



# St Thomas More Catholic School

School Newsletter  
Panui  
Week 9, Term 2  
June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## Nau mai, Haere mai

This week we welcome Maddisyn Rolleston who has joined Pipi from St Mary's Rotorua 😊 It's great to see you having such fun in Pipi, Maddisyn.

## Thank you for your support last Thursday- NZEI union meetings.

Thank you to everyone who made a special effort to collect their children last Thursday when the teachers attended their second paid union meeting. After all the union branches have met and voted throughout NZ there is likely to be a strike called. At this stage it is likely to be an afternoon in August. Strikers will not be paid. There is talk of a whole day strike amongst some factions of the teaching profession. Either way we will keep you informed about the union actions in the coming month.

## School mass

Thank you to everyone who contributed to such a lovely School Mass- the music group was outstanding- (thank you Mr Mills and Magda); the play movie was very sophisticated and is great to watch on facebook (thank you Mrs Thomas); the PTFA are very grateful to people who brought items along to sell at the bake sale; Father Stuart and Deacon Henk we are grateful for your wonderful appreciation of how children think; Mrs Morgan (who was in charge of all the big organisational decisions) and all the parents who were there to pray alongside their children. The next Mass our school will be celebrating is a weekday Mass for Jesus' mother Mary – 15<sup>th</sup> August at 9.00 The Mass of the Assumption. You are invited to join us.

## New members of our Board of Trustees

Congratulations and welcome to the two newest members of our Board of Trustees - Carla Robertson and Caroline Schweder Goad. Here's a little bit of background about Carla and Caroline.

### Carla Robertson



Hi, I'm Carla, mother of Cerys in year 3 and Tegan in year 1. My husband, Anthony, and I relocated to Papamoa at the end of 2010.

I work part-time as a Clinical Pharmacist, providing pharmacy services to patients within their homes as well as at Waipuna Hospice. I am fortunate to work flexible hours, allowing me to come into school regularly and attend school events and trips.

Outside of work, a lot of my time is spent taking my girls to various sports and indulging in my hobby – photography (and watching rugby!). I am passionate about children being involved in sport – for the health benefits, to experience winning and losing and to learn the value of teamwork. I have managed and coached Flippaball teams and am also secretary for Papamoa Athletic Club.

My husband and I both have post-graduate qualifications and value the importance of an excellent education, starting at a young age. I know from experience that children are different learners and that we need to manage our resources effectively to ensure their specific learning needs are met. I am excited to have a place on the BOT to ensure our children are given the best education possible.

## Caroline Schweder Goad

With both children at STM, Caroline has been involved in the school for the past 4 years, coaching basketball, and helping out on school trips and other activities.

Caroline is passionate about the personal growth and development of young people. She has been involved in education throughout her career - initially as a secondary school teacher, then as an outdoor instructor, and now teaching marine science at tertiary level. She believes schools have a crucial role in inspiring children to realise their potential academically, in the arts, and in sports, and to shape kind and caring people who will thrive independently and in a team.



Caroline is excited to further contribute to the school through her new role on the Board of Trustees and looks forward to working with teachers, staff and parents over the coming year.

### School Board of Trustees meeting tonight

The BOT is meeting tonight in the staffroom at 6 pm - we have two meetings a term. One of the big items is working out the best solutions for the courts ... whether to asphalt the whole area, or to make an asphalt area and a grassed area, where to mark out the courts and how many courts we need. The PTA are waiting to hear how this project will pan out because they are keen to support through fundraising.

### School Photos (Photolife)

Shoot keys with instructions were sent home with children on Monday - please check your child's bag. Photolife are offering free delivery to the school if orders are placed by midnight on Sunday July 22nd.

### Paua & Kina mid year reports & parent / teacher meetings

Jane has set up an online registration system for parent/teacher interviews. Please go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) our code is c3pq2 and the event will open on Friday July 6<sup>th</sup> (please note bookings will close at 2.30 pm on Tuesday July 24<sup>th</sup>). It is important to wait until your child's report arrives before making an appointment because you will be able to see from the report which teacher is teaching your child either Maths or Reading/Writing. It may be the homegroup teacher or it may be another member of the teaching team in the space. Reports are being sent out via DX Mail on July 4<sup>th</sup>.



SAVE THE DATE – STM QUIZ NIGHT FRIDAY 10 AUGUST 2018, 7 PM FOR 7.30 PM, PARISH LOUNGE

THEME: "ANYTHING GOES" – PRIZE FOR THE BEST DRESSED TABLE.

TABLES OF 8 (Make up your own teams or put your name down at the school office and we will assist!) \$20 PER TICKET (includes free drink on arrival and supper).

CASH BAR

The PTFA have received feedback from many of you that you want a Social occasion for the parents – so here it is! A lot of effort goes into organizing these events so PLEASE do come along and support it, have some fun, catch up with the parents of your kids' classmates, dress up crazy (or not!), enjoy a Friday night drink in a fun, friendly social environment (without kids!!!) and contribute to our fundraising efforts for the students of St Thomas More School.

