

Aumāngā / Resilience

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## Principal's Message

Welcome back to Term 3 and one more winter month to go before spring arrives with the promise of better weather.

Recently I had the opportunity to spend time with other professionals in education looking at the impact of trauma on families and young people. Trauma may arise because of physical or emotional neglect or violence, poverty trauma, trauma from a medical event or loss of a loved one or other significant events in a child's life such as parental separation. Trauma in adults can overwhelm families to such an extent that the adults in the families may not have the spare capacity to meet the emotional needs of their children which leads to trauma in the child. Having significant and trusting adults in a child's life reduces the effects of trauma and teachers can play a significant part in this. School wide strategies such as our positive behaviour for learning programme and greeting children at the school gate in the morning creates a sense of safety and belonging which supports all children and especially those who have been impacted by trauma. As a school we will continue to learn about and put in place strategies which support us to be a trauma sensitive school to cater to the diverse needs of all our students.

### 549 Morning Bus Route

We have safety concerns for our students in the morning due to overcrowding on the 549 bus route. St Thomas's School has no control over the buses that bring our students to and from school, however we have had numerous correspondence and meetings with Auckland Transport to request a second bus on the morning 549 route. We have also contacted our local Orakei Board asking them to support our request.

The route 549 and route 550 buses both run in the afternoons. In the morning it is just the 549 route. Auckland Transport inform us that they have written a proposal to NZ Bus (the external operator) requesting that they provide an additional bus in the mornings, to cover the 550 route (from St Johns), from the start of next year. No date was provided as to when we might hear the outcome of this proposal. If your child travels on the morning bus I would suggest you contact Auckland Transport to advocate for a second morning bus: [customerliaison@at.govt.nz](mailto:customerliaison@at.govt.nz)

**Michael Maher**  
Principal



**Welcome to our new students and their families, starting this term.**

### Upcoming Dates August

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| 07    | Musical Showcase<br>(6.30pm school hall)   |
| 09    | Junior Assembly (J7&8 hosting)<br>9.45am – 10.30am (school hall)<br>Senior Assembly (Y7 hosting)<br>11.45am – 12.30pm (school hall)  |
| 13    | Board of Trustees Meeting<br>(6.30pm staffroom)  |
| 13    | Eastern Zone Girls Basketball  |
| 15    | Eastern Zone Boys Basketball   |
| 17-18 | PTA Family Photos<br>(school library)  |
| 21    | School Cross Country Event (Y3-8)  |
| 22    | Student Led Learning Conferences   |
| 23    | Junior Formal Assembly<br>10.00am – 10.30am (school hall)<br>Senior Formal Assembly<br>12.00pm – 12.30pm (school hall)               |
| 29    | Bay Suburbs and Eastern Zone<br>Cross Country  |
| 29    | Out of Zone Open Morning   |
| 30    | Junior Assembly (J9&10 hosting)<br>9.45am – 10.30am (school hall)<br>Senior Assembly (M5 hosting)<br>11.45am – 12.30pm (school hall) |
| 30    | PTA School Disco   |

## Reporting Student Absences

**We would like to remind all parents/caregivers that reporting absences is important for the safety and wellbeing of students.**

**Students must be on site and ready to start class no later than 8.55 a.m.**

**Any students arriving late to school must report to the office and sign in**, so that their safe arrival can be recorded. All late arrivals are recorded, should your child be late on a regular basis follow up action will be taken.

To minimise the number of unexplained absences, please take a few moments to advise the school of an absence **by 9.00am** through our Hero App. ***It is not necessary to email the class teacher.***

## Cross Country Costume Carnival

Our students looked absolutely fabulous in their awesome outfits! From the littlest ones to the big kids, everyone was in on the fun, and giving their all on the cross-country course.

We had exciting activities sprinkled all along the course. It was a morning of pure fun, celebrating fitness, teamwork, and the incredible spirit of our school community.

A big thank you to all the students who purchased some sweet treats from the AIMS bake sale. Over \$1000 was raised to assist these students in getting to Tauranga in September.

Here are some cool pics capturing some of the best moments!





## STS News

The STS news crew have worked so well, learning their new skills in script writing, presenting and editing.

If you'd like to watch the first episode of this series, click [HERE](#).

