



*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.***

Introducing our Young Vinnies for 2017.

What do Young Vinnies do? Each term the Young Vinnies leaders meet with the co-ordinator from the Tauranga St. Vincent de Paul Society to discuss ways to do fundraising for various projects and needy groups in our Tauranga Moana Community. We have had ice cream sundaes, popcorn, homemade sweets, coin trails, competitions to guess the number of counters...it will be interesting to see what is planned for this year. The Young Vinnies leaders can add more helpers to their team when they need to for a special event. Tomorrow we are going to Te Puke to celebrate Mass with the Bishop. Deaana Roberts, Jack Little, Tai Matuku and Stevie Shaw are our Young Vinnies for 2017.



Look what happened today....



The boys from Chaytor Fencing came in and took out the fence in front of the new administration block. They spent the day moving the gates and wire across to enclose the courts. The reason we are opening up the school is so that people feel more welcome when they come onto our site. Also it is important to define the entrance way- so people don't keep going through the new Kina learning space thinking it is a corridor. LOL. The PTFA, the BOT, parents, teachers and the Diocese architect are getting together on 29th March to throw ideas around to landscape and beautify the front of our school.



If you look on our school facebook you will see that we are asking for help to build a scooter track at the back of our school...do you know someone who has the skills and experience to give us a hand if we set up a working bee. It'll be a lot of fun for the kids during lunchtimes and interval...I'm sure that there will be kids volunteering their Dads tomorrow when they find out what is planned. The tyre mountain is very popular at lunchtimes...children use them for war games, cops and robbers, aliens landing, transformers....it'll be good to maximise this space next to the sandpit. Perhaps you have some ideas already????



Winter Sports Codes

This year the following codes are on offer for STM Winter sports teams.

As always teams will only be registered if there are enough players to make a team and there is a parent coach and manager.

The electronic sports registration form will be sent out to all students within the week.

However to assist with parents planning for term 2 activities here are the days these codes will be played on:

Netball (Harbourside Netball courts, Manganui Rd, Mt Manganui)

Year 1/2 3:50pm Tuesdays (starts 2nd May for 10 weeks)

Year 3/4 3:50pm Wednesdays (starts 3rd May for 10 weeks)

Year 5 & 6 Saturday mornings (starts 6th May)

Hockey (Hockey Pavilion near Blake Park):

Year 3 / 4 Saturday mornings

Year 5 / 6 Saturday mornings

Basketball:

Year 1/2 Little League. Monday afternoons ASB and QEYC (starts 15th May)

Year 3/4 Miniball. Tuesday afternoons ASB (starts 9th May)

Year 5 /6 Basketball. Friday afternoon/evenings ASB and QEYC (starts 12th May)

Dates for your diary

20 th March	PTFA Meeting @ Imbibe 7.30 pm – all welcome!
24 th March	Paua Team Mauao Trip i.e. Year 5 and 6.
26 th March	Whole School Mass
28 th March	Funky Fun Festival – Year 1 & Year 2
29 th & 30 th March	2017 Future Champions (successful applicants)
3 rd April	Funky Fun Festival – Year 3 & Year 4
4 th April	Pipi Mauao Trip i.e. Year 0-2
5 th April	Kina Open Night – 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm
11 th April	ANZAC Assembly (Kina & Paua) @ 1.30 pm Church Foyer
13 th April	Last day of Term 1
1 st May	Start of Term 2

**Message from the PTFA - BAKE/PRODUCE SALE – After mass
next Sunday 26th March**

Could all families please bring along either some HOME BAKING or FRESH PRODUCE for us to sell (if you have an excess of mandarins, lemons, etc). We would also like some gluten free baking so if you think you could help with something like that, that would be much appreciated.



Each family will be sent home a plastic plate for your baking and you can either bring it before church on Sunday or drop off to the School on Friday morning if you can't be there on Sunday.

We will also be having a table for the kids to spend their 50c and \$1 and there will be lots of individual goodies for them to buy. You can either make something as a whole or bring something we can split up to sell singularly.

If you are struggling for time, please don't bring along any store purchased goodies, a donation on the day would be much more appreciated. Thanks in advance for your help.

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 22nd March, 6 pm to 8:30 pm

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

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