

01 December 2023

## Board of Trustees Report

The Board of Trustees would like to thank our parent community for their support throughout 2023. Your generous donations and fundraising contributions have put us in a strong financial position as we continue to develop our school. In 2024 we look forward to kicking off some exciting projects including a more welcoming entrance to the school, a larger, resurfaced turf area to give the students more space to play if the field can't be used, and a new basketball court.

We'd also like to thank everyone who has volunteered their time to help out with the various camps, trips and activities we've been able to offer over the course of the year. These learning opportunities play an important role in realising our vision to build resilience, respect and responsibility in our students, and wouldn't be possible without your support.

Last but not least, a big thank you to our teachers, teacher support staff and the school leadership team for their outstanding work this year to ensure we continue to provide amazing learning opportunities for our children.

We wish you and your family a sunny summer break, and all the best for another great year in 2024.

**Nick Chapman**  
Chair



### 2nd Hand Uniform Fundraiser

If you have any uniform items that you no longer require, the PTA would be grateful to receive these.

Please drop off to the school office.



Congratulations to our Year 7 and 8 athletes who were selected to compete at the Auckland InterZone Athletics this week.

## Upcoming Events

### December

- 04 House Relay
- 04 Y6 Goat Island Trip
- 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 10.00am (arrive from 9.30am, please be seated by 9.50am)
- 13 Y1&2 Junior Fun Sports Day
- 14 Meet Your 2024 Teacher
- 14 Year 8 Leavers Assembly (1.45pm school hall)
- 15 Last Day of School (School closes at 12:30pm) no school bus running at this time)

## 2024 Dates

- Wednesday 31 January: Meet the teacher
- 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
- Monday 29 April: First day of Term 2

## **Success For Our Future Problem Solving (FPS) Teams**

Our teams' Future Problem Solving booklets were sent to three Independent Evaluators who have no idea which school the work originates from, only the year level involved. Congratulations are due all round as each of our eight teams achieved awards for different topics and aspects of their work. The standard of competition is very high with only 2-3 schools in each division awarded certificates. This makes our teams' achievements even more remarkable!

Some examples of the lovely feedback received from our evaluators . . .

- "You have clearly done a huge amount of hard work to produce an outstanding booklet - well done!"
- "Your booklet is better than most of the competitive booklets I've marked this year!"
- "An excellent booklet that was a pleasure to mark, I have marked thousands and yours is a stand-out!"
- "This is an excellent booklet that shows great research and understanding of the topic."

Here are a few comments the children had to say about their work...

### **Year 5 & 6**

Eddie McBeth, Grace Gregor, Julia Rattenbury, Sofia Clayton, Ollie Gordon, Tommy Tran, Anise Li, Maddie Cooper, Bradley Thomas, Tommy Chapman, Annaliese Donohue, Izzy Young, Harry Chapman, Riley Fechny, Lucy Martin, Jessica Leong, Jia Doshi, Isaac Russell, Ethan Suppiah, Selin Eser, Cici Yu.

We studied the **Great Barrier Reef** and how it is dying and becoming bleached due to climate change. We came up with lots of ideas of how to help save the coral using artificial coral, here are a few of our favourite ideas:

1. Build a transparent dome under the water made from sustainable material that would allow the fish through but keep predators, like the Crown of Thorns Star Fish which eats the coral, out. New coral could be grown in a nursery environment.
2. New artificial coral could be microchipped when it is planted, the data collected would be sent back to a central lab to monitor its health and growth.
3. Drones would be developed that could take photos from above and colour code the coral, for instance red is unhealthy and green is good, this will help to highlight areas of concern so the scientists can concentrate on that part.



## Year 7

Kirstin Damkat, Anastasia Prins, Chloe Gonzalez, Lars Wivell, Veronika Levanova, Senuki Singappuli Mudiyansele, Skyla Gray, Aryan Sharma, Jake Findlay.

Our groups studied the critically endangered **Sumatran Orangutan** and how using drone technology may help them. One of our ideas was to invent a silent 'Medic Drone', that would have rounded propellers so it wouldn't get tangled up in the vines and tree tops of the rainforest. The drone would be able to approach the orangutans much easier than a human could. It would scan the orangutan and work in a similar way to an MRI/X-Ray. The information could then be sent back to a central point where it could be analysed and any issues health picked up dealt with quickly.



