6 September 2019

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

Tena Koutou Katoa

Thank you for your help and support of our 90th School Birthday Celebrations. The effort made to dress your child in "olden days" clothing was much appreciated. Staff looked awesome, and some parents also got into the theme. Well done!!

A thank you to all parents who made amazing class birthday cakes. Effort was tremendous!! A parent, Lucy Law, made our official cake, which looked AMAZING.

Thank you to Mr & Mrs Bullock for bringing their 90 year old Model A Ford truck and all the others who shared treasures from the past.

Our School Bookfair was well supported, raising \$2180 in Scholastic products for our library and teacher resources. Jo Macbeth, our Info Centre Manager, did a wonderful job co-ordinating this and making our library look "Dino-mite". She appreciated the help provided. Thanks also to our PTA members who helped Lynette with the birthday morning tea.

Next week we have our School Cross Country on Tuesday. If you are able to attend, see programme below.

Kind regards Michael.



### Welcome to School

A very warm welcome to Daniel Lee, Sophia Lee, Jahmayne Jackson. Who recently joined our school family. Wishing you all the best with your learning at our school.

# **School Cross Country Tuesday 10th September**

Our School Cross Country event will be held next Tuesday 10th September in our school grounds. Students are to wear either their school sports uniform or something in their house colours. (Please don't go and buy anything special). Rata - Red, Kowhai - Yellow, Totara - Green, Kauri - Blue.

Our school community are invited to attend. Over the past 7 weeks the children have displayed dedication and determination in their training for this annual event so should be well prepared both physically and mentally. The timetable for the day is as follows:

11.00-12.30pm

Race Order: 5 year old girls 5 year old boys 6 year old girls 6 year old boys 7 year old girls 5, 6 and 7 year olds

1.30-2.45pm 8, 9 and 10+ year olds

Race Order:

7 year old boys

9 and under girls B final 9 and under girls A final 9 and under boys B final

9 and under boys A final

10 and over girls

10 and over boys

The Inter-school Cross Country, held at Aranui School, will take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September. The best eight runners in the senior age groups from all cross country training and races will be selected to represent St Johns Hill School at this event.

### **Virtues Programme**

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



Commitment: Dominic Rennett, Ashton Kibblewhite, Lila Cavanagh Elle Limpus, Annabelle Brown, Liam Cox, Lily Camp.

Commitment to Cross Country: Quin Vivian, Isabella Neil. Commitment to Services: Jett Casey.

Whanaungatanga - working collaboratively with others: Evie Thornton. Friendliness: Rico Adams-Falkner.

Whanaungatanga - We respect each other: Ryder Grant, Jack Reid, Macey Wakeling. Ako - Learning together: Addison Healey.



Ako - Learning together: Zoe Baskett, Ryleigh Dorricott. Perseverance: Jude Riordan, Emily Ye, Indigo Camp, Savannah Jefferies, Ronan Christian, Ali Belkouadssi-Sleyer, Jaxon Houlahan, Bryn Norman.

Kindness: Hazel Hall-Bishop, Ayva-Jay Hall, Dallas Drummond, Livy Grant, Archa Judd, Lachlan Baskett, Ava Payne-Potaka.

## **Bushy Park**

Bushy Park Tarapuruhi, Forest Sanctuary and Historic Homestead invite you to their Visitor opening by Minister of Conservation Eugenie Sage and Mayor Hamish McDouall. Enjoy guided walks, see endangered native birds inside the pest-proof fence, explore the newly renovated historic homestead and stables, and relax with entertainment. Free entry - always free entry now! Devonshire tea and lunch available to purchase or BYO picnic on the lawn, at the wetland shelter or the outdoor education centre. Saturday 14th September, 10am - 4pm. Official opening at 2pm. 791 Rangitatau East Road, Kai iwi, Wanganui.

