

Aumāngā / Resilience

Whakāute / Respect

Takohanga / Responsibility

07 June 2024

Principal's Message

As part of the 2023 Principals' Collective Agreement between the Ministry of Education and primary school principals, \$12,000 was allocated for principals' professional development. In Week 8 of this term, I will use this funding to attend a trauma conference overseas and visit schools to meet with principals and psychologists who deal with trauma in young people.

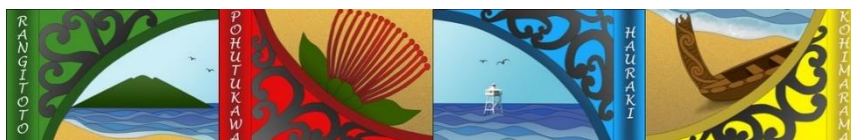
Schools across New Zealand are reporting a surge in students who are struggling to self-regulate and this is a cause of stress for these individual students, teaching staff, other students and families. Trauma informed practice is a strengths-based approach which emphasises physical, psychological and emotional safety for everyone and aims to empower individuals to reestablish control of their lives.

My aim is to explore and learn about this practice and investigate what aspects of the approach could we utilise in a school setting to further support a safe learning environment for all our students. Deputy Principal Ingrid May will be Acting Principal while I am absent from school.

Reminder: Off at the Gate Cell Phone Policy

Please see [here](#) for our Off at the Gate Cell Phone Policy.

Michael Maher
Principal



To the students who won places in the Orakei Ward Moth Pod Plant Competition.

Upcoming Dates

June

- 18 Y6 trip to Waitakere Ranges (S11 & S12)
- 18 Board of Trustees Meeting (6.30pm staffroom)
- 19 Y6 trip to Waitakere Ranges (S9 & S10)
- 21 Junior Assembly (M1 hosting) 9.45am – 10.30am (school hall)
Senior Assembly (M6 hosting) 11.45am – 12.30pm (school hall)
- 24 Eastern Zone Hockey
- 27 Matariki Open Morning
- 28 Matariki Holiday

July

- 01 Bay Suburbs Netball
- 02 Ki o Rahi Tournament Y7&Y8
- 04 Pizza Lunch and Red Nose Mufti Day
- 05 Junior Formal Assembly 10.00am – 10.30am (school hall)
Senior Formal Assembly 12.00pm – 12.30pm (school hall)
- 05 Last Day Term 2
- 22 First Day of Term 3
- 22 Cross Country Costume Carnival
- 26 Eastern Zone Netball

Learning Environments New Zealand Event

Learning Environments New Zealand (LENZ) promotes quality design of learning spaces and professional development amongst a community of educators, designers and decision-makers. We recently hosted a LENZ evening presentation and school tour for a group of 40 architects interested in our new 10-classroom and library block.

The event was a great opportunity for us to showcase our fabulous teaching and learning facilities and the unique and innovative additions our Board of Trustees has funded to ensure the new block fits within our environment and provides effective shelter and flow within and around the school.



Book Week in Year 6



Why I rated the book 5 stars
 Because it is really funny and the author's style is really nice.

we can solve simple problems

Book Review

My book cover: **FINS**

Book title: **My Book Review**
 Author: **David Walliams**
 Illustrator: **Tony Ross**

Genre (tick as many as apply to your book):
 fiction scary animal story
 non-fiction fairy tale biography
 fantasy adventure historical
 humour sports mystery
 other

Plot:
 Part 1: **Introduction**
 Part 2: **Escapes**
 Part 3: **Save the world**
 Part 4: **Conclusion**

Setting:
 Name: **Jungle**
 Picture of the setting:

Character:
 Name: **Timmy**
 Personality: **friendly, brave, kind**
 Physical Appearance: **small, brown, with a red hat**

Cause and effect of one of the events in the book:
 Cause: **Timmy was lost**
 Effect: **he was sad**

My Star Rating: **5 stars**
 Why I rated the book 5 stars: **because it is really funny and the author's style is really nice.**



Why I rated the book 5 stars
 because it's a funny book with cool adventures.

Character name and because he fights the fight.

