



## Principal's Message

Tēnā Koutou Katoa

We have had an action packed 2 weeks with sports events, tree planting and the Education Review Office (ERO) visit.



On Saturday we planted almost 300 shrubs and trees down the bank near our developing forest area. Highly organised by our environmental science teacher, Alison Snell, parents and students enjoyed the beautiful weather and very muddy conditions. Our goal is to continue planting out this area and use it as an outdoor science learning environment where students can study science and use technology equipment to better understand our planet.



ERO visited St Thomas's to review all aspects of our school including curriculum delivery, policy and procedures, inclusion and health and safety to name but a few areas. The ERO team met with the Board, international and domestic students, parents, staff who are new to the school, team leaders and teacher assistants. They visited a range of classrooms to observe the teaching and learning programmes. We were the first school they had visited which had reached the Ministry 2030 goal for attendance and achievement targets. It was a very successful visit and something the Board, administration staff, teaching staff and the parent community can be proud of. Once we receive the official report we will share this with our community.

Ngā mihi nui

**Michael Maher**  
**Principal**



***To our school community  
who turned up for the  
Planting Working Bee on  
Saturday and absolutely  
blitzed it!***

### Upcoming Dates

#### June

- 23 Junior Assembly (M3 hosting)  
10am (school hall)
- 24 Bay Suburbs Netball
- 27 Pizza Lunch & Mufti Day
- 27 Last Day of Term 2

#### July

- 14 First Day of Term 3
- 14 Last Day for ICAS Entries
- 16 Cross Country Costume Carnival
- 21 Eastern Zone Netball
- 28 Junior Assembly (J9&J10 hosting)  
10am (school hall)
- Senior Assembly (M6 hosting)  
11.45am (school hall)

#### August

- 05 Board of Trustees Meeting  
(6.30pm staffroom)
- 06 School Cross Country
- 07 Yr2 MOTAT Trip



## St Thomas's School Art Fair & Auction Coming in Term 4!

We're thrilled to announce that St Thomas's School will be holding a School Art Fair Fundraiser in Term 4 - a vibrant community event that celebrates the creativity of our tamariki and brings families together through visual art.

Each student will create one exceptional piece of art, working under the guidance of our specialist art teachers (Mrs Sara Haddon and Mrs Sarah Allen). These unique artworks will be proudly displayed at the fair, which will also include a silent auction where families and visitors will have the opportunity to purchase the pieces.

To prepare for the event, all artwork will be held at school once completed. We are currently seeking parent volunteers to assist in mounting, naming, and storing artworks during Term 3 in readiness for display. If you're available to lend a hand - even for an hour or two - we would love to hear from you!

Please email [artfair@stthomas.school.nz](mailto:artfair@stthomas.school.nz) if you're keen to be involved.

More event details, including dates and activities, will be shared next term. Watch this space!

## Bay Suburbs Rippa Rugby Tournament

On Tuesday 10 June, our Year 5 and 6 students took part in the Bay Suburbs Rippa Rugby Tournament - and what a fantastic day it was!

Despite the wild weather, our students showed incredible spirit, determination, and teamwork. They embraced the rain and gave it their absolute all on the field.

We are so proud of the way they represented our school - full of energy, enthusiasm, and a great attitude. It was amazing to see so many students getting stuck in and enjoying the game, no matter the conditions.

Ka pai to everyone involved - what a brilliant celebration of sport, resilience, and school pride!





## **Duder Regional Park**

In Year 7, students have an opportunity to participate in the William Pike Challenge. Part of this involves 5 outdoor adventures that are completed during school time. This time, we went to Duder Regional Park. It was super fun.

An hour-long bus ride kicked off our journey into the scenic world of Duder Regional Park. Prior to Thursday, MetService had said that there would be torrential rain and possibly thunder. However, partly from teacher encouragement, we put on our rain jackets and pushed on.

There were beautiful beaches, some gentle hills and native bush, all of which were relatively easy to navigate. We wound up at a very scenic lunch spot, perched at the top of a hill. One Year 7 student found a nice driftwood stick that we decided had great monetary value and subsequently the stick was put into safe care after a brief case of attempted robbery.

In the end, we had a surprisingly pleasant bus ride back considering the fact that all of us got our nice pairs of shoes soaked in muddy water.





## Year 8 Ki o Rahi Tournament

On Monday 16 June, a group of our Year 8 students took part in the Ki o Rahi Tournament - and what an incredible day it was! The sun was shining, the energy was high, and our students absolutely gave it their all on the field.

It was fantastic to see everyone getting involved, showing great sportsmanship, teamwork, and enthusiasm throughout the day. The level of play was impressive and we came away with some awesome results to be proud of!

A huge thank you to the experienced referees from Selwyn College who helped run the games smoothly and fairly. Their support and knowledge of the game added so much to the day.

Ka pai to all the students who represented our school with pride - you should be very proud of your efforts!



## St Thomas's Wins Top School Award in Moth Plant Competition!

Thanks to the hard work of ALL our Moth Plant entrants. St Thomas's walked away at last night's Orakei Board Award ceremony with the Top School award for this year's competition!

