



Our Mission: STM school community will develop the gifts and talents of each individual for the good of all through the transforming power of God's word.

Nau mai, Haere mai. Kia ora tatou.

Welcome to Kimberley Dobbie who has turned 5 and joined Mrs Duncan and Mrs Dustin in the junior shared class space😊

You are invited to Mass tonight at 6 p.m. if you have time - the Bishop is celebrating the start of school with all our school communities. Mr Mills is arranging the music, along with Magda....lots of teachers, friends of the school, parish members are invited. If you can manage, we'd love to see you.

School Photos

Are taking place on Wednesday March 8th. For more information please refer to the flyer included in this newsletter. Please ensure that your child is in the correct uniform on the day.

Reminders and deadlines ...

February 22 nd	STM Swimming Carnival (Year 4-6 only) forms due
February 24 th	Flippaball & Waterpolo subs due
February 28 th	Stationery invoices due
March 2 nd (2.30 pm)	Future Champions for Year 5 & Year 6 cut off for applications
March 3 rd	Rippa Rugby Fees due

Dates for your diaries ...

March 1 st	STM Swimming Carnival (Years 4-6)
March 8 th	School Photos
March 9 th	Catholic Schools Swimming Competition
March 26 th	School Mass
March 29 th & 30 th	Future Champions 2017 (successful applicants)

Housekeeping matters

Medicines

We no longer administer antibiotics at school. On medical advice it has been confirmed that it is acceptable to dose your child before school, after school and before bedtime. Should your child require additional doses/medication you will need to come into school with the medicine and administer it to your child. Thank you.

Signing your child in/out of school

If you need to collect your child early for an appointment etc. or arrive late please come to the office and let us know you have taken your child or have arrived – we need to know who is on site and where the students are.

PTFA News

PTFA CLASS REPRESENTATIVE:

We need one parent per team (Pipi, Kina & Paua) to be a class representative between the PTFA and the class parents.

This would involve sending the odd email or note to class parents to recruit helpers for various PTFA events throughout the year e.g. School discos, Cake stalls, cup of tea helpers after mass, Sausage sizzles, athletics day helpers.

Can volunteers please give their name and email address to Jane please
(secretary@stm.school.nz)

If you can't come on board the PTFA this is one way you can contribute to the school community.

Gold Group

Do you own your own business?

There are currently 2 vacancies on the PTFA sign board outside the school. Before we accept an offer to take this spot from someone in the wider community the PTFA would like to offer it to one of our school families.

If anyone owns a business that would benefit from advertising on our sign board please let me know.

As a reminder, for the small quarterly (tax deductible) fee of \$125 you will get to advertise your business details on the sign board outside the school. This is seen by school families, parishioners and visitors to the church, and can also be seen from Baywave carpark.

In addition your business will also get a mention in the fortnightly newsletter and a link to your business from the school website.

If anyone is interested in more information please contact Amy on amz@slingshot.co.nz

Please also remember to support the existing businesses that support our children and school 😊 Many thanks STM PTFA

Message from the Public Health Nurse

The whooping cough article is below, and the link to the article is here:

http://www.ttophs.govt.nz/news_and_events/id/1296

Rise in whooping cough a reminder to start the year with up-to-date immunisations - 31 January 2017

Whooping cough notifications rose across the Bay of Plenty last year, and already in 2017 we have seen small children admitted to hospital.

Toi Te Ora – Public Health Service was notified of 95 people with whooping cough in the Bay of Plenty and Lakes districts in 2016, up from 34 in 2015. In 2016, ten cases were babies aged one year and under (who are most at risk of complication) and 11 were young children aged from one to four years old.

“2017 isn’t off to a good start with six cases notified already, two of these in babies. Whooping cough can be a very serious disease for babies, often requiring intensive hospital treatment,” says Toi Te Ora – Public Health Service Medical Officer of Health, Dr Phil Shoemack.

To protect our most vulnerable, everyone needs to be aware of the importance of immunisation against whooping cough.

- Pregnant women should be immunised against whooping cough between 28 and 38 weeks during each pregnancy.
- Babies need to receive their first dose of vaccine on time at 6 weeks.
- Everyone else should check with their family practice that they are up to date.

The most effective way to protect babies from birth is to vaccinate the mother during pregnancy so that antibodies are passed on to the baby. These antibodies will help reduce the likelihood of the baby becoming ill with whooping cough before their first immunisation at 6 weeks.

“With school and kindergarten re-opening for the New Year I strongly recommend checking your family is up to date with all immunisations. Whooping cough is a preventable disease. Immunisation for whooping cough is part of the routine free childhood immunisation programme and is also free for pregnant women. If a scheduled immunisation has been missed, or you are unsure whether a family member is immunised, contact your family doctor or practice nurse. It’s never too late to catch up,” Dr Shoemack adds.

Whooping cough is a highly infectious and distressing illness caused by bacteria that are spread through the community by coughing and sneezing in the same way as colds and influenza. Symptoms start with a runny nose, fever and dry cough. Coughing gets worse over the next few weeks developing into attacks of coughing and sometimes vomiting. The ‘whoop’ sound occurs as a baby draws a breath after a long coughing attack. Babies under one year are most at risk of serious complications from the illness.

For more information:

- [Toi Te Ora - Public Health Service](#)
- Immunisation Advisory Centre toll-free phone line 0800 IMMUNE (0800 466 863)
- [Immunisation Advisory Centre](#)
- [Ministry of Health](#)
- [Don't Assume You're Immune](#)



Guitar Lessons Intro Course

Give it a go! A 4 week Intro Course for Guitar will be run this term on Wednesday mornings, **beginning on Wed March 1st**. Guitars will be provided with the option of continuing lessons if they like it. **Cost is \$50.00**. If you are interested, please contact wayne@musiqhub-bop.co.nz

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ON

WEDNESDAY 8th MARCH, 2017

Class Room and Individual 'Head & Shoulder' Portrait Photos*
[* for school ID purposes]
will be taken on Wednesday 8th March, 2017

Sibling Portrait Photos *will also be taken on request*
[please register on-line before Monday 6th March, 2017]

If you wish to purchase individual or sibling photos you must register now !

St Thomas More Catholic School SPECIAL OFFER PACKAGE

Purchase the St Thomas More Catholic School **PACK**
to receive an A4 laminated **Class Room Photo** and
Two 6x4 Individual Prints **saving \$6.50 !**

1. Log into www.schoollifephotos.co.nz
2. Go to "Order Online" - then click "Register your Child / Pre Orders"
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CLASS ROOM Photos are also available to purchase online !

Once registered you will receive a '**unique code**'. If you have not received a code [via email] this means that your order is not complete and is still sitting in your "shopping cart".

Individual / Sibling Registration **Cut Off Date :**

Monday 6th of March, 2017

Parents will be notified via email once the images are available / ready for viewing.

Ph: (07) 578 4951
Email: sales@schoollifephotos.co.nz
www.schoollifephotos.co.nz

NEW

Pita Pit lunch at St Thomas More School

Available every Friday starting on 10th February

It is simple all you need to do is register at
www.lunchonline.co.nz



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