

Upcoming Dates & Events—Term 1

February:	
Thursday 6 th	School Closed, Waitangi Day
Friday 7 th	School Closed
Thursday 13 th	School Picnic 5 → 7 pm
Wednesday 19 th	BOT Meeting
Thursday 20 th	Goal Setting Meetings
Monday 24 th	School closes 12.30pm
Wednesday 26 th	Year 4 (Rm 5/6) Overnight camp
March:	
Wednesday 2 nd	PTA Information Evening
Monday 9 th	School Swimming Sports
Friday 13 th	School Triathlon - Yr 4→6
Tuesday 17 th →Friday 20 th	Yr 6 Camp - Taranaki
Monday 23 rd →Friday 3 rd April	Life Education Trust Visiting
Tuesday 24 th	Interscholar Swimming Sports
Wednesday 25 th	BOT Meeting
Wednesday 25 th → Friday 27 th	Yr 5 Camp—Makahika
	Outdoor Pursuits Centre, Levin
April:	
Monday 6 th	School Closed
	Staff PD - "The Science of Reading" with Liz Kane.
Thursday 9 th	Last Day Term 1
	(Holidays include Easter & Anzac Day. School returns for Term 2 Tuesday 28 th April.)

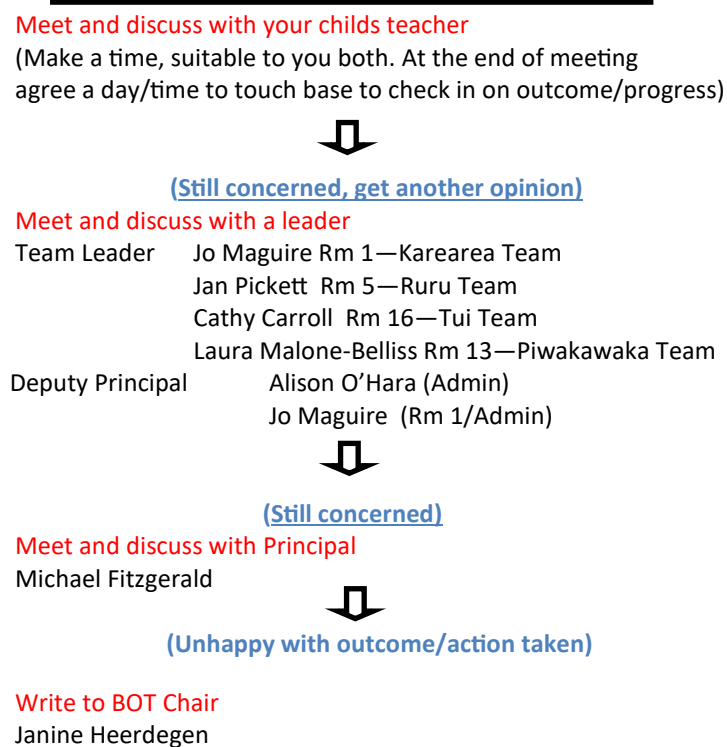
Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau,
It has been great welcoming new and returning students to school for the 2020 school year.
Progress and achievement are really important aspects of education but equally important is student wellbeing, creating a love of learning and creating special memories of their primary school years.
I thank our staff for the importance they put on all these vital aspects and I also thank you for the help and support in achieving success.
We believe that strong home and school partnership is vital for the success of our akonga (learners). Research continues to show parental engagement is a significant factor in a child's success at school. If you have any concerns or questions please ensure you speak with the classroom teacher as soon as possible. We encourage early intervention before problems escalate.
Goal setting meetings are a valuable opportunity to engage with your child(s) class teacher, make connections and discuss next learning steps. They are set for Thursday 20th and Monday 24th February. School will close at 12.30 on these days. Please diarise. Further information is included with this newsletter.
Nga mihi nui
Michael Fitzgerald

2020 School Terms

- Term 1:**
Wednesday 29th January - Thursday 9th April.
School closed Waitangi Day 6th & Friday 7th February.
Monday 6th April - Staff PD.
- Term 2:**
Tuesday 28th April - Friday 3rd July.
School closed Queens Birthday 1st June.
- Term 3:**
Monday 20th July - Friday 25th September
- Term 4:**
Monday 12th October - Friday 11th December
School closed Labour Day 26th October.

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Raising a Query/Concern Flowchart



New Students

A warm welcome to the following new students who joined our school family last week. Great to have you here. We wish you all the best for your learning at our school.



Patrick Fitzgerald,
Leah Steedman,
Ella Savage,
Leo Houlahan,
Evie Watson,
Morrison Davis,
Olli Spooner,
Kate Forrest,
Emily Tonks,
Felix Lampp,



Jake McKechnie,
Pippa Sager,
Scarlett Prussing,
Ben Forsyth, Javin Batth,
Adelaide McKechnie,
Aria Goodgame.



