

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau

Welcome back to Term 4.

Students returned happy, safe, refreshed and eager for a great term of learning.

In the holidays, staff continued Professional development on Positive Behaviour for Learning. Through our PB4L, we have revisited the importance of role modelling and the effect that this has on our children. Social learning scientists have shown that much of the child's learning during their development is acquired through observation and imitation. Positive role models influence children's actions and motivate them to strive to meet their potential and overcome any weaknesses. Our behaviour, body language and choices have a significant impact on our child/students and shape who they become. Role models, (us) boost young peoples' motivation by modelling a guide to achieving success. For example, acceptance of others, of diversity in our community, commitment to family time, importance of reading, expecting respect, language used etc.

We influence others by serving as role models, especially to our children. Through our perceived guidelines, behaviours, priorities and achievements we can inspire them to strive and develop without providing any direct instruction.

A big part of the Positive Behaviour for Learning is the role modelling of expectations, regular pre teaching of expectations, positive recognition of expectations, giving scaffolded support to students not meeting expectations.

We appreciate working between home and school on our purpose statement and values for PB4L.

St Johns Hill School will actively practice PB4L, where all will develop respect for themselves, others and the environment and aim for excellence in all endeavours, through Whanaungatanga.

Our Values are the "3 R's":

- Respect for self
- Respect for others
- Respect for the environment

Wishing everyone a happy and successful Term 4.

Nga mihi Michael

School Cross Country Wednesday 21st October

Our School Cross Country event will be held next Wednesday 21st October in our school grounds. Students are to wear either their school sports uniform or something in their house colours. (Please don't go and buy anything special). Rata - Red, Kowhai - Yellow, Totara - Green, Kauri - Blue. Our school community are invited to attend. During Term 3 the children have displayed dedication and determination in their training for this annual event so should be well prepared both physically and mentally. The approximate timetable for the day is as follows:

11.00-12.30pm 5, 6 and 7 year olds

Race Order:

5 year old girls 11.15am	5 year old boys 11.25am
6 year old girls 11.35am	6 year old boys 11.45am
7 year old girls 12noon	7 year old boys 12.15pm



1.30-2.45pm 8, 9 and 10+ year olds

Race Order:

Girls B grade 1.30pm	Boys B grade 1.45pm
9 and under girls final 2.00pm	9 and under boys final 2.15pm
10 and over girls 2.30pm	10 and over boys 2.45pm

Schools Photos

Photo shoot keys should be received in the next few weeks. We will post a message on the school App on the day we send codes home.

National Shake Out Day

On Thursday we joined many areas of the globe in practising our earthquake drill. As we know earthquakes strike at home, at school, at work, at play, on vacation. Discuss and update your plan in case this happens.



Welcome to School



A warm welcome to our new entrants who have joined our school family this term.

Oscar Hardy,
Theo Plant, Eva Sharma,

Maite Medina Llaguno, Abisha Akesh.

We wish you all the best with your learning at our school.

Virtues Awards

Congratulations to the following students for displaying our school virtues



Responsibility: Leighton Slaughter. **Humility:** Becky Roy, Ryan Comrie-Hokopaura, Jake Davy.

Rangatiratanga - Our best always: Kady Vincent-Skelsey, Ethan Lampp.

Working hard on punctuality and being organised: Anjully Sok.

Joyfulness: Isla Comrie (absent from photo), Wyatt Cross, Hannah Crawford, Ursula Kraft.

Determination: Gabrielle Russell, Ava Payne-Potaka, Jaysh Bath, Nixon Zhou.

Events Calendar

October:

Saturday 17 th	General Election - School Hall Open for voting
Wednesday 21 st	School Cross Country
Friday 23 rd	Term 3 Winning House Mufti Day - Totara House
Monday 26 th	School Closed - Labour Day
Tuesday 27 th	School Closed - Professional Development

November:

Thursday 5 th	Year 6 - Kapiti Island
Monday 9 th	Kids Literacy Quiz
Tuesday 17 th	School Athletics
Friday 20 th	Mufti/Wheels Day for Foodbank
Tuesday 24 th	Interschool Athletics
Friday 27 th	Mitre 10 Mega Tough Kids Challenge (Years 3 → 6)

December:

Tuesday 1 st	Tui Team Picnic
Thursday 3 rd	Piwakwaka Team Picnic
Friday 4 th	Ruru Team Picnic
Monday 7 th	Karearea Team Picnic
Wednesday 9 th	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9am → 11.30am
Thursday 10 th	Year 6 Social
Friday 11 th	Last Day of Term.

Term Dates 2021

Term 1:	Wednesday 3 rd February - Friday 16 th April
Term 2:	Monday 3 rd May - Friday 9 th July
Term 3:	Monday 26 th July - Friday 1 st October
Term 4:	Monday 18 th October - Wednesday 15 th December

Academic Awards

Congratulations to the following students:



Lila Cavanagh

Having a positive attitude towards her learning in all curriculum areas.

