



30 August 2024

Principal's Message

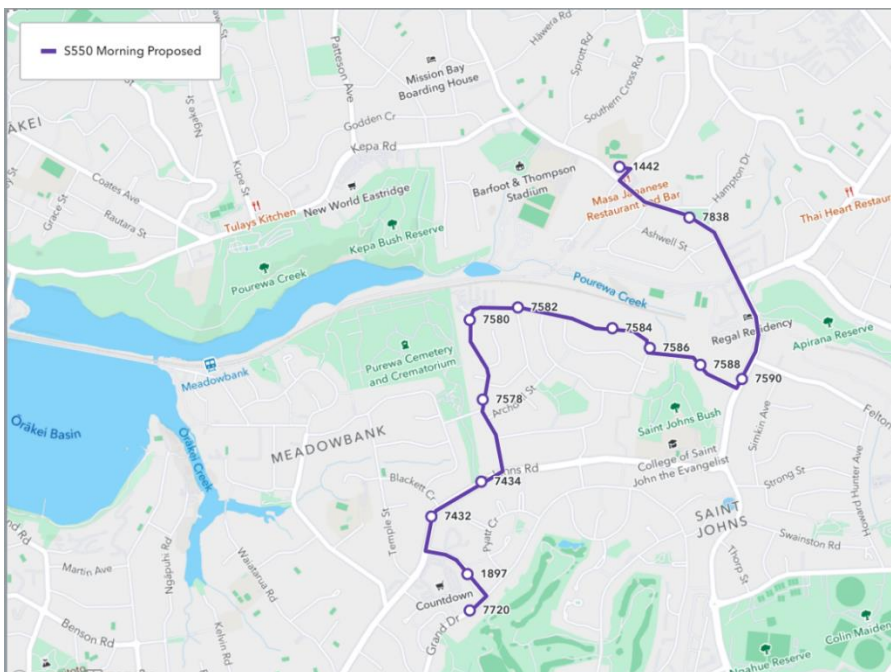
A successful campaign

After a year of corresponding with Auckland Transport (AT) and the Orakei local board regarding the crowded morning bus, we have received confirmation that a second bus will be provided. This is great news for families whose children catch the morning bus and a step forward in ensuring the safety of our students who should have access to more seating. AT have supplied us with the proposed route which will start on 21 October.

New Route: S550 - Gowing Drive and Gerard Way to St Thomas's School.

Departure time: 8:00am

Route stops: **Rosepark Crescent (7720)**, (L) Gerard Way, (R) St Johns Rd, (L) Dorchester St, Gowing Dr, (L) St Johns Rd, Kohimarama Rd, (R) Allam St, **St Thomas School (1442)**.



Michael Maher
Principal



To the Year 7 boys netball team who finished 2nd in the whole of Auckland at Tuesday's Netball Champs.

Upcoming Dates September

- 03 Lockdown Drill
- 05 Zoo Trip (Y6)
- 05 Y7&8 Immunisations
- 09-13 AIMS Games
- 10 Bay Suburbs Basketball
- 10 Board of Trustees Meeting (6.30pm staffroom)
- 11 Corban Arts Trip (M4KI & M5EL)
- 11 Tiritiri Matangi Island Trip (M3)
- 12 Corban Arts Trip (M5PU & M5WO)
- 12 Tiritiri Matangi Island Trip (M2 & M1)
- 12 Y7&8 Immunisations (Catch-up)
- 13 Corban Arts Trip (M4RI)
- 20 Junior Assembly (M2 hosting)
9.45am – 10.30am (school hall)
- Senior Assembly (S11 & S12 hosting)
11.45am – 12.30pm (school hall)
- 24 Bay Suburbs Hockey
- 27 Junior Formal Assembly
10.00am – 10.30am (school hall)
- Senior Formal Assembly
12.00pm – 12.30pm (school hall)
- 27 Last Day Term 3

October

- 14 First Day of Term 4

ESOL Presentations



Two weeks ago, several of our Year 7 ESOL students who are supported by our English Language Assistant, Teri Yanagisawa, presented their speeches in the ESOL room in front of their parents, peers, and ESOL staff. As emergent speakers of English, they would have been very nervous, but each student did well. This event provided them with a valuable opportunity to practice speaking in a supportive environment.

The topics covered were diverse and engaging, including insights into school life in Japan and Russia, Japanese festivals, and a presentation about China. To conclude, Max, a Year 6 student, talked without cue cards about himself and treated us to a guitar rendition of the Beatles' classic "Yesterday."

A big thank you to the parents who attended to support their children during this important event

Student contributions

On Tuesday afternoon, we had our ESOL presentation in the ESOL room. Six students presented their speeches. Parents and Miss Davis came to watch. I was the last student to give my speech, so I was very nervous. I talked about myself first, then played the Beatles' song "Yesterday" on the guitar. At the end, everyone clapped and said, "Well done, Max! It was a great performance!" I was so happy and proud of myself. I hope I made my parents proud too!

By Max Y6

On Tuesday afternoon, we had an ESOL presentation in the ESOL room. The ESOL students presented their speeches, and my topic was the Star Festival, known as Tanabata, in Japan. After my speech, Mrs. Clark said, "I didn't know anything about Tanabata. Thank you for sharing such interesting information with us." I felt relieved and happy!

