

24 May 2024

Principal's Message

What an exciting book week we have just had and great to see parents dropping into our library to purchase books all week long. Today our students and staff dressed up as their favourite book characters and we welcomed hundreds of our grandparents into school to witness the dress up parade and share a coffee in our library. This was such a special day and to have so many grandparents on site to support their mokopuna was just beautiful.

A special thank you to our wonderful librarians Denise Lymer and Helen Rutherford who put so much work into creating this successful week and also our wonderful PTA for all their work. It is so uplifting to work in a school community where people work together for the benefit of all the students, and this is what makes St Thomas's School such a great community.



Michael Maher
Principal



To Helen and Denise from the Library for their hard work organising this week's successful book fair.

Upcoming Dates

May

- 27 Y3 Trip to Corban Estate Arts (M3 and half of M1)
- 28 Y3 Trip to Corban Estate Arts (M2 and half of M1)
- 28 Y5 Trip to Howick Historical Village (S7 & S8)
- 28 Eastern Zone Y7 Boys Football
- 29 Y5 Trip to Howick Historical Village (M6)
- 30 Eastern Zone Y8 Boys Football
- 30 Junior Formal Assembly
10.00am – 10.30am (school hall)
Senior Formal Assembly
12.00pm – 12.30pm (school hall)
- 31 Teacher Only Day
* School closed for students*

June

- 03 King's Birthday Holiday
- 05 Bay Suburbs Ripa Rugby
- 07 Junior Assembly (J2 hosting)
9.45am – 10.30am (school hall)
Senior Assembly (M4 hosting)
11.45am – 12.30pm (school hall)
- 18 Y6 trip to Waitakere Ranges (S11 & S12)
- 18 Board of Trustees Meeting (6.30pm staffroom)
- 19 Y6 trip to Waitakere Ranges (S9 & S10)

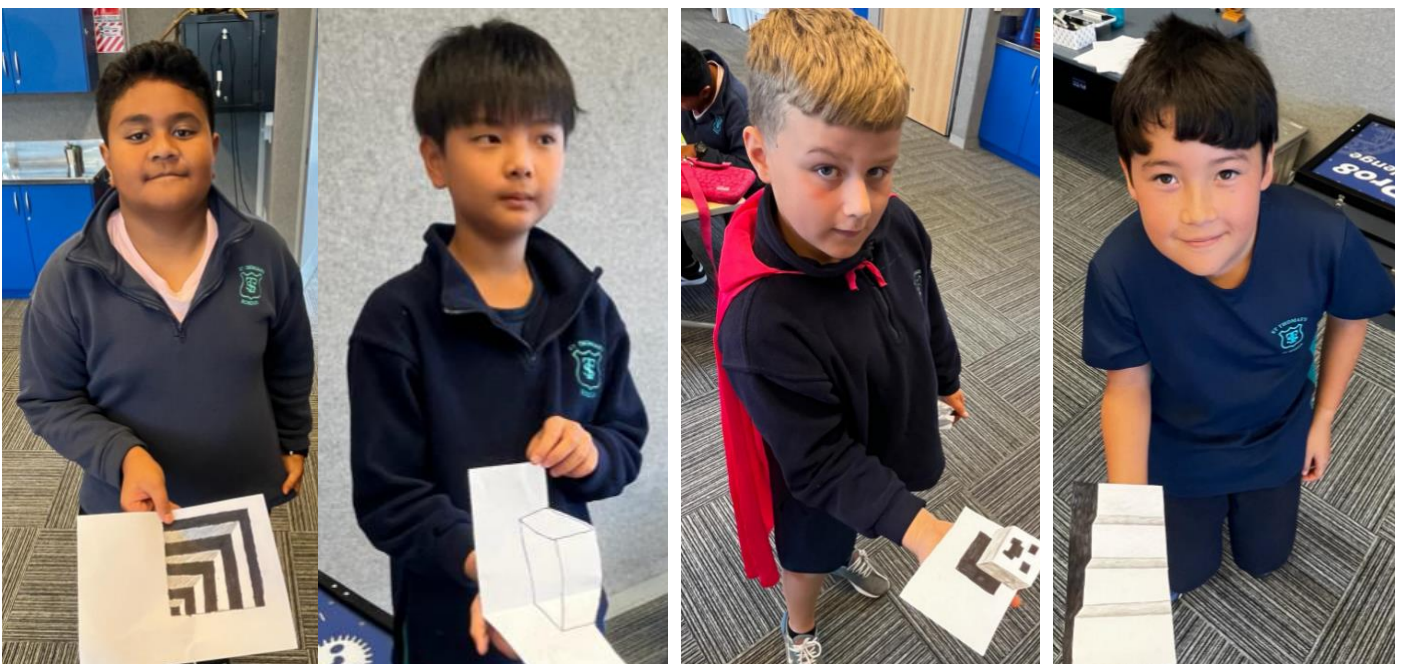
Learning Extension Programme

Science of the Brain

In one of this term's LEPs, children have been diving into the fascinating world of neuroscience and discovering the secrets of the most powerful organ in our body!

They are unravelling the mysteries of the brain, exploring optical illusions, uncovering the truth about right and left-brain dominance, and unlocking the genius behind the brain's clever tricks.

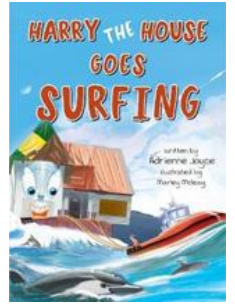
Here are some examples of their hand-drawn, anamorphic artworks. Anamorphic art is an optical illusion whereby an image appears to be totally distorted when seen from the usual vantage point but appears normal when viewed from a specific angle.