Annabelle Brown

An outstanding attitude and growth mindset in all learning areas.

Leah Bullock

Planning her writing with diligence and in depth research.

Connor Ellicott

Writing - Great ideas and information for his information report writing.

Zoe Van Elswyk

Writing with honesty and empathy.

Lara Crawford

A positive and diligent attitude in all her work.

Sophie Cairncross

A strong growth mindset which has seen wonderful progress in her learning.

Cooper McKinnon

Developing a great growth mindset towards all of his learning which has resulted in fantastic progress. Tino pai!

Danielle Baxter

Always trying her hardest with a smile on her face.

Kim Bains

A committed attitude towards all areas of her learning and progressing well.

Caleb Wells

Having a great attitude to reading and showing growth in this area.

Ella Savage

Developing a growth mindset in all areas of your learning.

Niamh Ellingham

Developing a wonderful attitude towards all of your learning. You are progressing well in all areas.

Penelope Chatterton

Having a great attitude towards her learning at school.

Natasha Yuen

Striving for her best in all learning areas and embracing challenges with a positive attitude.

Malikye Te Weri

Applying his phonics knowledge into his writing. Ka rawe Malikye!

Oliver Dodds

Making amazing progress as a reader and writer.

Eli Fox

Having great letter/sound knowledge and using it in his reading.



Today we joined people across Aotearoa in Pink Shirt Day. Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting

positive social relationships. It's about creating a community where all feel safe, valued and respected regardless of age, sex, gender diversity, sexual orientation, ability or cultural background.

School Donations

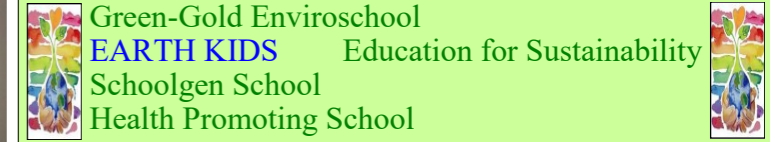


This year, due to COVID-19, voluntary donation

requests were sent out late. These may have been overlooked. Appreciate if you are able to attend to this. Thank you.

Dental Bus

The mobile dental unit will be back on site from Wednesday 28th October. They will be here for Term 4 and return in Term 1 2021. Due to Covid restrictions no unscheduled visits to the van are permitted. If you need to get in touch with the Dental team appointments can be made through the school office. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



Reminder: School Closed - Tuesday 27th October
 (Following Labour weekend)
Staff Only Day

Professional Development on Positive Behaviour for Learning.

PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) School Timetable - Food breaks/Play

As part of our journey for PB4L, we have looked at findings regarding the impact of school breaks for food and play on learning and behaviour. We are trialling some recommendations.

At play time we are trialling playing first from 10.30am - 10.50am and then having morning tea together, while the teacher reads to the students between 10.50am-11am. Students may have some fruit for a fruit break prior to this if required. (Please remember the importance of a good breakfast prior to leaving for school).

This may change for Term 1 2021 as we will review this break, our lunch break and teaching and learning blocks.

Duty time is also looking different for staff. The new term is Active Supervision.

We have reviewed our practice and processes and are trialling new expectations.

Students gave us feedback regarding their perceptions of problems that occur for them at break times. One bothering them was inappropriate behaviour in the toilets and the other was fair play in games. These are two areas classes will be discussing prior to going to play and lunch.

Mathex

On Wednesday the 14th, 4 Year 5 teams and 4 Year 6 teams battled it out at the Mathex (Math) competition. All the students did really well, with a Year 5 team (Ella Papworth, Lachie Pitt, Tayla Scrivener and Charlie Devane) winning the Year 5 competition outright!

Here is a sample question:
Trent's average mark for four tests was 72. How many marks did he get in the 5th test if his average after it was 77?

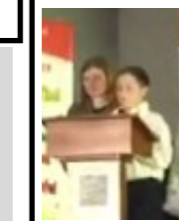


Chess

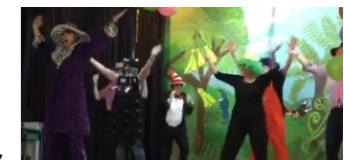


In the last week of Term 3, 31 Year 5 & 6 students took part in a round robin chess tournament. They showed determination, fair play and encouraged one another with their games.

Talent Quest



On the last day of Term 3 we were grateful to hold our first school event for a long period of time, St Johns Hill's Got Talent. There were a real variety of acts; comedy, magic, singing,



poetry, dancing, tae kwon do and playing musical instruments, to name just a few. Thank you to the talented performers being brave enough to perform for the whole school and the Year 6 presenters that helped to narrate the show. Ka Pai St Johns Hill certainly has got talent!