

Nau mai , Haere mai

This week we welcome Geneva Mills and Jai Leyden who have turned 5 and joined Tua tuas!  
 It's been another busy week, Monday our year 5 Paua tahi's visited Matapihi Estuary to take a look at "what's on and under the mud"



Aquinas' Deputy Principal Kurt Kennedy visited on Tuesday evening to speak with year 5 and year 6 parents about school life after St Thomas More. Last night was our Mums and daughters Puberty Talk and tonight it's the Dads and sons talk at 6pm in the staffroom for our year 6 students and parents.

This Sunday 51 children are participating in the Weetbix Tryathlon!! Good luck everyone and a huge thank you to Janine Bollee who has co-ordinated our school's entry and organized training!

Next week our seniors head off to camp, our year 6s will visit their 2019 schools and Pipi are heading off on a trip to Tauranga Girls College to watch the "Fantastic Feats" production put on by the Year 11 drama students. Kina are having a visit from Comvita staff and are being shown how to make bee-waxed lunch wrappers on Monday as part of their Kiwiana study! Kristopher, MacKenzie, Sophie, Maia, Akuhata and Maddi will represent the Mount Cluster at the WBOP Primary School athletics on Wednesday – an awesome achievement, well done!



We had some sad news this morning. Whaea Te Rau Te Moni passed away early today after a tough battle with cancer. Whaea was a very gentle, caring lady with a strong faith, who loved being part of Kina team in 2017. Whaea Te Rau had a long and successful career as a teacher and Resource teacher of learning and behaviour before accepting the role of teacher assistant for Mrs Pirini. Prior to Whaea Te Rau coming to our school her daughter, Waiora, was Mrs Pirini's teacher assistant in 2016. Our prayers and thoughts are with the Te Moni whanau as they prepare to farewell their much loved mother and to Mrs Pirini who has lost a very good friend. Mrs Pirini will be at the marae tomorrow and over the weekend, supporting where she can. Our school has lost a special member of our community today. The children will miss Whaea, especially the members of the kapa haka group from 2017. May she rest in peace. Amen.

### **School Camp- Ngamuwahine in the Kaimais.**

Next week our seniors will be on camp. Usually our Year 5 and 6 students stay a full week and they complete tasks together as teams/tribes. This year we have 96 Year 5 and 6 students and this has meant a complete change because there isn't enough accommodation available for that many students, teachers and parents. Mr Webster is going to take the Year 5s up on Monday along with 14 parents who will help with the cooking duties, the night time supervision, the transport and supporting our students away from home. We are lucky to have Dr Churchill accompanying the Year 5s on Monday-Wednesday and Donna Greetham, our nurse, will be accompanying the Year 6 students from Wednesday to Friday. Mrs Thomas is taking over supervision on Wednesday and then Mr Mills will have a turn at the end of the week.

There are instructors provided by Tauranga Intermediate who take students through activities like flying fox, ropes and kayaking. All our students will be taking part in these activities throughout the camp. We will need lots of strong parents to help with abseiling and other activities to ensure that our students get the best experience. There won't be a parent concert because this camp is much shorter than usual.

In 2019 we will go back to the original plan and the Year 5+6 students will spend a week at Ngamuwahine.

Where is Ngamuwahine? Well if you are driving on the Tauranga to Matamata Road you go past the Kaimai School down the valley to where there is a bridge over the Ngamuwahine Stream. Turn right where the Containers sit in the paddock and follow the dirt road to the end where you will see the Ngamuwahine Lodge. It takes about 35 minutes on a good day ( no traffic jams).

### **Scientists came to school today**

They came to talk to students about the importance of Biosecurity to our local economy and to explain how important our role is in monitoring pests using the sentinel gardens. Our students have been collecting information every day and this has been sent through to the Biosecurity hub- to monitor that there aren't any pests detected on our plants.

**Lucky book club** – booklets were sent home earlier this week, it's the last one for the year. If you'd like to place an order please drop off your order form and payment at the school office by Monday November 26<sup>th</sup>. If you're ordering books for Christmas presents, please write "presents" on the order form and I'll keep them in the office for you ☺

**Book Club**



#### TERM 4

26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Only Year 5s go to camp Comvita visiting Kina
27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 6 transition day for Aquinas College 2019 (9.30 to 2.30 pm) Year 6 transition day for Mount Intermediate (1.30 pm)
28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 5 return from camp and Year 6 go up to camp WBOP Athletics Competition
29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Pipi travelling to Tauranga Girls College for "Fantastic Feats" production
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y6 Camp kids return home
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y6 Leaving Celebration @ Tauranga Skateschool
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Final reports posted out
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Pipi Christmas Concert @ 12 o'clock
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last Mass and prize giving for Years 2-6 @ 6 p.m. evening in church
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b><i>Last day &amp; Final assembly for Year 6 at 10.30 am (please note change of time)</i></b>
The school will close at 12.30...buses will leave at 12.15	
TERM 1 2019	29 <sup>th</sup> January , Tuesday first day back!

## READ Together!

Unfortunately, we are going to have to postpone the reading together programme until Term 1 2019. This time of the year is just getting too busy and we think that focusing on how to help children read at home will be a better option for the start of next year. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, Kerry Duncan.

Do we have your correct postal details? Reports for students years 3-6 are being mailed out on December 7<sup>th</sup>.



**Change of  
Address**

#### To all Year 6 parents

Your child will be bringing home their invitation to the Year 6 leaving celebration today.

