



St THOMAS AQUINAS SCHOOL

*St Thomas Aquinas School Newsletter – Term 4 Week 2
(Thursday 28th October 2021)*

Kia ora Koutou St Thomas Aquinas School Families,
We are off to a flying start this term, it is proving to be a term where problem solving skills come in very handy. Operating in Alert Level 2 has meant that we have had to adapt some of our planned events. One event or learning initiative that we have had to pivot on has been our Polyfest performance. This week we have got back to rehearsing and will be filming our final performance, dressed in our Polyfest costumes in the Church on Friday. We will then be uploading this to our facebook page and the Polyfest website for our community to view. We recognise that not only have our children learnt through this process they have also put a lot of effort into it by showcasing our songs and action songs that encompass our faith, national heritage and Filipino culture.

Redevelopment Update

The building team has experienced a number of significant delays on building resources over the last two terms in particular. I am happy to report that we are now seeing some great progress being made in both the phase two and administration block areas. Spaces within the phase two area are scheduled to be completed by mid-December. The current junior classroom spaces are now going to be renovated (new linings, carpet and windows) and this is set to be carried out in the New Year. We are very fortunate to have our entire school building redeveloped to such a high standard.

Next week marks our last full week before Pet Day. As previously mentioned we are excited to host this event (in differing formats) depending on the alert level we find ourselves in. If you are a parent volunteer and have been contacted via the Room 4 team of leaders please stand by for further communication. We will continue to keep you updated as we gain clarity around alert levels early next week.

Once again thank you for your continued support and understanding during this time of opportunity rather than time of challenge!

Ma te atua e tiaki, manaaki ia koutou katoa,
May God bless you,
Teresa Jarvis
Principal

MASK WEARING ON BUSES - The Ministry of Education has now made mask wearing for 12 year olds and over mandatory on all school buses. Children below the age of 12 years of age who travel on school buses are also encouraged to wear masks however this is not mandatory. We thank you for your cooperation.

CSC ORIENTATION DAY – This has been cancelled due to Alert level 2 restrictions. A notice from CSC has been emailed directly to all students & caregivers that are enrolled at CSC for 2022.

TERM ACCOUNTS – These have been emailed out at the end of last term, thanks to all those that have made payment already. A reminder to those that are yet to pay.

MISS DRAKE - YEAR 7-8 TEACHER 2022

I am looking forward to teaching at St Thomas Aquinas next year. As a past pupil it will be very exciting to return to the school. I was brought up on a farm near Winton with my Mum, Dad and Older sister. I am an active person and have a passion for sport, especially basketball and netball. I enjoy making and creating in the kitchen. It is a great way to bring family and friends together to share a meal or some yummy treats. I have always enjoyed reading and relaxing with a book. Any type of book will interest me, and I love biographies and children's books. It will be great to see you all at 'meet the teacher' on Monday 13th December.



WELCOME - This week we welcomed Darragh Warren to our school community. Darragh is in Room 1 as a new entrant.



KEY DATES - As Term 4 is a busy term, please check out our school website for our key dates. www.stthomaswinton.school.nz

STUDENT TEACHERS - We welcome to our school two student teachers, Olivia Burns & Aldine De Jager. They are working alongside Miss Henderson & Miss McSoriley over the next 3 weeks.