## Year 8



Timothy Tsui, Franklin Morrison, Asher Goh, Chloe Morton, Amalya Ponna Handi, Tim Romaneko, Zak Suppiah, Oliver Scott, Emma Stevens, Bonnie Tran.

Year 8's studied the topic of **Illegally Imported E-Waste Into Nigeria**. This is the fastest growing waste stream in the world. It was an extremely challenging and complicated topic and we learnt so much about this global problem. We came up with lots of cool ideas to help the thousands of people who are involved in this industry who are called 'scrapppers'. Our favourite one was to develop a machine called 'MIMO' (Metal In Money Out) These machines could be placed all over Nigeria and would act much like a bank ATM. The scrapppers would be able to deposit metals contained in e-waste, into the machine, which would be weighed and graded and the cash value credited to an online account. The metals could then be reused and recycled into new electronics instead of being burned, crushed and buried in the ground which is where the vast majority of illegal e-waste ends up.

## Bay Suburbs Touch Rugby

On Tuesday 14 November, the Bay Suburbs Touch Tournament was held at Madills Farm. Our Year 5 and 6 touch teams were training for weeks and we were finally put to the test on Tuesday 14 November.

### Year 5 Boys Touch Team

In our first game, we played St Heliers. The game was hard but we worked as a team and won 5-0. Next, we played Glendowie and they were a really good team but we tried hard so it became a tie 3-3. We then played St Ignatius. They scored 2 tries but we scored a winning try in the last 5 minutes winning 3-2. Next up was Kohimarama who we beat 4-2. In our final game, we played Churchill Park. We let them slide in 2 tries but we ended up winning 8-2. We won the tournament, Kohimarama came second, and St Heliers came third. It was so fun and we had a really good time. Thank you teachers and parents for all your support.

By *Ethan H, Rafael, Leo & Micah.*

### Year 5 Girls Touch Team

The first game was against St Ignatius, we won 2-0. Our next game was a semi-final against Glendowie. This game was lots of fun as there was lots of defense and attacking going on. We won this game 7-0. Everyone was pretty happy with that so we got settled for a big break before the finals. We were all pretty hyped up after the 7-0 win in the semis. The final against Churchill Park kicked off and right from the start we were doing well. Some tries got scored but the three best ones in this game were by Flo. Firstly tapping the ball on her foot and sprinting down to get a try. Another was Maddie's sprint straight from defense all the way from the other side of the field to score a try. Lastly, there was Sofia's skills to side step her way to the try line. We finished up this game with a 5-1 win. Following this, we played in some friendly games. Overall, we had a really fun tournament and we were super proud of our efforts. On behalf of the team, we would like to thank Saree, Mahala and Miss Anthony for all their help.

By *Flo & Maddie*



### Year 6 Girls Touch Team

On Tuesday we walked down to Madills farm for a fun yet competitive touch tournament ahead. The tournament was a round robin so we played every team. At the end the points were all tallied up. We had a close loss to St Heliers by one try and fought for the ball throughout the game. We then played Glendowie school who we sadly lost to by 5 critical points, however we then played St Ignatius and won 2-3. We were exhilarated by the win, and thrived to do better in the next games.

We beat Kohimarama with passion and determination, knowing that all you can do is give it your best shot. "HONK" the horn blows to signify the start of the final game, within the first minute two terrific try's were scored by Jasmine, with following try's from Indigo and Stephanie. With the final score being... 4:3 to us! Knowing we tried our hardest and left everything out on the field we celebrated 4th place!

By *Emma & Jasmine.*

### Year 6 Boys Touch Team

On the 14th of November, the St Thomas's Year 6 touch team ventured to Madills Farm for a thrilling touch tournament. Facing Glendowie School in their first game, the team set the tone with a resounding 5-2 victory. Energised, they went on to win their remaining matches showcasing not just skill but a growing team spirit. The final game against Glendowie ended with a narrow 4-3 victory, securing the WIN!!! It was a fun day full of resilience, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

By *Marcus*



## Auckland Zoo Trip



On 21 November, Year 4 students (and Year 4 teachers) had the coolest, funnest, hottest trip!!! Ever!!! Guess where the place is! If you said the Auckland Zoo you are 100% correct! It was soooo fun we found out so many cool facts about animals!!! Here's one for fun, did you know that giraffes have 4 stomachs!?! I never knew that! (until now)

This is the reason why we went to the Auckland zoo: our topic was about animal adaptations, we looked around and M4 RO (my class) went with Koha and learnt cool facts and adaptations about: giraffes ostriches and porcupines.