We would LOVE for all children to be able to come along and join in for a fun night on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Can you please let Jane know if your child can attend and then we just need \$10 brought in before Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November so we can confirm numbers.

We will have some transport available to and from school on the night so please let Jane if your child will need a ride. Thank you – Kyra ☺

## Team KellyO presents two more cheques to the PTFA!



Team Kellyo from Harcourts were pleased to be able to present two more cheques to the PTFA today, totalling \$1500. A big thank you to the New and Robertson families from school who entrusted us with the marketing of their beautiful homes, helping them to make their next real estate moves.

In total this year, Team Kellyo have donated \$2500 to the school and are keen to continue our support for the next couple of years.

**“List and sell your home with TEAM KELLYO from Harcourts and we will donate \$1000 to the St Thomas More School PTFA”**

And if we help you purchase a home we will donate \$500. (Now that's a lot of sausage sizzles!)

For more information, or to arrange a free, no obligation valuation of what your property might be worth in today's market, give us a call today on 0800KELLYO (0800 53 55 96). Or visit [www.kellyo.co.nz](http://www.kellyo.co.nz) or find us on Facebook – Kelly Ormsby Harcourts



The PTFA in conjunction with Bakers Delight are offering Christmas Cakes & Fruit Tarts. Orders need to be in by Friday December 7<sup>th</sup> and delivery will be on Friday December 14<sup>th</sup>. (Best before dates: items are baked December 13<sup>th</sup> – lemon tarts 1 week from baking, fruit tarts 4 weeks from baking and Christmas cakes 6 weeks from baking). Please see order form attached.

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Lemon Tarts - 1 week from baking  
Fruit Mince Tarts - 4 weeks from baking  
Christmas cakes - 6 weeks from baking

## OUR CAKES & TARTS MAKE MEMORABLE









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### Christmas Cake & Tarts Order Form

An amount from each purchase will be donated back to your School!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

		<b>Large Traditional Christmas Cake</b>	<b>\$\$13</b>	QTY _____
		<b>Christmas Tree Cake</b>	<b>\$\$10</b>	QTY _____
		<b>Lemon Tart 6-pack</b>	<b>\$\$9</b>	QTY _____
		<b>Fruit Mince Tart 6-pack</b>	<b>\$\$9</b>	QTY _____

**Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Mt Maunganui**  
**T 075722620**

*Bakers Delight*

Bakers Delight Holdings Ltd and its associated companies ("Bakers Delight") require the personal information requested in this order form including name, school/club and class, in order to make your order. Without such personal information, we will be unable to accept and deliver your order. Your personal information will not be disclosed to any third party in Australia or overseas and will not be used for any purpose other than to deliver your order. Our Privacy Policy contains information about how you may access the personal information we hold about you and information about how to seek correction of such information, if necessary. Our Privacy Policy also contains information about how you may complain about an alleged breach of the Australian Privacy Principles and how we will deal with such a complaint. Our Privacy Policy can be viewed without charge at [www.bakersdelight.com.au/privacy-policy](http://www.bakersdelight.com.au/privacy-policy). Alternatively, please contact our Privacy Officer either via email at [privacy@bakersdelight.com.au](mailto:privacy@bakersdelight.com.au) or via phone on 03 9811 6111 and we will send or email you a free copy.

## PTFA Chairperson's Report - AGM – 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Another successful year with a great bunch of ladies and as the saying goes, many hands make light work!

A big welcome to some of the new faces we have tonight and we hope you enjoy our company and are keen to continue on with us, helping with new ideas and being part of a great team.

We have had another successful year and have had some more great fundraisers

Cross Country hot dogs	\$ 465
Term 1 Disco	\$ 220
Term 3 Quiz Night	\$ 4000
Movie Night	\$ 1586
Term 4 Knowledge-a-thon	\$ 7300
Bake Sales	\$ 1610
Sub total	<u>\$15181 approx</u>

PLUS Gold Group Income

We have had a lot of variety throughout the year catering for both the adults and kids.

The Quiz nite was a great night out for the parents and we need to ensure we include a fun night for the parents each year.

The money we have raised this year has gone towards more readers for our juniors, heaps more science equipment and resources for the whole school, more IT equipment and camp fees.

Another big thank you to some of our team who have put so much work in but are looking to step down from their positions.

Firstly, to Amy, who has put her heart and soul into the Gold Group and put some great procedures in place and really got this group to where it is today. Amy is staying on the Committee and will be available to help someone else step into the Gold Group Co-ordinator position.

Secondly to Kirsty, who has kept us up to date with our money situation, endlessly provided floats and counted numerous amounts of money and made sure everything is balanced after each fundraising event. Kirsty is also staying on the Committee and is available to help out someone move into the Treasurers position.

And thirdly we have Rachel Plunkett who has been our Secretary for the past couple of years, but is looking to stand down from that position and help out with the Mt Intermediate PTA as Sophie is heading there next year.

With a few of our established team moving on at the end of next year, as their children finish their primary school days, we are definitely needing to continue to find other like minded parents who are keen to help us give our kids the extra things we can help provide while they attend St Thomas More.

A HUGE thank you to every one of you on our committee and we really appreciate all your efforts. From counting money, sorting out prizes, picking up ice blocks, handing out hot dogs, serving at the Bar, heating up food, cleaning up after disco's and generally just being great team players, we couldn't have done it without you.

Here's to a well deserved break over Xmas!

Kyra Ormsby  
PTFA Chairperson