### Academic Achievement and/or Progress:

Congratulations to the following students:



Jazz Bains **Emma Bullock** 

**Grace Ivory** 

Outstanding creativity and design work. Unwavering commitment and a positive attitude to all areas of her learning in Year 6.

A real commitment to Mathex—Striving to learn more all the time.

Making a powerful start with her speech writing. **Becky Roy** Jacob Kennedy Excellent effort in applying reading strategies and knowledge of sounds.

Lachlan Pitt Tyler O'Brien **Emily Ye Devon Grant Mackenzie Peat** Jaime Kerwin

Great effort and focus in all your learning. Excellent independent research on NZ disasters. Hard work and perseverance in writing. Applying a growth mindset in all learning areas. For her hard work and perseverance in writing. Has worked hard to develop alphabet sound knowledge. She can name all letters of the alphabet and say their sounds.

**Wyatt Cross Tomas McKinnon** 

Effort and commitment to all learning areas. Great Maths knowledge of numbers up to 100.

Wairangi Potaka-Osborne Milner-Skudder

Having a growth mindset and trying her hardest in all areas.

#### Mathex



🛂 On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September we had 4 Year 5 teams and 4 Year 6 teams compete at Whanganui Intermediate School in the regional Mathex competition. We were very proud of all the practice and learning

commitment that they showed.

Our Year 5 team Xander Laird, Mitchell Young, Owen Murphy and Sam Penwarden stopped the clock at 15 minutes 32 seconds to take first place for Year 5. Well done boys!

#### Stu Duval

In week 4 we were lucky to have Stu Duval, a storyteller, author and illustrator, who has written over 20 books, visit our school. He worked with all of our learners for 2 days including oral storytelling and workshops on how to cartoon. The feedback and work produced from our budding authors and illustrators was overwhelmingly positive. Thank you for supporting their learning experience.



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Green-Gold Enviroschool EARTH KIDS **Education for Sustainability** Schoolgen School Health Promoting Health Promoting School

# SJHS - Rugby World Cup Fun Run Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September

Only two weeks to go until our School Fun Run. We are raising money for Heat Pumps for 9 classrooms. Our goal is to raise \$10,000.

We appreciate any sponsorship you can get,

whether it be using the student profile page online or the sponsorship form at the back of the booklet, which was sent home. All children will take part in an hours activity involving running/ walking/rugby skills. Should be lots of fun!!!

Children are asked to come dressed to represent the team they support ie: NZ/Samoa/Australia/South Africa/Japan etc. Timetable (Approximately!):

Short Opening Ceremony

Outside Rm 1→4

9.30 →10.30am Piwakawaka Team Fun Run Activities

Rm 11/12/13/14 10.30 →10.50am Morning Tea

11am →12pm Tui Team Fun Run Activities

Rm 9/10/15/16

Ruru Team Fun Run Activities 12pm →1pm

Rm 5/6/7/8

1pm → 1.45pm Lunch

1.45pm → 2.45pm Karearea Team Fun Run Activities

Rm 1/17/3/4

Needed on the day are some adult volunteers to help with some Rugby Skill activities. If you can help, please ring the office 349 1750. This would be much appreciated.

# **Celebrating Success**

Congratulations to the following students who have all done well recently in their respective sports/activities.

Carter Hoskin DanceNZmade All Star!

Ben Karatau Whanganui under 11 Rep Rugby team! Kiwi Kids Can Cook - Auckland finals!

Zariah Wong **Ihaia Cooper** Whanganui Swim Club - 9 and under

boys, 1st overall. Broke 100m

Breaststroke record!



## **Student Writing - Chicks**

Chubbidy, that little chick. She is the light when the roof falls. Her claws are like the Indian python's teeth. Chubbidy's legs are like skinny palm trees, her white feathers like warm snowflakes that never melt and the rest a golden nugget. Her dark eyes flooding with blue, her beak is the hook on a fishing rod. Chubbidy is perfect.

By Jacob Hodgson - Room 6.



