



St Thomas More Catholic School

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NO MATTER WHAT, STAY TRUE

School Newsletter

Week 2 Term 4

October 25th, 2018

Nau mai , Haere mai

We would like to welcome Esta Zame who has turned 5 and joins Tuatuas ☺ Great to see you here. We have hosted two schools today - it's exciting being able to talk and exchange good ideas about teaching and learning with our Catholic colleagues.

This morning four teachers arrived with their principal and deputy principal from St.Patrick's, Te Awamutu to look around the junior school and to ask questions about our action learning programme. They also spent time in the Kina area as well watching our Year 3+4 students interacting in the second stage of action learning - oral language, writing and science capabilities are at the basis of our new approach. Both the Pipi/Tuatua and Kina teams are exploring learning through action stations in the first block of each day. It is wonderful to see the boys rushing to class first thing in the morning planning out what they will be learning at each station.

In the afternoon St.Patrick's, Taupo arrived to share their musical items with our senior school. They are involved in a big concert at Baypark tonight. Both Taupo and Te Awamutu are Catholic schools which include Year 7 and 8 students (attached Intermediates).

The Kina and Paua teams listened to a presentation from the Biosecurity officers and scientists working on keeping our horticulture industry safe from insect invaders. They also learnt about what happens when a foreign animal or insect arrives unexpectedly at our port. Our sentinel garden is a trial scheme, we are the only school with a sentinel garden in this area. Our students (Liam and Imogen) are collecting information daily to send to the MPI about the presence/ or lack of pests in our garden.

What a great way for our students to be involved in protecting New Zealand's flora and fauna- in a very practical way.

TERM 4

26 th Oct	Knowledge-athon testing - PTFA helpers.
31 st Oct	Hand in fundraising from Knowledgeathon
2 nd Nov	All Souls Mass at 9.00 am in the church. You are invited to attend.
5 th Nov	Prize assembly for Knowledgeathon (venue tbc due to earthquake work in the church this month.)
8 th Nov	BOT meeting at 6 p.m. in staffroom
20 Nov	Aquinas' principal, Matt Dalton, is coming to talk with Year 5 and Year 6 parents starting at 5.30pm in the Paua space. Please put this date in your diary...
21 st Nov	Evening of Puberty talks for Year 6 girls at St. Thomas More @ 6.00 p.m. in Paua
22 nd Nov	Evening of Puberty talks for Year 6 boys at St. Thomas More @ 6.30 p.m. in Paua
26 th Nov	Only Year 5 goes to camp
27 th Nov	Year 6 transition day for Aquinas College 2019
28 th Nov	Year 5 return from camp and Year 6 go up to camp
30 th Nov	Camp kids return home
7 th Dec	Final reports posted out
14 th Dec	Last Mass and prize giving for Year 2-6 @ 6 p.m. evening in church
18 th Dec	Last day & Final assembly for Year 6 at 11.00 in church The school will close at 12.30...buses will leave at 12.15

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29th January , Tuesday First day back

NEW SCHOOL POLO SHIRT: when can you order them?



There has been a lot of interest in our new school polo shirt and people asking when they can order them.

This shirt is made of breathable material, it has a unique design and is being supplied by a local company.

Next week an order sheet will be available in the newsletter for you to pre-order shirts. There will be limited stock available in Week 8 and you will have a much better chance of having a new shirt to take home for the first day of 2019 if you pre-order.

Students will have the choice of wearing the new or old polo shirt. However, when you replace your shirt the new one will be the only one available.

The new school polo shirt is \$40 and you are getting a superior material and a unique look.



Our citrus orchard just got bigger.

Thank you for the very generous donations today Caitlin and Daniel Watson...such a lovely gift to the school. Daniel will be able to pick mandarins in a couple of years, right outside his classroom window.

According to the tag we can look forward to juicy, seedless, easy to peel mandarins. Yummy!

SEEDLING SALE DAY!



Saturday 3rd November
10.30am - 12pm
Arataki Park (in front of Arataki Community Centre)

Children from five schools around the Mount are coming together to sell seedlings which they have germinated with

love & care. 🌱

A fun family fundraiser with the proceeds going back into each school's garden club.



SEEDLINGS!

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Come and join in the gardening tomorrow before school from 8.00-8.30 a.m. beside the Garden Shed. All welcome.

Scholastic Book Orders – orders close on Friday October 26th

Book Club



St Thomas More Athletics Day



Year 0-2 Papis and Tuatuas Wednesday 7th November: Tabloid sports.

Year 3-6 Kinas and Pauas Thursday 8th November. All activities as well as the Y0-2 running events during lunchtime.

9am - 9:30am	Round 1
9:30 - 10am	Round 2
10am - 10:30am	Round 3
	10min Toilet Break
10:40am - 11:10am	Round 4
11:10am - 11:40am	Round 5
11:40am - 12:10pm	Round 6
12:10pm - 1pm	Lunchbreak for Year 3-6 Year 0-2 Track Events
1:05pm - 1:35pm	Round 7
1:35pm - 2:05pm	Round 8
2:05pm - 2:20pm	Pack up equipment and return to class.

Round	Year 3 Girls	Year 3 Boys	Year 4 Girls	Year 4 Boys	Year 5 Girls	Year 5 Boys	Year 6 Girls	Year 6 Boys
1	Quoits	100m Sprints	60m Sprints	High Jump	Long Jump	800m	Cricket Ball	Shot Put
2	Shot Put	Quoits	100m Sprints	60m Sprints	High Jump	Long Jump	800m	Cricket Ball
3	Cricket Ball	Shot Put	Quoits	100m Sprints	60m Sprints	High Jump	Long Jump	800m
4	800m	Cricket Ball	Shot Put	Quoits	100m Sprints	60m Sprints	High Jump	Long Jump
5	Long Jump	800m	Cricket Ball	Shot Put	Quoits	100m Sprints	60m Sprints	High Jump
6	High Jump	Long Jump	800m	Cricket Ball	Shot Put	Quoits	100m Sprints	60m Sprints
7	60m Sprints	High Jump	Long Jump	800m	Cricket Ball	Shot Put	Quoits	100m Sprints
8	100m Sprints	60m Sprints	High Jump	Long Jump	800m	Cricket Ball	Shot Put	Quoits

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