

Aumanga / Resilience

Whakaute / Respect

Takohanga / Responsibility

17 November 2023

Principal's Message

I just want to acknowledge the amazing work from our PTA and all the wonderful fundraising they are involved with to enhance the school's facilities for all our students.

Please see below for their annual report!

Michael Maher
Principal



Congratulations to our year 5 girls, Year 5 boys & Year 6 boys Touch Rugby teams for coming 1st place at Tuesday's Bay Suburbs Tournament

2024 Dates

Term 1

Wednesday 31 January: Meet the teacher day
Thursday 1 February: First day of Term 1
Tuesday 6 February: Waitangi Day Holiday
Friday 29 March to Tuesday 2 April: Easter break
(Tuesday 2 April is a nationwide school holiday)
Friday 12 April: Last day of Term 1

Thursday 25 April: ANZAC Day Holiday

Term 2

Monday 29 April: First day of Term 2
Monday 3 June: King's Birthday Holiday
Friday 28 June: Matariki Holiday
Friday 5 July: Last day of Term 2

Term 3

Monday 22 July: First day of Term 3
Friday 27 September: Last day of Term 3

Term 4

Monday 14 October: First day of Term 4
Monday 28 October: Labour Day Holiday
Friday 13 December: Prizegiving
Monday 16 December: Last day of Term 4

Upcoming Events

November

- 21 Y4 Zoo Trip
- 21 Bay Suburbs Athletics (Y5&6)
- 23 Eastern Zone Athletics (Y7&8)
- 24 Y3&4 Athletics Day
- 28 Y6 Science Fair
- 30 Y8 Road Patrol Trip to Rainbows End

December

- 04 House Relay
- 05 Y5-8 Tabloid Sports
- 05 Board of Trustees Meeting
(5.30pm staffroom)
- 07 Y8 Rangitoto Trip
- 08 Y8 Selwyn College Orientation Day
- 11 Prizegiving Practice – B&T Stadium
- 12 End of Year Prizegiving –
B&T Stadium
- 13 Y1&2 Junior Fun Sports Day
- 14 Meet Your 2024 Teacher
- 14 Year 8 Leavers Assembly
- 15 Last Day of School
(School closes at 12:30pm,
no school bus running at this time)

Message from the PTA

Kia ora e te whānau,

As we reflect on the year that's been we take time to consider how far we've come. As parents we've adapted to new norms, worked from home to accommodate sick kids, dealt with flooding disruptions, and, when possible, embraced the opportunity for travel and family time, which we've all come to appreciate over the past few years. Our ability to adapt and be flexible continues to grow.

As members of the PTA, we are in the privileged position of getting to know many of our STS families and hosting many fun events. It's been great to be able to run (without disruption) all our wonderful events this year, including the picnic, musical showcase, kids disco, parents quiz night and colour run. These community events provide an opportunity for us to gather, have a laugh and make memories that we will cherish for years to come. We thank you for joining us!

We continue to organise fundraising drives to raise money to put towards the new school basketball court. So far this year we have donated \$35,000 to go towards the basketball court! We thank you and all the staff for your support.

Sadly, this year we said farewell to our amazing PTA teacher rep, Sally Clothier, who served STS PTA for almost 10 years. In her place we have welcomed Alex Titchener and, whilst she has big shoes to fill, we're confident she's going to be equally amazing. We thank you both for giving up your time to support our initiatives and for being wonderful staff liaisons.

We take this opportunity to introduce and thank our hard-working PTA team – Ange, Tracey, Melissa, Kathryn, Kav, our teacher rep. Alex, and ourselves, Nic and Josie. We always welcome new people with open arms so please come along.

Throughout the year we are often in need of a little help, in all sorts of ways. If you can't join the PTA, please join our newly formed 'Friends of the PTA' group. This is a group we can email when we need some help. To do so please fill in the following form - <https://forms.gle/KwjNQUMD5eUXbM398>

We are now planning for 2024. We would love to hear your views on what we do. Please tell us what you want us to organise by completing this quick survey - <https://forms.gle/HyMn9k3s8TiEwvJe7>

The PTAs final meeting of the year will be on Thursday 30th November, at 7pm, in the staffroom. We invite you all to come along, bring your ideas, and join us as we discuss our activities and plan our calendar for the year ahead.

