

30 August 2019

New Classroom Block Update

A common question we hear around the school community is regarding the progress of the major build we have on site. This very exciting project is entering into the more visible (ie. above ground) phase so the School and Board want to keep you up to speed with where things are at and also what is happening next.

We will be updating you regularly answering the following three questions:

1. Where is the project up to? Here we will update you on the major developments and major milestones met.
2. What is happening next? We will let you know what is being worked on and what you might see. We will also let you know about any likely disruptions in or around the school.
3. When will it be finished? With a major project like this everyone always wants to know when it will be complete and when the kids will start enjoying this wonderful new facility, so we will also try to keep you posted on the likely completion date or any variations to this.

Property Update – August 2019

1. Where is the project up to?
 - The important but largely invisible work to passer-by's below ground is well underway. The Boxing of the foundations is now complete. Work has now commenced on reinforcing steel for the foundations. Work has also commenced on boxing and preparation of the floor slab.



Congratulations to the following runners who qualified for the Auckland Interzone Cross Country Competition:

Lily Smith, Katelyn McKay, Liam McLachlan, Zara Pomfret, Sophie Barry and Sami Lawler

Upcoming Events

September

- 2-6 Tongan Language Week
- 7 PTA Meeting (7.30pm Staffroom)
- 5 Year 7&8 Social
- 8-13 AIMS Games Week
- 9-15 Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori
- 10 Bays Suburbs Boys Basketball
- 11 Bays Suburbs Girls Basketball
- 12 ICAS Spelling Bee
- 17 ICAS English
- 17 Board of Trustees Meeting (6.30pm Board Room)
- 18-19 Year 3 Trip to Tiritiri Matangi
- 19 ICAS Maths
- 20 Year 6 Assembly
- 25-26 Student Led Conferences
- 26 Bays Suburbs Hockey
- 27 Last day of Term

- As reported previously Lisa Horton, an Interior Architect and expert on Educational Spaces, has visited the school, met with teachers and observed our current classes in action and has provided a Stage 1 scoping report on the new building and flexible learning spaces. The Board has approved funding for Lisa to continue into Stage 2. Lisa will provide advice on the layout of the spaces, flow in each of the areas, how different spaces can be used by students and teachers and even what furniture should be used to get the best out of the environment.

2. What is happening next?

- The next milestone is to complete the reinforcing of the foundations.
- Then the foundation concrete will be poured, and work will commence on boxing and laying steel reinforcing for the floor slab.

3. When will it be finished?

- With a project of this size and complexity there are many moving parts and many work streams happening simultaneously. Despite this we are very happy to say that we are on track and the project team is reporting that the expected completion date is 25 May 2020.

Principal's Awards

Leadership

Sofia Clayton – J16

Passion

Isla Baldwin – M8

Lia Tommasi – J1

Anisa Deendost – J6

Abigail Lin - J4

Elodie Austin-Murray – J11

Excellence

Darcy Marston – J7

Aryan Sharma – M9

Sophie Barry – S10

Connections

Ivy Morton – J14

Marcus Taylor – S3

Forecast developments on building site next week.

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday – no major deliveries or crane operations.

Thursday/Friday/Saturday – balance of precast erection and a possibility of structural steel delivery.

Measles in Schools

You will have seen in the news recently that several South Auckland High Schools have had measles outbreaks among their students.

We are still seeking immunisation information from some families regarding the immunisation status of their children and will continue to do so until we are comfortable that we have current information on all our students. Should we have an outbreak of measles at school it can have serious consequences for our students and their families.

If there is a measles case, any child or adult aged under 50 years who has been in the same classroom or confined space with the case **will be asked to stay at home** if they:

- have not had at least one documented MMR vaccination or other measles vaccination at least two weeks prior;
- or have not had a blood test or doctor's record showing they are immune to measles.

Auckland Regional Public Health Service have provided us with the following information regarding measles.

Information for staff and parents

Why do I (or my child) have to stay at home in quarantine?

If you are developing measles, staying home stops it spreading to others and making them unwell.

What does quarantine mean?

It means staying home away from others. Do not go to work, school, group or social activities, sports, or public places like movie theatres, shopping malls, supermarkets and other food markets. Do not use public transport or visit friends or family. Avoid being in the same room as people who are not immune to measles.

What are the symptoms?

The signs of measles are a cough, high fever, runny nose and sore red eyes. A few days later, a rash begins on the head and spreads across the body.

What if I or my child feel worse or have symptoms, and need to go to a doctor again?

If you need to see a doctor, phone the medical centre or after-hours clinic before going there and tell them you (or your child) may have measles. When you arrive, you must be isolated and not sit in the waiting room.

