



St Thomas More Catholic School

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School Newsletter
Panui
Week 8, Term 3
September 13th, 2018

Nau mai , Haere mai.



So exciting. We've just found out we placed second in the Bayfair rewards competition, thanks to you all, everyone who dropped a token in our school box. We've won \$3,000 for our garden club venture. Woohoo! With the \$60 the seniors won for their art mural about sustainability...we're making great progress. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Matapihi Kura was first place so it's a victory for the little schools with the biggest hearts.

Why is sustainability such a buzz word at STM at the moment? Why are we heading in this direction? Over the last three years our school has maximized the expertise we have on the staff and in the community to bring science to every classroom. Mr Webster and his keen science parents group has arranged estuary trips to gather data for scientists, our students have presented to the Tauranga City Council on environmental issues as well as connecting with Aquinas and John Paul Colleges' science specialists.

The seniors have trained in scuba diving as part of their skills acquisition and we have hosted scientists, visiting school groups and teachers who are wanting to learn more about integrating science and maths. Mr Mills has been to Putaruru, Rotorua and Tauranga this term to share his skills as a science/maths teacher with our neighbouring Catholic primary and secondary schools.

Mr Webster, our in-school science teacher, has been setting up more and more opportunities for our students to grow their own food. This week our water tanks went in to sustain the gardens over the hot summer months. There are strawberries plants in the garden beds and we need more swan plants for our butterfly houses. Thank you Caretaker Mike for the cobble platform and other building projects.



A crop of potatoes is starting to grow in our tyre gardens...the juniors were there today along with Puaa helpers filling up the tyres with potting mix and helping with the planting. Our potatoes will be shared by the

Foodbank and families from our school community who need a helping hand.

Katie Horrocks is our link with the Arataki Living Park Project + the PIPS group (School parents of Papamoa- Mount passionate about kaitiakitanga). There are lots of innovative things planned for Arataki Park in the coming months. The Arataki park collective would like to soften up the appearance of the park with fruit trees and shade trees, cycling tracks and a pump track, picnic areas and more.



The \$3,000 raised through the Bayfair promotion is going into connecting our school with our Arataki neighbourhood. We will be participating in many of the innovative projects that will enable our students to learn and create with sustainability in mind.

Katie is keen to start a group for parents who would like to work alongside our children to learn more about growing food and enriching our soil. It will be a group that gathers when you can....if we set a day and time can you give 30 minutes to pot up seedlings or to help our kids do it...that's what we are thinking.

You can like/follow the ALPPs group (Arataki Living Park Project) and Katie (What Katie dug) on facebook.

If you are interested...????

Do you have seedlings at home- too many for your garden....that you could donate to our garden club?

Do you want to be one of the families that donates trees and vines for our orchard...like Narzyna and Bridget?

Are you keen to get your hands dirty?

Friday, 21st September, we will be starting our FRIDAY GARDEN DROP IN from 8.00-9.00 a.m. We need to line our new gardens with polythene to stop the kikuyu growing through and also there are seeds to plant. We would love to have people who can help pot up seeds to grow 4 sale and also people who could help our kids with selling...is this something you would be keen to get involved with?

In October when school goes back there is going to be a seedling sale on Arataki Park. Omanu and Arataki Schools' garden clubs are going to be selling their seedlings to the public to raise money for their other garden projects. We are hoping that our school can be involved too.



Mrs Pirini is going to be our key teacher for the gardening club in 2019. Mrs Pirini is moving to the Paua team and Mr Mills is moving to the Kina team at the start of Term 1. Mrs Pirini will be taking over the co-ordinator's role from Katie and me. Before that you can always get in touch with me through Jane or by popping into the office if you would like more information about what we are planning.

At the front of the school we hope to set up a set of shelves under an awning (just like the roadside stalls) to provide people with the opportunity to swap produce e.g. if we have potatoes and you have lots of lettuces then maybe you can swap or if you want to donate from your garden then the stall will be the place to share with others. This might be set up in Term 1 or earlier if we have crops to sell. Here's an example from Papamoa that we can follow....we'll get Mike the caretaker on the job.



