



It is great to welcome the students back for the 2019 school year and hear about their excellent holidays. The staff have spent considerable time preparing for a successful year. Thank you to them and also you for ensuring that your child is well prepared for school. We value the partnership we have with our parents/caregivers/whanau.

The teachers appreciate your support and welcome any questions/queries you may have. If there are ever concerns, we prefer to address them early to avoid them becoming greater issues. If we do not know, we can not assist.

Included with this newsletter is information regarding upcoming Goal Setting Meetings and a General Information Sheet. We thank you for taking a little time to read these.

We were pleased to welcome 26 new students this week either starting as new entrants or from other schools around the country and around the world.

Also welcome to two new staff. Mrs Clem Boyce (Rm 11) and Mrs Jo Macbeth (Information Centre Manager)

Enjoy Waitangi day next Wednesday. Kind Regards Michael Fitzgerald



### New Students



A special welcome to the following new students and their families. Preston Perkins, Evelyn Lerner, Eden Matthews, Divan Thom, Murray Drummond, Amalia Lerner, Saraea-Jane Drummond, Alex Lerner.



Greyson Pitt, Ayva-Jay Hall, Charlotte Comrie, Ella McIntyre, Kathy Vu, Molly Carson, Dallas Drummond, Indie Su'a, Josephine Toohill, Theia Bunker, Stefan Beitcher, Kyley Kirk, Eli Fox, Hazel Hall-Bishop, Michayla Engelbrecht. We wish you all the very best for your learning at our school.

### Change of Contact Details

Please phone the school office on 349 1750, for any change of address, phone, mobile phone numbers or email address since last year.

### 2019 Term Dates

Term 1	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January—Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April
Term 2	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April —Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July
Term 3	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July—Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September
Term 4	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October—Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December

### School will also be closed on the following days:

Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Waitangi Day
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Queens Birthday
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Labour Day

### Our Mission

**“St Johns Hill School will provide a quality education where children develop respect for themselves, others and the environment and aim for excellence in all endeavours”.**

### Our Vision

**“Confident, happy, lifelong learners and caring citizens, who contribute positively to a sustainable world”.**

### House Leaders 2019

**Kauri:** Te Atakura Potaka-Osborne Milner Skudder, Hannah O’Hara, Ben Karatau, Jimmy Ye.

**Kowhai:** Elizabeth Adrole, Lucy Reid, Matt Smith, Lucas Munn.

**Rata:** Piper Gaisford, Phoebe Tripe, Liam Meijer, Jack Heerdegen.

**Totara:** Emma Bullock, Devika Madhu, Caleb Richardson, Joel Symes.



All of our House Leaders are looking forward to the Leaders’ Retreat next week in Ohakune. They will learn all about their roles and responsibilities and take part in team building activities and plan an exciting year for the whole school to enjoy.

### 2019 Student Goal Setting Interviews

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February.

School closes at 12.30pm on both of these days for all students. Please ensure your child is collected at this time. Further information is included with this newsletter. You will note that rooms 3, 4 and 13 are holding some interviews on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> from 3.15pm (This is a normal school day). To help teachers get to know your child better, please complete the sheet sent home by your child’s teacher.

### 2019 Librarians

Congratulations to this years student Librarians. The Library will be open most lunch times and offer a quiet space for reading and activities.



**Head Librarians:** Eric Craig and Emily Howells.

**Librarians:**

Bella Stead, Sae Nakata, Hunter Fromont, Nicole Lindsay, Kate O’Shanassy, Isabella Neil, Ryan Renton, Tyson Back, Cosette Guy, Jazz Bains (Absent from Photo).

### Kea Crossing

The Kea Crossing on Great North Rd, next to the Virginia Lake aviary, is operating every morning from 8:30 to 8:50. It is supervised by trained adults and operated by trained student wardens. Please consider using the crossing even if you don’t live in that part of town. We advise parents to drop their children off at the Virginia Lake car park which will help to reduce congestion in the school driveway.

**Wardens:**

Zoe Broadhead, Jackson Belliss, Joel Symes, Ben Karatau, Quin Vivian, Jett Casey, Tyson Back, Lucas Munn, Lucas Howard, Emma Bullock, Lucy Reid, Piper Gaisford, Hannah O’Hara, Isla Jones.



### Sports Captains

New school service 2019 are school sports captains. They help assist with sport/games promotion, organisation and leadership. Jack Bowen, Quin Vivian, Ashton Kibblewhite, Harry Jurgens, Zoe Broadhead, Isla Jones.



### School BOT

The elected BOT continue to serve our community in the strategic direction of our school. We thank: Janine Heerdegen (Chairperson), Cameron Town (Treasurer), Helen Jones (Health & Safety), Simon Cairncross (Personnel), Andy Reid (Property), Samantha White (Staff Rep), Annette Parkinson (Secretary), Loren Symes (PTA Rep), Michael Fitzgerald (Principal).

### Reminder—Term 1 Sports Notice

**Due back on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> (Late returns may miss out!!)**

Notices were sent home today. We understand this is an expensive time of the year. Any difficulties, please see office to arrange payment.



Welcoming our students back on Wednesday. Have a great 2019!

### Upcoming Dates & Events—Term 1

<b>February:</b>	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	School Closed, Waitangi Day
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> → Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	House Leaders Retreat
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	PTA AGM 7pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Transition Meeting for children starting in Term 2
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Goal Setting Interviews Rm 3/4 and Rm 13 - 3.15pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Goal Setting Meetings
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	School closes 12.30pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> → Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Rm 3/4 Camp—Taranaki
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	BOT Meeting
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Rm 6 } Overnight
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Rm 5 } Camp
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Rm 7 } Bushy Park
<b>March:</b>	
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	School Swimming Sports
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Splash Centre 9.30am
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	School Picnic
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	School Triathlon Finals 1pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> → Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Interschool Swimming Sports
	Splash Centre 11am
	Rm 17/1 Camp—Mahahika
	Outdoor Pursuits Centre, Levin
<b>April:</b>	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day Term 1

### PTA

St Johns Hill School PTA AGM will be held Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 7pm in the Staff Room. The AGM will include the voting of the 2019 PTA committee for the following positions: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Board of Trustees Representative. If you would like to nominate a person or yourself for one of the positions prior to the AGM, please email [annaherd@sky.com](mailto:annaherd@sky.com) by 12 noon on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> February. All welcome!

### Junior Discovery Time

Each Friday the children of Piwakawaka (Rm 11,12 & 13) and Tui (Rm 9, 10, 15, 16) teams are provided with rich learning experiences; gardening, building, cooking, crafts, caring for the chickens, etc. For this to be possible we do rely on volunteers from our community to assist with small groups. If you are able to help please contact the office, Mrs Laura Malone-Belliss for the Piwakawaka team or Mrs Cathy Carroll of the Tui team. Tui ‘Discovery’ is from 9-10:30am while Piwakawaka is from 11-12:30pm.

### Before School Yoga and Mindfulness

Simone Grant of Tickle My Feet Yoga is trialing at our school a before school Yoga and Mindfulness class. Thursday mornings 8.15am→8.45am., 14<sup>th</sup> February - 4<sup>th</sup> April. Cost \$80. Open to 5—9year olds and limited to 15 children. This is a programme being offered by a private provider and all fees, communication etc will be directly between you and the provider. Further details: [www.ticklemyfeet.co.nz/beforeschoolyoga](http://www.ticklemyfeet.co.nz/beforeschoolyoga)