My child hasn't been in the same classroom as a measles case. Are they still at risk?

If your child has been in the same class, room or space as the person with measles while they were infectious, then your child will have been exposed. If your child is not in the same class, even though they may have been in the same classroom afterwards or in the same hall or playground, the risk is much lower. The school is not asking you to keep your child at home, but do watch for symptoms, particularly if they are not vaccinated. We also ask you to check that they are vaccinated.

I don't have any proof that I have been vaccinated– what do I do?

If you are younger than 50 years, and if your doctor cannot confirm you have been vaccinated or had measles, you will need to stay home for the quarantine period. Please get vaccinated when you are out of quarantine.

If my child has been exposed to measles, do I have to tell others?

You do not need to tell anyone else that your child may be developing measles and is in quarantine, unless your child is confirmed as having the virus. Only then will you need to inform the school, and then any family and social contacts.

I've only had one MMR – do I have to get another vaccination, or stay away from the school?

You are considered immune during this outbreak if you have only had one MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) vaccine, provided it has been at least two weeks since the vaccination as this is the time it takes to provide protection. It is a good idea to have a second MMR as this vaccine also protects against mumps and rubella.

I'm pregnant or have a weak immune system – am I at risk?

Pregnant women who haven't been vaccinated, and anyone with a weakened immune system, are at greater risk of measles complications. They or their caregiver should ask their doctor or lead maternity carer for advice.

More information:

- Auckland Regional Public Health Service: www.arphs.health.nz
- Ministry of Health: www.health.govt.nz
- Immunisation Advisory Centre: www.immune.org.nz (0800 466 863)
- Healthline: 0800 611116



Translated messaging



English

Worried about measles?

Stay at home and call your doctor or Healthline (0800 611 116) for advice. Healthline has interpreters – when your call is answered, say you'd like an interpreter and the language you'd like to speak in.

Māori

Kei te āwangawanga koe ki te mītera?

Noho ki te kāinga me te waea atu ki tō tākuta ki Healthline (0800 611 116) rānei mō ngā tohutohu. He kaiwhakamāori ā-waha ā Healthline – hei te wā ka whakautua tō waeatanga atu, kōrerotia tō pīrangī ki tētahi kaiwhakamāori ā-waha me te reo e pīrangī ana koe ki te kōrero.

Samoaan

Popolega i le misela?

Nofo i le fale ma vili lau foma'i po'o le Healthline (0800 611 116) mo se fautuaga. E i ai fa'amatala'upu a le Healthline – Afai e tali mai i lau vili atu, ona fa'ailoa lea i ai e te mana'omia se fa'amatala'upu ma ta'u iai le gagana e te mana'o e te fia talanoa ai.

Tongan

Hoha'a fekau'aki moe mahaki misele?

Kapau koia. Nofo ma'u 'i 'api pea ke fetu'utaki ki ho'o toketā pe koe Healthline (0800 611 116) ke 'oatu ha fale'i. 'Oku 'i ai 'a e kau fakatonulea 'i he Healthline – talaange ki he tokotaha tali telefoni 'oku ke fiema'u tokotaha fakatonulea faka-Tonga keke lea ki ai.

Cook Island Māori

Te manatā'ia āinei te maki mīsara?

E no'o ki te kāinga ma te kāpiki atu koe i tō'ou taote, mē kore ra te Healthline (0800 611 116) nō te akamārama tauturu. E aronga uri reo tō te Healthline – mē pa'u ia mai tā'au kāpiki'anga, e akakite koe ē, ka anoano koe i tēta'i tangata uri reo, ē pērā katoa, i tā'au reo ka anoano koe i te tuatua atu anga.

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Niuean

Tupetupe ha ko e gagao misele?

Nofo he kaina ti hea e telefoni ke he ekekafo haau poke Healthline (0800 611 116) ke kumi lagomatai. Fai tagata fakaliliu e Healthline – ti talaage he magaaho ka tali ai e telefoni haau, ka manako tagata fakaliliu a koe mo e vagahau motu ne manako a koe ke fakaaoga.

Chinese

担心有麻疹?

请留在家中并且打电话给您的医生或者健康热线 (0800 611 116) 获取建议。健康热线有口译员-当您的电话被接听的时候, 说出您希望用一名口译员和希望说自己的语言

Korean

홍역에 대해 걱정 되십니까?

외출을 삼가 하시고 담당의사나 헬스라인(Healthline 0800 611 116)으로 전화하여 조언을 받으십시오. - 헬스라인에서는 통역 서비스를 제공해 드립니다. - 전화하실 때 한국어 통역을 요청하시고 서비스를 받으시기 바랍니다.

