



25 October 2019

Improving Side-line Behaviour in Sport

Over recent years, we have seen a steady increase in aggressive and inappropriate side-line behaviour during school sports tournaments and events. The aggression, usually verbal, is aimed at match officials, tournament organisers, coaches, opposition supporters and sometimes even the children who are playing. More frequently, this aggression is also becoming physical, making the event uncomfortable and unpleasant for other spectators and the children participating.

Part of our student leadership development is to train older students (Years 7&8) to referee/umpire sports events for their younger peers. This is a great opportunity for them to take a leadership role, it can help develop their self-confidence and it gives them a well-rounded view of their chosen sport. Our senior students are fantastic in these roles and we frequently receive comments from tournament organisers about how professional and reliable they are.

Unfortunately, student umpires/referees have also become a target for side-line aggression which is putting a lot of students off continuing in this role, or giving it a go in the first place. Sports tournaments simply can't go ahead without officials, so this side-line behaviour is putting our inter-school sports programme at risk.

The Bay Suburbs Sports Group, which we are part of, has decided to take some positive action against these increasing levels of poor side-line behaviour, by handing out flyers at events reminding spectators of how to behave when watching junior sport. Eventually the group will also have signage that we can take to events to support this initiative.

With our school Athletics Sports Days coming up, it is a good time to remind everyone of the behaviour we, as adults, should be modelling to our children.

[This links to an interesting article about the benefits of both winning and losing in sport.](#)



Lola Beange
For placing 1st in the Year 5/6
Remuera Cluster Speech Finals
Flash Talk Category

Upcoming Events

October

- 28 Labour Day Holiday
- 29 Board of Trustees Meeting
(6.30pm Boardroom)
- 31 ESOL Market Day
- 31 Girls Bay Suburbs Basketball

November

- 1 Boys Bay Suburbs Basketball
- 5 Eastern Zone Touch Rugby
- 6 Outdoor Adventure Group walk
- 6 PTA Meeting (7.30pm Staffroom)
- 8 Years 7&8 Athletics Sports Day
- 11 Bay Suburbs Touch Rugby
- 11 Y5 Bike Safety with Constable Gordon
- 11&12 Year 1&0 MOTAT STEAM van visit
- 13, 14 & 15 Year 7 Youthtown
- 14 Year 5&6 Athletics Sports Day
- 14 Year 7&8 Vaccinations
- 18 Year 7 Road Patrol Training
- 20 Bay Suburbs Athletics
- 21 Eastern Zone Athletics
- 21 Year 7&8 Catchup Vaccinations
- 28 Year 8 Orientation day at Selwyn
- 28 Year 6 Kea Crossing Rainbows End Day
- 29 Years 0/1 Performance

Welcome to our Bay Suburbs Sports Group event

PLEASE REMEMBER

This is children's sport and we are here to have fun!

*Match Officials and Event Organisers
are doing their best . . .*

BE SUPPORTIVE

PARENTS & COACHES

There is no excuse for poor side-line behaviour in junior sport.
Children are watching.
Always model good sportsmanship, respect and resilience.

Principal's Awards

Passion

Maddie Green – J4
Ari Kennedy-Casas – J11
Cade Nicholas – S12

Excellence

Hollie Spillane – J13
Christian Colebourne – M10

Connections

Youvraj Singh – S3

Leadership

Holly Spora – J8

Week 2 Term 4 Property Report

The school has finally settled after two weeks of ruckus and noise, especially from the construction area. It's been very loud, occasionally a buzz or a bang or even a clang will come from the site with no forewarning. At first, it was scaring the wits out of us, but now everybody, including the teachers, have become used to it.

If you get close enough, you can see inside the building and the foundations look about done. With a little bit of paint and carpet, it will be breath-taking! It will be able to house many things within it (including a bunch of children) and will be an amazing space for us next year and an even greater library!

Now, getting back on topic, all the first-floor concrete has been poured and set. By my next report, the roof should have been put up and the deck should be finished. In the meantime, have a good two weeks!

Alex Heaton S12



Health and Physical Education Community Consultation Survey 2019

Every two years we consult with our community regarding our Health and Physical Education Programme. Please find below a link that will take you to a survey enabling you to give your feedback on this topic. We encourage all parents and caregivers to complete the survey so that we can continue to provide a balanced Health and Physical Education Programme that meets the needs and wants of our community.