Let's close out 2023 with a fabulous last few weeks of school, and celebrate our achievements. Wishing you all a fabulous time with your whānau over the summer holidays.

Kia pai ngā hararei! - Enjoy your holidays!

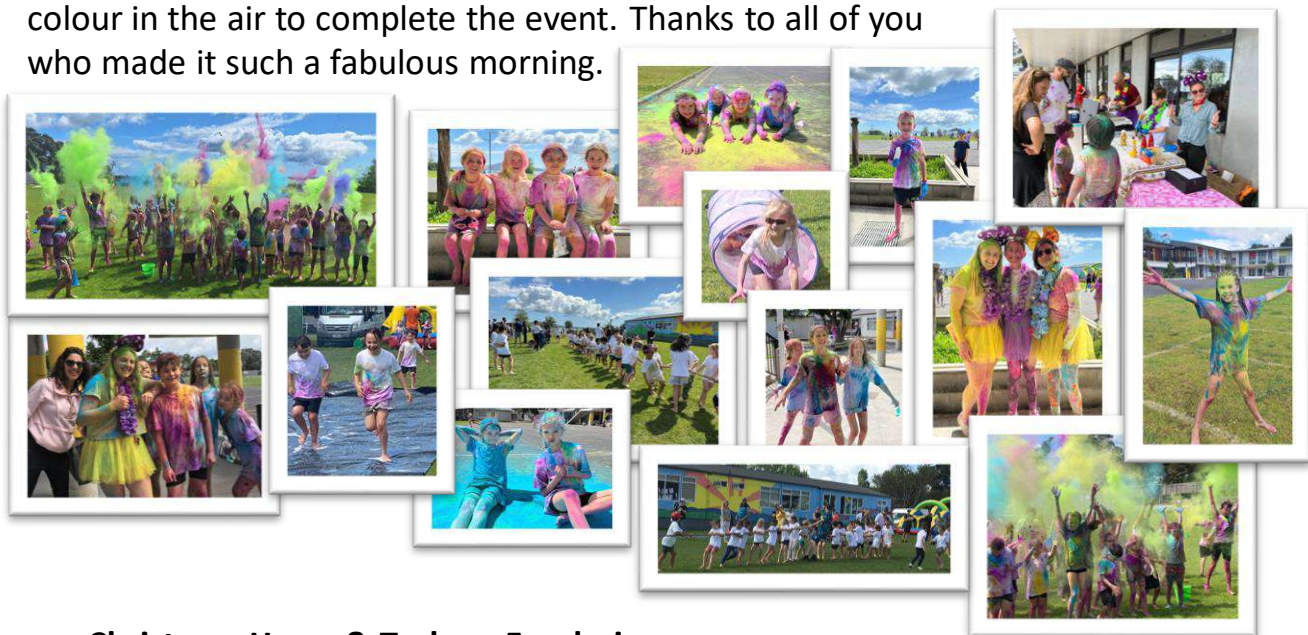
Josie and Nicolette (Co-Chairpersons of St Thomas's School PTA)



Thank you for supporting our Colour Run

Thank you to all parents and students for supporting us in our second ever St Thomas's School Colour Run.

Unlike last year, we had the most glorious weather. Starting with a tug o war, next was a huge inflatable obstacle course before getting wet on the slip n slide. It was wonderful to see parents getting involved and running with the kids through several obstacle courses dotted around the school field. Some students ran around several times to try and get covered in as much colour as they could. At the end, there was a much-deserved ice block waiting at the finish line and the kids got to throw all remaining colour in the air to complete the event. Thanks to all of you who made it such a fabulous morning.



- **Christmas Hams & Turkeys Fundraiser**

Premium Quality Bone-in Hams 3.45kg for \$73ea

Boneless Rolled 2.5kg Turkey Roasts for \$79ea

Place your order through Kindo now.

Last orders 14th December.

Pick up from Saint John's Butchery from the 18th December.



- **Year 8 Leaving Dinner – December**

Wednesday 13th December - Order your year 8 leaving hoodie on Kindo now.