Hindi

खसरे की चिंता है?

घर पर रहें और सलाह के लिए अपने डॉक्टर या हेल्थलाइन (0800 611 116) को कॉल करें। हेल्थलाइन में दुभाषिए उपलब्ध हैं - जब आपकी कॉल का उत्तर दिया जाता है, तो कहें कि आपको एक दुभाषिया की आवश्यकता है और आप किस भाषा में बात कर सकते हैं।

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Year 5 Trip to the Sky Tower and Albert Park

Skycity - A Moment in Time!

I heard everyone murmur excitedly as we pulled up to the Sky Tower. I felt my ears pop as we went up to level 45 to learn about the refuge, realising that this would happen every time we went up or down. I saw the elevator was different than the other elevators at Skycity but I soon found out that the elevator is an emergency elevator. The emergency elevator was fast as a cheetah. I saw the beautiful views from the observation deck and found so many stunning buildings; modern and Victorian. I wondered how tall the Sky Tower is, I soon learnt that it was 328 meters tall.

By Caroline Conder



Albert Park

We were finally done with the long walk from the sky tower to Albert Park.

Straight away kids began climbing the huge, rough trees.

I felt the wrinkles on the big trees like an old person's skin.

I saw a sculpture that looked like a cannon in the distance.

The sculpture had people climbing on it and since we had to stay with our groups, I asked Lucy's mum, Kim, if we could climb it.

I felt the cold metal on my skin as I climbed it.

I heard the kids in the distance shouting loudly.

I felt the butterflies in my stomach as I jumped off the cannon sculpture.

I saw a fountain in the middle of the park, and I felt the cold water running through my fingers. I wondered if I would fall in.

I saw a lovely tree with pink pretty petals instead of leaves, hard trunk and kids climbing inside it.

I wondered how high I could climb the tree.

By Mia de Reuck

Kapa Haka Festival

On Sunday 20th of August 2019, a group of young, passionate St Thomas's learners went to the Ōrākei Marae to perform at the Ngā Rau o te Kahu kapa haka festival. They had been rehearsing every Tuesday for the past two terms with their kaiako, Whaea Vikki. Their day started by heading into school at 10:30am to get into their uniforms and makeup. Next, they warmed up their voices and had a run through with their stand-in guitarist Matua Frank. Then it was off to the marae in the pouring rain. Ngāti Whatua o Ōrākei ran an outstanding event and the learners performed in the newly renovated whareniui. This was very powerful and gave the rōpū a real boost. Whānau and our community are so proud of the efforts and elated by the wonderful performance and demonstration of their hard work. The crew would like to thank all our whānau who supported us and Whaea Vikki for helping us to be ready for this event. Congratulations also to the Senior Kapa Haka crew!

Written in collaboration between Aidan Edwards (Year 7 crew member) & Ms Thurston



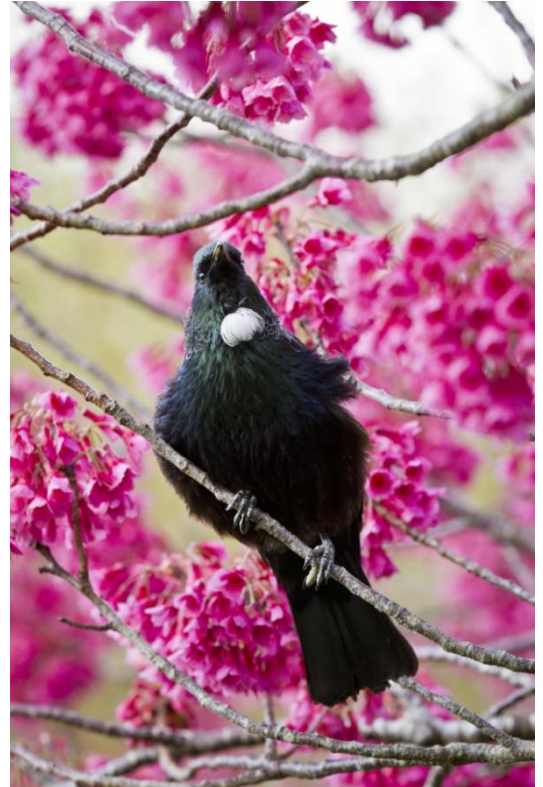
Help Needed with Tree Planting

Dear Parents and Whanau,

We need your help on **Saturday 7th September 12.00pm-4.00pm** and **Wednesday 11th September 9am-12.30pm** to dig 90 holes for the native trees we have been given by Auckland City Council NETR funding. A special thank you to the Year 4 students who wrote to the council convincing them to provide our school with the trees. Well done Year 4!!!!

