

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau

Tena Koutou Katoa

Spring has been in the air! Following the cold starts, we have been experiencing some awesome days. (Today being an exception!!)

Our students have certainly been playing and interacting harmoniously with each other over their break times and enjoying this beautiful season. It has been really nice hearing them filling each others buckets and having fun in their play and learning.

Bucket filling, living above the line and showing respect are key aspects of our behaviour management strategy. Our staff are regularly revisiting and encouraging these values.

We appreciate you also talking about these values with your children at home. When our students are feeling happy, safe and secure, learning is conducive.

Please remember, if you have any concerns or issues, our wonderful staff appreciate you discussing this with them.

Have a great weekend

Nga mihi

Michael Fitzgerald

## Welcome to School

A warm welcome to Nixon Zhou and Matilda Jones who recently joined our school family. We wish you all the best with your learning at our school.



## Earth Kids/Halo Team Bushy Park Visit

The Earth Kids and Halo Team enjoyed a fantastic day at Bushy Park Tarapuruhi as part of Conservation Week celebrations. The programme comprised of five stations each with a different focus related to New Zealand's flora and fauna; wetlands, birds, bush, maori aspects and drawing. The weather was calm and sunny. The highlight for many was the abundance of the rare stitchbird - hiki drinking at the feeding stations. And of course the giant Ratanui never fails to impress us. We are so lucky to have Bushy Park Tarapuruhi in our backyard. We thank Keith Beautrais, the Bushy Park educator for organising the day and Sarah Galley from Horizons, Ron Fisher from Enviroschools, Sietske Jansma from the Sarjeant Gallery, Margie Beautrais from the Whanganui Regional Museum and Robin and Marianne Paul, Bushy Park Volunteers.



St Johns Hill School PTA are shouting a

# Pizza and Pyjama Party

Friday 11th Sept

5-7pm  
 Room 1 & 2 (Year 0-1)  
 School Hall (Year 2-4)  
 Thour Zone (Year 5-6)

BYO: Pillow/beanbag & water bottle

Two slices of pizza (Cheese or Ham & Cheese) provided

Entertainment provided

## Ministry of Education COVID-19 Information

A parent website <https://parents.education.govt.nz/essential-information/covid-19-information-for-parents-and-whanau/> has information about COVID-19 alert levels for parents and whānau. It will be regularly updated with new information.

## Virtues Awards

Congratulations to the following students for displaying our school virtues.



**Responsibility:** Katie Cairncross, Tiori Town, Daniel Sherborne.

**Humility:** Ian Kim, Leodin Joblin-Mills. **Rangatiratanga - Our best always:** Piper Loft Angel, Zack Newton, Lily Pedley, Sam Watt.

**Joyfulness:** Mila Madhu, Molly Baskett, Theia Bunker, James Wongkhom, Vinnie O'Leary. **Determination:** Lucan Moore, Lily Gates, Theia Daley, Iris Deere, Alice Thornton.

## Big Machines Boogie

Art and writing room 16 did based on the story "Big Machine Boogie" after watching the machines which were working close to their room. Rumble, rumble, rumble...a digger rolled down the hill. Me and Freddie spied it first. It was blue. It made track marks on the grass. It was going to dig up our pipes and get new ones. It was scooping all the dirt. The builders got to work hard. We got dirt on ourselves. We watched out the window. By Lachie 6

At morning tea we saw a digger. It was blue. I loved it. It was so exciting and it was making tracks and it was rumbling down the hill. It was little but it was very, very noisy. It was picking up pipes. The pipes were made out of bricks. They were orange. The digger could spin around. It had a man standing by it. It had a long arm and it had a scoop on it. It was cool. I saw the digger come around our class. It was nearly as big as our classroom and I can't work today! By Stefan 6

I saw a little blue digger.  
 It was putting a new pipe in.  
 There was a man in the digger.  
 There was a BIG mess! It was noisy  
 It made tracks in the grass.  
 The tracks were muddy.  
 There was another little yellow digger. By Jaime 6



## Netball Tournament

On the 11th of August 2020, 16 students from St Johns Hill School represented our school in the Inter-School Netball Tournament at Laird Park. In the A team there was: Francesca, Annabelle, Florence, Brooke, Lily C, Becky, Bella and Phoebe R. In the B team there was: Ella, Sophie, Jaidyn, Brylee, Lily A, Grace E, Charlee, and Phoebe B. We each played seven games. The A team won all the games except one and the B did quite well too. We had so much fun and were anxiously waiting to see what place we were playing for. The A team were in the final and played Wanganui East School. We were winning at halftime, but then we lost by the end of the game, by ONE point. We all did so well and would like to thank all of the coaches, transporters, helpers, and supporters. Thank You!



