

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau

Welcome back for Term 3.

We have had an excellent start to the Term 3. Our students and staff have returned to school rested, happy and eager to start their new term of learning and teaching.

As a "child centred school" all our decisions are based on this philosophy. At St Johns Hill School we have a unique blend of social, environmental and cultural features. These support our tamariki to learn and achieve through the wide range of opportunities and experiences provided. From my perspective the most important resource to maximise our students' progress and achievement, are our excellent teachers and support staff. They promote a positive classroom culture, where all students see themselves as successful learners, where curiosity and a desire to learn is nurtured and celebrated. I thank them for all their tremendous efforts in achieving this. Your help and support to them is very much appreciated. An important message is given to our students through what they hear and see about the relationship and partnership between your home and our school and the importance we place on education and trying your best.

Please go online and book a time for Parent/Teacher/Student conferences in week 3. See below for details.

As you know, a key virtue at our school, is the virtue of respect. At school we often talk about respect for ourselves/respect for each other or respect for our environment. This is a key outcome in our schools mission statement. Our positive school culture and classroom environments are maintained through our role modelling and insistence for respect to be "lived".

The students brainstormed what this looks like and it is displayed in the library. Call in and take a look. I would really appreciate you having a family discussion about what this looks like at school and home.

We are truly fortunate at St Johns Hill School to have such awesome students, great staff, committed BOT/PTA and supportive whanau.

Regards
Michael



Teacher/Student/Parent Conferences

Tuesday 4th & Thursday 6th August 1.30pm - 5.45pm

Parents are asked to go online to book an interview with their child's teacher. Please follow the steps below when booking and leave a time slot between your interviews. This allows time to move to the next teacher, and if there are any hold-ups. Note that students attend these interviews. There will be an opportunity, if you wish, for the parent to speak privately with the teacher in the later part of the interview. Once students have completed their part in the conference they are asked to go to the Information Centre until you collect them after the interview. Other siblings waiting are also asked to wait in the Information Centre. Supervision will be provided.

Online Booking

- No 1:** Log on to the site below: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
- No 2:** Enter the School Event Code: **mf4kg**
- No 3:** Enter your name, your child's name and your email address
- No 4:** On the next page, select the year then choose from the list of teachers
- No 5:** You will see a timetable showing when your chosen teachers are available. Simply click on the times that suit you.

Note: If you do not have access to the internet please ring the School Office 349-1750 and we will make an interview time for you.

Early Finish for Conferences

Please note that **all children will not be required from 12.30pm on Tuesday 4th and Thursday 6th August**. Please ensure that suitable arrangements are made to collect and care for your children at these times. Your help and support is appreciated.

Mid Year Reports

After the conference, draft reports will be amended to include any additions from the interview. Mid year reports will be sent home after the conferences.

Virtues Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have been recognised for displaying our school virtues.



Responsibility: Emily Brown, Noah Toy, Alena Osborne.

Tact: Libby Hobbs, Leah Bullock.

Rangatiranga - Our best always: Serena Chernoff, Connor McDonald.

Ako - a cooperative and considerate learner: Devaney Russell, Danielle Baxter. **Joyfulness:** Ella McIntyre.

Kindness: Emma Ding, Archa Judd, Niamh Ellingham, Keira Harris.

Kindness/Thankfulness: Michayla Englebrecht, Greyson Pitt, Hannah Crawford. **Determination:** Isaiah Dew.

Uniform Blitz

Thank you to our parents for ensuring that your child attends school in the correct school uniform.

Uniform items are available from Andersons Uniform shop in Victoria Avenue.

Staff have been asked to follow up with you on Seesaw regarding any issues.

Correct uniform items are:

- Plain black shoes to be leather or sneakers. Shoes are to be worn to school and home.
- Correct grey/black socks.
- Hair ties in school colours - Red/Grey/Black.
- No undergarments to be visible. Polar fleece jacket or grey track pants to be worn for warmth.
- Jewellery: Earrings - single stud. No other jewellery is to be worn except for cultural significance.

2021 Enrolments

The SJHS BOT is currently looking at new entrant enrolments for 2021. If you have a pre schooler who will be starting next year, please ensure they are enrolled. Call Lynette or Amanda on 349 1750. Next month the BOT will discuss if there is space for any out of zone enrolments. If you have not enrolled, it can result in large new entrant rooms. We need to know!! Thanks.

PTA Meeting

Monday 27th July - Staffroom 7pm. All welcome!

(PS: Thank you PTA for the awesome sausage sizzle on the last day of Term 2. Ka pai!!!)



Celebrating Success

Congratulations to our students who competed in the 'Splash n Dash' swimming carnival held in Palmerston North last Sunday.