If you or your family can assist on either day or both days please notify sclothier@stthomas.school.nz. We will need spades, post hole borers, mulch or potting mix so please let me know if you can provide any of these items or know of anyone that we could contact.

On **Wednesday 11th September between 9am and 12.30pm** we will be planting with the students and many year groups will participate in a BIRDSONG day. Students will participate in lessons and we would love parents to come and help on that day either in the classroom or with the planting of trees. We will have some spades but if you could bring your own, that would help. We look forward to having your support with this community project.



Tongan Language Week

Mālō e lelei. Tongan Language Week is running across New Zealand from the 1st-7th September. We will be celebrating this in school in a variety of ways from learning new words and phrases, learning some facts about Tonga and acknowledging the values. The values for this celebration are, Ko kohu Tonga / Tongan Identity, Loto 'Ofa / Love, Loto Faka'apa'apa / Respect, Loto Fakatōkilalo / Humility.

FAKAKOLOA 'O AOTEAROA 'AKI 'A E TAUHI FONUA
A Tongan Perspective of Enriching Aotearoa, New Zealand

FAKAPOTOPOTO
TAUHI KAKAI
POTO HE LEA TONGA
LEA KEHEKEHE MO'UI
NGĀUE 'AONGA
TAUHI FA'Ē + FANAU
LOTU MO'ONI
NORO MELINO
AKO MA'OHUANGA LELEI
TAUHI VĀ + TAUHI LAO
'TAUHI 'ĀTAKAI
'TAUHI 'ĀTAKAI

LOTO TOKAI
LOTO 'OFA
LOTO MĀ'Ā
LOTO MELINO
LOTO MĀ'ĀNA
LOTO MO'ONI
LOTO KĀTAKI
LOTO TO'Ā

TAUHI 'ĀTAKAI

Pacific Peoples
PACIFIC LANGUAGE WEEK SERIES 2019

UIKE 'O E LEA TONGA
1 SEPITEMA - 7 SEPITEMA 2019
TONGA LANGUAGE YEAR 2019
CELEBRATION WEEK 1 - 7 SEPITEMA 2019

Logos for NZ Sustainable Rights, Pacific Peoples, SIAOLA, and porirua city are also visible.

Cross Country

On Wednesday 28th of August both the Eastern Zone and Bay Suburbs Cross Country competitions took place at Churchill Park School with our top 80 runners from Year 4 – 8 representing St Thomas's School. We were against some amazing runners and it was very competitive and tough. Despite a very muddy and boggy course, everyone did the best they could, and St Thomas's returned with some fantastic individual and team results:

Year 4 Girls – 2nd place team; Year 5 Girls – 2nd place team; Year 5 Boys – 2nd place team; Year 6 Girls – 1st place team; Year 6 Boys – 3rd place team; Year 7 Girls – 2nd place team; and Year 8 Girls – 2nd place team. A few notable individual results: Holly Fergusson (Yr 5) and Zara Pomfret (Yr 7) 1st place getters; Carthew Snowden (Yr 4) 4th place; Maddie Green (Yr 4) 5th place; Lily Smith (Yr 8), Amelia Hitchcock (Yr 6), Miller Hawthorn (Yr 5) and Blayke Gallagher (Yr 4) 6th place. A huge congratulations to everyone who ran on the day and showed exceptional sportsmanship – you did St Thomas's School proud.

"It was very nerve wracking when your turn was next; you started at the same line when you came to the finish and you could hear everyone screaming and yelling at you to sprint at the end" Amelia (Yr 6)

"The track was sometimes quite twisty and sharp on corners, especially through the forest there were zigzags that you had to be careful." Luca (Yr 6)

"I felt like my legs were going to fall off at the end of the race, it was really tiring." Tiffany (Yr 6)

"Cross country was very hard but at the same time it was very fun." Zac (Yr 6)

"The mud on my knees started cracking and dropping into my shoes as it dried." Carthew (Yr 4)

"First I was nervous, but I enjoyed the run so much my heart pounded with excitement." Maddie (Yr 4)

"I was proud to represent St Thomas's in the cross country." Daniel (Yr 4)

"At the start I was confident and when I finished the race I thought, how did I not get first place?" Dylan (Yr 4)

"Through the gate it was muddy, so my legs got covered in mud and it took an hour for my mum to hose me down at home." Amelia (Yr 4)

"It was really muddy and quite long, but I enjoyed every second." Coco (Yr 4)

Congratulations to Year 7's Zara Pomfret, Sophie Barry and Sami Lawler, and Year 8's Lily Smith, Katelyn McKay and Liam McLachlan who are going on to compete at the Cross Country Interzones in Pukekohe on Tuesday 3 September.