We also won NUMEROUS other awards including:

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize winner in the open division which went to the Moth Pod Catchers
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize winner went to The Pixies, who also earnt the 'Most Small Vines' award
- Best Photo Diary went to The Moth Pod Boys
- Best Photo awards went to DEA, The Pixies, and the Moth Pod Catchers



My apologies if I've missed anyone out – my camera was snapping away all evening. Well done to each and every one of you, and a special thank you to the whanau who supported their children by transporting, counting, organising, etc. I hope you all enjoy your prize money and look forward to even more entries next year. *Mrs Snell*



## STS Farmers Market



Thank you to our fabulous school community for supporting the STS Farmers Market, and to our Garden to Table students and Nature Ninjas for preparing our vegetables and plants for sale. Most of our school honey has been sold and the few remaining jars will be available to purchase via the school office.

## Matariki Photos

Happy Matariki!



## **Staff Profile – Linde Kemp**



I am from South Africa and have been in New Zealand with my husband and two children since 2017. I worked at Baradene College for the past 7 years. I love drawing, painting, cooking and travelling. As a family, we enjoy taking our dog, Spaghetti, on long walks at the beach. I love to make learning a fun experience and believe that children learn through a variety of stimulating platforms. I am convinced that each child is capable of extraordinary growth, and it is my mission to create a supportive and inspiring environment where they feel encouraged to explore, learn and thrive. I am committed to fostering curiosity, resilience and a love for lifelong learning.

## **Staff Profile – Brian Putty**



I believe that all children are unique and should be provided with an environment that helps them to grow physically, emotionally and mentally. This year is one full of exciting learning opportunities, new experiences and challenges.

## **STS News**

To watch the 26<sup>th</sup> episode of the series, click [HERE](#).

To view previous STS news episodes, click [HERE](#).

## **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-notice/>

### **School holiday programmes:**

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



# St Thomas's School PTA NEWS



## UPCOMING EVENTS

EVERY  
FRIDAY

### ICE BLOCKS

From 3pm, under the tree outside the office.  
(weather allowing)

JULY  
30

### PTA MEETING

7pm in the school staff lounge

JULY  
25

### PARENTS AFTERNOON TEA

2:00 - 2:55pm in the school staff room

AUG  
9

### QUIZ NIGHT

Collecting donations for the auction now!



## SUPPORT OUR ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT - A PRIME MARKETING OPPORTUNITY!

Our annual Quiz Night is not only one of the biggest fundraisers on the St Thomas's School calendar, it's also a fantastic way to showcase your business to our vibrant school community!

By donating a prize to our online auction, your business will receive valuable exposure through:

- Your logo featured on promotional posters in every classroom window
- PTA social media posts
- Your logo featured on our online auction platform

Looking for even greater visibility? Consider sponsoring the quiz night for premium exposure! Sponsors enjoy:

- Prominent logo placement on all promotional materials
- The opportunity to display your own advertising at the event venue
- A major call-out across our communications

You'll reach the families of nearly 800 students; a wide, engaged local audience who love to support those who support us.

We'd love to have you on board. If you'd like to donate, sponsor or learn more, please get in touch with us asap at: [stthomasschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:stthomasschoolpta@gmail.com).

Thank you for supporting our school community!

## SCHOOL DISCO

Thank you for making our school disco a huge success! It was great seeing everyone dressed up and all of the incredible costumes and best of all - seeing the kids dancing and having fun with their mates!

Also a huge shout out to the year 6's for their hard work decorating the hall and the William Pike kids for their work selling all of the goodies!



## Second-hand school uniform donations needed

**Help keep uniforms out of the landfill!**  
**Donate them to the PTA to give those old uniforms a second (& third & fourth) life via our uniform sale days.**  
**Please drop them off any time inside 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.



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## KELLY CLUB ST THOMAS'S UPDATE

### What's been happening...

Baking up a storm was a success this week. We made ham sliders, played noodle soup and made really cute donut frames.



**CELEBRATE THE  
END OF THE  
SCHOOL YEAR  
WITH US!**

Our end-of-year half-day programme is full of exciting activities that will guarantee your kids have a great time!

**BOOK NOW** [www.kellyclub.co.nz](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz)











**OSCAR  
PROGRAMME  
SUBSIDIES  
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### What's happening in the Holidays!

**KELLY CLUB**

**JULY 2025  
HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**  
ST THOMAS SCHOOL

**OSCAR  
PROGRAMME  
SUBSIDIES  
AVAILABLE!**

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| WEEK 1 | <b>Mon 30 June</b><br><br><b>BRING RETRO BACK</b><br>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><br><br><b>PREHISTORIC PALS</b><br>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><br><br><b>INFLATABLE WORLD</b><br>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.<br>\$20 extra for the day. | <b>Thurs 3 July</b><br><br><b>EPIC CONSTRUCTIONS</b><br>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><br><br><b>COZY COMFORTS</b><br>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>Mon 7 July</b><br><br><b>BETTER TOGETHER</b><br>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><br><br><b>WHO'S GOT THE RING</b><br>Calling all elves! Help us search the land for the last rings scattered about! Stop along your journey to bake & create what you need to succeed on this adventure. | <b>Wed 9 July</b><br><br><b>MOVIES</b><br>Join us for an awesome trip day to the movies to watch Ello. Please remember a big lunch, drink bottle, shoes and a hat.<br>\$20 extra for the day.                       | <b>Thurs 10 July</b><br><br><b>ALICE IN WONDERLAND</b><br>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><br><br><b>MID-WINTER CHRISTMAS PARTY</b><br>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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