



Upcoming Dates & Events—Term 1

February:	
Monday 8 th	School Closed, Waitangi Day
Thursday 18 th →5 th March	Life Education Trust Visiting
Tuesday 23 rd	Hatchlings
Thursday 25 th	School Picnic
March:	
Thursday 4 th	} Goal Setting Meetings School closes 12noon
Monday 8 th	
Tuesday 9 th	
Thursday 11 th	
Tuesday 16 th	
Friday 19 th	School Swimming Sports
Tuesday 23 rd	School Triathlon - Yr 4→6
Wednesday 24 th → Friday 26 th	Interschool Swimming Sports Hatchlings Yr 6 Camp—Makahika Outdoor Pursuits Centre, Levin
April:	
Friday 2 nd	Good Friday
Monday 5 th	Easter Monday
Tuesday 6 th	School closed
Wednesday 7 th → Friday 9 th	Yr 5 Camp
Wednesday 7 th	Hatchlings
Thursday 9 th	Last Day Term 1

KEA CROSSING

The Kea Crossing on Great North Road opposite Virginia Lake Aviary will operate every morning starting week 3, Monday 15th February.

It is pleasing to see so many Year 6 children willing to train for this. They are going to have a training session on Thursday next week. Thank you to those adults who have already said that they were able to help support this opportunity however we are still needing some adult support. If you or someone you know might be willing to help us out, it would be much appreciated.

What is involved: Supervising the wardens with the crossing of students over Great North Road (near the bird aviary Virginia Lake) When: In the mornings 8.20-8.50. Learning about the supervision role will also be part of the training on Thursday. If you are able to help or know of someone who can help, please contact Miss Spence (preferably before Monday next week). If you could reply to me, with your name and which mornings you can help, that would be awesome.

My email contact is: vanessa.spence@sjscloud.school.nz

Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property which is unnamed. All of these items will be outside Room 1 next week. Please check if there is anything that belongs to your child. All uniform items should be named to enable them to be returned to your child if lost/misplaced.

Absences

If your child is going to be absent please report this to the school office. The school landline is 06 349 1750. The school cellphone number is 022 471 9013. Please do not message through Seesaw.

School closed Monday 8th February Waitangi Day.
Students return Tuesday 9th February.

Our Team—School Organisation 2021

Principal: Mr Darren Torrie
Deputy Principal/Special Needs Co-ordinator: Mrs Alison O'Hara.

Karearea Team:

Rm 1	—	Y 5	Mr Glen Howells
Rm 2	—	Y 5	Mrs Annette Chapman
Rm 3	—	Y 6	Ms Vanessa Spence (Team Leader)
Rm 4	—	Y 6	Mr Kevin & Mrs Chris Booth
Rm 18	—	Y 6	Mr John Dale

Ruru Team:

Rm 5	—	Y 4	Miss Jan Pickett (Team Leader)
Rm 6	—	Y 4	Mrs Clem Boyce
Rm 7	—	Y 3/4	Ms Samantha White
Rm 8	—	Y 3	Mrs Kylie Munn
Rm 9	—	Y 3	Mrs Alina Rotaru

Tui Team:

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

Piwakawaka Team:

Rm 11	—	Y 1	Mrs Jodie Bruning
Rm 12	—	Y 1	Mrs Jess Devane (Term 2)
Rm 13	—	Y 1	Mrs Laura Malone-Belliss (Team Leader)
Rm 14	—	Y 1	Mrs Maria Evans

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, Aisha Bristowe, Rebecca Smith, Donna Scrimshaw, Liz Preston.
Caretaker: Mr Paul McKeon
Cleaners: Karen Heywood, Kevin Smith, Karen Bryan, Trish Watt.



At St Johns Hill School we use the Seesaw app as our main way to share and communicate with families. Your child will post and share their learning on Seesaw. It is a quick and efficient way for us to share messages, announcements, notices and reminders to the whole school community. Please note absences must be reported directly to the school office and not messaged through Seesaw.

