



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.

E te whānau, tēnā koutou katoa,

This week we welcome **Jaxon Maule and Jacob Fahey, two new members** who have turned 5 years old and have joined

Pipi team – welcome 😊 On Wednesday I posted photos of one day in the life of St. Thomas More on facebook...here is a quick glimpse.



Each class visited the mobile library to return books and to take our new ones for the next two weeks. It's great having the mobile library visiting regularly- they have a much bigger and better selection of books to choose from than we could possibly have in our school library.



The Year 6 and the Year 4 rippa rugby teams competed at Blake Park and represented the school with great heart. Many of the games were very close however both teams were back at school by lunchtime having been eliminated from the competition. Thank you to the parents who provided transport and to the managers and coaches who took on the job of organising and training our two teams.



A group of teachers met in our staffroom to exchange learning about science and teaching science. They were from schools in our Community of Learning (Opotiki, Tokoroa, St.Marys Rotorua, St.Mike's Rotorua, John Paul College). A lecturer from the University of Waikato- Anne Barker- also spent the day here leading the professional development.



A physics teacher from JPC shared his knowledge of geysers with Year 3 and 4 – the Kina team are going to Rotorua to study geothermal activity this term, the powerful forces which shape the earth.

In Pipi the new entrants and Year 1+2 were learning through play- spelling, puppet shows for Jane and Miss Joblin, painting, science experiments about dissolving and some reading instruction from Mrs Duncan.



While outside
the builders

carried on with the framing for the extension to the junior block which will include a kitchen and science area....

That was just one day in the life of our school.

Yesterday we were all involved in the school cross country. Aquinas College Year 10 students came along to help with setting the course, collecting equipment and relaying messages (it was their school service day) and there were plenty of parents, grandparents and friends supporting the runners. We had hotdogs and drinks served by the Mums and the PTFA helpers from the new staffroom, yummy Italian Doughnuts so light and tasty (thank you Salve) and hot coffee from the coffee cart on the courts.



Thank you Mrs Thomas and Paula for a very smooth day- very well organised- and the weather was outstanding! Thank you God! Also thanks to the people who helped out with a medical incident - you know who you are- our patient is recovering well in hospital with broken bones in her foot.

The newsletter was delayed by a couple of days because we were so busy doing other things....it's been a really BIG WEEK with lots of exciting things happening. Today we have the principals from Gisborne and Tauranga St. Marys looking at how we are doing with our flexible learning spaces- we are an important role model for our Catholic schools- be proud!

Next week looks to be even bigger.

On Monday morning the Year 0-2 classes are travelling to Baycourt to participate in a fantastic concert of songs about the sea- being performed by a wonderful talented group from Wellington which is travelling the country.

From Tuesday to Thursday our Year 5 and 6 students are learning all about First Aid from the Red Cross.

And on Friday the school is closed for an extra long weekend - Mid term break.

The changes planned for the bus system in 2018 are creating a lot of anxiety for our parents and for the future of Aquinas College. There is an on-line petition which we are supporting. Please read the information at the start of the petition and sign on so that the Council can see how many people are asking for a return to the old school buses system. If you are planning to enrol your children at Aquinas College in the future you really need to fight for this bus system now or your options will be limited to how far you are prepared to drive to a great school.

https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/save-the-school-bus-2/?utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&utm_campaign=button

School will be closed on Friday 2nd June. We apologise for the short notice Mums and Dads. Our teachers are going to be fully involved in professional development on Friday 2nd June, the Friday before Queen's Birthday weekend. For parents of Aquinas College students this will mean that your whole family will be off school that day. We haven't had a teachers only day for three years because we know how disruptive this can be for working parents however our teachers have completed two days in the holiday break this year and the only time we can finish the professional development course is by nominating one day in the term (when the course directors are available). We will make sure that the school will be open for an extra day at the end of Term 4 to make up for this change. Thanks again for your understanding - please spread the word as there are usually seven or eight children who don't get the news (especially on mufti days).

Tackle Tuesday is back !

12.45-1.15 Tuesday with Mr Barton

Odd Weeks Kina - back field and even Weeks Paua - Arataki Park

Rugby ball needed

Will make 2 even teams at 12.45

Mouthguard Compulsory – no mouthguard no play

Non STM Shirt/jersey and shorts compulsory no clothes no play, Headgear optional, No shoes/boots

Both boys and girls welcome 😊



Dates for your diary

29th May "Songs of the Sea" production @ Baycourt – Pipi Syndicate

29th May-Jun 1st Red Cross First Aid Training – Paua Syndicate

26th June Funky Fun Day @ ASB Arena – Pipi Team

3rd July Funky Fun Day @ ASB Arena – Kina Team

Cross Country Results

Congratulations to all our runners yesterday! It was a great effort and a great day!

Year 0 Girls

1st Gia Roberts & Emelia Brooker

Year 1 Girls

1st Skye O'Connell
2nd Lucy Dunne
3rd Asha Matthews & Kiriana Schweder-Goad

Year 2 Girls

1st Cerys Robertson
2nd Olivia Cook
3rd Sienna Mills

Year 3 Girls

1st Bailey Maule
2nd Eva Price
3rd Olivia Daly

Year 4 Girls

1st Maggie Glubb
2nd Sienna Latu
3rd Mackenzie Plunkett

Year 5 Girls

1st Maddi Greetham
2nd Sophie Plunkett
3rd Maia Ormsby

Year 6 Girls

1st Deaana Roberts
2nd Te Rina Timutimu
3rd Mia Price & Mia Knowles

Year 0 Boys

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|-----------------|---------------------------|
| 1 st | Ryder Antrobus |
| 2 nd | Corin Jackson |
| 3 rd | Jacob Fahey & Jaxon Maule |

Year 1 Boys

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|-----------------|---------------|
| 1 st | Oliver James |
| 2 nd | Isaac Collett |
| 3 rd | Jack Warner |

Year 2 Boys

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|-----------------|----------------|
| 1 st | Sebastian Link |
| 2 nd | Tom Little |
| 3 rd | Isaac Orsler |

Year 3 Boys

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 st | Oscar Tutt |
| 2 nd | Jayden Antrobus |
| 3 rd | Quinn Barton |

Year 4 Boys

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1 st | Ronan Deering |
| 2 nd | Kristopher Mangnus |
| 3 rd | Damien Dunne |

Year 5 Boys

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|-----------------|----------------|
| 1 st | Shelby Simpson |
| 2 nd | Nathan Tutt |
| 3 rd | Ben Edwards |

Year 6 Boys

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 st | Vitali Percival |
| 2 nd | Scott Berger |
| 3 rd | Tai Matuku |

Hi, my name is Paddy Shaw and I am married to Mel.

We are very lucky to have two children at St Thomas More, our daughter Stevie in year 6 and our son Harper in year 4. We live close by in Papamoa and really enjoy the lifestyle that living by the beach offers.

I am a Director with Harper Smith Recruitment which specializes in finding skilled staff within construction and civil engineering.

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