

Nau mai , Haere mai. I am working my way through interviews and waiting on confirmation of the five teaching positions we need to fill here at St.Thomas More. The plan is to send home a booklet with a bio of the new teachers, including their photos, and on your children’s reports (Y3-6) there will be the class/teacher they have been assigned as homegroup teacher. We will also make sure the YO-2 have a note about their homeroom teacher mailed out. It is very important that we have the right address otherwise when the mail out happens on December 7th your child’s report will boomerang back here in January...usually we have three each Christmas holidays who don’t get a report because it gets lost in the post.



Change of Address



This week has been camp week for the Paua students- the Year 5 group went up on Monday and came back on Wednesday afternoon and the Year 6 students are up there right now. Mrs Thomas and Mr Webster are to be commended for taking on the whole week between them, as Mr Mills has fractured his ankle and isn’t as mobile as he needs to be for rugged terrain. A very big group of parents have been involved and they have been raving about how much fun they have had- and can they put their names down for next year already. 😊

It looks like paintball was a very popular activity and have you seen how high the climbing wall is? The camp really pushes kids out of their comfort zones and makes them face challenges that they usually would not take on. The purpose is to build resilience, a very important trait that will stay with them all their lives. Thank you to the PTFA who have funded the cost of the adults to stay on camp- it would not be possible without their help with this. Here are some wonderful photos that Alissa Aubertin has sent through – just to give you an idea of what to expect when your children reach Year 5+6.





Year 5 campers 2019.

Weetbix triathlon got rained off in the weekend and so the new date for the event is 3rd February next year. Janine would like to know if your children are going to stay in the event...there are options like refunds or going to Rotorua instead but ideally we'd love to keep our school's reputation as the biggest team intact. Lots of information will be posted by Janine on our school facebook so please look out for that.

Today our junior school travelled by bus to Tauranga Girls College to attend a concert put on by the Year 11 drama students called Fantastic Feats. The little ones loved the day out, great excitement going on the bus and travelling through the city together. They will be tired tonight!

During the week Kina completed their bees wax lunch wraps with the help of Comvita staff including Mr Brendan McHugh, Jackson's Dad. The wrap is lovely to smell because there is such a strong honey fragrance in the wax. The students in Kina made Kiwiana designs on calico before ironing on beeswax. They are brilliant. Thank you Comvita.

Kristopher, MacKenzie, Sophie, Maia, and Maddi competed for the Mount Cluster at the WBOP Primary School athletics on Wednesday – an awesome achievement, well done! Maia had a fantastic day with certificates for top five placing in several events. Poor Akuhata got sick on Monday and didn't make it to the event - sorry to hear you missed out on camp too. ☹️ Thank you to the people who helped with transport and supervision on the day- very much appreciated!

TERM 4

6 th Dec	Y6 Leaving Celebration @ Tauranga Skateschool
7 th Dec	Final reports posted out
13 th Dec	Pipi Christmas Concert @ 12 o'clock
14 th Dec	Last Mass and prize giving for Years 2-6 @ 6 p.m. evening in church
18 th Dec	<i>Last day & Final assembly for Year 6 at 10.30 am (please note change of time)</i>
The school will close at 12.30...buses will leave at 12.15	
TERM 1 2019	29 th 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.



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

Buy a 2019 calendar

\$25

Helps us send medical supplies to our facility in East Africa this Christmas.

A great Christmas gift!

Pendo Project

Pendo project.....

"Thanks so much for popping this into the newsletter.

Tracy my friend is doing incredible sustainable work in East Africa. I really want to drum up some support.

I am happy to share more info with anyone or the Facebook page has lots of information and heart breaking stories.

All calendar proceeds go direct to the need. Tracy is heading to Africa next week to set up a local business and feed 600 malnourished children over Xmas.

Thanks

Mel Fahey (Kadia and Jacob's Mum)"

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Best Before Dates: (Items baked 13 Dec)
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: _____

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

Total: \$ _____

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