[Health and Physical Education Community Consultation Survey 2019](#)

Parent Information Sessions

Thank you to the parents who attended our sessions on Flexible Learning Spaces and Collaborative Teaching and Learning at St Thomas's School. This was hosted by Principal, Michael Maher and Deputy Principal, Ingrid May with guest speakers Jacque Allen and Lisa Horton. Jacque has worked with our staff over many years to strengthen our collaborative teaching practices as we utilise our new teaching spaces. Lisa started working with our staff this year on how we are using these new spaces, how students move around, where they choose to carry out their learning, types of furniture and how we could further develop our quiet learning spaces. After the talk we visited some classrooms to see how staff have modified the spaces after feedback and guidance from Lisa.



These informative sessions support parents to better understand how we have ended up with flexible learning spaces, such as the new build which is currently underway. They show how these spaces are utilised and adapted for learners and the type of teaching and learning which goes on in the new style of buildings which the Ministry of Education are providing around the country.

Attached is a link to the presentation and we are working through a question and answer document for parents which will further support an understanding of the changing face of education as we adapt to new building infrastructure. <http://www.stthomas.school.nz/21st-century-learning.html>

Dogs on School Grounds

We have continual issues with people bringing dogs onto the school grounds and in recent weeks staff have had to clean up over 15 dog faeces. Animal faeces contain campylobacter which can make our students and staff sick. Please do not bring your dogs onto the school grounds and be receptive to staff who ask you to remove your dog as they are trying to keep our children safe. If you walk your dog to school to drop off or pick up your child, do not tie them to the entrances where students are walking in and out as some children are nervous around dogs and we do not want any child bitten.

Students Being Collected During School Hours

Parents collecting children during school hours must report to the office first. The parent needs to sign the child out on the tablet and will be given a slip to give to the class teacher. No children will be allowed to go with an adult without the slip being provided to the teacher. Also, no children can be signed out during Morning Tea or Lunch breaks, 10:30 – 10:50 and 12:30 to 1:30.



NEWS



PIZZA LUNCH
Wednesday
13th November

Order your Christmas Ham!

This year with the support of Saint Johns Butchery, the PTA will be selling hams. Free range naturally cured and smoked
4/4.5kg hams - \$75
Flexible collection dates, more information coming to you soon.



Thank you to everyone who purchased a house t-shirt. If you missed out, don't worry there will be another chance to order up soon!

DISCO TIME!

Friday 15th November

Theme suggestion drop box in office next week!



NEED TO CONTACT US AT THE PTA?

For any PTA related events, fundraisers or general enquiries please do not hesitate to contact us –

stthomasschoolpta@gmail.com

Also, make sure you have joined our 'St Thomas's School Community' Facebook page for updates and reminders.

We are currently looking for a new Treasurer, if interested please contact us.

Last chance this year to come along and join us at a meeting, drinks & nibbles provided, all welcome!

6th November 7.30pm in the staff room.

Birdsong A-thon

We will be collecting money next week on Tuesday 29th so that our Year 8 campers have the chance to hand their sponsorship cards in. So, if you haven't already handed yours in, please do so by next Tuesday!

Some prizes have already been handed out, big prizes to be awarded soon!

Calendar Art Orders

Absolute last chance to place your orders!

Link will close 9am Monday 28th October.

You can view and order your child's artwork by visiting <http://www.abacus.co.nz> and entering your unique code. If you have lost your code please contact the PTA directly. Delivery week 5.

The perfect gifts for busy parents, customised with each child's artwork and ready to go for Christmas. Don't miss out again!

ICE BLOCK FRIDAYS ARE BACK!
2 for \$2 or 3 for \$5



Funds raised from the musical showcase are being used to purchase a second-hand good quality Yamaha piano for the school. Thank you to all the families who supported this event.

