

Nau mai , Haere mai

This week in the church's calendar is set aside to remember the people who we have lost from our lives. Today is All Saints day and tomorrow is for All Soul's day. Mr Mills has been collecting prayers, remembrance pictures and stories from all our children, families and staff to add to the memorial books which will be carried up to Father Stuart tomorrow at Mass. All the school will be attending Mass at 9.00 a.m. and you are all invited. Members of the school will be reading prayers and scripture.

This week our children have been doing a lot of tests- some are school tests and one is for the Knowledgeathon with a focus on all things Kiwi. The PTFA have been into classes to help administer the test and also to support children who need help with writing answers. Over the last couple of days I have seen children calling into Jane's office with envelopes and big proud smiles on their faces.

Thank you to the ladies of the PTFA for coming in to help with this fundraiser and also to the people behind the scenes who have been putting in the time to count the proceeds, especially Kirstie Muir and Cathy Couch.

Our PTFA Mums have been very successful approaching people for donations and prizes. The assembly for prize giving is on Monday. Hopefully we will be able to let you know where and when over the weekend via facebook. Thank you Kyra Ormsby for arranging this.

The PTFA are having a few changes. Several members who have been so supportive over many years are planning to step down because their children are moving out of the school to Intermediate. The girls are looking for new members. The PTFA isn't like the Board of Trustees. The PTFA is first and foremost there to promote social events in the school community and to raise money for things around the school that we otherwise could not afford. The fundraising events are some of the most exciting things that happen all year. The PTFA also helps with giving out drinks and sausages at school events like cross country, athletics day and discos.

If you would like to come onto the PTFA to make more friends and to support the children in our school please do. Meetings are held at Imbibe at least twice a term. They are advertised in the newsletter and on facebook. You are encouraged to get involved and to come along for the ride.

Seedling sale this weekend.

If you have been growing seedlings at home to sell at the seedling sale, you are very welcome to drop them into the garden shed tomorrow morning.

The sale will be short and sweet. People will be getting together beside the Community centre on Grenada Park between 10.30-12.30. Thank you to Katie Horrocks for getting us involved and to Emma Richardson for being the go-to person on the day.

The proceeds of the sale will be shared amongst the five schools who have garden clubs (including St.Thomas More).

Perhaps you would be interested in a part time job which included gardening, working alongside children and teachers, and spending time at St.Thomas More and Omanu schools? If you are interested then perhaps you can ask Katie about becoming a member of PIPs people in parks because there is a programme involving schools around the area where PIPs people work with students to grow and learn about sustainability. We are looking for a person who would like to work for 10 hours at our school with our students in the Garden Shed and also to spend 10 hours at Omanu School doing the same thing. This would be a great way to get back into the workforce again and to do something you may be passionate about.

School will be closed on the 13th November, along with all other primary schools. – Strike Action.

The BOT has decided to close the school during the strike because there will not be teachers available to care for our children.

We regret the inconvenience. Teachers are striking to highlight the lack of teachers being trained to come into the workforce, the lack of sustained support for children with special learning needs and the continued increase in workload without sufficient time for planning and assessment. It is becoming a crisis. The average age of primary teachers in the workforce is 55. What's going to happen over the next 5-6 years as more and more teachers retire? Where are the new teachers going to come from if the government doesn't take notice?

TERM 4

5 th Nov	Prize assembly for Knowledgeathon (venue tbc due to earthquake work in the church this month.)
7 th Nov.	Pipi Tabloid Games
8 th Nov.	Athletics Day – please refer to attached timetable
8 th Nov	BOT meeting at 6 p.m. in staffroom
13 th Nov	School closed – Teachers' Strike Action
20 th 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	Y6 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
TERM 1 2019	29th January , Tuesday First day back

Pipi Tabloid Games – Wednesday November 7th starting at 9.00 am on Grenada Park – all welcome!

