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This is our usual fortnightly newsletter. After the Prime Minister makes her announcement this afternoon, we will communicate with our community what teaching and learning is going to look like over the coming weeks.

Michael Maher

Property Update

Safety railing installation is to be completed this week. A canopy has been installed outside the hall and a concrete deck is to be poured next week. Ground and first floor of classrooms are cleaned out and generally complete. Work has started on the first floor east west linkway and work on the staffroom access continues. The first stage of carpark gate installation is complete. Below are images of the sick bay, crane working on the east west first floor linkway and walkway behind the new block.



To our Year 8 Girls Basketball Team and their coaches for winning the Eastern Zone Tournament

Upcoming Events

August

All August School events will now be postponed until further notice.

18 Board of Trustees Meeting
(6.30pm online)

September

9 PTA Meeting (7.00pm Staffroom)
14-18 Te Wiki O te Reo Maori
15 Y8 Bake Sale
Board of Trustees Meeting
(6.30pm Staffroom)
17 Y7&8 Social
23 Y7&8 Vaccinations
24 Y1-8 Open Morning
Bay Suburbs (Y5&6) Hockey
25 Last Day of Term

Principals' Awards

Excellence

Selin Eser – J10

Leadership

Jack Pomeroy – J7
Amber Kelly – S2
Olivia Mason – S6

Connections

Amelia Clayton – J2
Annabelle Chen – S12

Passion

James Taylor – J15

COVID-19 App

Last week the Ministry of Health released an update to the NZ COVID Tracer app so you can add manual entries to your digital diary, either at the time or afterward, regardless of whether a QR code is on display.

This means you can use the app to maintain a complete – and private – record of all the places you've been and the people you've seen.

Fast and effective contact tracing will be key to breaking the chain of transmission and minimising the risk or extent of any further lockdowns. NZ COVID Tracer supports this by giving contact tracers a head-start and by allowing us to send contact alerts to people who may have been exposed to the virus.

You can find a range of information about NZ COVID Tracer on the Ministry of Health [website](#), including instructions on [how to update the app](#) if you don't have automatic updates enabled on your phone.

Eastern Zone Girls Basketball

Our Year 8 girls basketball team competed in the Eastern Zone Tournament on Tuesday 11th August held at Barfoot & Thompson Stadium. The team was coached by two of our own students from Year 8, Ivan Basobas & Ben Jamison. The girls had to take the courts against some exceptional teams on the day and in their pool games they met the likes of Baradene, Bailey Rd School, Glendowie School & Churchill Park School. By comfortably beating all schools in the pool they came out as top of the pool to qualify into semifinals where they met Pt England School who had a great skillset. Our girls continued to play with energy and intensity which helped the girls to win the semi-final comfortably as well. In the finals the girls met Stanhope Rd School. Fitness became a factor by the end and our girls came out as the fitter side winning the finals comfortably and they were crowned the champions of the Eastern Zone. St Thomas's team were also applauded by other schools and organizers for their humbleness and for showing true sportsperson spirit during games. The leadership and responsibility shown by our student coaches was also commendable.

Huge congratulations to the team members and the coaches for an amazing display of skills – Jasmine Foster, Zara Pomfret, Diona Murati, Dinani Tabuavula, Sophie Barry, Maddie Dillury, Mia Montgomery, Ayanna Karaka, Sara Revell, Sami Lawler.

Top Scorers: Jasmine Foster (64 Points) & Zara Pomfret (56 Points)

Best Defenders: Dinani Tabuavula & Sophie Barry

Scores from the games played:

St Thomas's 24 - 12 Churchill Park

St Thomas's 26 - 10 Glendowie

St Thomas's 54 - 4 Bailey Rd

St Thomas's 29 – 11 Baradene

Semi-Final – St Thomas's 36 – 18 Pt England

Final – St Thomas's 29 – 12 Stanhope Rd



Year 8 Girls Basketball Team – Eastern Zone Champions

Year 5 Tiki Tour

Once upon a school trip there were four classes M11, M10, S1 and S2 and their teachers Mrs Kroonenberg, Mrs Bracefield, Miss Evans and Ms Thurston organised an awesome school trip. We were going on a Tiki Tour.

Selwyn College was our first destination. We walked around the outside grounds and saw some plaques of the Selwyn College houses like our St Thomas's houses as well as some important people. The reason why we visited Selwyn College is because it was named after Bishop Selwyn, the first bishop of New Zealand.

Our next stop was the Theological College where there were many beautiful stained windows. We learnt a lot of facts about the past that we didn't know. Also, we learnt about the chapel and what all the parts are.