By Riko Y7

On Tuesday after lunch, we had our speech presentation in the ESOL room. My mum came to watch my presentation. I was the first person to present. My speech was about my school in Japan. Kate's speech about China was very interesting. I was nervous before my speech, but after my speech, I was so happy.

By Miku Y7

St Thomas's Cross Country Results Wednesday 21 August

Y3 Girls: 1st - Ava McBeth, 2nd - Jade Fisher-Elakima, 3rd - Marissa Snowden

Y3 Boys: 1st - Preston Petelo, 2nd - Theo Storey, 3rd - Valentin Jannin

Y4 Girls: 1st - Jessica Carroll, 2nd - Iu Kamiya, 3rd - Valentina Levanova

Y4 Boys: 1st - Harry Prebble, 2nd - Ashton West, 3rd - Kai Sillik

Y5 Girls: 1st - Abbie Tait, 2nd - Manon Jannin, 3rd - Mica Sutherland

Y5 Boys: 1st - Nate Van Rij, 2nd - Archie McGregor, 3rd - Ben Wheeler

Y6 Girls: 1st - Sofia Clayton, 2nd - Georgia Merthens, 3rd - Mackenzie Lim

Y6 Boys: 1st - Bailey Wafer, 2nd - Jordi Scher Barbalho, 3rd - Musawwir Hamzaie

Y7 Girls: 1st - Jasmine Braun, 2nd - Tessa Prebble, 3rd - Makayla Sillik

Y7 Boys: 1st - Axel Farr, 2nd - Huxley Tyler, 3rd - Mustafa Mosavi

Y8 Girls: 1st - Chloe Gonzalez, 2nd - Skyla Gray, 3rd - Summer Wright

Y8 Boys: 1st - Zikria Sayed, 2nd - Aryan Sharma, 3rd - Tim Mutosvori

Exciting Dance Program Coming This Term!

In Term 1, our students had a blast dancing with Ezra from Dance Curriculum during a free taster session. We're excited to announce that the Dance Curriculum Programme will be back at St Thomas's School during Weeks 9 and 10 of this term!

Over the two weeks, students will experience 10 high-energy dance workshops, each choreographed and led by a Dance Curriculum specialist teacher. These workshops are specifically tailored to each year group, ensuring an age-appropriate and engaging experience for every student.



The Dance Curriculum Programme is internationally recognised and students from across Australia and New Zealand have been able to experience it and the joy of learning Dance alongside their friends. Workshops start on Monday, 16 September, and the cost for the entire two-week dance programme is just \$22 per student which can be paid via our [Online Shop](#) now.

Check out the link below to see a preview of what your child will be learning:

[Watch the Dance Curriculum Preview](#)

STS News

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

To watch the third episode of this series, click [HERE](#).

To watch the fourth episode of this series, click [HERE](#).

To watch the fifth episode of the series, click [HERE](#).

Community Notices

Please see our website for details about:

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

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WANTED

PETS FOR A SCHOOL HOLIDAY CHILDREN'S DRAWING CLASS

Do you have a placid pet who would like to be a model for a children's school holiday drawing class in the September holidays?

We are looking for guinea pigs, lizards, mice, dogs or any gentle and friendly pets to spend 2 hours with you and us and a group of children on either:

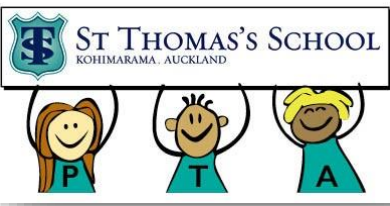
30 September or 1 October

The classes are held at Selwyn College, Kohimarama

As a thank you we will give you and your pet a \$25 gift voucher!

For more information, please call 09 521 9630 as soon as possible.





PTA News

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Thank you for your support

So far this year, the PTA has donated \$40,000 to the school from our fundraising efforts. All funds donated are going towards St Thomas's School sports & cultural uniforms. We could not have done this without support from our community. Thank you to everyone for their ongoing support.

DISCO - Tonight

Don't forget it's the PTA Annual Disco Night.

\$5 Entry pp - Cash Door Sales Only (this is a cash only event)

\$1 of all door sales will be donated to the Cancer Society

- Junior Disco (yrs 0-3) 5pm – 6.30pm
- Senior Disco (yrs 4-8) 6.45pm – 8.15pm



CALENDAR ART

Final orders close this Sunday 1st September.

Follow these instructions to place your order online:

1. Go to www.kidsartworks.com
2. Use the Entrance Code: KZ1056
3. Enter your child's room & name when prompted



YUMMY STICKERS

This will be closing soon. Please return all completed sticker sheets ASAP so we can win new sports gear.

SECOND-HAND UNIFORMS

We would like to offer another 2nd hand uniform sale, however our uniform stocks are very low. If you have any spare/outgrown uniforms at home, and you are happy to donate, please drop these into the school office.



WATCH OUT FOR UPCOMING EVENTS IN TERM 3

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

Stick your Yummy stickers from fruit purchased from the supermarket 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 **Wednesday 18th September** 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!