We also welcome Miss Brylee Kemp to our teaching staff. Brylee has joined us in Room 10.

PTA Information Evening

Monday 2nd March, 7pm - School Staffroom
"Recruitment of Helpers" - "Casual Wine & Cheese"

The purpose of the school PTA is to build school community and fundraise for additional resources to support our school best meet the needs of our children. Our PTA have a number of members whose children are either leaving our school or who after a number of years service, are ready to move on. Therefore we are hoping to recruit some additional members and/or helpers. Members attend one meeting a month during school term. Generally about 8 meetings a year. They plan the events/happenings and ensure they run smoothly with enough helpers. We understand for some this is not possible but you may be able to be a helper for either the sausage sizzle (3 per year), student disco or social event (3 per year), the food fundraisers (2 per year - Hot Cross Buns and Fitzies Pies) or you may have a suggestion of other ways you can support your PTA. The PTA work really collaboratively together and have a good time getting to know others. If you are able to help either as a member or a helper, we would love you to come along on the 2nd March.

Picnic on the Field

School Family Picnic in our beautiful school grounds.
Thursday 13th February, 5→7pm

- ⇒ Bring your own food and refreshments. (No money required!!)
 - ⇒ School BBQ provided.
 - ⇒ Bouncy Castle
 - ⇒ Old fashioned races. (If you can please bring a hard boiled egg & spoon and sack for races).
- P.S—The pool will be closed that evening.
Hope you can join us for this community event.



School closed tomorrow 6th February Waitangi Day and Friday 7th February. Students return Monday 10th February.

School Professional Development Days

Last year, as part of our Union negotiations regarding teachers increasing workload, an agreement was reached that over the 3 year period of the settlement June 2019 to June 2022, all schools could close for up to 8 days to support staff to meet the increasing demands. These days need to be for Curriculum Development, improving teaching and learning and student progress and development.
During the holidays, our teaching and support staff attended an awesome day, delivered by Liz Kane, on the Science of Reading. The day was awesome, however challenging!!
As we are all keen to learn more, after trialling some of her approaches, we have secured the only day she had available this term **Monday 6th April**. Therefore we will be using one of the 8 professional Development days for this purpose. Please diarise.

Our Team—School Organisation 2020

Principal: Mr Michael Fitzgerald,
Deputy Principal Senior School: Mrs Jo Maguire,
Deputy Principal Junior School/Special Needs Co-ordinator: Mrs Alison O'Hara.

Karearea Team:

Rm 1 — Y 6 Mrs Jo Maguire (Team Leader)
Rm 2 — Y 6 Mr Dell Hayward
Rm 3 — Y 5 Mrs Annette Chapman
Rm 4 — Y 5 Mr Glen Howells
Thour — Y5 Ms Vanessa Spence

Ruru Team:

Rm 5 — Y 4 Miss Jan Pickett (Team Leader)
Rm 6 — Y 4 Mr Kevin & Mrs Chris Booth
Rm 7 — Y 3 Ms Samantha White
Rm 8 — Y 3 Mr John Dale

Tui Team:

Rm 9 — Y 3 Mrs Pernille Watkins
Rm 10 — Y 2 Miss Brylee Kemp
Rm 15 — Y 1 Mrs Alina Rotaru
Rm 16 — Y 1/2 Mrs Cathy Carroll (Team Leader)

Piwakawaka Team:

Rm 11 — Y 1 Mrs Clemency Boyce
Rm 12 — Y 1 Mrs Maria Evans
Rm 13 — Y 1 Mrs Laura Malone-Belliss (Team Leader)

Administration Manager: Mrs Lynette Brown
School Reception: Mrs Amanda Papworth
Information Centre: Mrs Jo Macbeth
Teacher/Student Support: Cheryl Regan, Michelle Butters, Leone Tasker, Morag Wallace, Amanda Baldwin, Nikki Frampton, Aisha Bristowe, Rebecca Smith, Donna Scrimshaw, Liz Preston.
Mr Paul McKeon
Karen Heywood, Kevin Smith, Karen Bryan, Trish Watt.

Acting Caretaker:
Cleaners:

Reminder - Term 1 Sports Registrations Close Friday 7th February

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We understand this is an expensive time of the year. Any difficulties, please see office to arrange payment. Please if you are able, think about offering to coach one of our teams. Without parent support we will be unable to register teams.



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St Johns Hill School has a School App

Go to the App Store on your Apple or Android device and Search 'SchoolAppsNZ' to download the app onto your device.
Then search 'St Johns Hill School' to find our school's app.
With this App you will be able to:

- Report Absentees
- Check Newsletters
- Receive reminders of school events
- Access School Calendar
- Receive Alerts for Sports teams
- Check Term Dates