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When we had finished in the chapel we went to the kitchen and dining hall and listened to the past about how they were used before us.

Kepa Bush was our third destination, a beautiful forest filled with native birds and trees. On our journey we saw two possums and one was standing up while it was sleeping, which was really weird, and the other one was sleeping in a tree which is more understandable. Also, our class has been searching and searching for a 300-year-old tree and guess what - we found it and we were soooo happy we saw it!

Our last stop before lunch was Bastion Point, a large land full of exciting things. Everyone's favourite part about Bastion Point was the Michael Joseph Savage Memorial. On the site of the memorial they buried Michael Joseph Savage. There were some beautiful flowers and a nice bit of water. We went up to the top of the memorial and looked down at everyone. We also liked looking at the old gunneries. This is where everyone hid during the war.

Then it was on to Okahu Bay which was so much fun. We got to hang out with all of our friends and play on the playground. Thank you to our teachers and Miss Fromow for organising ice blocks for us. We all enjoyed Okahu Bay and the views of Rangitoto were stunning. It was time to return to school for a rest.

By Amelia Barry and Coco Morton

Tamaki College Enrolment Scheme

The Tamaki College Board of Trustees is in the process of implementing an enrolment scheme as directed by the Ministry of Education. Please see below for information on the proposed zone.

Tamaki College (57) ENROLMENT SCHEME

Effective 01 January 2021

The guidelines for development and operation of enrolment schemes are issued under section 11G (3) of the Education Act 1989 for the purpose of describing the basis on which the Secretary's powers in relation to enrolment schemes will be exercised.

Home zone

All students who live within the home zone* described below (and shown on the attached map) shall be entitled to enrol at the school.

Starting at the intersection of St Heliers Bay Road (excluded) and West Tamaki Road (odd addresses 1 and above only included) travel east along West Tamaki Road (Emerson Street, Ashby Avenue, Navarre Road, Washington Avenue, Crossfield Road, Roberta Avenue, Vanessa Crescent, Calder Place and California Place are excluded) to the end of West Tamaki Road (included). Continue south west along the coastline and then south to the Panmure Bridge/Lagoon Drive. Travel north west along Lagoon Drive (odd addresses 5-29 and Panmure Basin Foreshore excluded). At the intersection of Lagoon Drive and Ireland Road (excluded) turn right onto Jellicoe Road and travel north along Jellicoe Road (Pōtaka Lane excluded), then west along Mountain Road (excluded). From Mountain Road, follow Te Horeta Road north to Morrin Road (College Road and Stonefields Avenue excluded) then travel east to Merton Road (addresses 88 and 207 included only). Continue east to the railway line. Travel north along the railway line and then continue along the boundary of the Apirana Reserve (St Johns Road excluded). Travel across country to Apirana Avenue. From Apirana Avenue travel north west to St Heliers Bay Road (excluded). From St Heliers Bay Road travel north east back to the starting point.

*Proof of residence within the home zone may be required.

Each year, applications for enrolment for the following year from in-zone students will be sought by a specific date which will be published in a daily or community newspaper circulated in the area served by the school. This will enable the board to assess the number of places which can be made available to students who live outside the home zone.

Out of zone enrolments

Each year the board will determine the number of places which are likely to be available in the following year for the enrolment of students who live outside the home zone. The board will publish this information by notice in a daily or community newspaper circulated in the area served by the school.

The notice will indicate how applications are to be made and will specify a date by which all applications must be received.

Applications for enrolment will be processed in the following order of priority:

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- First priority:** must be given to students who have been accepted for enrolment in the following special programme(s) run by the school and approved by the Secretary for Education.**
- Second priority:** must be given to applicants who are siblings of current students.
- Third priority:** must be given to applicants who are siblings of former students.
- Fourth priority:** must be given to any applicant who is a child of a former student of the school.
- Fifth priority:** must be given to any applicant who is either a child of an employee of the board of the school or a child of a member of the board of the school.
- Sixth priority:** must be given to all other applicants.

If there are more applicants in the second, third, fourth, or fifth priority groups than there are places available, selection within the priority group will be by a ballot conducted in accordance with instructions issued by the Secretary for Education under Section 11G(1) of the Education Act 1989. Parents will be informed of the date of any ballot by notice in a daily or community newspaper circulating in the area served by the school.

Applicants seeking second or third priority status may be required to give proof of a sibling relationship.

****Note:** This priority category is not applicable at this school because the school does not run a special programme approved by the Secretary.

