

St Johns Hill School
Te Kura o Hato Hoani

MISSION STATEMENT

St Johns Hill School will provide a quality education where children develop respect for themselves, others and the environment and aim for excellence in all endeavours.

VISION

Confident, happy, lifelong learners and caring citizens, who contribute positively to a sustainable world.

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau

Although we are still experiencing difficult times, our students and staff continue to strive to achieve our schools mission, vision and EFS outcomes.

Staff have continued their professional development journey in PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) and we have our next Professional Learning day booked as a Teacher Only Day on the Tuesday following Labour weekend, Tuesday 27th October. Please diarise.

We are aligning PB4L with our current school character, goals and practices. Respect for ourselves, others and the environment closely aligns with PB4L outcomes as does aiming for excellence, where we all give our best and do all we can do to be the best we can be.

Soon the lead team for PB4L will be sharing further information on the school PB4L journey and consulting with our wider school community regarding practices and next steps. We look forward to getting your feedback.

Wishing everyone a great weekend. I hope all the Fathers enjoy "Fathers Day" on Sunday.

Below are tentative dates for upcoming school events. If we continue at Level 2, these may need to be changed once an announcement is made.

Nga mihi
Michael Fitzgerald

Upcoming Events/Happenings	
September:	
Thursday 10 th	Author Maria Gill visiting school
Friday 11 th	PTA Movie Night
Wednesday 16 th	School Photographs
Tuesday 22 nd	School Cross country
Wednesday 23 rd	Kids Literacy Quiz
Friday 25 th	School Talent Quest - Yr3→6 Sausage Sizzle - Last day of Term 3.
October:	
Saturday 10 th	School Hall used for General Election
Wednesday 14 th	Mathex
Saturday 17 th	School Hall used for General Election
Tuesday 27 th	Teacher Only Day
November:	
Tuesday 3 rd	Interschool Cross Country - Aranui

School Photographs
Wednesday 16th September

All students to wear correct winter uniform, including black shoes and school socks. Accessories in school colours. Red/Black/Grey. If you would like a sibling photo a form must be completed at the school office prior to photo day.

Virtues Awards

Congratulations to the following students for displaying our school virtues.



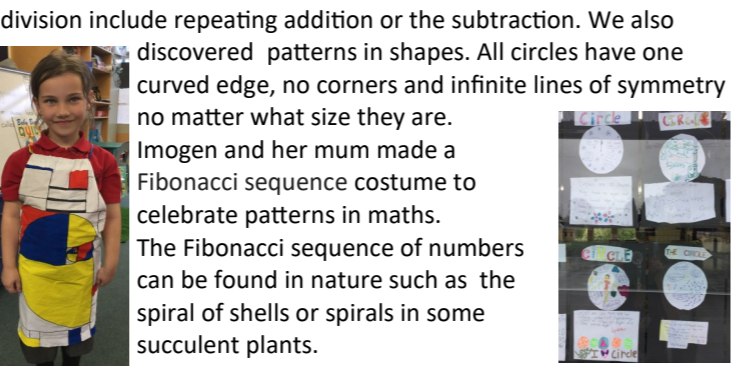
- Humility:** Tyson McKee, Millie Richardson, Francesca Cotter, Romin Hawley, Aleah Loft-Angel, Saraea Drummond, Hayley Bartlett, Lily Newton, Livia Munro.
- Rangatiratanga - my best always:** Kayla-Rose Yakas, Hunter Lewis, Sophie Cairncross, Campbell Wilkins, Ben Forsyth, Kyla Symes, Ray Singh.
- Joyfulness:** Blake O'Brien, Isaak Joblin-Mills, Regan Nicholson, Gabriella Agnew, Sasha Chapman, Leila-Joy Joblin-Mills, Charlotte Comrie, Charlotte Aplin, Tomas McKinnon.
- Determination:** Leo Houlahan, Lakelyn Haworth, Gurbaaz Bains, Ryleigh Koubaridis, River Spencer.

Peakes Rd Walkway Re-Opens Monday 7th September

Final concrete laying is due to be completed today and the walkway will be reopened on Monday. Thank you for your support and patience during this project. A special thanks to Mr John Howells and Mr Ross Bartrum who have been operating the Great North Road Kea crossing with senior students after school. The crossing will no longer operate in the afternoons but will continue operating as per normal in the mornings from 8.30am-8.50am.