### Dates for your diary

July 4<sup>th</sup>

Kina & Paua syndicates reports being mailed out

July 5<sup>th</sup>

Kina Matariki Celebrations

July 6<sup>th</sup>

Last day of term 2. ***Please note there is no mufti on the last day of term***



July 18 <sup>th</sup>	School office open 9am to 12 noon for enrolments, uniform purchases etc.
July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Start of term 3
July 24 <sup>th</sup>	Parent / Teacher interviews booking closes at 2.30 pm
July 25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup>	Kina & Paua Parent / Teacher Interviews (3pm to 7.30 pm)
July 27 <sup>th</sup>	St. Joachim and St. Anne's feast day (Jesus' grandparents) Grandparents morning at school from 9 – 12 noon.
July 31 <sup>st</sup> & Aug. 1	Kina & Paua Parent / Teacher Interviews (3pm to 7.30 pm)
Aug. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	BOT Meeting
Sept. 17-28 <sup>th</sup>	Pipi Syndicate Swimming programme
Aug. 10 <sup>th</sup>	STM PTFA Quiz Night

### Science/Eco trip to Johnson's reserve (Waipuna Park).

Yesterday a group of senior students and parents travelled to Johnson's Reserve to plant natives and to help preserve the ecosystems in the valleys around Waipuna Park. We'd like to thank the parents who gave up their time to be part of this project - especially Katie Horrocks who took wonderful photos of the activities. Wonderful effort team....you'll be able to visit for years to come and say we did that!









## Senior school Art for Mount Mural competition:



The poster for Mount Enviro Fest features the title in large, colorful, hand-drawn letters. Below the title, it lists the date and time: Saturday 21st July, 11am to 2pm, at Mount Mainstreet. A rainout day is noted as 29th July. A string of colorful bunting is depicted. The text 'We're having a Festival and it's Free!' is followed by a list of activities: Magnificent local school art, Sustainable Fashion Parade, Best Dressed Bike Competition, Hoverboards & Unicycles, Electric Bikes, Skateboards and Scooters, and Buskers. At the bottom, there is a graphic of two green footprints with the text 'It's Easy to be Green in the Mount Mainstreet Scene' and the logo for 'the MOUNT' with the tagline 'from beach to boutique'. The website address www.mountmaunganui.org.nz/envirofest is at the very bottom.

**Mount enviro fest**

Saturday 21st July  
11am to 2pm  
Mount Mainstreet  
Rainout Day 29th July

**We're having a Festival and it's Free!**

- Magnificent local school art, on a 44m fence
- Sustainable Fashion Parade • Best Dressed Bike Competition
- Hoverboards & Unicycles - Have a go! • Electric Bikes
- Skateboards and Scooters • Buskers and more

Everyone Welcome!

It's Easy to be Green in the Mount Mainstreet Scene

the MOUNT  
from beach to boutique

www.mountmaunganui.org.nz/envirofest

Join us, one of six Mount Maunganui schools at the "Mount Enviro Fest" on Saturday 21 July 11am – 2pm to celebrate leaving a greener footprint. Our local schools will turn an unpleasant strip of construction fencing, into an amazing work of art. Right in the heart of Mount Mainstreet! Our schools art genera are:

Mount Intermediate School	Wheels
Mount Primary School	Zero Waste
Arataki Primary School	Energy Efficiency
St Thomas More Catholic School	Take Care of our Water
Omanu Primary School	Biodiversity
Matapihi Primary School	KaitiakiTanga (Protecting and Nurturing our Environment)

There'll be heaps of fun things to do and see regarding sustainability, including

- All things wheels, electric bikes, skate boards, scooters
- Buskers
- Hoverboards, Unicycles and minibikes "have a go" with different sizes. (Safety equipment supplied, bring own helmet if you wish)
- Best dressed bike competition - let your imagination go wild and create a freewheeling trash to art creation!

"Best Dressed Adults Bike" Prize - New Merida Mountain Bike

"Best Dressed Kids Bike" Prize - New Merida Mountain Bike

- Envirohub "Catch a fish" pool
- Sustainable Fashion Parade
- Sustainable Items
- Envirohub Smoothie Bike Machine (makes your smoothie)
- Cafes and restaurants
- Bike "Mr Fix it" and its free
- Hip Hop Acts

Which school will win the Best Environmental Art? All the details here <https://www.mountmaunganui.org.nz/envirofest>

## Kina Matariki Celebration is on Thursday July 5<sup>th</sup> ☺ Sorry for the confusion – Kina teachers.

The Kina celebration is a way of sharing the children's learning with you and also sharing a meal together. The teachers and children are going to make vegetable soup together as part of Matariki - the Maori new year when gardens are planted and the lunar calendar begins. The Kina teachers are really hoping you will get behind this event and come along to support their children and their teaching/learning. A note has been sent home with every Kina child.