Book Review

My book cover: **The Ice Machine**

Book title: **The Ice Machine**
 Author: **David Walliams**
 Illustrator: **Tony Ross**

Genre (tick as many as apply to your book):
 fiction scary animal story
 non-fiction fairy tale biography
 fantasy adventure historical
 humour sports mystery
 other

Plot:
 Name: **Elise**
 Part 1: **Escapes**
 Part 2: **Save the world**
 Part 3: **Conclusion**

Setting:
 Name: **Elise**
 Picture of the setting:

Character:
 Name: **Elise**
 Personality: **brave, kind, funny**
 Physical Appearance: **small, blonde, with a red dress**

Cause and effect of one of the events in the book:
 Cause: **There is an ice machine in London**
 Effect: **It's IDK**

My Star Rating: **5 stars**
 Why I rated the book 5 stars: **because it is really funny and the author's style is really nice.**

Buddy Classes

On Thursday, the Year 7 students went to the Year 3 classrooms for buddy class. We do this about twice a term. The Year 7s help, play or read with our buddies. First, we had to find a buddy, and they had to pick out a book for us to read to them for book week. My buddy chose a book about the Roman Gladiators, and we spent some time reading the book. I was surprised about how many things I learnt! My buddy was very quiet, but said he enjoyed listening to me read.

Afterwards, we all went down to the mat, and some of the Year 7s had to perform/read Jack and the Giant Beanstalk with puppets. I was part of it, and my puppet was Jack. I could tell the story was funny, as all the Year 3s were laughing. After the book, we all lined up and said goodbye to our buddies.

I had a fun time with the Year 3s, and I'm sure they all had a fun time with us!

By Tessa Y7



St Thomas's School Awarded Top School in the Orakei Ward Moth Pod Plant Competition!

Congratulations to the following students who have placed in their respective categories and earned St Thomas's the honour of being named Top School in this year's competition.

2nd in the Open Category – Georgia Mehrtens, Flo Bowker, Qingxin Qu, Bella Hewitt, Madeleine Youd-Whittaker

4th in the Open Category – Dante Salinger, Alexander Truong, Senula Singappuli Mudiyansele

Best Photo Diaries – Ava and Eddie McBeth

Best Photo – Alex Bull

Thank you to our other students who also entered the competition and contributed towards the total number of pods picked, helping to rid our area of this invasive and irritating weed. You are all amazing!



Walking School Bus



If you are interested in your child joining one of our Walking School Bus routes and walking to school, please contact Alison Snell for more information at asnell@stthomas.school.nz.

We currently have routes that walk up Atkin Avenue from Madills Farm, and from College Hill roundabout and Sunhill.

Sunhill also serves as a park and drop point for the Walking School Bus.

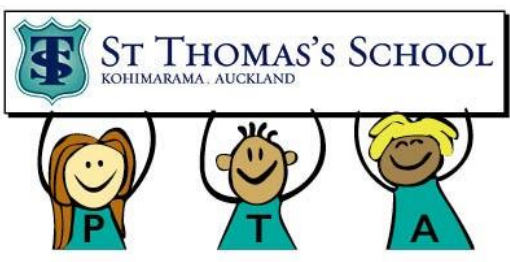
Community Notices

Please see our website for details about:

School Holiday Programmes: <https://www.stthomas.school.nz/school-holiday-programmes/>

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

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PTA News

Issue #26 2024

St Thomas's Annual Auction Live Online NOW!

There are over 60 awesome items to be won, and all funds raised will go straight to St Thomas's School.
We have.....

- Gym memberships
- Tutoring
- Waiheke Bach
- Rotorua Adventures
- Local Adventures
- Health & Beauty vouchers
- Restaurant vouchers
- House Washing
- Swimming, books, activities and more



Additional prizes donated by...



Go to: <https://www.32auctions.com/STsauction24?r=1&t=all>
Or scan the QR code, create an account and start your bidding.



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

There is one more week to go. Limited seats available so get in quick.

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!





**KELLY
CLUB**

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Mon 8 – Fri 19 July



Join us for a fun-filled School Holiday Programme including a Treasure Quest Day, craft and cooking activities, awesome games & **MUCH MORE!**

*Some activities may need to be swapped for other exciting ones!
Go online to check out a full, up-to-date timetable for your school.*

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**Conditions apply*

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JULY 2024 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

ST THOMAS'S SCHOOL

A timetable and full programme information is available online or at the programme venue.

Who can attend: Children aged 5-13 yrs

General Information: We believe in giving children opportunities to do the things they love and enjoy in a supportive and encouraging environment. Our friendly staff are passionate about working with children. They are provided with training on behaviour management techniques, first aid and activity planning/delivery.

What do you need to bring: Shoes and appropriate clothing, jacket or sweatshirt, hat, drink bottle and food for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

Payment details: Payment is required before the holiday programme begins. An invoice will be issued when a completed booking is received. All payment details will be included on the invoice.

Work and Income OSCAR Subsidy: Parents / caregivers that meet certain criteria will be able to access a WINZ subsidy to help cover the cost of our programme. For more information visit www.workandincome.govt.nz.

Please note: Every care will be taken to ensure the safety of your child/ren and their property. However, organisers of Kelly Club accept no liability for any injury sustained to your child/ren or any loss or damage to his/her property whilst at a programme. If your child/ren are collected late after the conclusion of the programme you will be charged \$20 per 15 minutes or part thereof.

