

Tēnā katou,
 Well it has been an absolute blur and we have already reached the end of Term 1. A very big thank you to all parents and caregivers who have offered their help and support for all of the activities that we offer at St Johns Hill School. We are so very grateful to be part of such a supportive and proactive community.

The senior camps have been amazing. The feedback that we have received from camp staff, instructors and parents highlights the values that we aspire to, are represented in our students on a daily basis:

- Kaitiakitanga: we are guardians of our environment, community and future
 Manaakitanga: we care for each other and treat each other with respect and kindness
 Rangatiratanga: we are confident, self determined learners and leaders
 Kotahitanga: we are united, work together and support each other to succeed.

Nga mihi nui
 Darren Torrie

Year 6 Camp Makahika

Camp Makahika provided many new learning experiences for our Year 6 students. The range of activities included High Ropes, The Zipline, Bivouac building, Feeding Eels, River crossing and Orienteering.

The Zipline-

Butterflies filled my stomach as Emily demonstrated how to put on the harness. We were about to start the exhilarating zipline. Once we finished putting on our harnesses, we followed Taylor to the white marquee tent, where she gave us pulleys. (Pulleys are a long blue fabric strap with a metal rolling device that helps you move along the wire zipline.)

We started to walk up the track towards the zipline starting point. We turned down a long skinny track that led to the zipline. I didn't want to be one of the first few but I also didn't want to be one of the last either. I ended up going about 10th out of 18 people....

When it was my turn I felt the nerves rush through my body as I stepped onto the platform. Taylor took hold of my pulley and clipped it onto the zipline. I slowly walked down the steps. I got to the 5th step and zoomed down. I squinched my eyes shut. When I opened them it felt as if I was flying. Down I zoomed, slowly losing speed until eventually I stopped. They wheeled over a massive staircase, pulled down the line and unclipped me.

Eels-

We all sat to eat our scrumptious lunch by the calm blue stream. We talked about some of the other activities we had done and then it was time to feed the eels.

Alan, our instructor, went to his backpack and grabbed some of last night's chicken out of his bag and then walked down to the stream edge.

He started to grab pieces of chicken and tossed it in just by the river. The eels started to appear. Lots of tiny heads popped up and started snapping at the chicken. They weaved over and under each other to get the chicken first. Once the last pieces of chicken had been eaten they swam back down to their homes with a full belly.



New Students

A warm welcome to our new students who recently joined our school family.
 Caysen Hosie-Mickleson, Charlie Edlin and Nixon Sutherland. We wish you all the best for your learning at our school.

Mathematics Parent Meeting

A very successful maths evening was held recently, with a group of interested parents. Thank you to parents who braved the elements and joined us for an informative session. Fiona Smale, from Cognition Education, shared what current maths looks like with a strong focus on rich and deep maths problem solving. Mathematics is the study of patterns. Rich mathematical activities which encourage discussions, collaboration, perseverance, resilience, development of a Growth Mindset and integration of maths learning into other curriculum areas, is key. Fiona discussed the term maths anxiety, which often stems from parents' anxiety about their own maths experiences at school. Our maths curriculum team gave some practical examples of maths learning through the various year groups at school. Fiona shared an information sheet and some useful websites for maths learning at home. Please ask at the office if you would like a copy of this.

Using our maths eyes- what patterns do we notice in our environment at school?



Students use their observational skills and share knowledge.

The Y is excited to be partnering with St Johns Hill School, opening a new 'After School' program onsite in Term 2.

We are busy working on final details with MSD and other agencies to ensure all our processes are in place and ready for opening day! Our program will run every school day from 3:00pm until 6:00pm in Room 17 (next to the chickens!)

The Y offers Before School care and Holiday programmes as well. These will continue to run from the Jubilee Stadium next to The Splash.

Our opening date is tentatively set for week 4 of Term 2. For more information, please refer to our website where you'll be able to find our Parent handbook, details on how to register etc. (Some web details are still being updated so please get in touch if you have any questions not answered there).

Web: ycentral.nz/outofschoolcare Email: riley.watson@ycentral.nz

Winter Sports

Registrations for all remaining winter sports close today. Payment for all sports must be made before students will be placed in a team. Payments can be made by internet banking: Account number 03 0791 0552038 00 (please use students name and the sport as the reference) or to the school office (cash or eftpos).

Triathlon Results

Our senior school triathlon was held on Friday 19th March. Well done to all students who took part in this event.
Year 4 Girls 1st: Nicolina Cotter, 2nd: Danielle Baxter, 3rd: Jade Papworth.
Year 4 Boys 1st: Judah Roy, 2nd: James Macpherson, 3rd: Declan Harris.
Year 5 Girls 1st: Indie Benton, 2nd: Milly Vivian, 3rd: Julie Stoop.
Year 5 Boys 1st: Denby Whittington, 2nd: Albert Milsom, 3rd: Logan Plant.
Year 6 Girls 1st: Phoebe Rickard, 2nd: Bailee Jones, 3rd: Ella Papworth.
Year 6 Boys 1st: Ashton Baxter, 2nd: Finlay Cairncross, 3rd: Lachlan Pitt .