Celebrating Maths in Ruru Team

Ruru team celebrated mathematics in the real world by exploring the values and properties of money, shapes- as part of packaging and numbers. Through exploring mathematics students discovered many forms of patterns. Patterns in multiplication and division include repeating addition or the subtraction. We also discovered patterns in shapes. All circles have one curved edge, no corners and infinite lines of symmetry no matter what size they are. Imogen and her mum made a Fibonacci sequence costume to celebrate patterns in maths. The Fibonacci sequence of numbers can be found in nature such as the spiral of shells or spirals in some succulent plants.



Academic Awards

Congratulations to the following students:



- Molly-May Smith-Hogg** Showing responsibility and independence in her learning.
- Amber Turner** Taking responsibility for her own self-directed learning.
- Ethan Toy** An outstanding attitude and growth mindset in all learning areas.
- Jessie Howells** Excellent thinking in maths and writing, Keep up that positive attitude Jessie! Fantastic reading, writing and maths results with e-asTTle. An awesome attitude to learning!
- Phoebe Rickard** Writing a creative maths story. Keep thinking outside the square Lucas. Creative ideas in writing.
- Lucas Toohill** An outstanding example of a Greengold Enviroschool learner.
- Payton Veikoso** Excellent attitude and perseverance in all your work. Ka rawe Imogen!
- Ivy Kenny** For an amazing piece of writing which took effort and thought. Very well done! Working really hard to add detail and interest to his writing. Tino pai!
- Imogen Daley** Having a positive attitude to learning and pushing herself to improve.
- Louie Filer** For your positive attitude to all your learning.
- Logan Smith** Being a determined learner who is making pleasing progress in reading and writing.
- Nikki Zhou** For your effort and attitude towards writing. You are working hard to add detail and try new words by yourself.
- Morrison Davis** Making a fantastic start to her learning at school.
- Ryder Barry** Applying a growth mindset in your learning. Tino pai Kyley!
- Saskia Metcalfe** Being a fantastic maths thinker.
- Aroha Kauika**
- Kyley Kirk**
- Rocco Pepe**

Celebrating Success

Last weekend, Isabel Ross travelled to Motueka, to represent Wanganui in Rink Hockey. Her team came first, winning the Tournament. Isabel was also awarded an outstanding award for being the best Goalie at the Tournament. Isabel also refereed her first game. Well done.

"You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending."

- C.S. Lewis

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

School Closed - Tuesday 27th October
 (Following Labour weekend)
Staff Only Day
 Professional Development on Positive Behaviour for Learning.

Steph Lewis Labour Candidate visit

On Tuesday 1st September, the Labour candidate for Whanganui, Steph Lewis, came to talk to the SJHS Karearea team about how as a girl she became interested in politics, particularly the Labour Party. She also explained why in later life she made that life-changing decision to run as a Labour candidate. She did an awesome job of exuberantly explaining to us about her life as a candidate, where she goes on work-based trips, and what she does during her working days. Her visit really inspired us all as our next inquiry is based on the upcoming election.

Some of the pertinent questions that the Year 6 students asked were:

- If you are elected what will you do for Maori?
- Labour's slogan is 'Let's Keep Moving'. Can you explain this to us?
- What will the Labour Party do to get Whanganui through Covid 19?
- What made you pick the Labour Party to represent?
- Have Labour, NZ First and the Green Party always been buddies and will it stay that way?
- Were you an essential worker during the Covid-19 Lockdown?

We have invited other candidates to speak with our team.
By Ella Papworth.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Cancer Society Daffodil Day fundraiser last Friday. We raised \$572.60 to support this worthy cause.

Whanganui Intermediate Visit

On the 2nd of September, our Year 6's went to Whanganui Intermediate School (W.I.S) to see what it's like to be a Year 7. At 12.45pm, 2 buses came to pick up Rm 1 and 2's students to go to W.I.S.

After our greeting, we participated in 4 rotations: hard materials, music, science and cooking. At hard materials we made key rings with our names on it. In cooking we made kebab sticks with grapes, apple, marshmallows, kiwi fruit and oranges. In science we learnt to use bunsen burners and we also powered up light bulbs without using any batteries. In music we used large pipes that make different tunes to make a song.

Thank you W.I.S for letting us visit your school.
From Libby, Bella-jean and Ethan.