Reminders

Second Hand Uniforms:

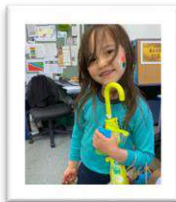
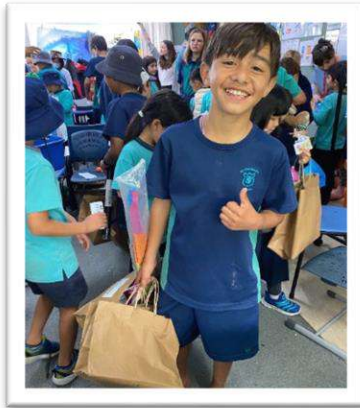
Donate your preloved uniform for us to on-sell. Please drop off at the office



Why not consider joining the PTA in 2024? 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 6th December 2023, 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!

ESOL Market Day



Year 7 & 8 Athletics Day 2023

On Thursday 9 November the Year 7 & 8s competed to make it through to the Eastern Zone championships in our annual athletics day. They competed in four events: high jump, discus, shot put and sprints. To get through to Eastern Zones you had to come first or second in the finals and meet the minimum height, time or length requirement. Despite how challenging meeting these requirements were, there were a lot of smiles and excitement! None of which would've been possible without the organisation from our teachers and the help from Selwyn College students, who timed races, and measured distances and heights.

Article by *Lia S5* and photographs by *Sena S6*.



Event Results

	Year 7 Girls	Year 7 Boys	Year 8 Girls	Year 8 Boys
100m	Asena (13.31 s)	McQuade (12.47 s)	Mabel (13.44 s)	Jackson (11.12 s)
High Jump	Kirstin (1m 30)	Aryan (1m 34)	Bella (1m 20)	Marvin (1m 52)
Shot Putt	Kirstin (7.50 m)	Aryan (9.60 m)	Quinn (9.80 m)	Austin (9.40 m)
Discuss	Kirstin (17.40 m)	Aryan (22.40 m)	Emma (20.80 m)	Austin (21.34 m)

Year 7 Youthtown



On Friday the 10 November, the Year 7 students went on a school trip to Youthtown's Motu Moana Adventure Camp in Blockhouse Bay. The activities we did were: archery, flintstone cart making, adventure based learning, and outdoor rock climbing and abseiling. For the rock climbing, there was a big wall where we had around five to six people belaying each climber. For cart-making, we had to tie tight knots on fat pieces of bamboo so that the car didn't fall apart when we rode it. The whole of Year 7 showed resilience by giving everything a go even when it felt challenging. Overall, everyone had heaps of fun. Thank you to the parent helpers who came along!

By *McQuade and Ethan H, Year 7*



Year 3 Visit from Sarah C's Bees!



As part of our topic inquiry, we had a very exciting visit from an expert Beekeeper and Educator, Sarah C. Sarah set up a live beehive filled with hundreds of buzzing, busy bees! We used our expert bee skills to spot the Queen bee, the drones and tiny eggs laid in the hexagon cells! It was so much fun dressing up as a beekeeper, using a smoker and having a go at assembling a hive!



Environmental Science

St Thomas's students are actively contributing towards the health of our environment. Last week the Year 5 Nature Ninjas participated in a Water Monitoring Programme at Kepa Stream in conjunction with the Auckland City Council and Eastern Songbird. We undertook six different water monitoring tests, including using the clarity tube and looking for biodiversity within the stream, and were pleased to find that the stream, although sluggish, was relatively healthy. We hope to adopt this section of the stream and carry out regular water testing and planting to improve it's health. The data that we capture from our monitoring is logged with Auckland Council and helps to inform the Council of any pollutants that may be being placed into stormwater drains in the area.



Netball

The Year 7 mixed netball team were excited to receive an invite to the Auckland Netball prizegiving. They received 2nd place in their grade after being promoted mid season to a higher grade. Their certificates were presented by Kate Burley, a member of the 2022-23 Silver Ferns Development Squad. Well done team!



School Holiday Programmes

Kelly Club provides fun filled, After-School Care and Holiday Programmes! December 2023 January 2024.

See attachments at the end of this newsletter for more information.