Board of Trustees:

Our Board of Trustees are a very important part of our school, as the board has the overall responsibility for the school. Our Current Board members are:
 Natasha Mckee: Chairperson, Janine Heerdegen: Personnel, Simon Cairncross: Health and Safety, Andy Reid: Property, Cameron Town: Finance, Samantha White: Staff Representative, Loren Symes: P.T.A Representative, Darren Torrie: Principal, Lynette Brown: Secretary.

Hockey Sessions

Next week each class will be involved in one off Hockey skill sessions. Teachers will advise via Seesaw when each class has their session as it would be helpful if students had sports shoes to wear on the day.

School Pool Keys

Please remember to return school pool keys. The pool is closed for the season. A \$10 refund will be issued if the key is returned by next Friday 16th April.
 For any lost keys there will be a charge of \$30.

PTA Sausage Sizzle

Date: Friday 16th April
 Time: Lunchtime
 Cost: \$2 per sausage. This will be collected from the classroom on the morning of the sausage sizzle.



PTA AGM

MONDAY 12TH APRIL - 7PM
 SCHOOL STAFFROOM

All welcome! We would love new members to come along and join our friendly team. Drinks & nibbles provided.

Inter School Swimming Sports Results

On the 23rd of March 26 students went to the Splash Centre to compete in the Interschool Swimming Sports. Once again St Johns Hill School was very successful. A big thank you to Mrs O'Hara who ran the team, all the parents who helped with transport and those parents who came down to support. All the students had a great day.



Bailee Jones

1st - Open Medley – (fly, bk, br, fr) 1st - 10yr Girls 50m Breaststroke
 1st - 10 yr Girls 50m Backstroke 2nd - 10yr Girls 50m Freestyle
 2nd - Mixed Medley Relay Team (Butterfly)
 1st - Fastest 4 Relay Team (Winning the Sport Whanganui Trophy)

Ryleigh Dorricott

3rd - Open Medley – (fly, bk, br, fr) 1st - 8yr Girls 50m Breaststroke
 1st - 9yr Girls 50m Backstroke 1st - 9yr Girls 50m Freestyle
 1st - Fastest 4 Relay Team (Winning the Sport Whanganui Trophy)

Jade Papworth

1st - 8yr Girls 25m Breaststroke 2nd - 8yr Girls 50m Backstroke

Harrison Ward

1st - 8yr Boys 25m Breaststroke 1st - 8yr Boys 25m Backstroke
 1st - 8yr Boys 25m Freestyle 2nd - 8yr Boys 50m Breaststroke

Te Awanui Firmin-Cooper

1st - 8yr Boys 50m Breaststroke 1st - 8yr Boys 50m Backstroke
 1st - 8yr Boys 50m Freestyle 2nd - 8yr Boys 25m Breaststroke
 1st - Boys Relay Team

Julie Stoop

3rd - 9yr Girls 25m Breaststroke

Thomas Bowen

1st - 9yr Boys 25m Breaststroke 3rd - 9yr Boys 25m Backstroke
 2nd - 9yr Boys 25m Freestyle 1st - 9yr Boys 50m Freestyle

Noah Rattray

2nd - 8yr Boys 25m Backstroke

Connor McDonald

1st - 9yr Boys 25m Backstroke 1st - 9yr Boys 25m Freestyle
 3rd - 9yr Boys 50m Freestyle

Ashton Baxter

1st - 10 yr Boys 25m Freestyle 2nd - 10yr Boys 25m Backstroke
 2nd - Mixed Medley Relay Team (Backstroke)
 1st - Fastest 4 Relay Team (Winning the Sport Whanganui Trophy)

Jack Reid

3rd - 10yr Boys 25m Backstroke 1st - Boys Relay Team

Sophie Puklowski

1st - 8yr Girls 50m Backstroke

Harriet Aplin

3rd - 8yr Girls 50m Backstroke 3rd - 8yr Girls 25m Freestyle

James Macpherson

3rd - 8yr Boys 50m Backstroke 3rd - 8yr Boys 25m Freestyle

Jonas Pa'a

3rd - 10 yr Boys 25m Freestyle 1st - Boys Relay Team

Finlay Cairncross

2nd - Mixed Medley Relay Team (Breaststroke)
 1st - Boys Relay Team

Leah Bullock

2nd - Mixed Medley Relay Team (Freestyle)
 1st - Fastest 4 Relay Team (Winning the Sport Whanganui Trophy)