We have been learning about space and beyond.

Click on the link below to see a video of all the exciting learning happening across the school!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HAZgjVVr08A>

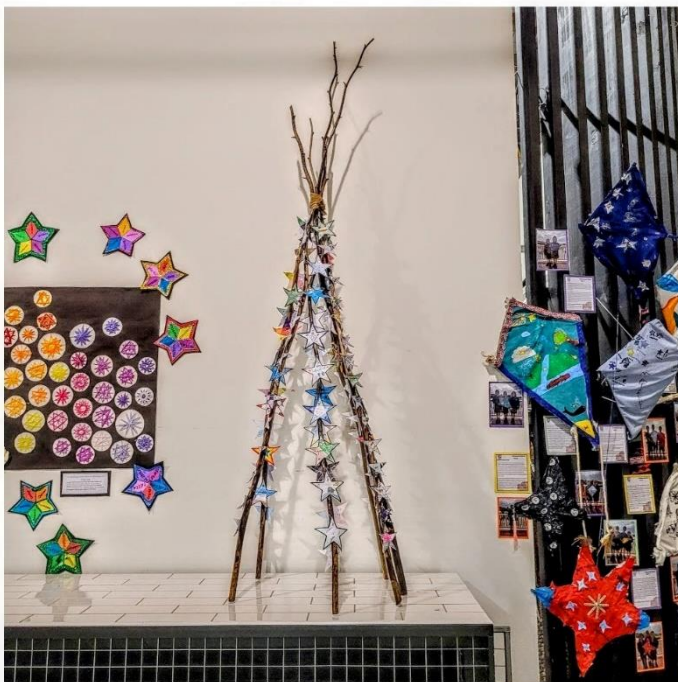


Whakautē / Respect
Aumāngā / Resilience
Takohanga / Responsibility

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Matariki In The Village

Many of our community may have been along to Ōrākei Bay Village to see the Matariki artwork installation by the primary schools of Te Rōpū Pourewa (St Thomas's, Kohimarama, Ōrākei, and Stonefields) and a couple of our Early Childhood Centres. The Matariki in the Village exhibition dates have been extended to include the school holidays. Be sure to pop along to see your child's artwork.



Matariki in the Village

ORAKEI BAY
VILLAGE

26 June to 16 July 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!



Kohimarama
School



ŌRĀKEI SCHOOL



ST THOMAS'S
SCHOOL

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



CONGRATULATIONS!

To the following ATHON WINNERS...

- 1st Place - J12 First class to return and most money raised.
Prize - Pizza and Iceblocks.
- 2nd place - M6KI – Second to return all money.
Prize - Iceblocks.
- Brydie Low (yr 2) - Grand prize winner for the most amount raised.
Prize – Drone.



WATCH OUT FOR UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Musical Showcase – Wednesday 2nd August
- School Disco – Friday 4th August
- Family Photo Day – Sunday 13th August
- Quiz Night – Saturday 16th September
- Colour Run – Term 4



REMINDERS



Gorilla Bags:

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

Second Hand Uniforms:

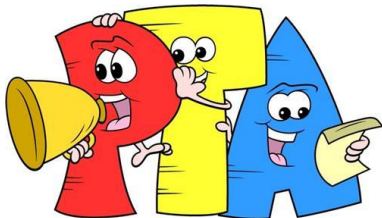
Donate your preloved uniform for us to on-sell. Please drop off at the office.



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 9th August, in the school staffroom.**

We encourage you to contact us with your thoughts & suggestions any time at stthomasschoolpta@gmail.com and don't forget to Like us on Facebook!





FAMILY PHOTO DAY

St Thomas's PTA is delighted to offer a wonderful opportunity, through Icon Photography, for you & your family to get a beautiful portrait for just **\$15**.

- For one Day Only
- 13th August 10am-2pm
- 10-minute sittings
- Booking available at the start of Term 3 via KINDO

Icon's professional photographers will be at the school on Sunday 13th August to set up their mobile studio.

Using professional digital equipment this allows you to view your images before they print. Portraits are delivered back to school within 10 days of photo session for families to collect their **FREE** portrait and to choose from other additional quality portraits at affordable prices.

They offer a 10x13 inch family or children's portrait. You can choose colour or black/white.



YOUR FAMILY OR CHILDREN'S PORTRAIT FREE



**FOR ONLY A \$15 SITTING FEE
which goes to fundraise to your organisation**

DISCO



St Thomas's PTA proudly presents...

70's Disco Night

Friday
4th
August

Junior Disco: 5pm – 6.30pm
Senior Disco: 7pm – 8.30pm

Pizza \$3 per slice

Sale on the night for \$1, \$2 & \$3:

Popcorn & chips

Lollies

Soft drinks/water

Fluro/glow goodies, tattoos & more

\$5
Entry

Introducing our fabulous DJ Fetu rocking out those 70's sounds