



Dear Parents, Caregivers, Whanau

Wow, only two weeks of the 2019 school year to go. Once again, this year it has been a privilege to be the Principal of St Johns Hill School. I feel blessed with the awesome students we have. They are a credit to your family and our school.

- I am also very grateful for all the help and support from our wonderful staff. They are extremely dedicated, passionate and hardworking. Our community is well served by them and they are, what makes the biggest difference to our childrens progress and achievement. Ka pai!!!
- To our BOT capably led by Janine Heerdegen, thank you for ensuring our learners are the centre of the school's decision making. Thank you Janine, Simon Cairncross, Andy Reid, Cameron Town, Tash McKee, Samantha White, Loren Symes and Lynette Brown.
- To our PTA, Ka Rawe! Your efforts in fundraising and building community is awesome. Thank you to Sarah Murphy for capably leading the PTA with great support from PTA Treasurer Carryn Wilkins, Secretary Jenny Matheson and all the other PTA members.
- To our community, the partnership we have is critical in maximising opportunity for the children's success. We are very appreciative of your help and support. All the small things you do everyday such as providing positive messages about the value of education, working as a reading coach, helping to build oral language through lots of family talk. Then there are the deliberate acts of help, like taking sports teams, transport, camps, discovery etc.

Great success has been achieved this year because the stakeholders of St Johns Hill school want the very best for our learners. Thank you. There will be a final 'photo' newsletter to follow with some of the end of year highlights such as Senior Production/Picnics/Tough Kids.

Nga mihi
Michael Fitzgerald
Principal

- ⇒ School reports home with your child next Friday 6th December.
- ⇒ School closes 12 noon Friday 13th December.
- ⇒ Students welcomed back for 2020 on Wednesday 29th January.

Upcoming Events

- Monday 2nd Senior Operetta for School Ruru Team Picnic (Rm 5/6/7/8)
- Tuesday 3rd Tui Team Picnic (Rm 9/10/15/16)
- Tuesday 3rd } Year 6 Senior Operetta - 7.30pm
- Wednesday 4th Bible in Schools Final Assembly Reports Home
- Thursday 5th Year 6 Social
- Friday 6th Karearea Team Picnic (Rm 1/2/3/4)
- Tuesday 10th Students visit 2020 classrooms
- Wednesday 11th Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9am
- Thursday 12th Last day Term 4 - school closes 12 noon.
- Friday 13th

Celebrating Success

Central Football's Federation Talent Centre 10th Grade Rep Girls Tournament was played in Napier recently. Our girls won their tournament, against Hawke's Bay, Manawatu and Taranaki playing 5 games, undefeated. Well done Ivy Lilley, Cosette Guy, Zoe Broadhead and Libby Hobbs.



Welcome to School

A very warm welcome to Jethro Chiet, Elijah Rattray, Gurbaaz Bains, Aizza Libin. We wish you every success with your learning at our school.

Virtues Programme

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



Self Discipline:

Lucy Reid, Isla Jones, Ben Karatau, Tiori Town, Libby Hobbs, Sam Penwarden, Katie Cairncross.

Rangatiratanga - trying to do our best:

Lucas Toohill, Ethan Wells, Connor Ellicott, Aleah Loft Angel.

Creativity (a great imagination): Lilly Simpson.



Consideration: Logan Plant, Zara Brown, Sophia Lee, Lily Hayward, Indigo Camp, Wairangi Potaka-Osborne Milner-Skudder, Isla Hamblin, Frankie Devane, Vittorio Anderson.

Diligence: Annabelle Matheson, Jackson Mcllroy, Livy Grant, Atiria Potaka-Osborne Milner-Skudder, Lorenzo Manuel, Matilda Milsom.

Foodbank Collection

Thank you very much for your support of Mufti/Wheels day last Friday. We collected a large number of cans and non perishable food items that the City Mission were thrilled to collect.



Library/Journal Reminder!

All Library books are due back now.

