



15 December 2020

Tomorrow is the last day of the school year. Please note that **school will finish at 12.30pm** so please ensure your child is collected on time. The after-school bus will not be running.

## Saying Goodbye to Staff

We are sad to be saying goodbye to the following teachers and teacher aides who have been a great asset to the school over the recent years.

Nicky Brickland, Teresa Bracefield, John Hazel, Felicity Christie, Jeannie Preddey, Alex Lowery, Jacqui Downes and Aimee Smith.

We would like to wish them all the very best for their next adventure.

## Opportunity to Meet the Teacher

In 2021 our first day for students returning to class is **Wednesday 3 February**.

On **Tuesday 2 February** we are providing an opportunity for parents and their child to book a timeslot to meet up with their child's teacher for a ten-minute one-to-one catch up. This is an opportunity for parents to highlight strengths, passions and areas of development for their child and any other information they would like to share with the teacher.

Similar to how we organise student led conferences, we have set up an online booking system which opened on Friday, 11 December.

This initiative is part of our ongoing drive to ensure St Thomas's School is as accessible as possible to all families and to strengthen the home/school partnership.

**What do I need to do?** visit [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and book a time slot to meet the teacher on Tuesday 2 February.

The Event Code is **xe2d5**—use your child's new classroom number/teacher.

**When can I book?** Anytime from now.



**To all our amazing Students and Teachers for another brilliant year at St Thomas's!**

## Upcoming Events

### December

- 16 Last day of school  
**(School finishes at 12.30pm)**  
NB. After school bus will not be running

### February 2021

- 2 Meet the Teacher Day
- 3 First day of Term 1
- 8 Waitangi Day Observed (school closed)
- 9 Y6-8 Swimming Lessons Start
- 10 Y1-5 Swimming Lessons Start
- 24-26 Y6 at Camp Carey
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### March 2021

- 1 Y7/8 Immunisation Consent Talks
- 16 Y7/8 Immunisations
- 17-19 Y1 Safe Walking with Constable Gordon
- 22-24 Y2 Safe Walking with Constable Gordon
- 29 Cyber Safety Talks with Constable Gordon (Y6-8)

## Prizegiving 2020

Thank you to all who attended our annual Prizegiving on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December and congratulations to all our winners.



## School Grounds Opening Times Over Summer

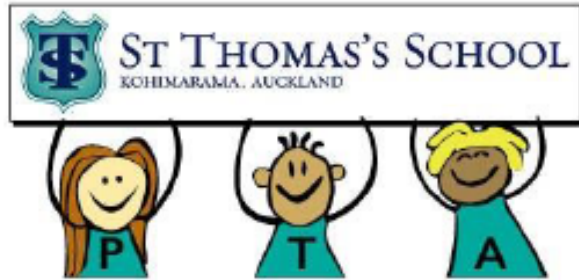
The grounds will be open from approximately 9.00am until 8.00pm every day during the summer break.

Please be aware that there will still be some construction work being carried out, so we encourage you to use the grounds safely and responsibly.

## Tabloid Sports Day



## PTA News Issue #12 2020



### THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!

In what can only be described as a trying year for all, we can't thank you enough for all the support we've had from our school community this year. Whether it was your help, your time, your donations or your purchasing, we are so very grateful to everyone who contributed to our 2020 fundraising goal.

We have raised more than \$40,000 this year to go toward our goal: ***"Enhancing the outdoor learning environment; including play areas & learning through play equipment"***

### 2<sup>nd</sup> HAND UNIFORM SALE

We'll be holding a second-hand uniform sale at the Meet the Teacher day on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 2021.

We have a range of sizes; shorts, t-shirts, long sleeve shirts, fleeces & hats for sale. Ranging in price from \$5 - \$30.  
***Cash only please.***

### SCHOOL PICNIC

Our annual Community School Picnic event will be coming in March 2021.

More details and a date to come!



### WATCH THIS SPACE!!

We have a **new event** coming in March! It may, or may not involve a tent.....  
More details to come soon.



We're always looking for more members. If you'd like to know more, contact us at [stthomasschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:stthomasschoolpta@gmail.com) or come along to the next PTA meeting. We'd love to have more members, many hands make light work!



We encourage you to contact us with your thoughts & suggestions any time at [stthomasschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:stthomasschoolpta@gmail.com) and don't forget to Like us on Facebook!

11 December 2020

Dear neighbour,

Re: St Johns Road/ St Heliers Bay Road intersection upgrade

As part of Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive Shared Path – Section 2 construction work, we are upgrading the St Johns Road, St Heliers Bay Road and Kohimarama Road intersection. This will make it safer and easier for people to connect between Sections 1 and 2.

The work is being carried out in four stages, from 6 January through to February 2021. Stage one and stage two – work on the traffic islands and crossings is being done over the school holidays when traffic volumes are lower and there are no school children using the roads.



Works being undertaken during this time are:

- Stage one (highlighted in green in the map above)
  - Commences on 6 January until late January for 2-3 weeks, weather dependent.
  - We will be constructing a new raised speed table and traffic island, realigning the kerb, installing new streetlights, and upgrading the traffic signals.
  - All traffic movements will be maintained including safe alternative access for cyclists and pedestrians, however, the left turn slip lane from St Heliers Bay Road to St Johns Road will be temporarily closed.
- Stage two (highlighted in blue in the map above)
  - Commences after stage one in late January for 1 week, weather dependent.
  - Work is similar to Stage 1 which includes the construction of a new raised speed table, new alignment of the traffic island, new streetlights, and an upgrade of the traffic signals.
  - Again, all traffic, pedestrian and cyclist movements will remain however, the left turning slip lane into St Heliers Bay Road from Kohimarama Road be temporarily closed.
- Stage three (highlighted in purple in the map above)
  - Work will be carried out early to mid-February.
  - The works involve footpath widening near the Meadowbank Pony Club.

The final stage, four, includes general pavement reinstatement and footpath work which will have little impact on our neighbours.



Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive  
Shared Path - Te Ara Ki Uta Ki Tai

Our work hours are Monday to Saturday, 7am to 7pm with the exception of road marking which will be carried out at night time to minimise disruption to traffic flow.

For Stage 1, 2 and 3 works the type of machinery you will expect to see are 5 tonne excavators, rock breaker, roller, plate compactor and a concrete cutter. Some of this work will be noisy, for example the concrete breaking and cutting, however it will be intermittent.

Whilst construction work will be disruptive, we will do what we can to minimise this, and thank you for your patience whilst we make this intersection safer.

Should you have any questions about the upcoming work or concerns, please contact us via [gi2t@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:gi2t@nzta.govt.nz) Otherwise, if the matter is urgent please contact one of the following site staff.

- Jocelyn Orlando-Reep – Communications & Engagement Manager – 027 702 3625
- Blane Smith – Site Manager – 027 273 8122

If you would like to receive construction updates please send us your preferred contact details to [gi2t@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:gi2t@nzta.govt.nz), to add to our construction database. This will help us get out notifications out to you faster and more directly.

Yours sincerely,

The GI2T project construction team

