

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

Kia ora tatou

A chilly week had by all. Appreciated by the skiers and hopefully killing off some of those nasty bugs!!

A great start to Term 3 being had by all.

Last week I attended an interesting information evening presented by Tony Ryan. I took away lots of information around the capabilities students need, to be successful, for our changing society including thinking strategies, showing empathy, being inquisitive, creativity and being a giver. He spoke about the need for our children to experience success and to build up self belief is critical and also the need for children to experience life lessons e.g. failure and having to fend for themselves. He described that too many of today's parents want to protect their children from failure or hardship which is understandable but which is doing the child no favours. He explained how having to work through some adversity builds up resilience, adaptation, growth mindset, independence, self control etc. Made me reflect on how today adults can try to "rescue" the child rather than give them the tools to manage for themselves.

The other aspect of his talk which resonated strongly with me was the time children spend online watching YouTube/games etc. He described how children who spent more than 10 hours a week online are much more likely to grow up and be unhappy with their lot and how easy it is for children to get unrealistic expectations. Comparing their lives with others online, seeing others better than them or better off than them (realistic or unrealistic!!!)

Technological changes can make a better society, however we need to be very careful to get it right and set our children up for success. Never forget what is critical to our future - Our Maori proverb says it all:

" He aha te mea nui o te au  
He tangata, he tangata, he tangata  
What is most important in the world  
It is people, it is people, it is people"

Have a great weekend  
Michael.

## Welcome to School



A very warm welcome to George Joy Jiju, Natasha Yuen and Lucan Moore. Great to have you here. We wish you all the best for your learning at our school.

## We Support our Principal

The teachers and support staff of St Johns Hill School are joining with their colleagues all over the country on 9 August to call on the Government to give primary and intermediate principals a fair deal. We need your support as we stand up for our principal, and all principals.

Teachers recently won pay parity with their secondary colleagues, because a teacher is a teacher, regardless of the age of their students. But the Government refused to give primary and intermediate principals parity with principals of comparably sized secondary schools, or any support for growing workloads. In small schools, principals are doing a complex job but often without any extra support, and while teaching as well. And these principals are often paid less than some teachers in large schools.

We're calling on the Government to do the right thing by principals. It's only fair. Please show your support for the principals of Aotearoa, who do such a vital job leading the teaching and learning in our schools.

## School Uniform

- \* Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform.
  - \* For health & safety long hair needs to be tied back. Hair ties/accessories should be in school colours red/grey/black.
  - \* No jewellery except stud earrings.
  - \* Hair to be natural colour. Restrict experimentation to holidays.
- Thank you for your help to maintain expectations.

## Virtues Programme

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



**Commitment:** Jordan Hallett, Bella Stead. **Unity:** Grace Ivory.  
**Whanaungatanga-Caring & respect of others:** Jaidyn-Marie Veikoso.  
**Whanaungatanga-supporting our whanau:** Galen Moyo.  
**Perseverance:** Cooper Annabell, Albert Milsom, Declan Harris, Yana Thomson-Wiari. **Self-Discipline:** Vinnie O'Leary.



**Kindness:** Ella McIntyre, Emma Ward, Evelyn Araujo.  
**Enthusiasm:** Harry Richardson.  
**Commitment:** Lucas Howard, Lincoln Osborne, Sam Anderson, Amber Turner.  
**Whanaungatanga - Caring & respect for others:** Daniel Sherborne, Livia Salliu.  
**Ako - sharing her learning:** Lara Crawford.  
**Perseverance:** Isabella Koubaridis, Devon Grant, Ray Singh, Emma Ding.  
**Kindness:** Snow White, Sophiya Sutherland, Jaime Kerwin, Gabriella Agnew.

## PTA News

Thank you all very much for your help and support with Term 2 Fundraisers. We raised \$4021 from the sale of Fitzies Pies, \$1416 from Movie night and \$545 from our Sausage sizzle. Total Term 2: \$5982!! 😊😊

Soon some material will be sent home for this Terms major fundraiser, our St Johns Hill School Rugby World Cup Runathon. Planned to take place on the opening of the Rugby World Cup on Friday 20th September. A newsletter about this will come home next week.

The BOT and PTA are making great progress in raising the money needed to install heat pumps for the summer months in the nine classrooms still needing them. Again we thank you. The final push with the Runathon should hopefully get us the \$36,000 needed. Have a good term.

Your PTA - Sarah Murphy.



The NZ Playhouse production of "The Tortoise and the Hare" was enjoyed by the whole school last Friday. It was a fun & engaging performance!