I think I should tell you some cool facts about animals that we learned about! I will tell you about ostriches! Auckland Zoo only has female ostriches, how can you tell? By their feather colours, male ostriches have black feathers but females have grey feathers! When ostriches see predators they put their head down to their chest so they look like a big rock!

I learned so many things that make me an expert about animals! Should I go again? <(( · ▽ · ))>

By *Ah-In Shin* ♪( ^ ω ^ )♪



## Year 6 VR (Virtual Reality) Experience

On Monday 13 November Year 6 were lucky enough to have the Blake Environmental Leadership Programme come in and give us a Virtual Reality session. In this session we got to explore a bunch of different species which live in New Zealand waters such as manta rays, coral and sea sponges. It was a new, exciting and immersive experience. The things we saw looked so realistic it felt like we were actually there. One of our favourite parts of the VR experience was when we flew over White Island and got to see a panoramic view of the volcano. We thank Blake NZ VR for coming in to make this experience possible for us.

By *Caprice Faasapini-Pukeiti, Jaime Brown and Max Paul - S11*



## Year 6 Kea Crossing Rainbows End Trip

On Thursday 16 November all the Year 6 Kea Crossing students went on a school trip to Rainbows End. This trip was to celebrate all the hard work that the Kea Crossing students have done throughout the year. At Rainbows End we were rewarded with lots of fun, roller coasters and many different rides. My favourite ride at Rainbows End was the corkscrew roller coaster because it was incredibly fast, thrilling and exhilarating. *Makayla Sillik- S9*



My favourite thing at Rainbows End was laser tag. In laser tag we had to shoot targets to get points. It felt like we were ninjas as we had to watch our backs everywhere. People had different tactics as they were trying to tag each other and take the win. If you are going to Rainbows End and play laser tag I recommend sticking to the walls because it will be harder for people to shoot you. - *Sophie Rees S11*

At Rainbows End our favourite was the Stratosfear 360! We liked this ride the best because it felt like your face was melting like jelly as we were falling from the sky. On this ride you spin around and around, faster and faster, the anticipation building. Then it swings you around and around while you are sitting in it, faster and faster. You then suddenly get flipped upside down and stay hanging there. We made sure we went on it twice. - *Indigo Staples and Hope Binnendyk S11*

A big thank you to Jo Barrett-Garnier for supporting all the Year 6 Kea Crossing students this year. Rain, thunderstorms or floods, Jo has been out there all year round every morning and afternoon. We thank you greatly for your time and support.

## Maths Olympiad

Maths Olympiad is an Australian based competition. There are two levels of the competition – senior division, which is designed to challenge and extend students in Year 7 and 8, and a junior division, which is specifically designed to stimulate and challenge students at primary school level. The Olympiad comprises four separate contests roughly six weeks apart. Each competition comprises 5 questions to be completed within a 30 minute time-frame. 59 students from Year 7 & 8 entered the senior division competition and there were 14 students that entered the junior division, five of these students were from Year 5 and nine students were from Year 6.

### Results

#### **Highest score at St Thomas's and in the Top 10%:**

Bonnie Tran  
Zakary Suppiah



#### **Finishing in the top 25 % of students in Australia and New Zealand:**

Linda He  
Asher Goh  
Timothy Tsui  
Micah Chen  
Ethan Zhang  
Yuna Cha  
Fumika Kuronuma



## Year 7 & 8 Eastern Zone Athletics Day

On Thursday 23 November, a group of 22 Year 7&8 students attended the Eastern Zone Athletics at Lloyd Elsmore Park. All our students gave their best efforts in every event they competed in and represented St Thomas's to a high standard. Here are some of our student's successes from the day:

- 1st Place Year 8 Boys 1500 M - Kaito Wotton
- 2nd Place Year 8 Boys 400 M - Kaito Wotton
- 1st Place Year 8 Girls Discus - Emma Stevens
- 3rd Place Year 8 Boys High Jump - Marvin Vasconcelos-Sinnen
- 3rd Place Year 7 Girls 100 M - Asena Mumini
- 3rd Place Year 7 Girls Relay - Asena Mumini, Anastasia Prins, Kirstin Damkat & Skyla Gray
- 3rd Place Year 8 Boys - Jackson Braun, Franklin Morrison, Miguel Jiri & Kaito Wotton
- 2nd Place Year 7 Girls 400 M - Kirstin Damkat
- 1st Place Year 7 Girls Discus - Kirstin Damkat
- 3rd Place Year 7 Girls High Jump - Kirstin Damkat
- 3rd Place Year 8 Girls 400 M - Fumika Kuronuma
- 2nd Place Year 8 Girls High Jump - Bella Ngata
- 3rd Place Year 8 Boys 200 M - Jackson Braun
- 3rd Place Year 8 Boys Shot Put - Austin Elliott



## St Thomas's Year 5 & 6 Athletics Day

The Year 5 and 6 Athletics day at St. Thomas's was a total blast! We had shot put, discus, sprints, and high jump – a mix of events where our students gave it their all. From heaving shot puts to speedy sprints, every moment was about the kids showing what they've got. The discus flew, the track thudded with quick feet, and the high jump bar got a workout. It was a day of action, each event adding a different flavour to the fun. To finish the day teachers and students squared off in a relay to finish the day. It was a showdown of epic proportions, with cheers echoing and batons flying. What a great way to finish off the years sporting calendar and inspire the next generation of St Thomas's athletes.

EVENT	Year 5 Girls Names (7)	Year 5 Boys Names (6)	Year 6 Girls Names (9)	Year 6 Boys Names (11)
<b>High jump</b>	1. Maddie Cooper 2. Georgia Mehrtens	1. Tanaki Fakafu 2. Bailey Water	1. Makalya Sillik 2. Stephanie Hills	1. Axel Farr 2. Ali Morrison
<b>Long jump</b>	1. Mackenzie Lim 2. Sofia Clayton	1. Rafael Storti Da Silva 2. Bailey Water	1. Stephanie Hills 2. Hope Binnendyk	1. Axel Farr 2. Harry Chapman
<b>Shot Put</b>	1. Florence Bowker 2. Grace Gregor	1. Tanaki Fakafu 2. Antoine Snowden	1. Miku Maruyama 2. Stephanie Hills	1. Simone Telefon 2. Jack Elliott
<b>Discus</b>	1. Grace Gregor 2. Madeleine Youd-Whittaker	1. Rafael Storti Da Silva 2. Tanaki Fakafu	1. Jasmine Braun 2. Stella Lyne	1. Axel Farr 2. Adam Chen
<b>100m sprint</b> <small>(Please list your runners in order of speed to ensure fair heats)</small>	1. Sofia Clayton 2. Florence Bowker 3. Mackenzie Lim	1. Bailey Water 2. Dante Sallinger 3. Antoine Snowden	1. Stephanie Hills 2. Sora Kawaguchi-Van Mil 3. Makalya Sillik	1. Axel Farr 2. Darcy Marston 3. Ali Morrison
<b>200m sprint</b> <small>(Please list your runners in order of speed to ensure fair heats)</small>	1. Sofia Clayton 2. Grace Gregor 3. Mackenzie Lim	1. Bailey Water 2. Tanaki Fakafu 3. Rafael Storti Da Silva	1. Stephanie Hills 2. Sora Kawaguchi-Van Mil 3. Jia Doshi	1. Axel Farr 2. Ali Morrison 3. Blake Burrell
<b>400m run.</b>	1. Sofia Clayton 2. Mackenzie Lim	1. Bailey Water 2. Rafael Storti Da Silva	1. Stephanie Hills 2. Rudina Sejdu	1. Axel Farr 2. Harry Chapman
<b>800m run</b>	1. Mackenzie Lim 2. Sofia Clayton	1. Bailey Water 2. Afridi Nathan	1. Stephanie Hills 2. Rudina Sejdu	1. Axel Farr 2. Harry Chapman
<b>Relay team</b>	1. Sofia Clayton 2. Florence Bowker 3. Mackenzie Lim 4. Grace Gregor	1. Bailey Water 2. Dante Sallinger 3. Antoine Snowden 4. Tanaki Fakafu	1. Stephanie Hills 2. Sora Kawaguchi-Van Mil 3. Makalya Sillik 4. Jia Doshi	1. Axel Farr 2. Darcy Marston 3. Ali Morrison 4. Blake Burrell

## Bay Suburbs Athletics Day

On 21 November, Year 5 and 6 students embarked on a thrilling adventure to the Bays Suburbs Athletics Tournament. The day kicked off early as everyone gathered at school between 8:30 am - 8:45 am, buzzing with excitement. After a quick hop onto the bus, we made our way to Glover Park, the vibrant venue for the day's showdown. The atmosphere was electric as we set up our marquee, ready to dive into the action.