ST THOMAS'S PTA BEER, WINE, WHISKY & GIN TASTING EVENT

**SATURDAY 9 NOV – FROM 6PM
ST THOMAS'S SCHOOL HALL**

**TICKETS FROM FLEXIBUZZ
\$25 FOR 5 TOKENS . \$50 FOR 10 Tokens**

TOKENS USED FOR TASTINGS TO GET YOU STARTED.
PLEASE BRING ID 18+ EVENT. NO CHILDREN ALLOWED

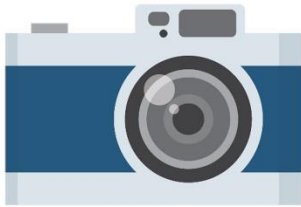


**DRINKS . FOOD . VENDORS
LIVE MUSIC FROM DJ FETU**
*Place your orders for Christmas
Personalise your own bottle*



All money raised goes toward improving school amenities such as
outside seating and shade.

"Changing Learning for a Changing World"



KIDS PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS



Image by Stevie A, aged 12

PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS TERM 4 2019



Image by Amelia P, aged 10



Image by Natalia H, aged 12

Camera Techniques

Observation

Creativity

Exploration &

Imagination

Innovation

STEAM Learning

Concepts of

photography and art

Composition & Styling

Ages 9-14



Image by Sam B, aged 11



Image by Lauren M, aged 11



Image by Zoe C, aged 12



Registration Contact:

office@kidsphotographyworkshops.com

(Camera hire included in fees)

www.kidsphotographyworkshops.com

"Changing Learning for a Changing World"



GRAVITY NZ TRAMPOLINE PARK MT WELLINGTON

5TH OR 6TH NOV, 6:00PM - 7:30PM

Kelly Club St Thomas's and Gravity Trampoline Park Mt Wellington, are running two special event nights to help raise money for Cure Kids. Come along for a night of fun indoor activities for the whole family including: Ninja Warrior Course, Basketball Hoop, Tramp Wall, Foam Pit, Under 5s area, Dodgeball Court, Olympic Trampoline, Running Wall and more.

\$5 from every entry goes to Cure Kids

**\$15 PER PERSON
\$50 PER FAMILY OF 4
(INCLUDES SOCKS)**

TICKET INFORMATION

2 sessions to choose from
Tuesday 5th November or Wednesday 6th November

TO SECURE TICKETS:

1. Please email natalie@kellyclub.co.nz with how many tickets you need, which night you would like to attend and the names of those attending.
2. Confirmation and an invoice will be sent.
3. Once payment is received, we will contact you to collect your tickets from Kelly Club (in the hall between 7:00am - 8:30am & 3:00pm - 6:00pm each school day)

ON THE NIGHT:

Present your tickets on your chosen night and collect your socks.

GRAVITY NZ MT WELLINGTON
77B MORRIN ROAD
ST JOHNS, AUCKLAND

For more information on the venue, please visit: gravitynz.co.nz

Please note: Tickets are limited, children must be accompanied by an adult, spectators are free and Gravity NZ grip socks must be worn.





Term 4 2019: PLANT MANIA

mixed media collage, drawing & painting on wooden board
Exploring rich and powerful colours and quirky tropical plant forms you take a detailed look at various painting techniques, the art of perspective and layering to produce a fabulous painting.

8 weeks Tuesday 22nd October to 10th December 2019
3:15pm-5:15pm in Weka Room with Antonia.

ART CLASSES

AT SCHOOLS, AFTER SCHOOL

Term 4 2019 @ St Thomas's School

Fine Young Artists is an inspirational **fine arts programme** designed for children who are **passionate about art.**



Every term, children take part in an exciting new programme based on the works of well-know local and international artists. Our 8-week course is the perfect way to develop your child's artistic potential.

ENROL NOW! www.fineyoungartists.co.nz P: 09 6341995 E: enquiries@fineyoungartists.co.nz

GYMNASTICS

- Fantastic skill development
- Fantastic strength building
- Fantastic **TUMBLING** training
- Fantastic flexibility & mental concentration
- Fantastic coaches & equipment
- Fantastic Fun!

Register on the www.GYMclub.co.nz website today!

Class starts on Tuesday the 22nd October, at 12.30pm in the school hall.

"Classes are fantastic, more fun, more convenient, and I've learn't more in a term than I did in a year at my last club" Charlotte

The cost for the 8 week term is only \$100.

www.GYMclub.co.nz

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