## Academic Achievement and/or Progress:

Congratulations to the following students:



- Shaurya Sharma** For his consistent commitment and positive attitude towards his learning in all areas.
- Liam Meijer** Outstanding commitment to all areas of learning.
- Tyson Back** Outstanding knowledge, work, effort and results in mathematics.
- Mitchell Young** Great mathematical thinker - working well with mathex questions.
- Florence Macbeth** For deep thinking and resilience when faced with new challenges.
- Evie Thornton** Impressive progress in maths.
- Jakob Falkner** Writing - recrafting chicken sentences perfectly.
- Jack Reid** A positive and rewarding work ethic to learning basic facts and spelling patterns. Commitment to spelling.
- Elyse Hale** Outstanding commitment to all areas of learning. Kai Pai Milly!
- Milly Vivian** For transferring her knowledge of using descriptive language across Literacy activities.
- Lily Hayward** Transferring his reading knowledge into information report writing. Tino pai!
- Albert Milsom** Showing perseverance and a more positive attitude towards all areas of his learning. Ka pai!
- Cooper Mckinnon** For working really hard at being focused with all of his learning.
- Zac Davy** Care and attention to all her learning areas. You display a growth mindset. Tino rawe!
- Leila-Joy Joblin-Mills** For his thoughtful and descriptive writing. Tino pai, e hoa!
- Azlan Mohammed** For making a great start to school and being a keen learner.
- Keira Harris**



12th-16th August 2019

**Maths Week** is a popular event in the New Zealand school calendar with more than 250,000 participants.

At St Johns Hill School each team will be celebrating Maths Week with lots of different activities and challenges. We aim to have fun through **mathematics** in topics relevant to our student's lives. Find out more about NZAMT at <http://www.nzamt.org> Have fun with maths at home, in the car, at the supermarket, out and about. "Sum people are wonderful!" "Averages are mean!" "Be a Sumbody"

## Stu Duval- Visiting Artist and Author

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August we welcome Stu Duval to our School. Each child will have an opportunity to see a New Zealand artist, author and storyteller in action and will have a hands on workshop with Stu Duval. The cost of this is \$5.00. Please send the money to school in a named envelope with your child's room number or pay online 03-0791-0552038-00 with a reference of your child's name and room number. Thank you.

## School 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday - Open Morning



Parents/Grandparents/Great Grandparents  
You are invited!!!

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August 9am →12noon

- Students are asked to dress old fashioned. Please start looking for turn of the century children's dress up!!
- Parents/Grandparents/Great Grandparents are invited to bring along any memorabilia from older days. Items of clothing/favourite story (Millie Mollie Mandy), items from the past - Slateboard etc .
- We are after someone to make a "fitting" 90<sup>th</sup> birthday cake. School happy to pay for ingredients. Please let us know if you can help out.



## Scholastic Book Fair

The Dino-mite book fair will be at our school from 29<sup>th</sup> August to 3<sup>rd</sup> September. The book fair has a wonderful selection of engaging affordable books for every reading level. We would love some volunteers to help with our book fair. If you can assist with the setting up or selling of books in the morning or after school please see Jo Macbeth in the library.

## Contributing Schools Netball Tournament

On Tuesday the 6th of August, nine St Johns Hill netballers spent the day at Laird Park competing at the Interschool Netball Tournament. We were all wanting to win the competition, something that hadn't been done for as long as Mr Howells could remember.

After some quite easy pool games which we won, (11-4 against Whanganui East, 14-5 against St Marys and 10-3 against Churton) we had a quarterfinal where we faced Carlton "A". We worked well together as a team to have another good win (12-5).

Our semi final matched us up against Tawhero, a strong team. Mrs Brown did an excellent job of rotating our subs and we all worked hard. At the final whistle it was 11-10 to us.

Our final game was against Westmere. With our tired achy legs and lots of subbing we were ahead 13-3 at the end of the game. We had won the tournament and retained the Sport Whanganui Shield for the school!

I think we all worked hard as a team and our passing to each other was awesome all day.

We would all really like to thank Mrs Brown for taking us for the tournament. We'd also like to thank Anna Bullock for refereeing our games and all the parents who came along and supported us.

By Isla Jones - Sports Captain



## National Scout Scarf Day 1st August

On Thursday it was National Scout Scarf Day. If you're wondering what this means its to raise awareness for Scout groups in NZ. Because of this we are allowed to wear our Scout scarfs to school. The date also commemorates the very first Scout camp on Brownsea Island in 1907. The St John's Scout group meets every Tuesday from 6pm to 8pm at the Scout hall on 1 Denby Place. You need to be between 10 and 1/2 to 14 years old to join. Some of the things we do at Scouts are tie knots, do badge work and play games.

We also go on camps and hikes. We really enjoy Scouts because we learn survival skills and feel accomplished when we earn badges have fun and make new friends. There are also Keas and Cubs for the younger members. If you want to learn more about being a Scout go to our facebook page St Johns Scout group/[www.scouts.org.nz](http://www.scouts.org.nz). By Ashton, Jordan & Larson.