## Academic Awards

Congratulations to the following students:



**Michael Michau**

Excellent attitude and perseverance in all your work. Ka Rawe Michael!

**Vicky Ye**

Excellent attitude and organizational skills for the Halo team.

**Jadei Anderson**

Believe in yourself! You are making superb progress in all areas!!

**Sophie Booth**

Fantastic persuasive writing and speech topic - Outstanding oral presentation.

**Willow McCreedy**

You have shown a brilliant all round effort in maths, reading and writing. You always try your hardest.

**Harper Lilley**

Pleasing progress in maths showing creative thinking and logical problem solving. Excellent focus and effort with your painting every week.

**Denby Whittington**

Excellent attitude and perseverance in all your work.

**Benjamin Forsyth**

Excellence in maths concepts and his ability to explain and share his ideas. Tino Pai mahi Ali! Fantastic research skills.

**Noah Rattray**

**Harry Richardson**

Setting himself learning goals like using complex punctuations in his stories. Working hard to add detail and interest to her writing. For her amazing progress in her writing! Displaying a passion towards reading. A fantastic effort with reading and writing. You are trying hard to learn all of the letters and the sounds they make.

**Emma Ward**

**Kate Forrest**  
**Gabrielle Russell**  
**Gurbazz Bains**

Applying a growth mindset in her learning and not giving up when it gets challenging. Being such a fabulous reader - she is able to talk about the details in the stories she reads.

**Michayla Englebrecht**

**Marina Lister**

## Interschool Football Tournament

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of August 2020, 12 kids from Year 5 and 6 went to a football tournament at Wembley Park. In the A team there was, Libby Hobbs, Liam Cox, Leighton Slaughter, Ashton Eiseman, Sam Penwarden, Francesca Cotter, Cohen Whittaker, Noah Toy, Cooper Hiscox, Harrison Cotter, Connor Baldwin-Holly and Ethan Toy. We won all our games!!! We were unbeaten and nobody scored against us!!! All up we scored 20 goals.

Unfortunately the B team did not come with us because of the Coronavirus. We were glad to bring home the trophy and celebrate our win.

Thank you Mr & Mrs Cotter for coaching us. From Libby Hobbs and Liam Cox.



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

**Cancer Society Daffodil Day**  
**Mufti/Wheels Day - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August**  
**Gold Coin Donation.**  
 Dress - Maths Week focus, patterns, stripes, checks etc.

**Talent Quest**  
 This year we will hold our SJHS Got Talent on the final day of Term 3, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September. This talent show is for Year 3-6 to enter, with the whole school attending as an audience. We have some amazing talented learners at St Johns Hill School. We encourage practising at home, or in breaks at school. In week 8 (7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> September) we will hold auditions for the final show. Come on St Johns Hill School, have you got talent?

**Peakes Road Walkway Opening Delayed**  
 Due to the expected bad weather at the end of this week the contractors were unable to lay concrete so therefore the walkway is unable to reopen as expected. Reopening date is now Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August.

**Remote Learning Survey**  
 The following is a summary of the key messages identified in the remote learning survey which was carried out in Term 2.

- Parent voice**
- A significant trend was the opportunity to upskill in digital technology (which will be useful in the future).
  - Another trend was getting to know how children learn and what they are learning.
  - There was opportunity to spend valuable time with whanau.
  - Remote learning also offered the opportunity to be flexible about learning time and playtime.
  - Independent learning and having choice would serve them well in the future.
  - The challenges presented were technology issues, isolation, balancing work commitments and motivating children.
  - Parents/whanau learnt more about Seesaw and would have liked more hard copy resources e.g. art paper on hand.

- Student and staff voice**
- This was similar to parent voice regarding opportunities and challenges.
  - For learners, distraction, needing help and missing friends was also a challenge.
  - Learners enjoyed the practical activities and through the process gained some understanding of how they learn best.
  - Not knowing what home learning would look like and lack of time to prepare was initially a challenge for staff.
  - Staff enjoyed the whanau/family engagement during remote learning.

A strong trend was that parents, students and staff clearly identified Seesaw as the most useful resource during online learning. Seesaw will continue to be the main parent/teacher/student communication tool. Learning new skills and upskilling in digital technology was a significant trend. In the future, ensuring all students have access to a digital device and digital platforms is essential. A home learning resource folder has been set up digitally for teachers to easily access.

**Lost Property**  
 We have students missing black and grey Kathmandu puffer jackets. Can you please check your child hasn't bought home the wrong jacket by mistake? They are both named. Thank you.