



Earth Kids at the River Traders' Market Saturday 25th May

A fundraiser for Bushy Park Sanctuary Education Group. This is an Earth Kids' project arising out of a shared experience by our children at Bushy Park earlier this year. Earth Kids are always looking for ways to take action for the environment and saw this as being a very worthy cause. The stall will be a great opportunity to promote St Johns Hill School's Earth Kids through the provision of EFS information boards and goods for sale, reflecting our Health Promoting School status and Education for Sustainability goals. As well as our classes producing goods for sale at the stall, it is our aim that every family support this cause by providing home baking. A letter will be sent home next week seeking support for this project.

Anzac Service

Today we recognized the men and women who have contributed to NZ through the services with a School Anzac Service. The following letter was written and read at this afternoons service by Lucas Munn.



Dear Veterans

Thank you very much for your time, bravery and sacrifice. Thanks to you we are forever free. I for one have lots of respect for veterans like you. Thanks to you we have peace in New Zealand. Thanks to you there is justice. There are so many things that you did, and I am forever grateful. If you have served in the Coast Guard, Army, Air force or Navy, you should be proud of yourself because you have helped New Zealand. If you served in the Vietnam, Korean, or World war 2 wars. I cannot imagine someone with as much bravery as you. You have sacrificed yourself for our freedom. I shall forever cherish this freedom.



Yours sincerely
Lucas M

Uniform Survey

Today, with this newsletter, is a survey to ascertain your thoughts on our current school uniform and thoughts for the future. We appreciate you taking a little time to complete and return to your child's teacher by Friday 17th May.

Sports Team/Coaches

Firstly a big thank you to parents/caregivers who have volunteered (or accepted) coaching a school team this year. Much appreciated by us all. Parents please support the coaches. Some easy ways are:-

- Ensure your child attends practice (or if unable, contact them with your apology)
- Ensure your child is at the game, early for warm up, in the correct school uniform, school fleece or jacket for warmth.
- Assist coach when needed. Over the long winter season they may need someone to step up on the odd weekend. Let them know you are happy to do that or how you can help.
- Talk with your child about listening to their coach and following instructions. Always being respectful and appreciative of the time they are giving up voluntarily.

Thank you also to our sport co-ordinator, Glen Howells. Should you have any questions or queries, Glen is very approachable and always happy to help and guide.

Academic Achievement and/or Progress:

Congratulations to the following students:



- Katie Curran** Excellent results in the listening PAT test. Ka Rawe Katie you are a focussed listener in the classroom and with your peers.
- Te Atakura Potaka-Osborne Milner-Skudder** For an outstanding attitude towards all learning areas.
- Eden Matthews** Excellent PAT Reading result—one of the top in the class.
- Pippa Sager** Powerful, passionate writing from the heart.
- Bayley Perrin** Excellent thinking and applying Maths Data Analysis.
- Phoebe Banks** Excellent writing of Cameos, Recrafts and Personal Recounts.
- Aleah Loft-Angel** Writing with thought—grouping similar ideas together.
- Lara Crawford** For showing inspirational thinking and role-modelling in her reading group.
- Kayla-Rose Yakas** Having a positive attitude towards her learning and always trying her best.
- Israel Goldsack** Excellent effort and perseverance with his reading.
- Charlotte Comrie** For being able to write number stories to represent her thinking during Maths time.
- Molly Baskett** Showing determination and dedication to record all sounds she hears in new words.
- Harrison Ward** Trying his hardest in all aspects of his learning. Ka pai!
- Frankie Devane** For having a fabulous attitude to all learning.

Bullying Free Week: 13-17th May Pink Shirt Day—Friday 17th

During this week, we will be revisiting the topic of bullying, what it looks like, what to do. All schools need to deal with this issue and we certainly want to ensure all our students feel safe and happy.



We value working together with families to prevent his happening. A great website is: www.bullyingfree.nz This provides a great definition of bullying and resources. Your child is invited to wear pink on Friday 17th to support Bullying Free NZ.

Kids' Literacy Quiz

This week we wish our first St Johns Hill Kids Literacy Team well as they make their way to the regional finals in New Plymouth. The Kids' Literacy Quiz is an annual literature quiz for students aged 10 - 13 years. It is like the Olympics for readers and teams compete from Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Indonesia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Singapore, South Africa, Thailand, United Kingdom and USA.



We started with 20 readers training since December 2018 reading many different genres and specialising. Good Luck to our final team of Piper Gaisford, Cosette Guy, Liam Meijer and Caleb Richardson who will compete on Thursday 9th May.