Prices & Session Times:

Full Week: \$295 **Full Day:** \$58 **Event Day:** Extra \$20
7am-6pm 7am-6pm (Included in Full Week)

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

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General Information: We believe in giving children opportunities to do the things they love and enjoy in a supportive and encouraging environment. We provide quality childcare in safe and fun surroundings for children out of school. Our holiday programme is focused around sports, games, and outings to local attractions. Our friendly staff are passionate about working with children. They are provided with training on behaviour management techniques, first aid and activity planning/delivery.

Who can attend: Children aged 5-13 yrs

What do you need to bring: Shoes and appropriate clothing, jacket or sweatshirt, hat, drink bottle and food.

Food: Please bring plenty of packed food and drink for morning tea/lunch/afternoon tea. Lunch will be from approximately 12:30pm to 1:00pm each day.

Programme activities: Programme activities are adapted to suit children of all ages and children may be grouped by age depending on numbers. Programme activities may vary without notice dependent on weather conditions and programme numbers.

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ST THOMAS'S SCHOOL

WEEK 1

Mon 8 July



ENVIRO-DAY

The Earth is our home so let's look after it! I wonder what we will see when we look closer with an epic outdoor scavenger hunt.

Tues 9 July



TREASURE QUEST

Every pirate needs some treasure! Wear your best pirate costume and hit the deck in a race against your pirate pals to build the best ship!

Wed 10 July



MOVIES

Join us for an awesome trip day to the movies to see Despicable Me 4. Please remember a big lunch, drink bottle, shoes and a hat. \$20 extra for the day.

Thurs 11 July



COLOUR BLAST

Wear your favourite colour and step inside the rainbow with prism science. If you're lucky you might just find a pot of gold.

Fri 12 July



BRILLIANT BRAINS

Put your IQ to the test and flex your mental muscles to solve brain teasers and take part in some wicked experiments.

WEEK 2

Mon 15 July



DODGEM'

It's a day full of dodging! Will you be the moving target or can you dodge your way out of this one?

Tues 16 July



NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

When the sun sets, the museum comes to life! There'll be dinosaurs & mummies roaming around. We'll whip up a midnight snack with our newfound friends.

Wed 17 July



ICE SKATING

Join us for an awesome trip day to Paradise Ice Skating in Botany. Please remember a big lunch, drink bottle, shoes and a hat. Please bring a helmet if you own one. \$20 extra for the day.

Thurs 18 July



ULTIMATE CHALLENGE

Work as a team to overcome all sorts of fun challenges then re-energise with some nutritious grub.

Fri 19 July



PJ PARTY

Put on your snazziest PJs and rock up to Kelly Club today for an epic slumber party. There'll be no time for sleep between pillow fighting, a movie with popcorn, and a midnight snack!

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FULL DAY: \$58 7am-6pm
SCHOOL DAY: \$48 8:30am-3pm
EVENT DAY: Extra \$20 (Included in Full Week)

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 - 8:15 am	Bubble Painting & Structured Free Time	Friendship Paper Chains & Structured Free Time	Paper Creations & Structured Free Time	Board Games & Structured Free Time	Homemade Cookies & Structured Free Time
8:15 - 8:30 am	Game: Handball	Game: Fly Seagull Fly	Game: Line Tag	Game: Find a Friend	Game: Traffic
3:00 - 3:10 pm	Sign In & Free Time	Sign In & Free Time	Sign In & Free Time	Sign In & Free Time	Sign In & Free Time
3:10 - 3:30 pm	Intro & Afternoon Tea Cheesy Garlic Bread & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Cheese Toasties & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Homemade Cookies & Fruit
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Game: Tap Ball	Game: Snowball Tag	Game: Stuck in the Mud	Game: Quick Fire Cricket	Game: Capture the Flag
SENIORS 3:45 - 4:30 pm	CRAFT Friendship Bracelets	GAME Kindness Catch	DISCOVERY Balloon Tower Challenge	SPORT Tug of War	COOKING Cookies to Share
					
JUNIORS 3:45 - 4:30 pm	SPORT 3 Legged Race	CRAFT Spoon Friends	GAME Blindfolded Course	DISCOVERY Balloon Tower Challenge	COOKING Cookies to Share
					
4:30 - 4:40 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up
4:40 - 5:00 pm	Playground	Playground	Playground	Playground	Playground
5:00 - 5:30 pm	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time
5:30 - 6:00 pm	Snack Time Popcorn	Snack Time Biscuits	Snack Time Crackers	Snack Time Vege Chips	Snack Time Baking