The day consisted of shot put launches, gravity-defying jumps in long jump and high jump, lightning-fast sprints, enduring long-distance runs, and the impressive spins of the discus. It was a marathon under the sun, but the cheers, laughter, and camaraderie kept spirits high. As the day concluded, we celebrated not just the medals but the amazing results and the spirit of every St. Thomas's student. – By *Miss Anthony*





**Bay Suburbs Athletics - FINAL Results**

<p><b>Year 5 Girls – 100m Final</b> 3rd Florence Bowker</p>	<p><b>Year 5 Boys – 100m Final</b> 2nd Bailey Wafer 3rd Dante Salinger</p>
<p><b>Year 5 Girls – 200m Final</b> 2nd Sofia Clayton</p>	<p><b>Year 5 Boys – 200m Final</b> 1st Bailey Wafer</p>
<p><b>Year 5 Boys – 400m Final</b> 3rd Bailey Wafer</p>	
<p><b>Year 5 Boys – 800m Final</b> 2nd Bailey Wafer</p>	<p><b>Year 5 Girls – 800m Final</b> 3rd Sofia Clayton</p>
<p><b>Year 6 Boys – 800m Final</b> 2nd Axel Farr</p>	<p><b>Year 5 Girls – Long Jump</b> 1st Mackenzie Lim 3rd Sofia Clayton</p>
<p><b>Year 5 Boys – High Jump</b> 2nd = Tanaki Fakafu</p>	<p><b>Year 6 Boys – High Jump</b> 2nd Ali Morrison</p>
<p><b>Year 5 Girls – Shotput</b> 1st Grace Gregor 2nd Florence Bowker</p>	<p><b>Year 5 Boys – Shotput</b> 1st Tanaki Fakafu</p>
<p><b>Year 6 Boys – Shotput</b> Simione Telefoni</p>	<p><b>Year 5 Boys – Discus</b> 2nd Tanaki Fakafu</p>



## **Year 3 & 4 Athletics Day**

After a rainy start to the day causing delays to our start time, the sun began to shine, and we headed outside with excitement for Athletics Day. The students had a great time, showing outstanding resilience and sportsmanship throughout the day. Well done students for giving everything your best shot and thank you to the parents who came along to support and cheer on our kids.



## **Year 3 Trip to Corbans Estate Art Centre**

What an exciting last few weeks of term we have had in Year 3! Our final trip for the year was to Corbans Estate Art Centre where we created little garden pots out of special clay. We learnt many pottery techniques that we can do using just our palms and fingers. Our pots are currently being glazed then fired in a very hot kiln. We can't wait for them to arrive back at school ready for us to take home for the holidays!



## Year 3 & 7 Buddy Class

The Year 7 students have been coming to the Year 3 classrooms once a week for buddy class. A big thank you to the Year 7 students for being wonderful big buddies and showing outstanding responsibility and respect towards your younger buddies. It was so much fun learning new games, having help with our reading and making bracelets!



## STEAM Centre - 2023



We have had an action-packed adventure in the STEAM Centre in 2023.

**Click on the link below** to see a video of all the exciting hand-on learning which happened across the school this year!

[STEAM HIGHLIGHTS 2023](#)





# VIOLIN LESSONS 2024

ST THOMAS'S SCHOOL

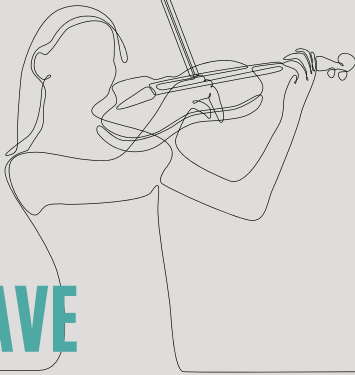
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## ABOUT THE LESSONS

The new St Thomas's violin lesson program will be targeted towards our beginner students, hoping to encourage the next generation of amazing musicians. Lessons will be once a week for 30 minutes. There are two options for your child's lesson structure...

