



06 June 2025

## Principal's Message

Tēnā Koutou Katoa

### Teacher Only Day

Staff in Years 1 to 3 and 7 & 8 engaged in professional development around the newly released Numicom maths resource. This is a structured maths approach covering all contexts/strands, providing explicit teaching, explorations and investigations. Going forward, all staff will undertake professional development with Numicom as we roll it out across the school. We feel this will strengthen our maths programme and help lift achievement. Our other teams in Years 4 to 6 were engaged with the Better Start Literacy approach as we continue to roll this out.

### New Court and Canopy

Our proposed new court and canopy is now on the government website for companies to submit their concepts and prices. We expect to have detailed prices back sometime in July. Once received, and assuming the costs are within the Boards budget, we will work through the process of selecting the most appropriate option. Below is an example of what the court and canopy may look like:



### ERO Visit

The Education Review Office rescheduled their visit to St Thomas's and will now visit the school on the week beginning 16 June for two to three days.

### Safety on the way to and from school

We encourage all parents and caregivers to talk to their children around safety while coming and going from school. This is especially so in relation to crossing driveways and roads, wearing helmets when scootering and cycling and never getting into or going near strangers' cars. Whether your child is 5 or 12, it is always a good idea to remind them of some basic safety rules.

Ngā mihi nui

**Michael Maher**  
Principal



***To all the students who have participated in the recent football tournaments***

### Upcoming Dates

#### June

- 09 Junior Assembly (J5 & J6 hosting)  
10am (school hall)  
Senior Assembly (S7 & S8 hosting)  
11.45am (school hall)
- 10 Bay Suburbs Rippa Rugby
- 14 Working Bee (Native Garden area)  
9.00am to 1.00pm
- 17 Eastern Zone Hockey
- 17 Board of Trustees Meeting  
(6.30pm staffroom)
- 19 Matariki Open Morning  
(8.30am – 10.30am)
- 23 Junior Assembly (M3 hosting)  
10am (school hall)  
Senior Assembly (Year 8 hosting)  
11.45am (school hall)
- 24 Bay Suburbs Netball
- 27 Last Day of Term 2

#### July

- 14 First Day of Term 3
- 16 Cross Country Carnival
- 21 Eastern Zone Netball
- 28 Junior Assembly (J13&J14 hosting)  
10am (school hall)  
Senior Assembly (M6 hosting)  
11.45am (school hall)

## Better Start Literacy Parent Information Workshop - Change of Date

The Year 4 - 6 Better Start Literacy Parent Information Workshop has been changed to Wednesday 30 August, in the library.

## Planting Working Bee – Reminder



## Matariki Open Morning

Details are as follows:

- 19 June - from 8.30am - 10.30am
- During block 1 students will participate in Matariki themed activities to celebrate the occasion
- Families are invited to be in the learning spaces for block 1 to join in and celebrate
- Coffee van on site for whānau to purchase hot drinks





## **Bay Suburbs Football Tournament – Year 5 & 6**

On Tuesday 20 May, we had six teams of enthusiastic Year 5 and 6 students represent St Thomas's at the Bay Suburbs Football Tournament. What an incredible day it was!

The students played their hearts out, showing great sportsmanship, teamwork, and skill across all games. There were some brilliant goals scored, strong defensive plays, and plenty of exciting moments on the field. Every team gave it their all and can be so proud of their efforts.

A massive thank you to all the parents and whānau who came down to support - it really does make such a difference to the students. The encouragement from the sidelines helped lift them throughout the day. It was a fantastic celebration of football and school spirit. Well done to everyone involved!



## **Eastern Zone Girls' Football Tournament – Year 7 & 8**

On Thursday 22 May, two teams of Year 7 and 8 girls represented St Thomas's at the Eastern Zone Girls' Football Tournament at Michaels Avenue Reserve - and what a day it was!

Both teams showed incredible commitment and passion, with every player stepping up and giving it their all on the field. There were some stunning goals, rock-solid teamwork, and a whole lot of determination. The atmosphere was buzzing, and it was amazing to see so many girls from across our community enjoying the game and competing with such a positive spirit.

It's been so cool to see more and more girls getting involved in football and thriving in the sport. We're super proud of our teams and the way they carried themselves throughout the day. Big thanks again to all the supporters - it means the world!



## Board of Trustees Member – Megan Wheeler



Our family has been part of the St Thomas's School community since 2019, with three children currently attending the school. I am passionate about ensuring every child receives a strong and positive start to their education journey and consider it a privilege to serve on the Board, providing a voice for our children's future. As a Chartered Civil Engineer, I bring experience working across a range of complex infrastructure projects with both public and private sector clients. I also have governance experience through executive leadership roles in New Zealand and overseas.

## Staff Profile - Jonathan Drucker



I am so excited to be a Year 4 teacher. I have been teaching in New Zealand for five years and before that I spent eight years as an autism support aide in an American primary school. During the 2020 to 2023 school years I taught music, Year 7, Year 0, and Year 2 all at St Thomas's School. I love teaching students and I am thrilled to continue working in this community.

Some of my favourite things are skateboarding and playing the guitar. I am committed to making sure that my students feel safe, respected, and happy while they are at school. I am also committed to making sure that all of my students are successful.

## Staff Profile – Arima Rhodes



I am a Year 2 teacher as well as the Year 2 team leader. This is my third year with St Thomas's, and it is an incredible community to be a part of. I love working in the junior levels and seeing the joy for learning that sparks in the students each day, as well as the excitement when they learn a new skill and gain new knowledge. Children have such a strong sense of creativity and curiosity, and being able to help that grow is the best part of my day.

