



28 May 2020

## Principal's Message

As students and staff are returning to normality, we are easing some of the restrictions which we had in place for students. Most of these tweaks will not affect parents but are about safely increasing the learning opportunities for our students.

Starting from next week we will allow collaborative teaching and learning within the same year groups. Activities such as our Kapa Haka group will restart and within school sporting activities will increase. We will contact the people who run our lunchtime activities such as French lessons and speech and drama classes and invite them to resume their sessions.

Our school library will reopen, and readers and school journals will again be sent home to families. If parents still have books, readers or journals at home please return them.

Whole school assemblies and afterschool programmes such as art classes will not restart this term due to the extensive building work that is currently going on around the Pohutukawa block and hall area.

To those of you who are heading out of town to catch up with families and friends' safe travels and see you on Tuesday.

## Parking Around School

Please be mindful when parking around the school and do not park over our neighbour's driveways. Also, take notice of the parking restrictions close to the school. Parking wardens will be out and about from time to time.

## 40-Hour Famine

The 40hour Famine is next week on the 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> of June! St Thomas's School can make a difference to communities in Malawi who are fighting hunger and the effects of climate change by signing up to the 40hour Famine on our school fundraising page. Follow this link <https://my.worldvision.org.nz/ss/1pv9o3/st-thomas-school-auckland> or go to the World Vision website and click on 'sign up now,' then make sure you sign up to be a fundraiser for St Thomas's. There are many ways you can do the famine, such as no talking for 40 hours, 40 hours living in a tent or 40 acts of kindness around your house! Try to get as many sponsors as you can to help those less fortunate than us.

We will also be having a school mufti day next **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of June!** Wear something orange and bring a gold coin to show your support for World Vision.

## Upcoming Events

### May

29 **TEACHER ONLY DAY**  
(School closed to students)

### June

1 **QUEENS BIRTHDAY**  
(School closed to students)  
2 Y7&8 Vaccinations

### July

3 Last day of Term 2

# ORANGE Mufti Day

GO BIG AND GO ORANGE  
for

**4** Hour  
Famine

World Vision

Dig out your t-shirts, beanies or trainers.  
Go tangerine, go carrot, go apricot (what is it with fruit?)  
Pick a shade, get dressed, go big and go orange.

**DATE:** 5th June 2020

DONATE WITH CASH OR HEAD TO [FAMINE.ORG.NZ](https://famine.org.nz)  
AND SEARCH YOUR SCHOOL NAME

Raising money for vulnerable children on behalf of the World Vision 40 Hour Famine.

**COST:**  
By  
DONATION



Request to schools to place in their school newsletters/communications:

Kia ora,

During COVID-19 Alert Level 2, the Children's Community Dental Service has reopened some of its clinics for children with urgent dental care needs.

We will be in contact with you if your child requires an urgent appointment.

Alternatively, if your child is in pain, or you have immediate concerns about their teeth, please phone 0800 TALK TEETH to speak with one of our therapists.

We are not able to offer routine appointments just yet, but we will let you know as soon as this changes.

This means that your child's routine appointment may be delayed.

For more information, search for 'ARDS' on the Waitematā DHB website.

Thank you for your understanding and support during this time.

The Children's Community Dental Service.