1. **Small Group Lessons:** These lessons will have two students per 30 minute lesson. Ideal for beginners, this will allow students to learn alongside other students of a similar level to them. Students can either select another student to work with, or will be paired with another student of similar ability to them. *These lessons cost \$200 a term.*
2. **Individual Lessons:** Better suited to more advanced musicians, individual lessons are 30 minute long lessons with just one student per lesson. This allows the tutor to work one on one with your child for the full 30 minute lesson. *These lessons cost \$300 a term.*

Lessons will be during the school day, and students will be excused from class to attend their lesson.



## HAVE QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to Alex Titchener.

**To sign up for lessons in Term 1 2024, please see the sign up form on Hero, or contact Alex on the email below.**

Email:  
atitchener@stthomas.school.nz

## INSTRUMENT

The lesson cost stated above does NOT include an instrument. You have two options to obtain an instrument for your child.

1. **Buying a violin:** This is a challenging option as there are a variety of violins at a variety of prices. If you would like to buy your child a violin, please consult with Alex Titchener for more information on purchasing a violin.
2. **Violin hire:** Hiring an instrument is a great option for beginner instrumentalists, as they get to give an instrument a go without the cost associated with buying a new one. There are a variety of companies that hire violins, however at St Thomas's we work closely with KBB Music Shop and would highly recommend them for all your instrumental needs. For more information on hiring from KBB, please go to the KBB website.

*If you are unsure or would like support in finding the right instrument, please contact Alex for more details.*

## 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 (December2023): <https://forms.gle/ZiYA7u8EmyZg7dYV6>

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

### Youthtown

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

### Billy Harris Soccer

Christmas Soccer Camp - Billy is running a three day camp 20-22 December in Okahu Bay. 9am-midday. Text him to enrol.

Soccer next year - Billy is an ex All White and has been coaching in the school for 10 years. His classes resume Thursday 8 February, at lunchtimes. Text Billy to try out a class.

Mobile: 027 2799042 [www.billyharris.co.nz](http://www.billyharris.co.nz)

### Jazz School, School holiday Big Band workshop

This will be an exciting three day school holiday workshop where Year 6, 7 and 8 students will learn to play in a Jazz Big Band and then perform a concert for family and friends on the final afternoon. The Big Band is for Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone and Clarinet players plus Electric Guitar, Piano, Bass and Drums. The music we play will range from jazz versions of Christmas songs to modern pop classics with an emphasis on having fun while producing music at a high standard. December 18, 19 and 20. Please visit [jazzschool.co.nz](http://jazzschool.co.nz) or email [jnrjazzschool@gmail.com](mailto:jnrjazzschool@gmail.com) for more information.



The poster features the Kiwi Tennis logo at the top left. The central image shows a snowman wearing a red and white striped hat and scarf, surrounded by tennis balls and pinecones on a green lawn. Below the image, the text reads: "BOOK NOW FOR SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS! at Orakei Tennis Club". It details two camps: one from 15-22 December and another from 8-20 January, both for children aged 5+. It also lists contact information, including the website [www.kiwitennis.co.nz](http://www.kiwitennis.co.nz), phone number 022 980022, and email [membership@kiwitennis.co.nz](mailto:membership@kiwitennis.co.nz). The Orakei Tennis Club logo is at the bottom.

## Drama Opportunity Term 1 2024



**A fantastic opportunity for your child!**

Shine Speech & Drama classes inspire confidence and imagination, helping students learn to communicate effectively and build self-belief that helps them succeed in life.

Here's what people are saying about Shine's lessons ...

*"He got up and spoke in front of the school. He would never have done that before"*  
— James' Mum

*"Thank you so much for calmly and reassuringly, through zoom after zoom, guiding the boys' through their tasks. Thank you for all the extra energy and organisation that has gone into all of this. You've been simply fantastic!"* - Catherine

*"....the best speech and drama teacher working in New Zealand today."* NZ Herald

### **SHINE SPEECH & DRAMA teaches:**

- public speaking
- school speeches
- preparation for external exams (SpeechNZ or Trinity College)
- voice (projection and articulation)
- reading aloud skills
- positive body language
- storytelling
- acting skills
- relationship skills

Register [here](#) for Term 1 lessons, beginning Thursday 15 February 2024. Term fees are \$250 for group lessons with 8 lessons guaranteed per term. Shine also offers exam lessons for students enrolled in SpeechNZ or Trinity College exams. These lessons are small groups of 4, with 8 lessons guaranteed per term. Term fees are \$310 per team. Sibling discount of 10% for any siblings enrolling (excluding exam

Any questions please don't hesitate to email or call Nina on [nina@shine.school.nz](mailto:nina@shine.school.nz) or 021-160 9197



**Shine School of Confidence**  
*Inspiring self-belief through spoken excellence*



# PTA News

## Issue #18 2023

### Thank you for supporting our Cookie Fundraiser

Thank you for your incredible support in making our CookieTime School Fundraiser a sweet success!

