



*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 Rocco Daly & Christian Toeke who have turned five and joined Mrs Duncan and Mrs Dustin in the Pipi beach to start their new school

careers. 😊

### Dates for your diary

15 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>Provisionally booked</i> - School Photo Day – weather permitting!
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Paua Team Mauao Trip i.e. Year 5 and 6.
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School Mass
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Funky Fun Festival – Year 1 & Year 2 (more info to follow *)
29 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> March	2017 Future Champions (successful applicants)
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Funky Fun Festival – Year 3 & Year 4 (more info to follow *)
4 <sup>th</sup> April	Pipi Mauao Trip i.e. Year 0-2 (more info to follow *)
11 <sup>th</sup> April	ANZAC Assembly (Kina & Paua) @ 1.30 pm Church Foyer
13 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of Term 1
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Start of Term 2

\*Teachers will be sending notices home with students shortly 😊

### School Photos

Photo day was postponed yesterday due to the extreme weather – we have pencilled in next Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup>, but will confirm after the weekend just to check that the weather is on our side again!

If you did miss the cut-off date for ordering (March 6<sup>th</sup>), you'll need to email School Life Photos [sales@schoollifephotos.co.nz](mailto:sales@schoollifephotos.co.nz)

### Parent Contribution – reminder for end of tax year ....

Please remember you can pay weekly, monthly or termly – whichever suits you best. The parent contribution covers all swimming costs, choir festival buses, school trips or concerts, photocopying costs/calls to parents and internet used to support learning programs, kapa haka tutors and sports co-ordinator. Costs not covered include: Camp for Year 5 & 6, sports fees for middle and senior students, school photos (always optional). Jane will provide you with a receipt "Donations" to be used for tax rebate purposes – don't forget the end of the tax year is **March 31<sup>st</sup>** 😊

### Housekeeping matters

#### **Student Absence**

Can you please telephone the school (575 6782) and leave a message on our absence line or email [secretary@stm.school.nz](mailto:secretary@stm.school.nz) if your child is going to be away from school. We will ring you after 9.00 if your child is not on the class roll- we need to check that they got to school safely.

## ***Medicines***

We no longer administer antibiotics at school. On medical advice it has been confirmed that it is acceptable to give your child their dose 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. This way we know there won't be any mixups.

## ***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 students are. Thank you 😊

## ***Stationery Invoices (due Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>)***

### ***Rippa Rugby (due Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>)***

### ***Flippaball (due Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>)***

Thank you to those parents who have already paid for their child's stationery packs and sports fees – a gentle reminder for those who haven't yet, please arrange payment as soon as possible please. Stationery and sports teams have already been registered and paid for, thank you 😊

**The Incredible Years Parenting Programme is coming to the Hillier Centre – and it's FREE!**

**Highly recommended by all the teachers and many of our school families!**

**The Incredible Years™** is an exciting and interactive 14-week programme which many parents from St. Thomas More have found very helpful in developing positive relationships with their children. We think you will also enjoy this group.

During the group sessions you will have the opportunity to learn about, to practise and refine skills that will help you to reduce any difficult behaviours, increase the behaviours you would like to see more of and give you more opportunities to enjoy spending time with your children.

Where: The Hillier Centre (next to STM school), Gloucester Road - Arataki /Bayfair area

When: Starts Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 6 pm to 8:30 pm

If you are interested, have some questions and/or want to enrol please contact us.

Marjorie Douglas – 022 313 9905 [positivefamilies@xtra.co.nz](mailto:positivefamilies@xtra.co.nz)

Ruth Palliser – 021 848 521 [ruthpositivefamilies@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ruthpositivefamilies@xtra.co.nz)

## Here are our House captains for 2017.

MacKillop House: Mia Knowles and Jake Bayly.



Free Mufti day: 8<sup>th</sup> August.

Aubert House: Mia Price and Scott Berger



Free Mufti day: 1<sup>st</sup> October

McAuley House: Dan Day and Te Rina Timutimu



Free Mufti day: 11<sup>th</sup> November

Pompallier House : Vitali Percival and Phoebe Watson



Free Mufti day: 11<sup>th</sup> December

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