## Information Sessions for Parents of International Students.

Last Friday, we held two information sessions for parents of International Students. One was for parents of International Students who are enrolled long term and one was for parents of International Students who are enrolled short term. The sessions talked about such things as our Hero and Kindo apps, school trips coming up, house points, and how reporting absences is so important.



## 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 #28 2024

### FAMILY PHOTOSHOOT FUNDRAISER

Due to the overwhelming demand for the Family Photoshoot Fundraiser last year, we have managed to get David from Fotoman to support us in our fundraiser this year. You can see some of Davids work on his website [www.fotoman.co.nz](http://www.fotoman.co.nz)

Bookings are done in 10-minute slots from 9am to 4pm both Sat 17<sup>th</sup> & Sun 18<sup>th</sup> August. Proof sheets and order forms will arrive at the school the following week for you to select your photos. The proof (photo) sheets are free and are yours to keep.

Families have until the following Friday week to place an order and return it to the school office.

All photos will be ready for collection from school on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

This is an amazing and cost-effective opportunity to get some fabulous photos for your family.

**Book your 10-minute photoshoot through Kindo to get your preferred time.**

- Sitting Fee \$10
- Free Proof (photo) Sheet
- Prints from \$17

### Musical Showcase

Come and support those wonderfully brave students who have chosen to perform at the St Thomas's Annual Musical Showcase. This will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August (next week) at 6:30pm in the School Hall. All are welcome.

Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

There will be some pizza, drinks and chips available for purchase. Cash only.



### WATCH OUT FOR UPCOMING EVENTS IN TERM 3

- Ice Block Fridays - Every Friday (weather permitting) \$2 each or 3 for \$5.
- Musical Showcase - 7<sup>th</sup> August
- Family Photos - 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> August
- School Disco - 30<sup>th</sup> August

### 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.

St Thomas's School PTA  
Family Photoshoot Fundraiser

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Fotoman David is coming to St Thomas's School

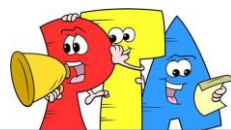
- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024
- 9am – 4pm (10 mins per session)
- St Thomas's School Library
- \$10 sitting fee
- Free proof sheets to choose photos from
- Prints from \$17

Book your 10min sitting time in Kindo.  
(get in quick so you don't miss your preferred time)

Select your photos from school on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August  
Prints to be delivered to school Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

10% of all sales goes to our school

[www.fotoman.co.nz](http://www.fotoman.co.nz)



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 4<sup>th</sup> September** in the school Staffroom.

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!





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### What's been happening ...

We enjoyed seeing everyone back again and hearing about the awesome holidays everyone had. It's been a great week 1 as we are getting ready for the Olympics. We have made origami Olympic rings, Olympic head wreaths and Weetbix energy bars.



**DO YOU QUALIFY FOR CHILDCARE SUBSIDIES?**

More families now qualify for childcare subsidies and the rates have increased for those already qualified!

**BOOK NOW** [www.kellyclub.co.nz](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz)

### Do you qualify for childcare subsidies?

Did you know that Kelly Club St.Thomas's is OSCAR Approved?

Are you aware of the increased subsidy rates and thresholds? For more information to see what your family could receive, head to [www.kellyclub.co.nz/oscar-childcare-subsidy](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz/oscar-childcare-subsidy)

KELLY CLUB		THEME: Stage Challenge				Weekly Activities Plan Kelly Club St.Thomas	
		Term 3 Week 3, 5th August 2024					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
7:00 - 8:15 am	DIY Showcase & Structured Free Time	Who am I? & 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: Red, Green light	Game: Park Bench	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 Soup, 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 Straw Pan Flute	GAME Stage Challenge	DISCOVERY Song down the String	SPORT Drumstick Relay	COOKING Sparkly Shortbread		
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JUNIORS 3:45 - 4:30 pm							
4:30 - 4:40 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up		
4:40 - 5:10 pm	Playground	Playground	Playground	Playground	Playground		
5:10 - 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		

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### What's happening next week ...

Next week is Stage Challenge week at Kelly Club. We will be competing in multiple challenges that include Drumstick relays and stage challenges. We will also be creating stories with a hilarious twist and enjoying sparkly shortbread that we will bake ourselves. Check out our weekly activity planner above to see everything we will be getting up to! Book online today at <https://kellyclub.co.nz/st-thomas>