With your generosity, we sold 122 buckets of cookies, resulting in \$305 in sales to the school.



Your involvement makes a significant impact on our school community.

I hope you all enjoy the cookies that will be delivered to your child's classrooms next Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December (provided they haven't sampled them all prior).

- **Christmas Hams & Turkeys - Attention Parents!**

2 weeks left to order our premium 3.45kg Hams for \$73 and 2.5kg boneless rolled frozen Turkeys for \$79.

Secure your festive feast by placing your order on Kindo before the deadline on 14<sup>th</sup> December.

Pick up from Saint John's Butchery from the week of 8<sup>th</sup> December. Don't miss out on these delicious holiday options.



**SAINT JOHN'S BUTCHERY**

- **Year 8 Leaving Dinner - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Don't forget to book your pizza orders for dinner.

Year 8 leaving hoodies and pizzas can be ordered 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 **to be communicated in the New Year.**

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!



Facebook/StThomasSchoolPTA



# 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](http://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

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**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.

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WEEK 2

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<b>OUR AMAZING RACE</b>	<b>JUNIOR COOK OFF</b>	<b>LETS GET MESSY</b>	<b>COOL CARTOONS</b>	<b>CLASSIC KIWI XMAS</b>
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.

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WEEK 1

<p>Mon 8 January</p> <p><b>SUMMER SPLASHIN'</b></p> <p>It's hot out there so let's splish and splash to cool off the best way we know how... Water Fight!</p>	<p>Tues 9 January</p> <p><b>LIGHT-TASTIC!</b></p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Wed 10 January</p> <p><b>MAGIC MANIA</b></p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Thurs 11 January</p> <p><b>LITTLE BO PEEPS</b></p> <p>Mobile unit of animals for interaction, including a selection of: Alpaca, Llama, Sheep, Goat, Pig, Donkey, Calf, Rabbits, Chickens and Pony for rides. \$24 extra for the day.</p>	<p>Fri 12 January</p> <p><b>CARNIVAL DAY</b></p> <p>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.</p>
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WEEK 2

<p>Mon 15 January</p> <p><b>ANCIENT GREECE</b></p> <p>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!</p>	<p>Tues 16 January</p> <p><b>YUM YUM SUMMER FUN!</b></p> <p>Come along for a day of classic outdoor fun and games! Beat the heat by cooking up some delicious summer treats!</p>	<p>Wed 17 January</p> <p><b>OKAHU BAY</b></p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Thurs 18 January</p> <p><b>WICKED WHEELS DAY</b></p> <p>Bring your bike, skateboard or scooter &amp; helmet! Races through the obstacle courses where a trophy awaits for a winner. Beware of secret hidden bonus points along the way.</p>	<p>Fri 19 January</p> <p><b>ROBOTICS</b></p> <p>Are you ready to become a tech wiz? Put on your thinking cap and let's get designing!</p>
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<p>Mon 22 January</p> <p><b>KIDS VS STAFF</b></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><b>IRON CHILD CHALLENGE</b></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><b>MOTAT</b></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><b>HOLLYWOOD</b></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><b>YEAR 3000</b></p> <p>Welcome to the year 3000! Not much has changed but robots are our friends and the aliens make good food!</p>
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WEEK 4

<p>Mon 29 January</p> <p><b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b></p> <p><b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b></p> <p>Auckland Anniversary</p>	<p>Tues 30 January</p> <p><b>ALL THINGS AVIATION</b></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><b>VENETIAN CARNEVALE</b></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><b>SCHOOL DAY</b></p> <p><b>SCHOOL DAY</b></p>	<p>Fri 2 February</p> <p><b>SCHOOL DAY</b></p> <p><b>SCHOOL DAY</b></p>
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