




Welcome to School

A special welcome to the following new students and their families.



Sophiya Sutherland and Annabelle Matheson.

We wish you all the best with your learning at our school.

Seesaw
The Learning Journal

Thank you to those who have paid \$6 for your child's online learning profile. If you have not yet made payment this would be appreciated and can be paid to your child's classroom teacher or at the office. Thank you.

Reminder: Union Meeting Tuesday 19th March
School closed 12.30pm.

According to our Collective Agreement our Union NZEI, has called a paid union meeting on Tuesday 19th March. Students will need to be collected from school on this day at 12.30pm, lunchtime. Teachers will be discussing the Government response to recent claims and in light of this information, be deciding upon future action ie accept or reject offer.

Year 4 Bushy Park Camp

Year 4 students have just had their first overnight school camp. They were lucky enough to camp at Bushy Park Sanctuary. Here is a sample of their adventures there.

Sleeping in my Tent
I stared at my red lava tent as it faded away. I was camping at Bushy Park sanctuary. The other students and I were on a night walk but we were all longing for sleep. I was like an ice man that needed melting. I just longed to snuggle in my cosy sleeping bag in my 'home away from home'. Finally the night walk was over. My tent buddy Liam and I jumped into our sleeping bags. Our sleeping bags did not give as any warmth - we were freezing cold. Just then the ruru called. I was waiting for this, the call of the ruru, I heard it. As soon as the ruru called I felt sleepy, very sleepy. I plunged into the world of dreams. I was sleeping in the best place ever on my first school camp. Bushy Park sanctuary. I am so lucky!

Arush Gupta Room 6

The Night Walk
We went on an exciting night adventure through Bushy park. It was as dark as a spooky cave. We spied a small brown frog. It was clinging to the predator fence blinded by the light of our torches.

Tayla Scrivener Room 6

Thought of becoming a board member for your school?

Come along to NZSTA's Korari Programme to find out about becoming a school trustee on a school board! We are holding a hui at Whanganui Girls' College on 1 April at 6pm in the lead up to this year's board of trustees' elections.

At the hui you'll hear about:

* What is a school board of trustees	* What do trustees do
* What skills do trustees need	* Who can become a trustee
* How do I become a trustee	* Who is on a board of trustees
* How is a board elected	* What help do school trustees get
* How does the board of trustees work	

We look forward to seeing you and helping with your school's succession planning! RSVP to abeyer-rieger@nzsta.org.nz

Academic Achievement and/or Progress:

Congratulations to the following students:



- Yougi Wu** Using a strong sense of personal voice and expression in her writing.
- Ben Karatau** Fantastic attitude towards all learning areas.
- Sam Penwarden** Excellent Maths Knowledge—Top PAT maths result.
- Libby Hobbs** Descriptive re-crafting. Great writing Libby.
- Bailee Jones** Excellent focus, work and progress on her Maths Buddy tasks.
- Vishvak Atluri** Able to sequence his thoughts to successfully describe his Kowhaiwhai pattern.
- Zoe Baskett** Skills in editing. Understanding the power of "one extra word".
- Ayden Musso-Smith** Using his spelling list words throughout his writing. Great connecting of your learning.
- Indigo Camp** Connecting spelling words within her writing.
- Vinnie O'Leary** A wonderful writer. You work hard to find all the sounds that you hear as you are writing.
- Eli Fox** For persevering with his cutting skills and being able to hold scissors correctly.
- Annabelle Stoop** A fantastic writer. You try to record all the sounds you hear and add exciting words to your stories.
- Ray Singh** For using 'but' and 'because' in his writing when giving his opinion. Ka pai!

Picnic on the Field
School Family Picnic in our beautiful school grounds.
Thursday 21st March, 5 → 7pm

- ⇒ Bring your own food and refreshments. (No money required!!)
- ⇒ BBQ provided.
- ⇒ Bouncy Castle/Face Painting /Decorate a Biscuit.
- ⇒ Old fashioned Races. (If you can please bring a hard boiled egg & spoon).
- ⇒ If you have any sacks please drop them into the office.

P.S—The pool will be closed that evening.

Rededication and Reopening of the Whanganui Regional Museum

We have accepted a special invite to the Museum Festivities on Saturday 16th March at 2pm to celebrate the re opening of our city's Regional Museum. Our students will join others from around the city in a mass Kapahaka performance on the forecourt in front of the museum. We ask as many students as possible, in their school uniform, and their families, to join us at the bottom of the forecourt steps leading up to the old Sergeant Gallery at 1.45pm. Our school's Maori Tutor, Ash Patea will be revisiting with the students the words and actions for Haere Mai, Te Wai o Whanganui and E Rere. If you are able, we appreciate you supporting this community celebration. I will be somewhere at the bottom of the steps leading up to the Sargent . Please gather together.