Harrison Ward, Ryleigh Dorricott and Bella-Jean Fatham-Houia all competed well in their chosen events.



Welcome to School

A special welcome to our new students who have started this term. Our new entrant students: Ryder Ranginui, Aroha Kauika, Lily Gates, Theia Daley, Alice Thornton, Emily Wilson, Georgia McLean, Lakelyn Haworth, River Spencer.



Our senior students who have joined our school family:



Isabella Damosso, Mila Bretherton, Riley Bretherton.

Welcome also:

Jess Devane & Hilary Slight who have opened up room 14 this term. Jodie Bruning who is a trainee teacher, here on a 10 week placement in room 16 with

Mrs Carroll. Great to have you all here and we wish you all the best for your time at our school.

Drop off/Pick Up

An issue is arising with the increasing number of students being dropped at school very early or picked up very late. Staff arrive early to prepare for their day and stay late to follow up on work and prepare for the following day. Teaching administration is now huge!! Students are welcome into classrooms at 8.30am. We would not expect students to be dropped off before 8.15am. Students are to be collected between 3pm-3.15pm and we would not expect anyone to be here after 3.30pm unless for a sports practice.

Stormwater Sewer Project

Thank you to DML/Bullocks/Mike Buchanan for the work and progress being made on this project. Also to the students, staff and families for assisting them to be able to progress with minimal hassle.

The project is expected to be finished in a further 6 weeks. We are encouraging drop and walk to alleviate congestion at the gate.

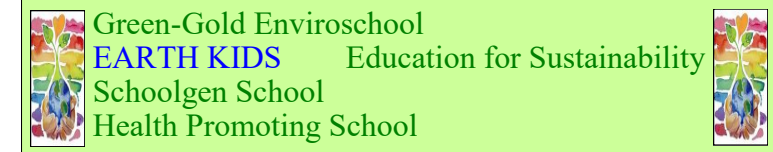
The Kea crossing is available both morning (8.30am - 8.50am) and afternoon (3pm - 3.30pm) until this is completed.

Thank you to the parent/grandparent volunteers who patrol the crossing in the morning: Jo Macbeth, Jenny Forrest, Doreen Loader, Maureen & Stuart Jackson, Alison Cotter, Bex Smith.

Also thank you Jo Macbeth who oversaw the after school wardens in Term 2 and Mr John Howells & Mr Ross Bartrum who have kindly offered to support our student wardens this term until the Peakes Road walkway reopens.



We will be celebrating NZ Maths Week 2020 from Monday 10 August until Friday 14 August. Please watch for notifications on Seesaw about maths week.



Parents/Grandparents/Whanau
Save the Date
School Birthday Open Morning
Friday 21st August

Please let special people know now to pencil into their diaries.
More information to follow.

BOT News - Principal Appointment Process

The BOT have resumed the recruitment process for our next Principal.

Michael is happy to continue his leadership of our school while we work through the process.

We are currently gathering "voice" regarding what various stakeholders value and require for Michael's successor.

We are gathering voice from staff, parents and students.

Today you will have received a google survey. The BOT really appreciate your feedback.

Once we have parent, staff and student feedback, we will set the person specification and application package for this important position.

Thank you for your input in this important BOT decision.

Nga mihi

Janine Heerdegen.

Bible in Schools/Voluntary School Donation Reminder

⇒ A reminder that Bible in Schools is now underway for Year 4-6. A cost of \$5 is charged to cover the workbook used.

⇒ Voluntary School donation invoices were sent out at the end of last term.

Payments can be by cash/eftpos at the school office or paid by direct credit into the school bank account: SJHS BOT 03-0791-0552038-00. Please use child's name and room number as reference. Thank you.

Karearea Team - Speech Competition

On the 2nd of July six Year 5's and nine Year 5's participated in the SJHS senior speech finals. The speech competition is a competition where you write a persuasive argument. You present it to your class and teachers, they score you and the top students get to compete in the finals.

Year 6 finalists: Annabelle Brown, Francesca Cotter, Grace Eastabrook, Riley Loader, Mitchell Young, Michael Michau.

Year 5 finalists: Leah Bullock, Melissa Lister, Phoebe Rickard, Guy Fitzgerald, Zak Luxford, Sophie Booth, Ella Papworth, Tayla Scrivener, Jaidyn-Marie Viekoso.

We all read our persuasive pieces and were very excited for the results. We felt very nervous because there were over 100 people watching us present our speech. We all thought that it was very challenging to go up and present our speech in front of everyone. We learned that anything is possible when we try!

By Francesca, Annabelle, Riley and Grace.



Year 6:
1st - Annabelle Brown
2nd - Riley Loader
3rd - Grace Eastabrook

Year 5:
1st - Melissa Lister
2nd - Leah Bullock
3rd - Tayla Scrivener