



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.

Our School Mass is on this Sunday and it starts at 9.30 a.m. Please ensure that all our students have their school uniform on (including sandals) and that they are seated with their classes by 9.20 a.m. If your child is reading a prayer or scripture, or if they are in the band or are taking up the offertory then they need to be at church by 9.00 a.m. so that any last minute changes can be sorted out. During Mass each child will be sitting with their teacher. A school Mass happens once a term and we always feel very supported in our mission as Catholic teachers when we have our students with us at Mass. It's so important to feel that partnership happening...it's what our school is all about, the point of difference, our special character. You will enjoy hearing the beautiful singing and seeing what our students can do to support our parish and Father Darren.

After Mass there will be a cake stall- this is always sold out quickly because everyone loves home cooking. If you have vegetables from your garden or relishes and jams to give- that would be wonderful too. The PTFA are sending home plastic plates to remind everyone to bring along their cooking contribution to the event.

If you are wondering why the office hasn't been up to the usual standard it's because Jane has been taking a well-deserved break away this week and we have been doing our best to fill in the gaps. Everyone knows it's not the same without Jane. Looking forward to seeing you tomorrow Jane...we missed you.

The administration offices and spaces are set up now....in the relocatables. This will be our home for at least the next 4-5 years. No more packing and unpacking, sorting out phone and data, tradies everywhere. The building will be painted during the holidays- the same colour as the Paua block.

The builders are in the process of putting down the concrete pad at the end of the junior space for the extension (science and kitchen facilities for the juniors). From now to the end of the holidays the entire block will be renovated with new sliding doors replacing old windows, new autex in bright colours, new exciting corners for children to read in....while the renovations are happening the Year 0-2 children will be moving in with Mrs Meredith and her class over in the old junior block.

Pick up and go.

We are trialling pick up and go for the children whose parents are keen to do a drive through after school. There are many people who have babies or dogs that they can't leave in their vehicles at home...so rather than going through the setting up of the pram etc to come into school we offer a delivery service....using the drop and go idea.

Alternatively, lots of parents choose to park over in the Baywave carpark and then when the bus gate is opened children go through there to the cars.

We will be moving the scooter and bike racks to the end of the administration block soon so that everyone can access them easily if they choose to enjoy the scooter track (always with a crash helmet on of course).

The scooter track....

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 was sent out to all students last week and entries needed to be in today. 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

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.

Marjorie Douglas – 022 313 9905 positivefamilies@xtra.co.nz

Ruth Palliser – 021 848 521 ruthpositivefamilies@xtra.co.nz

Congratulations to the students selected for the Future Champions programme.

The SportBOP coaches have narrowed down the list of children who will take part in Future Champions next week. Our school representatives are Rico Adsett, Summer O'Connell, Shelby Simpson and Maia Ormsby.

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