We would appreciate you having a good hunt for all school books and returning them to school as soon as possible. If you have any school library books or journals please return them to us ASAP. Thank-you.

Sport

Thank you to all the parents who put their hands up to help coach our sports teams this year. Your help and support has been much appreciated. If anyone still has any sports equipment could this please be returned to Mr Howells in Room 1.

Thank You!

Academic Achievement and/or Progress:

Congratulations to the following students:



- Piper Gaisford:** Always approaching learning with determination and a growth mindset!
- Caleb Richardson:** Having a Growth Mindset and good attitude towards all of his learning areas.
- Charlee Joseph:** A fantastic mindset with mathematics - An excellent helper to others.
- Liam Cox:** Dedication in Inquiry learning and thinking outside the box.
- Hayley Bartlett:** A creative thinker who works hard in all curriculum areas.
- Asher Pohl:** Making a great effort with your writing.
- Tayla Scrivener:** High achievement in reading and mathematics.
- Livi Heerdegen:** Persevering with reading, maths and writing, because she wants to do better.
- Madelyn Jones:** Outstanding development with maths. Tino pai! Well done Madelyn you have worked hard to achieve your goal.
- Sophie Bennetts:** Always approaching her learning with a positive growth mindset.
- Theia Bunker:** Awesome effort in writing and reading.
- Robbie Foothead:** Great mathematical thinking, solving problems by using your knowledge of numbers.
- Joanna JiJo:** Always doing her best and having a go at everything at school.
- Travis Perry:** Trying hard in his reading and working to notice when what he says does not match the book. Ka pai!
- Jaxon Houlahan:** Great thinking in maths.

Holiday Chook Roster

We are looking for families who would be willing to come to school over the Christmas holidays to feed and water the chooks and collect the eggs. If you are able to do this for a few days during our long summer break, could you please see Mr Hayward in Room 4. There may also be gardens to water and harvest. Thank you.



Piwakawaka Team Day Out

Our team had a lovely day celebrating our learning for 2019. We swam at the Splash Centre and enjoyed fun games at Springvale Park. We had fun with sack races, beanbag balance, colouring and observational drawing, bikes and scooters on the junior track and a fun exercise rotation. It has been a fantastic year for our team. We would like to wish all our families a lovely, restful holiday break.



Pool Keys

Pool keys are available for hire at a cost of \$40.00. At the end of the swimming season keys must be returned. When you hire a key, you sign a contract for use of the pool. Please read carefully when making this commitment. We have had a number of keys not returned this year. These are security keys and very expensive to replace. Therefore if they are not returned we will need to ask you to pay for a replacement at a cost of \$30.00.

THIS SUMMER REMEMBER TO SLIP, SLOP, SLAP AND WRAP



Avoid the holiday Reading "slip"

The best thing to do - 15 minutes of reading day or night!! Thank you parents for helping your child with their home reading over the holidays. We would like you to be their fluency coach. Children need lots of reading mileage at home with texts where they have lots of success. It is also very important that the child can understand the meaning of what they read, not just the words. They will then make connections with experiences they have had and other texts they have read. When the child has lots of success and reading mileage they will grow in confidence, fluency and expression. Therefore regularly revisiting of familiar text has many benefits.

Tips for Success:

- Lots of praise and encouragement
- A quiet place away from distractions
- Discuss the cover/illustrations - Lots of talk about the book
- Encourage your child to look for clues in the picture
- Ask questions before/during and after the story
 - What is happening in the picture (using clues)
 - Can you think what might happen next (predicting)
 - Are you able to tell me the story in your own words (retelling)
- Visit the library and choose some books your child would like you to read to them
- Reading should be enjoyable!

Research shows there can be significant regression in a child's ability over the long Xmas holiday period. We ask if you could find just 15 minutes, 4 times a week to hear favourites your child is familiar with or for fluent readers, continue to encourage that half hour personal reading before going to bed.



Lost Property

We have a growing pile of Lost Property we would like to clear before the end of the year. Please ensure you check if your child is missing anything.