Virtues Programme

Well done to the following students who were recognised this week for displaying the virtues.



- Flexibility:** Caleb Richardson, Cohen Whittaker, Katie Cairncross, Owen Murphy, Evario Pepe.
- Ako-enthusiasm and focus in her learning:** Piper Gaisford.
- Ako-cooperation in collaboration (learning together):** Divan Thom.
- Ako-learning together in cooperation:** Dinasha Batra.
- Ako-cooperative learning with others:** Jessie Howells.
- Living above the line and showing determination to improve:** Toby Young. **Caring:** Sam Ellingham, Maggie Savage.
- Friendliness:** Ariella Roy, Max Coleman, Leila-Joy Joblin-Mills.



- Flexibility:** Leith Dorricott, Sophie Taylor, Ivy Lilley.
- Ako-cooperation in collaboration (learning together):** Hannah O'Hara, Zoe Van Elswyk, Lachlan Pitt.
- Ako-helping others with their learning (Sharing his Kete of Knowledge):** Vishvak Atluri.
- Rangatiratanga-Always trying her best:** Payton Veikoso.

Caring: Kayla-Rose Yakas, Riley Young, Harry Richardson, Harriet Aplin, Max Jurgens, Jonty Belliss.

Friendliness: Vivaan Pandrangi, Sasha Chapman.

Welcome to School

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

Mackenzie Peat,
Hannah Crawford, Aaliyah King.



Great to have you here. We wish you all the best for your learning at our school.



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, at the office or by internet banking to: SJHS 03-0791-0552038-00 Thank you.

Voluntary School Donations

Voluntary school donations have been set for the year at \$100 per child up to a maximum of \$250 per family. We really appreciate your contribution. We have a range of payment options available, as described below.

- Cheque or cash (Eftpos available at the school office)
- Internet Banking option should be made to: St Johns Hill School 03 0791 0552038-00 [please quote student name as key].

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

Kia ora tatou

Welcome back for Term 2. I hope the Autumn break was good for you and yours. The beautiful weather helped!!

I wish everyone an awesome term of learning and enjoyment at school. I know the staff have all spent lots of time planning for an excellent term. I thank them for this and also thank you for the help and support you give them and your child/ren. A reminder, should you have any questions, queries or concerns to please see your child's teacher so they can assist. It is valuable for staff to know so positive action can be taken.

You may have seen the remainder of Block 1 (Rm 1→4) remodelling has begun. The plan is on the parent noticeboard. As well as this work, we are upgrading the Hall heating and replacing a lot of the schools very old underground drainage. This work should all be completed by the end of Term 3.

Thanks to all who supported our PTA with the Easter Bun fundraiser, Disco & Sausage Sizzle. Money raised from this is going towards the joint BOT/PTA project of heat pumps for nine classrooms prior to next summer. Our school is blessed to have such a committed and hard working BOT and PTA.

Thank you again for your ongoing help and support.

Nga Mihi

Michael Fitzgerald.

Dates to Diarise

- May:**
- Monday 6th PTA Meeting 7pm—Staffroom
 - Tuesday 7th School closes 12.30pm NZEI Meeting
 - Sunday 12th Mothers Day
 - Wednesday 15th BOT Meeting 7pm—Meeting Room
 - Friday 17th Pink Shirt Day
 - Saturday 25th Earthkids—River Traders Market Stall
 - Tuesday 28th Interschool Rugby Tournament
 - Thursday 30th Chess Tournament—Churton School
 - Friday 31st Arbor Day
- June:**
- Monday 3rd Queens Birthday—Public Holiday
 - Wednesday 5th Rippa Rugby Tournament
 - Wednesday 19th BOT Meeting 7pm—Meeting Room
 - Thursday 27th Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences (School closes at 12.30pm)
 - Friday 28th School Disco
- July:**
- Monday 1st Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences (School closes at 12.30pm)
 - Friday 5th PTA Sausage Sizzle
Last day Term 2.

Principals and Teachers Combined Union Meeting

Tuesday 7th May School closes at 12.30pm.

After the resounding rejection of the latest offers from the MOE, our union NZEI, is holding a meeting in the afternoon of Tuesday 7th May.

You are asked to collect your children from school at 12.30pm.

We thank you all for your support with this, as education is at crisis point. We need our Government to take action.

School Board of Trustees Elections

Have you thought of standing for the Board?

Nomination forms will be posted to all eligible caregivers and should be received by 10th May.

Nominations close at 12 noon on 24th May.

A parents' guide to the role of the board of trustees is available from the school office.