TERM 3

Sept. 17-28th

September 23rd

Sept 25th

Sept 26th

Sept. 27th

Sept 28

Pipi Syndicate Swimming programme every day for two weeks

Sunday Mass with the Bishop - Our children are receiving the sacraments ☺

Kina team's Celebration of Learning - all parents and families invited.

Paua team's Celebration of Learning – all parents and families invited.

St Mary's Tauranga, St Mary's Rotorua Sports Exchange (Paua students)

Last day of term & Mc Auley ice cream treats (Green House)

TERM 4

15 th Oct	First day and also knowledge-athon questions being given out to learn
22 nd Oct	Public holiday for Labour weekend.
23 Oct	Aquinas Orientation evening for Year 5 and 6 @ Aquinas College
26 th Oct	Knowledge-athon testing - PTFA helpers.
29 th or 30 th Oct	General information night for parents of Year 5 and 6 interested in Aquinas College being held at St. Thomas More - to be confirmed.
31 st Oct	Hand in fundraising from Knowledgeathon
1 Nov	All Saints Mass at 9.00 am
5 th Nov	Prize assembly for Knowledgeathon
21 Nov	Evening of Puberty talks for Year 6 girls at St. Thomas More- TBC
22 Nov	Evening of Puberty talks for Year 6 boys at St. Thomas More – TBC
26 Nov	Only Year 5 goes to camp
27 Nov	Year 6 transition day for Aquinas College 2019
28 Nov	Year 5 return from camp and Year 6 go up to camp
30 Nov	Camp kids return home
7 December	Final reports posted out
14 December	Last Mass and prize giving for Year 2-6 TBC evening in church
18 December	Last day & Final assembly for Year 6 at 11.00 in church

Do you have old sandpit toys that you aren't using anymore?

The Pipi teachers are keen to have more equipment for their action learning. They would be very appreciative if you wanted to donate any old toys e.g. old diggers, trucks or digging tools- just have a word with Mrs Dustin. Thank you in advance.

Collecting points from Baker's Delight, Owen's place. Please remember to mention St Thomas More School when you make a purchase at Baker's Delight @ Owen's place as the school is part of "The Dough Raiser Programme". Thank you.



STM Miniball / Basketball 2018

The continuing popularity of miniball and basketball continued in 2018 with STM registering 2 miniball and 3 basketball teams for the winter season this year. Unfortunately we didn't quite have the numbers to form a Little League team (Year 1 / 2 students).

The league is well run by Tauranga City Basketball, who provide referees for the games. The venue, ASB Arena, is one of the top basketball venues in NZ, so we are very privileged to have such a great venue available for our students and community. TCBA also runs a World Miniball Cup for both year groups and STM were very fortunate again in 2018 to be able to enter 2 teams into both the Year 3 / 4 and 5 / 6 competition.

Miniball:

STM Wild Tigers – Year 3/4 miniball team coached and managed by Kelsey Link and Adrienne Mikkelsen.
STM Kahu – Year 4 miniball team coached and managed by Caroline Schweder and Dave Dragovich.

Basketball (Year 5/6 teams):

STM Globetrotters coached and managed by Bridget O'Connor and Philippa Murrell

STM Saints coached by Janine Bollee and managed by Maria Mooney

STM Thunder coached by Paul Chote and Matt Adsett. Managed by Susan Mangnus.

Thank you to all of our STM miniball and basketball coaches and managers, for all of your time and effort this season. STM is heavily reliant on our parent community to assist with these roles, so we are all very

grateful for your time and the sporting opportunities that you have ensured our students experienced this season.

The miniball / basketball for season for 2018 has just finished. Can all basketball singlets please be returned to the school office washed and in a named bag. However all the Year 5/6 students playing miniball in the sports exchange against St Marys in the last week of term 3 can keep their singlets until then.

STM Wild Tigers:

Despite the tough competition, STM Wild Tigers never gave up, with everyone putting in 100% effort and being united as a team. There has been a vast improvement in skills this season, with some impressive shooting, defence, dribbling and bounce passes. Well done team. *Thanks Kelsey.*



STM Kahu:



STM Kahu had their last game of the season playing off for 5th/6th place in the A grade.

