

Tēnā koutou katoa

Well it has been a busy start to the year and only looks to get busier. Our students have been amazing both in and out of the classroom. They should feel very proud of the way that they have included all newly enrolled students into our school whānau.

A very big thank you to all parents and caregivers with the way that you helped us maintain our COVID-19 Level 2 expectations and updated contact lists. As a staff, we really appreciate your support.

We have a number of special dates coming up. These include the family picnic on February 25th, the Goal setting meetings on the 4th and 8th of March, and then the overnight sleepover and camps towards the later part of the term. We would love to see you at these events.

On a personal note, I would just like to thank all of you who have come up to me and introduced themselves and the kind words of encouragement offered. I feel very blessed to be part of such an incredibly welcoming school.

Ngā mihi nui
 Darren



Thank you to the many parents who very quickly completed the online form sent through Seesaw on Monday confirming contact details. It is important contact details are kept up to date and we appreciate you taking the time to help us with this. We just have a few families who have not completed this. If you could please complete asap if you have not already done so.

Teacher/Student/Parent Goal Setting Meetings



Thursday 4th March 1pm - 5.45pm
 Monday 8th March 1pm - 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: **ws9bv**

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. **(Remember to leave a time between your interviews if you have to make more than one time).**

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 Goal Setting Meetings

Please note that **all** children will not be required from **12noon** on **Thursday 4th March and Monday 8th March**. Please ensure that suitable arrangements are made to collect and care for your children at these times. Your help and support is appreciated.

Teacher Only Day - Thursday 1st April
 School will be closed for instruction on this day for staff development and training. PB4L and Restorative practices in the classroom will be the focus.

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.



Ollie Brown, Talulah Clark, Luke Bruning, Jacob Bruning, Hannah Keat.

St Johns Hill School
 Te Kura o Hato Hoani

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

Parking and Drop Off zone

We have a growing health and safety concern. The congestion at the school gate is causing concern particularly at the end of the school day. Parents of older students are encouraged to find a park further from the school exits and either walk in to collect their child or organise a spot for the child to come out to. The only vehicles with current permission to open the gate and enter the driveway after school are the after school care buses from Skids and YMCA.

Yr 4-6 Triathlon Training

Our senior students have begun triathlon training on Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday mornings from 9-10.15am. The final will be held on Friday 19th March. Please be mindful if coming onto the school grounds during these times. The front gate will be closed while the practices take place.



Unnamed Lost Property

There is a variety of unnamed Lost Property from last year. If you recognise anything, or lost something last year could you please come have a look and collect it from the Lost Property Rack next to the ramp near Room 1 (or in back of the Karearea Team block). There are lots of school sandals and shoes and a few school polar fleeces, school tops of different sizes and sports tops. Please remember to name all belongings as this makes it much easier for property to be returned.



Thank you to the families that have made prompt payment for Seesaw, this is much appreciated. A reminder the cost for this profile for the year is \$6. Please could you send this to school in a named envelope asap. Alternatively payment can be made via online banking:
 St Johns Hill School 030791 0552038 00
 Reference: Childs Surname/Seesaw
 Code: Rm number

Voluntary School Donations

Voluntary school donation request for payment have been emailed to you this year. These have been sent directly to the email address we have on file and appear in your inbox from Edge Learning. Donations for the year are set at \$100 per student with a maximum of \$250 per family. You are welcome to pay by installments throughout the year.

As we are a Decile 8 school we are not eligible for the Ministry of Education school donation scheme. The Board of trustees relies on your donations to purchase extra curriculum resources, provide classroom technology and support. We thank those families who have already made this payment.

Peer Mediators

Our Year 6 Peer Mediators are now up and running in the playground during break times. These senior students wear high visibility vests and walk around the grounds to help with the mediation process should issues arise during play. We thank the following students for volunteering for this role.

Evie Thornton, Lily Andrews, Stella Buckland, Willow McCreedy, Ruby Smith, Peyton Collins, Te Manawanui Marks-George, Asher Pohl. Absent from photo: Mila Bretherton, Jemela-Jessi Mallinder.



Life Education Trust

The Life Education bus is onsite for the next two weeks. Life Education is a charity that provides children with the knowledge to make informed choices about their health, respect for others and learn to appreciate their uniqueness. It supports students to develop life skills. It encourages students to make healthy choices. Students gain knowledge about health and their bodies. Students develop self-esteem and a positive understanding of themselves. Students develop strategies for relating to others. A focus will be how we can foster emotional and physical wellbeing and develop resilience in these changing times. All our students will be taking part in this well regarded programme. A \$5.50 charge goes to the Trust and we appreciate this being sent to the office or classroom teacher. If you would prefer to pay online please make payment to: SJHS 03-0791-0552038-00 using your child's name as reference.



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

PICNIC 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.
 - ⇒ Live music Bobbi Rae (She was the winner of this years Whanganui Vintage Weekend Song Contest)
 - ⇒ Bouncy Castle
 - ⇒ Old fashioned races. (P.S—The pool will be closed that evening).
- Hope you can join us for this community event.

Camp Dates

- * Ruru Team activity day/sleepover in the school hall - Thursday 11th March
- * Karearea Team Camp:
 Yr 6 Camp Makahika - Wednesday 24th-Friday 26th March
 Yr 5 YMCA Camp Raukawa - Wednesday 7th-Friday 9th April



More information regarding camps has been sent or will be sent out in the coming days via Seesaw.

Kea Crossing

The Kea Crossing on Great North Road opposite the Virginia Lake Aviary is now operating every morning. We thank those parents who are electing to drop their children off at the aviary so that they can safely walk to school, thus helping to reduce the congestion at the school gate. We suggest that the parents who are driving past the crossing in the morning consider dropping their children off so that the wardens, assisted by a trained adult supervisor, can cross them safely followed by a short walk to school. Thank you to those adults that have volunteered their time to support this opportunity however we are still needing more adult support. At this stage we can only man the crossing in the mornings but we would love to also be able to operate this after school.

If you or someone you know might be willing to help us out, it would be much appreciated.

If you are able to help please contact:

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Enter to Win a MOUNTAIN BIKE

KIWI KIDS BIKE RACE

Sunday 28th February - St Johns Hill School
 Sunday 14th March Westmere School
 Sunday 28th March - Lake Pauri tracks

For all kids 3 to 13 years. Sign-on 12.30, first race 1pm. \$2 per race