The Seesaw profile will follow your child's learning journey in 2021 at St Johns Hill School. The cost for this profile for the year is \$6. Please could you send this to school in a named envelope by Friday 12th February. Or you can use our school online banking: St Johns Hill School 030791 0552038 00
Reference: Childs Surname/Seesaw
Code: Rm number
If you do not have access to a computer, mobile phone or internet you are welcome to use ours at school. Please let us know if you are having trouble gaining access to your child's Seesaw account. Mrs Jo Maguire (Deputy Principal) will be available to help with Seesaw set up in the staffroom on Tuesday 9th February, Wednesday 10th February from 8.30 am.

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.



Oriella Dawes, Varnika Atluri, Ava Christensen, Olivia de Vegt, Tara Lett, Ivan Ye, Logan Burney, Isla Nicholson, Lucy Jacques, Emily Puklowski, Joseph Lewenilovo, Heidi Bennetts, Lucca Lee, Toby Spencer, Fern Carson, Emmy Barlow, Shuyi Lin.



Adele Alcock,
Margaux Orum,
Lochlan Penn, Troy Brown,
Luka Campbell.

We also welcome Mrs Kylie Munn (Room 8) and Mrs Jodie Bruning (Room 11) to our teaching staff.



School Family Picnic in our beautiful school grounds. Thursday 25th 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.

SJHS Raising a Query/Concern Flowchart

1. **Meet and discuss with your child's teacher**
Make a time, suitable to you both. At the end of the meeting agree a day/time to follow up.
(Still concerned, get another opinion)
2. **Meet and discuss with a leader**
Team Leader: Vanessa Spence Rm 1—Karearea Team
Jan Pickett Rm 5—Ruru Team
Pernille Watkins Rm 15—Tui Team
Laura Malone-Belliss Rm 13—Piwakawaka Team
Deputy Principal: Alison O'Hara (Admin)
(Still concerned)
3. **Meet and discuss with Principal**
Darren Torrie
(Unhappy with outcome/action taken)
4. **Write to BOT Chair**
Janine Heerdegen

PTA Meeting: Monday 15th February - 7pm Staffroom

Are you able to join or help out our school PTA with some community building or fundraising activities? If so, please come along and hear what the valuable group discuss and how you might be able to help.

Tena koutou katoa

Well what an amazing start to 2021! I would firstly like to extend my thanks to the incredible staff here at St Johns Hill School for organising and running such a wonderful powhiri. The wairua was incredible and we feel incredibly blessed to part of such an amazing school. The way in which our students conducted themselves on the very first day of school is a testament to the values and expectations that we have for all students.



They should feel deservedly proud of themselves.

We extend a very warm welcome to all new students and whānau that have joined our school community. We look forward to working with you to offer the best opportunities and experiences for each and every one of our students. And to our returning students, welcome back. We hope that you all have had an awesome Christmas break and are ready to get stuck into another year of learning, exploration and interaction here at school.

Our whānau and wider community are part of what makes this school exceptional. We encourage all of you to be an integral part of the education of your son/daughter. We want clear, open and honest communication between school and home. We all have only the best intentions for each and every child and, by working together, we will achieve some incredible things with our kids. We will always try to look at the learning through their eyes and respond to their voice as we help foster their independence.

Our goal setting meetings have been scheduled for Thursday 4th and Monday 8th March. We encourage all parents/caregivers to attend these conferences as we look at the next learning steps for your child.

It is going to be a very busy term here at St Johns Hill School. We have the mobile dental clinic onsite from the start of the year, the Life Education Trust will be in school weeks four and five, the Year six camp in week 8, the Year five camp in week 10, not to mention all of the sports events like triathlon and swimming sports. Keep an eye on the notices and Seesaw for details regarding what's happening at school.

We are currently looking at how we can best communicate with our community. Our website is undergoing a well-deserved revamp to make it more user friendly and relevant. We will continue to use Seesaw as our primary communication between school and home. This allows us to share work, photos and comments in a more secure and intimate setting. If you require any help setting up this application please contact the school office.

Nga mihi nui,

Darren Torrie

Principal

St Johns Hill School

2021 School Terms

Term 1:

Wednesday 3rd February - Friday 16th April.

School closed - Waitangi Day 8th February, Good Friday 2nd April,

Easter Monday 5th April, Tuesday 6th April.

Term 2:

Monday 3rd May - Friday 9th July.

School closed - Queens Birthday Monday 7th June.

Term 3:

Monday 26th July - Friday 1st October

Term 4:

Monday 18th October - Wednesday 15th December

School closed - Labour Day Monday 25th October.