Book Week

What a fantastic week we have had celebrating Book Week this week.

A highlight for the junior classes was our special visit from guest author, Adrienne Joyce. Adrienne is the author of 'Harry the House goes Surfing', a true picture book telling the story of Harry's hair-raising journey from St Heliers 96 kilometres up the coast on a barge to Mangawhai. A big thank you to Adrienne for reading to our students and sharing your wonderful story with us.



Buddy Class Visit for Book Week

Year 3 and Year 7 students buddied up for Book Week, providing our Year 3 learners with a wonderful opportunity to read their favourite books with a senior student.



Dogman Comes to School!



What a lot of excitement was had when one of the most favourite book-characters, Dogman, came to our classrooms! Thank you, Dogman for reading to us, giving us high-fives and answering all our curious questions!

"Changing Learning for a Changing World"

Book Character Parade!



Bee Keeping

Being a beekeeper is quite interesting. It involves this smoke machine, bees, protective suits, bees, a tool to get into the hive... and did I mention bees? When you're in the bee suit, all of a sudden you need to scratch your face. It's annoying because you can't scratch the area because of the big mesh helmet on your head, but the suit makes you feel safe. We checked that the Queen was well and removed the Varroa mite strips from the hive. We also checked that the bees had enough honey to feed them through winter, and sprinkled cinnamon on the lid to keep away ants. Bee keeping is fun, and I've only been for one session, but I love it already.

Maggie S6



School Bus

If your child catches the school bus to school, can you please ensure that their AT HOP card is topped up. Please see [here](#) for information on how to do this.

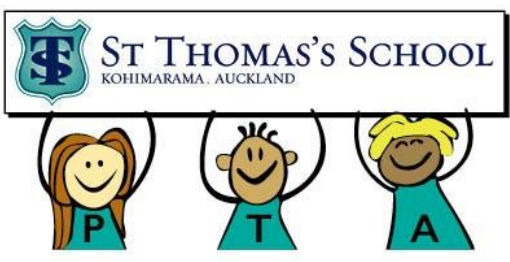
Community Notices

Please see our website for details about clubs and activities:

<https://www.stthomas.school.nz/clubs-and-activities/>

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PTA News Issue #24 2024

Spell A-thon 2024 Achievement


Well done St Thomas's School!

We raised over \$30k for our 2024 Spell A-thon!! What an outstanding achievement.

A big THANK YOU to all the parents who spread the word to friends & whānau. We could not have done this without your support. This will make a significant difference for the school, especially for school sports and cultural uniforms. Well done to everyone involved.




Congratulations to the following individual & class winners:

Top Individual Prizes

- 1st Place Alyana  Drone
- 2nd Place Lucas  \$50 Voucher
- 3rd Place - Joint
Kk's }  Choose bell songs for a day
Ashy's }

Top Class Prizes

Our Teams

-  Room S7 - Keryn Churches \$2,367
-  Room J7 - Samantha Lynch \$2,050
-  Room S8 - Sam Whitaker \$1,904



Movie & Popcorn



Pizza Party



Ice Blocks

Annual Quiz Night Fundraiser – Mid Winter Christmas Saturday 15th June

Limited seats available so get in quick.

\$60pp including:

- Drink on arrival
- Debut Band – Lost Property
- Grazing table
- Cash bar
- Silent auctions



Thank you to our sponsors for supporting our Quiz Night fundraising



Buy your tickets through Kindo and if you have a group you wish to sit with, reserve a table by emailing stthomasschoolpta@gmail.com.

WATCH OUT FOR UPCOMING EVENTS IN TERM 2

- Ice Block Fridays - every Friday (weather permitting) \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Under the tree by the office.



REMINDERS

Second Hand Uniforms:

Donate your preloved uniform for us to on-sell. Please drop off at the school office.

Yummy Stickers

Remind your children to stick their Yummy stickers from their fruit to the class sticker sheet.



Why not consider joining the PTA in 2024? It's fun, rewarding and most of all, benefits the school and our Tamariki. Contact us on the email below or come along to our next monthly meeting to find out what we do. Next meeting 7pm, Wednesday 12th June in the school Staffroom.

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



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A FUN PROGRAMME
THAT KIDS LOVE!



Friday 31 May
**TEACHER ONLY DAY
PROGRAMME**

ST THOMAS'S SCHOOL

**OSCAR
PROGRAMME
SUBSIDIES
AVAILABLE!**

*Conditions apply

We've got an amazing programme planned including baking, crafts, games and more! Book online now for our fun-filled one day holiday programme. See you there!

Full Day: \$58
7am-6pm

School Day: \$48
8:30am-3pm

Contact: Ian Palmquist

Email: stthomas@kellyclub.co.nz

Phone: 021 0803 3666

Facebook: @KellyClubStThomas

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT www.kellyclub.co.nz



Give Tennis a Try!

Kiwi Tennis is looking forward to a new term of tennis on Mondays at St Thomas's School. Come along for a free trial! Just email us to book.

All equipment provided, no experience necessary!

- Monday lunchtimes 12.30–1.15pm, school playground
- Starts Monday 6 May, join anytime
- \$96 for 7 weeks

Book online at

www.kiwitennis.co.nz or email coaching@kiwitennis.co.nz