Virtues Awards

Well done to the following students who were recently recognised for displaying their virtues.



- Flexibility:** Emily Brown, Steven Forsyth, Jay Edmonds.
- Responsibility:** Jimmy Ye.
- Caring:** Preston Perkins, Thomas Bowen, Sam Watt, Charlotte Banks, Wairangi Potaka-Osborne Milner-Skudder.
- Ako-Cooperation:** Charlie Devane. **Ako-Perseverance:** Toby Hamling.
- Ako-Learning together:** Elyse Hale.
- Understanding the importance of Rangatiratanga—**
"Our best always": Rafe Hall.
- Manaakitanga-Showing caring for her classmates during swimming:**
Piper Loft-Angel.
- Friendliness:** Azlan Mohammed, Kathy Vu, Caleb Wells.



- Perseverance:** Heidi Johnston. **Determination:** Jackson Belliss.
- Flexibility:** Grace Ivory, Becky Roy. **Ako-Creativity:** Emily Jamieson.
- Ako-Concentrating on tasks:** Lilly-Rose Goldsack.
- Consideration:** Guy Fitzgerald. **Ako-Determination:** Ashton Baxter.
- Kaitakitanga-Caring for the environment/service:** Liam Penwarden.
- Caring:** Asta Norman, Katie McCosh, Hunter Scrivener, Frankie Devane. **Friendliness:** Olivia Clunie, Dallas Drummond, Atiria Potaka-Osborne Milner-Skudder.

School Triathlon – Friday 22nd March, 1pm – 2:45pm

On Friday 22nd of March we will be holding our senior school triathlon final. Prior to this date year groups will have run their own event and students will have recorded a time for doing a full triathlon. On the day of the final students will be grouped with others that have recorded similar times in practice races. Students will need to complete all three sections of the triathlon to compete on the day. They will require their togs, towel, bikes and helmet. Parents are encouraged to come along and support competitors on this day.

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

Unfortunate that due to the unfavourable weather forecast we had to postpone our school picnic. We hope to see you all next Thursday 21st March 5-7pm at this community event.

Education for Sustainability (EFS) is a key element of our school culture. As an enviroschool, we are on a journey. Our aim is to foster a generation of people who instinctively think and act sustainably. Three key goals in our Care Code are that our akonga will:

- celebrate and enjoy our natural environment
- reduce, reuse and recycle
- create and care for our landscapes.

At St Johns Hill School, we care for our environment by carrying out sustainable practices. Some of the sustainable practices we have embedded are: reduce, reuse and recycle, class gardens, 'garden to table' practices, wobble lunchboxes, raising chickens and caring for hens and regeneration of native plants.

Earthkids representatives from each class are just as passionate about EFS. They are a group of committed young citizens who meet each week with Kevin, to share and reflect about sustainability issues. Our akonga are encouraged to "think globally, act locally" regarding environmental issues that impact on our world. Making decisions and taking agreed actions back to their class to promote, are an integral part of their role. As a result, positive sustainability practices and actions continue to be implemented in our school and community.

Ka rawe Earthkids and St Johns Hill learners!

Worldwide there is real concern regarding the topic of Climate Change. At our school this week we have looked at the cause, effect and actions we can take.

As a Green Gold Enviroschool we take responsibility to show

leadership on issues related to sustainability.

We thank you for the actions, however big or small, your family are taking to act locally and think globally.

Nga mihi

Michael Fitzgerald

Whakatauki

Ko te whenua te wai u mo nga uri whakatipu. The land provides the sustenance for the coming generation.

Letter to our Prime Minister—Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern

Thour Zone
St Johns Hill School
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Dear Prime Minister,

We feel we need to make a change to stop global warming from destroying this beautiful planet. Global warming is messing up our future and generations to come.

We know that if we don't make a change, in a short time there could be serious consequences that would change our everyday life and not in a good way.

We are a green gold school and we care about this earth. We are doing a lot to try to change/save our planet. We would like you to make a change to stop global warming with us. Please!

We want everyone to recycle more and try to make people use cars less (excusing solar powered cars). Maybe you could make Friday an international bike-to-work-day?

Thank you for listening to us!

Yours faithfully

Evelyn Lerner- 10 years old and Jack Heerdegen- 10 years old.