They have had a very tough season competition wise. However throughout the season they really improved a lot which paid off in the Miniball world cup where they came 4th. Since then they have had some fantastic games where they have really shown their abilities to work well as a team in some very fast games with excellent defence.

Tuesdays final proved no different, with a brilliant intense game that was neck in neck with a score of 8:8 at full time, after extra time and an additional time extension they were

still tied so ended up as 5th equal. A fantastic game where each team player had some outstanding moments. As coaches, Dave and I are so very proud off this team, their constant determination to do better despite many defeats!

Thank you to all the parents also who lovingly supported their kids through the long season, games and practices and short notice changes due to weather and especially for the help on the score bench!

Regards Caroline.

STM Globetrotters

The STM Globetrotters had an amazing 30-18 win to finish off their basketball season on Friday night. The players were absolutely on fire and just so elated to see their score ahead of their oppositions. Their first and only big win for the season. Even with the amount of losses the Globetrotters endured, they came off every week with great sportsmanship, awesome team spirit and the willingness to come to training the following week and keep on learning and trying their best.

This team was made up of a very fine bunch of kid. No animosity, always smiling, lots of encouragement of one another and a team that improved incredibly both individually and as a team throughout the season. We also experienced fantastic parent support! *Thanks Bridget.*



STM Saints (Year 5/6 Basketball)



Friday night 2 weeks ago was a huge for the STM Saints. 1st up was an epic 22-16 win against equal pointed team Omokoroa No1 Warriors, where everyone came out exhausted but jubilant. The team went on to play 2nd placed TCS bulls at 6.30pm. Everyone dug deep however unfortunately the Saints went down 26-14. STM Saints have finished the round play in 4th equal position out of 12 teams. The Saints wait with baited breath on weather they will get the opportunity to challenge for a bronze medal

next week or play off for 5th/6th based on point differential. Both 4th placed teams have had 7 wins and 4 losses. It has been a truly wonderful season. The growth in every single player has been huge. This team plays with so much heart and determination, it has been the greatest pleasure. The support of the parents on the sideline all season has been as last year exceptional, at times the cheers have felt like we were playing in the NBA, it has really lifted the team. Thanks to Maria who gave her time as Manager, to Dave for being the calming influence on the players bench, to Therese for her "Rocking Rebounder" initiative, Susan standing in as coach on game night when I was unavailable and finally to you parents who run the children to and from practises and cheer with such passion on game night. It takes a Village!
Thanks Janine - The Saints placed 5th overall in their division.

STM Thunder :



Congratulations to the silver medal winners of the B1 grade, STM Thunder: Shelby, Harper, Aidan, Akuhata, Rico, Ronan, Kris, Edrick - each of whom has shown great character and determination over the season. We all thoroughly enjoyed watching the games: there were some fantastic displays of teamwork and individual skills by all the boys in all areas of the game. The team remained unbeaten in their pool until the final, with the least amount of baskets conceded in the pool - a fantastic effort. The coaches and parents are very proud of the boys and their commitment and their development

as individuals and as a team. It has also been pleasing to see good friendships and respect develop between the boys over the season. Well done team! Big thank yous: to the boys for giving your best; to parents and whanau for your support and encouragement of the boys and coaches; to Susan for keeping everyone informed and organised and for sitting on the score-bench most games; and to Matt (and Paul) for imparting a wealth of knowledge and skills to the boys, developing their characters and skill sets, and managing the team structure and culture. *Cheers, Paul.*

We're going to feel the loss of parents like Matt, Paul, Janine and Maria who have been the backbone of our coaches and managers for so many teams over the years. Their youngest children are off to Aquinas next year...thank you for your generosity and passion for sports and our children over so many years.

Chess Club.



We've started the girls' chess club on Monday lunchtime and the boys' club on Wednesday lunchtime.

The next time the girls will meet is **Monday 24th September** (last week of term).

The boys will meet next **Wednesday, 19th September at lunchtime in the STEAM room.**

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