Cross Country Photos



Good Luck for Waterpolo team

All the best once again for our waterpolo team, St Thomas's Tsunami who are competing this weekend in the Tim Sonderer Intermediate tournament. Another great opportunity to build on the momentum from the last tournament and prepare for AIMS. Good luck team!



Strategy meeting 6am pool side, Friday



Final game of last tournament a win over Kings 4-3



NEWS

Yummy Sticker Collection



We are still collecting yummy stickers for sport gear, please drop off completed sheets to the office by week 9. Go to www.yummyfruit.co.nz to download a sheet.

House T-shirts on sale now for \$20

Place your orders through the online portal, sizes 4-16.



Next PTA meeting 4th September 7.30 in the staff room, all welcome!

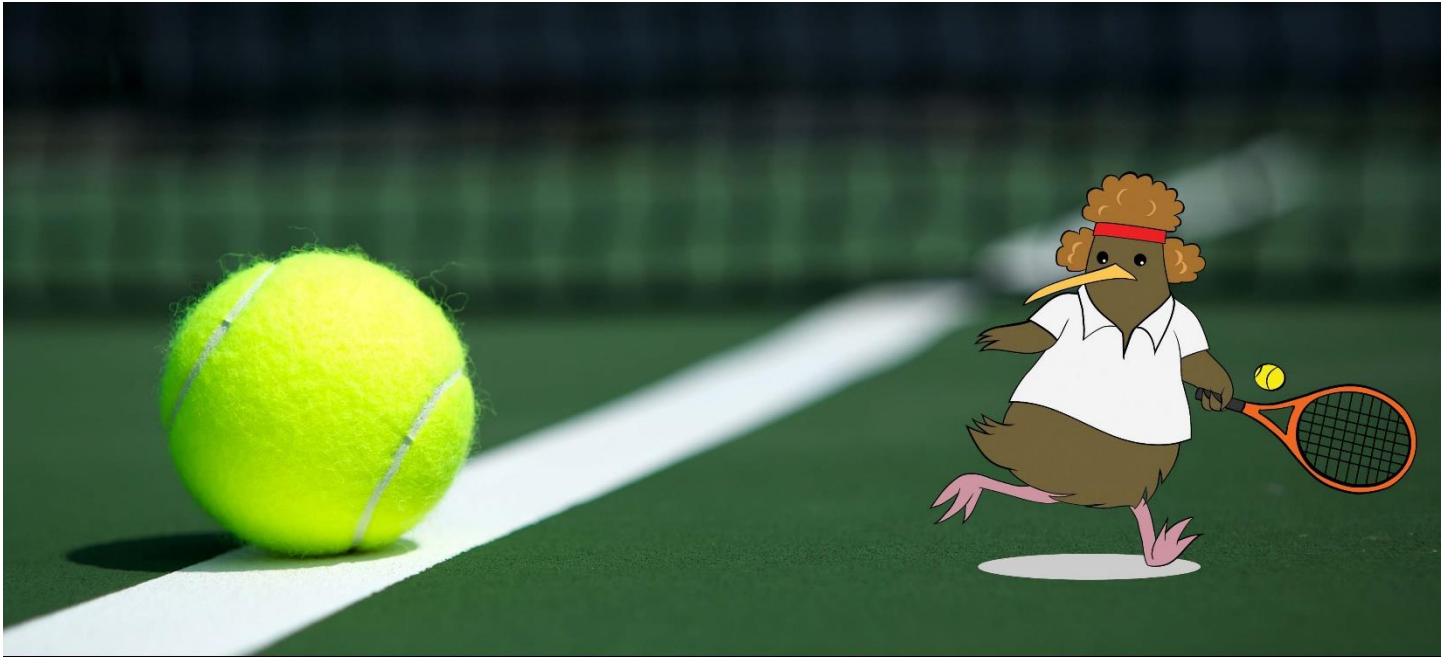


Remember to join our St Thomas's School Community Facebook page for regular updates and event reminders.

Second Hand Uniform Sale
20th September
We are still accepting donations!



"Changing Learning for a Changing World"



OCTOBER HOLIDAY CAMPS at Orakei Tennis Club



Where:

Orakei Tennis Club
2 Kupe Street, Orakei

When:

30 September - 4 October 2019

Half Day:

9am-12.30pm, drop off 8.30am

Full Day:

9am-4.30pm, drop off 8.30am

Cost:

Half Day \$45, Full Day \$80

All ages welcome

Discounts available for club members!

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