Outside of school I love to sew and be crafty, as well as playing video games and watching movies. I also love going camping with my family - I spend most of my summer break in a tent by the beach!

## STS News

To watch the 22<sup>nd</sup> episode of the series, click [HERE](#).

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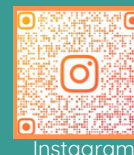
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# St Thomas's School PTA NEWS

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## QUIZ NIGHT - DONATIONS FOR AUCTION NEEDED!

We still need your help getting prize donations for our auction to make our quiz night even more exciting and raise funds for the school's STEAM program. If you can contribute or know of businesses that might be interested, please get in touch with the PTA.



## SCHOOL DISCO - FRIDAY, 13 JUNE



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- EVERY FRIDAY** **ICE BLOCKS**  
From 3pm, under the tree outside the office.  
(weather allowing)
- JUNE 11** **PTA MEETING**  
7pm in the school staff lounge
- JUNE 13** **PTA DISCO**  
Juniors: 5 - 6:30pm. Seniors: 7-8:30pm
- AUG 9** **QUIZ NIGHT**  
Collecting donations for the auction now!

## ICE BLOCK FRIDAYS

From 3pm every Friday  
(weather permitting)

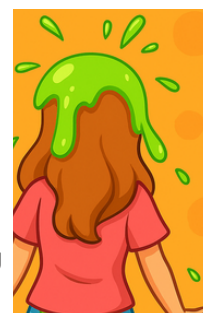
\$2 each or 3 for \$5

Under the tree outside the office



## SPACE-ATHON

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Space-athon fundraiser. Your amazing work helped us collect \$19,549 in donations! While that means Mr Maher has narrowly escaped being slimed, don't worry, Ms. C still will be! More details to come. Hope all of our students had fun studying and fundraising!



## SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Help keep uniforms out of landfills by donating and purchasing school uniforms from the PTA. Give them a second (and third and fourth) life via our uniform sales!

Please drop them off to the school office.



## HELP THE PTA!

We'd love for you to join us!

Whether it's helping at events or sharing ideas, every bit helps. No big commitment - help as much as you're able.

Our fundraising efforts for 2025 will go towards enhancing the STEAM programme with new equipment & resources.

If you're interested in getting involved or learning more, come along to the next PTA meeting or get in touch.



Email us at: [stthomasschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:stthomasschoolpta@gmail.com)

## Notices

Please see our website for details about:

### Clubs and activities:

<https://www.stthomas.school.nz/clubs-and-activities/>

### Community notices:

<https://www.stthomas.school.nz/community-notices/>

### School holiday programmes:

<https://www.stthomas.school.nz/school-holiday-programmes/>

**KELLY CLUB**

**JULY 2025  
HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**  
ST THOMAS SCHOOL



**OSCAR PROGRAMME SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE!**  
\*Conditions apply

<b>WEEK 1</b>	<b>Mon 30 June</b>  <b>BRING RETRO BACK</b> Let's show the parents how it's done! Share your secrets through a paper cup phone, skip along with Hopscotch or take out our epic marble tournament. What new games can you show the oldies.	<b>Tues 1 July</b>  <b>PREHISTORIC PALS</b> Today we run, stomp & roar with the dinosaurs. Let's explore what life would be like if dino's came back to life. Would you want one as a pet?	<b>Wed 2 July</b>  <b>INFLATABLE WORLD</b> Join us for an awesome trip day to Inflatable World for some bouncy fun. Please remember a big lunch, drink bottle, shoes and a hat. \$20 extra for the day.	<b>Thurs 3 July</b>  <b>EPIC CONSTRUCTIONS</b> Bring your construction skills and use all sorts of crazy materials to build the tallest tower. Will it match up to the tallest buildings in the world?	<b>Fri 4 July</b>  <b>COZY COMFORTS</b> Rainy days don't have to be boring, especially at Kelly Club! Embrace the wet weather by making your own book or board game, then cozying up with some hot chocolate and a movie!
<b>WEEK 2</b>	<b>Mon 7 July</b>  <b>BETTER TOGETHER</b> We are all unique and bring our own kind of spark into this world. Let's see how we can combine our differences to unite as a team.	<b>Tues 8 July</b>  <b>WHO'S GOT THE RING</b> Calling all elves! Help us search the land for the lost rings scattered about! Stop along your journey to bake & create what you need to succeed on this adventure.	<b>Wed 9 July</b>  <b>MOVIES</b> Join us for an awesome trip day to the movies to watch Elio. Please remember a big lunch, drink bottle, shoes and a hat. \$20 extra for the day.	<b>Thurs 10 July</b>  <b>ALICE IN WONDERLAND</b> Just imagine sliding down that rabbit hole to Wonderland! What fantastical creatures will we see? The Cheshire Cat? The Mad Hatter?	<b>Fri 11 July</b>  <b>MID-WINTER CHRISTMAS PARTY</b> Christmas is a while away but we're celebrating early at Kelly Club! Let's get Christmassy!

**Pricing:**  
**FULL WEEK:** \$300 **FULL DAY:** \$59 **HALF DAY:** \$41  
7:00am – 6:00pm 7:00am – 6:00pm 7:00am – 12:30pm or 12:30pm – 6:00pm

**SCHOOL DAY:** \$49 **EVENT DAY:** Extra \$20  
8:30am – 3:00pm (Included in Full Week)

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Further information:  
www.kellyclub.co.nz/hp#info







# HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Mon 30 June – Fri 11 July



Join us for a fun-filled School Holiday Programme including a Prehistoric Pals 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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# JULY 2025 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

ST THOMAS 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](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.

## Prices & Session Times:

**Full Week:** \$300    **Full Day:** \$59    **Event Day:** Extra \$20  
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