## Sports Update Week 9, Term 2, 2018 from Paula Farrell

Term 2 has had lots of sporting opportunities for our students.

Winter codes are well underway with STM teams playing netball, hockey and miniball/ basketball for 2018 winter season.

Our students would not get to experience all of these different sporting codes without the help and support of our parents and grandparents that are willing to volunteer to coach and manage our teams. Thank you to everyone for all of your help.

If you have any photos of your teams please send them to me at [sports@stm.school.nz](mailto:sports@stm.school.nz)



Our 3 Hockey Teams practicing on the turf. Coaches Mike Plunkett, Clive Martin and Ben Fraser.

### Mt Cluster Cross Country:

On 8<sup>th</sup> June, 30 of our Year 4-6 students competed at the Mt Cluster Cross Country Champs at Blake Park. It was a beautiful day and everyone gave 100 percent.

The competition was outstanding. Four STM students finished in the top 10 in their year groups. Well done to our Year 4 boys Oscar (6<sup>th</sup>) and Jayden (8<sup>th</sup>), Year 5 girls - Maggie (1<sup>st</sup>) and Year 6 girls - Maddi (3<sup>rd</sup>). A big thank you to Mt Primary for organising the event.







### WBOP Cross Country:

On 20<sup>th</sup> June the WBOP Primary School Cross Country Champs were held at Waipuna Park. Congratulations to our students: Oscar (14<sup>th</sup> place), Maggie (5<sup>th</sup>), and Maddi (12<sup>th</sup>).

All three qualified for the BOP Cross Country Champs that will be held in Rotorua on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June at Kaharoa School. We wish them all the best.

### World Cup Basketball:

On the 21<sup>st</sup> June, two of our Year 5/6 Basketball Teams competed at the Miniball World Cup, held at ASB Arena.

Our teams represented Germany and Chile. Everyone had a great time. The development and improvement in our players was evident with 6 games of basketball being played.

Congratulations on our teams placing 10<sup>th</sup> Germany and 19<sup>th</sup> Chile.

Our two STM miniball teams (Year 3 / 4) will be heading to ASB Arena next Thursday to play in the World Miniball Cup. Good luck to STM Kahu representing Japan and STM Wild Tigers representing the USA.



Team Chile



Team Germany



### **WBOP Year 3 / 4 Gymsport Festival**

On 22<sup>nd</sup> June Tessa competed at the WBOP Year 3 / 4 Gymsport festival hosted by Argos Gymsport. Tessa competed in the Club Rhythmic Levels 1-3. STM is very proud of Tessa's achievements. She came first in the Free event scoring an 8.70 and second in the ball event scoring 8.20 to gain an overall 2nd place. A big thank you to Argos Gymsport for running the event.



Tomorrow Olivia and Ruby will compete at the WBOP Year 5 / 6 Gymsport festival hosted by Argos Gymsport. We wish them the very best. STM is very grateful to Sport BOP and all of the sporting codes staff, umpires/referees and volunteers that organise competitions and special events that our students can get to play. Special thanks must go to our very supportive parental / whanau community, for all they do for our students at STM within the different sporting arenas.

A big thank you to the PTFA for all of their hard work. Our sporting teams have recently benefited with the purchase of new match balls and practice balls for the STM netball and miniball/basketball teams. Water bottle carriers have also recently been purchased and will be issued to teams who would like to use these for their codes.

### **Communication with Team Managers please:**

A friendly reminder please for all of our sports team practices and games:

Whilst we all realise there will be absences that cannot be helped due to sickness or perhaps a weekend away, can I please remind everyone if your child is unable to make training or a game that you contact your team manager to advise them of this ASAP. This enables the team managers to have the most time possible to find a substitute for our teams if the team is short.

If you are unable to get your child to training or game but your child is well. Again can I please ask you contact your team managers and or coaches ASAP, as I am sure there will be another parent that will be happy to give your child a ride to and from a game.

Training's are important to attend so that your child is practicing their skills, having fun (for our senior players - learning any defensive or attacking set ups), as well as the all important team bonding and learning to work as a team. Training's form the basis of learning and practicing skills which gives your child the confidence to be able to go into a game situation and play.

### **Sports Shirts:**

All sports shirts that have were issued for Cross Country now need to be returned please. Please ensure they have been washed and are in a named bag on return to the school office. The only code that should have a STM sports shirt / singlet or netball dress are our Hockey, Netball and Miniball / Basketball teams.

### **Sports Subs**

The school has now been invoiced by Tauranga Hockey, Harbourside and Tauranga City Basketball for all of our team subs for the winter season.

If you have not done so already, can parents please ensure that your child's subs have been paid before the end of the term 2. Alternatively, please make contact with Jane to in the school office regarding your subs.

**Thanks, Paula Farrell (Sports co-ordinator)**



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