Swished On Basketball School Holiday Programmes! December 2023 & January 2024.

VIDEO: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRNXIF9UUL4>

REGISTRATION BELOW...

Remuera (December 2023): <https://forms.gle/ZiYA7u8EmyZg7dYV6>

Glendowie (December 2023 & January 2024): <https://forms.gle/sNeF5E1T6R81XA3M9>

Youthtown

<https://www.youthtown.org.nz/newsarticle/120500?newsfeedId=1801303>



HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Mon 18 – Fri 22 Dec & Mon 8 Jan – Wed 31 Jan



Join us for a fun-filled School Holiday Programme including a Summer Splashin' 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.*

**OSCAR
PROGRAMME
SUBSIDIES
AVAILABLE!**

**Conditions apply*

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT
www.kellyclub.co.nz

SUMMER 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 Week: \$280 **Full Day:** \$55 **Event Day:** Extra \$24
7am-6pm 7am-6pm (Included in Full Week)

School Day: \$45
8:30am-3pm

Website: kellyclub.co.nz/st-thomas
Contact: Ian Palmquist
Email: stthomas@kellyclub.co.nz
Phone: 021 0803 3666
Facebook: @KellyClubStThomas
Address: 113 Allum St, Kohimarama



BOOK ONLINE NOW AT www.kellyclub.co.nz



Website: kellyclub.co.nz/st-thomas
 Contact: Ian Palmquist
 Email: stthomas@kellyclub.co.nz
 Phone: 021 0803 3666
 Facebook: @KellyClubStThomas
 Address: 113 Allum St, Kohimarama

DECEMBER 2023 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

ST THOMAS'S SCHOOL

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.

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.

WEEK 1

Mon 11 December	Tues 12 December	Wed 13 December	Thurs 14 December	Fri 15 December
SCHOOL DAY	SCHOOL DAY	SCHOOL DAY	SCHOOL DAY	SCHOOL DAY
SCHOOL DAY	SCHOOL DAY	SCHOOL DAY	SCHOOL DAY	SCHOOL DAY

WEEK 2

Mon 18 December	Tues 19 December	Wed 20 December	Thurs 21 December	Fri 22 December
				
OUR AMAZING RACE	JUNIOR COOK OFF	LETS GET MESSY	COOL CARTOONS	CLASSIC KIWI XMAS
Get ready to rumble as we race from challenge to challenge! Who will be the winner?! The coaches or the kids?	Food just tastes better when you make it! Today we are going to cook up a storm. Become a junior master chef as you present your dish to our panel of judges.	Bring old clothes and a towel 'cause things are going to get messy! Between flour tag, cream pie challenges, and water bombs, you won't be coming back the same.	We all love cartoons so why not become your favourite cartoon character for a day! We've got you covered with some cartoon-astic activities planned.	We're celebrating the most wonderful time of the year the classic Kiwi way. Sun, surf and sand with a sprinkling of Santa.

FULL WEEK: \$280 7am-6pm
FULL DAY: \$55 7am-6pm
SCHOOL DAY: \$45 8:30am-3pm
EVENT DAY: Extra \$24 (Included in Full Week)



BOOK ONLINE NOW AT www.kellyclub.co.nz



Website: kellyclub.co.nz/st-thomas
 Contact: Ian Palmquist
 Email: stthomas@kellyclub.co.nz
 Phone: 021 0803 3666
 Facebook: @KellyClubStThomas
 Address: 113 Allum St, Kohimarama

JANUARY 2024 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

ST THOMAS'S SCHOOL

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.

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 \$15 per 15 minutes or part thereof.

WEEK 1

Mon 8 January

SUMMER SPLASHIN'
 It's hot out there so let's splish and splash to cool off the best way we know how...
 Water Fight!

Tues 9 January

LIGHT-TASTIC!
 Today we're discovering the incredible properties of light. It flashes to the left, flashes to the right, I wonder where it will flash tonight.

Wed 10 January

MAGIC MANIA
 There is magic in the air at Kelly Club. Come and take a deep breath as you design a spell to unleash the magic within you.