Please remember to sunblock your child and pack extra food and water 😊

Beautiful Artwork

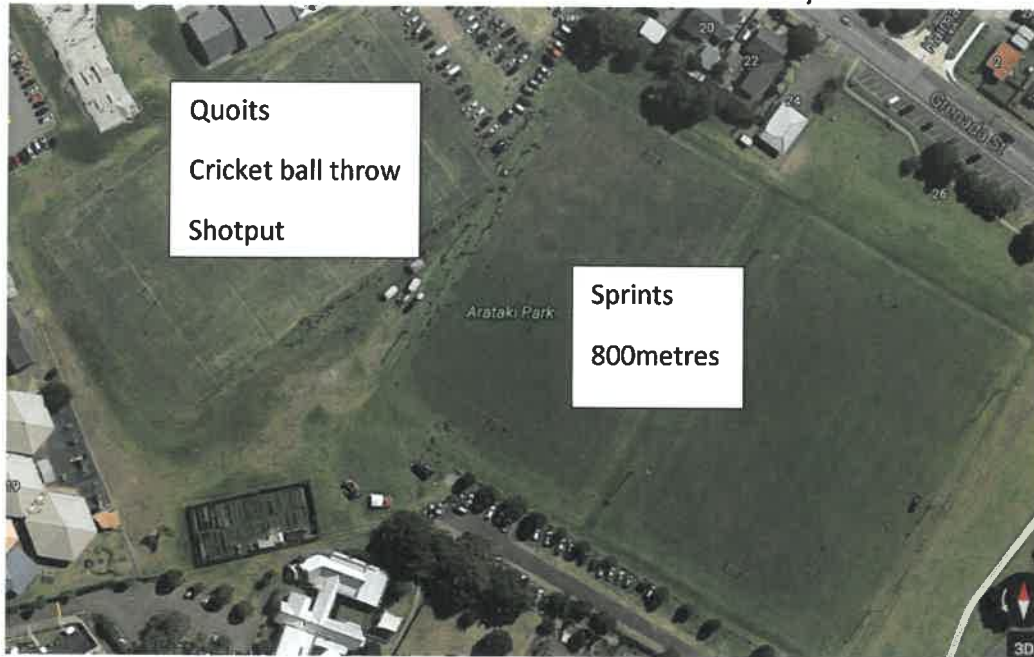
The school is participating in the "Kids Artworks Calendars" again this year and the children have created beautiful artwork in class – have a chat with your child's teacher they can tell you all about their creations. You can have your child's own piece of art made into superb calendars, cards, diaries or mouse mat. Alternatively, you can submit a family photo to have printed on these items – perfect for Christmas presents for family and friends overseas. The calendars and diaries include public holidays and term dates, plenty of space for writing appointments. Order as many calendars, diaries, cards or mouse mats you wish from the same piece of artwork. The original artwork/photo will be returned to you with your order.

Costs are as follows:-

Calendars	\$14 each	Cards (pack of 8)	\$14	Diaries	\$18 each
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Order forms have been sent home – please check your child's bag! Orders and payment need to be handed into the school office by **November 16th**. Delivery is expected to be at the beginning of December. There are also samples in the office 😊

St Thomas More Athletics Day



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

Year 3-6 Kinas and Pauas Thursday 8th November. All activities as well as the YO-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.

We have changed the plan - originally all the students would be doing athletics on the same day however the Cricket World Cup date clashed and we had to change things around to ensure that the cricketers could join in with the athletics too.

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

NEW SCHOOL POLO SHIRT: order forms will be available next week 😊



It will take two years before all the school shirts are in the new style because there are lots of old style shirts still in circulation. It's just that Jane will only be able to sell the new style from the start of next year because that is all we will have in stock.

Message from the PTFA

Final call for knowledgeathon money. Tomorrow morning at the latest. Help your home group win the class prize for most returned, by sending in your envelope with even the smallest amount of sponsorship. It doesn't have to be a big amount - we are all about participation. Come along and join us on Monday November 5th for a special assembly announcing our winners!...when we find out where and when.

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