Thurs 11 January

LITTLE BO PEEPS
 Mobile unit of animals for interaction, including a selection of: Alpaca, Llama, Sheep, Goat, Pig, Donkey, Calf, Rabbits, Chickens and a Pony for rides.
 \$24 extra for the day.

Fri 12 January

CARNIVAL DAY
 Calling one, calling all, roll up for a day at the carnival. There is so much going on so get along for some crazy fun.

WEEK 2

Mon 15 January

ANCIENT GREECE
 Step back in time to explore the wonders of Ancient Greece. There may be Minotaurs or Medusas on the loose so it'd be best come prepared!

Tues 16 January

YUM YUM SUMMER FUN!
 Come along for a day of classic outdoor fun and games! Beat the heat by cooking up some delicious summer treats!

Wed 17 January

OKAHU BAY
 Join us for an awesome trip day to Okahu Bay. Please remember a big lunch, drink bottle, shoes, togs, towel and a hat.
 \$24 extra for the day.

Thurs 18 January

WICKED WHEELS DAY
 Bring your bike, skateboard or scooter & helmet! Races through the obstacle courses where a trophy awaits for a winner. Beware of secret hidden bonus points along the way.

Fri 19 January

ROBOTICS
 Are you ready to become a tech wiz? Put on your thinking cap and let's get designing!

FULL WEEK: \$280 7am-6pm **FULL DAY:** \$55 7am-6pm **SCHOOL DAY:** \$45 8:30am-3pm **EVENT DAY:** Extra \$24 (Included in Full Week)



BOOK ONLINE NOW AT www.kellyclub.co.nz



Website: kellyclub.co.nz/st-thomas
 Contact: Ian Palmquist
 Email: stthomas@kellyclub.co.nz
 Phone: 021 0803 3666
 Facebook: @KellyClubStThomas
 Address: 113 Allum St, Kohimarama

JANUARY 2024 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

ST THOMAS'S SCHOOL

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.

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 \$15 per 15 minutes or part thereof.

WEEK 3

<p>Mon 22 January</p>  <p>KIDS VS STAFF</p> <p>This is your chance to turn the tables and show the staff who really is the boss! Compete against the Kelly Club staff to prove that kids rule!</p>	<p>Tues 23 January</p>  <p>IRON CHILD CHALLENGE</p> <p>Flex your muscles and show us what you're made of in the Iron Child Challenges! Give your all to come out on top, then re-energise with some tasty nutritious snacks.</p>	<p>Wed 24 January</p>  <p>MOTAT</p> <p>Join us for an awesome trip day to MOTAT. Please remember a big lunch, drink bottle, shoes and a hat.</p> <p>\$24 extra for the day.</p>	<p>Thurs 25 January</p>  <p>HOLLYWOOD</p> <p>Are you ready to strut your stuff down the red carpet and become a star? Get ready for a day of glitz and glam, stunt activities, and awards ceremonies!</p>	<p>Fri 26 January</p>  <p>YEAR 3000</p> <p>Welcome to the year 3000! Not much has changed but robots are our friends and the aliens make good food!</p>
--	---	---	---	---

WEEK 4

<p>Mon 29 January</p> <p>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</p> <p>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</p> <p>Auckland Anniversary</p>	<p>Tues 30 January</p>  <p>ALL THINGS AVIATION</p> <p>Up up and away! The massive sky bus is taking flight today. Let's make some delicious inflight treats to take on our swirly twirly planes.</p>	<p>Wed 31 January</p>  <p>VENETIAN CARNEVALE</p> <p>Enter the floating city of Venice and get ready for a colourful Carnevale celebration! Did you bring your Venetian mask? If not don't worry, we've got your covered.</p>	<p>Thurs 1 February</p> <p>SCHOOL DAY</p> <p>SCHOOL DAY</p>	<p>Fri 2 February</p> <p>SCHOOL DAY</p> <p>SCHOOL DAY</p>
---	--	---	---	---

FULL WEEK: \$280 (7am-6pm) **FULL DAY:** \$55 (7am-6pm) **SCHOOL DAY:** \$45 (8:30am-3pm) **EVENT DAY:** Extra \$24 (Included in Full Week)



BOOK ONLINE NOW AT www.kellyclub.co.nz