



Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

Tena koutou katoa

Kotahi te hoe,  
Kau te waka ki uta  
Paddling in unison,  
The waka will reach the land.

Thank you for the help and support you give your child, their teacher and our school. Research shows that by all working together in strong school and home partnership, the child's success is much greater, the child's wellbeing is better and our community is stronger.

We are grateful for the help and support we get from our parents, caregivers and whanau. Thank you for that. If a problem does arise, the best way forward is to meet together and use each others shared wisdom to plan a way forward.

Today we are half way through Term 2. On the 27<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July Student/Parent/Teacher conferences will be held. Please talk with your children about their learning, ask questions, encourage them to share. One thing we ask all our students to do, at least Monday to Friday, is home reading. It may be reading by the child to you, you reading to them, reading together or taking turns. Please ensure that when they are reading, the text is not too difficult and they are enjoying the experience. We need reading at home to be building reading mileage and a happy time (not a chore!!) As you are reading, please discuss the text with your child. This will help ensure they are understanding what they are reading. At primary school reading is the best time spent in setting your child up for their future success in education. All choices moving forward, requires the child to be able to read and understand what they are reading. Thank you for ensuring your child is enjoying regularly practising their reading.

Nga Mihi  
Michael Fitzgerald.

**St Johns Hill School  
2019 Board of Trustee Parent Elections  
Nominations received as at 24 May 2019**

Cairncross, Simon  
Devane, Vince  
Heerdegen, Janine  
McKee, Natasha  
Reid, Andy  
Town, Cameron

Thank you to the members of our school community who have accepted nominations to our school BOT. Voting papers have been sent to all eligible parent voters on Wednesday 29 May 2019. These need to be returned to the school office by 12noon Friday 7th June. Please ensure they are returned in the envelope provided, addressed to the returning officer.

A. Parkinson  
Returning Officer

**Kowhai - Winning House Term 1.  
Celebrating with a mufti day.**



**Virtues Programme**

Well done to the following students who were recognised this week for displaying their virtues.



**Unity:** Emma Bullock, Devika Madhu, Vicky Ye, Carter Watkins-Oxtoby.  
**Manaakitanga—Caring:** Ivy Kenny, Jaidyn-Marie Veikoso, Liam McCosh, Stella Buckland, Jesse Toohill, Olivia Loader, Indie Benton.  
**Enthusiasm:** Savannah Jefferies, Micah Chiet, Neeva Fromont, Lily Pedley, Marshall Peddie.  
**Self-Discipline:** Nico Kenny, Max Coleman.



**Unity:** Isabella Neil, Pippa Sager.  
**Manaakitanga—Caring:** Indigo Hall, Isabel Ross, Aleah Loft Angel, Tyler O'Brien.  
**Enthusiasm:** Milly Vivian, Keanu Joseph, Albert Milsom.

**Self-discipline:** Sophie Bennetts, Nikki Zhou, Faith Hernandez.

**Uniform Survey**

Thank you to the 121 families who responded to our recent uniform survey. This week the BOT looked at the responses. Most of our community are very happy with our current uniform. There were many "one off" suggestions and comments made. From analysing all of the responses, the BOT felt there was strong desire for us to investigate an alternative, wider brim sunhat. We will discuss this with Andersons Uniform shop, where all of our school uniform is sold, and endeavour to find an alternative choice for next summer.

**Lost Property**

Our lost property collection is growing!!! Lots of unnamed fleeces, shoes etc. You will find the lost property on the Hall deck (or before and after school, just inside the sliding doors at the rear of the hall leading to the deck.) If your child is missing any uniform, please check.



**PTA Term 2 Fundraiser**



You should have received a yellow form to sell the famous "Fitzies Pies". Thank you for approaching family, friends, colleagues etc. Along with the BOT we are wanting all rooms to have air conditioning for next summer. Your help is much appreciated.

**Cars Using Driveway 2.45 → 3.15pm.  
No Go!!!/ Health & Safety!!!**

We have a growing health & safety concern. A number of parents/grandparents/whanau are ignoring the rule not to come into the driveway to collect children at the end of the school day. Parents need to find a park, outside the school grounds and either walk in to collect their child or organize a spot for the child to come out to. We will be closing the gate from next week. The only vehicles with current permission to open the gate and enter the driveway at this time are the after school care buses from Skids and YMCA. If you believe you have a valid reason to be an exception to this rule, please see me. The duty teacher at the main gate will open the gate when their duty concludes at 3.15pm. Please do not take offence from being approached regarding this issue.

**Academic Achievement and/or Progress:**

Congratulations to the following students:



- Nicole Lindsay** Making a concerted effort in reading, steps web and writing. Ka pai Nicole.
- Zuoan Wu** Fantastic effort and beautifully written friendship piece.
- Owen Murphy** Great maths problem solving - Able to think outside the square (Orange Pyramid). A positive, can do approach towards his learning.
- Mason Hunt** An excellent information report on Puanga. Awesome cameo and personal recount writing.
- Lucas Gruebsch** Great problem solving in mathematics!
- Alex Beitchef** Incredible independent poem!
- Guy Fitzgerald** Great effort and enthusiasm in all his learning. You think carefully about your strategies and apply your skills with wonderful results.
- Ivy Kenny** Working at solving problems as she reads.
- Keanu Joseph** Amazing word power!
- Atiria Potaka-Osborne Milner-Skudder** For being able to use maths language to describe and sort shapes.
- Henry Jacques** Excellent retell of our fairytales.
- Sapphire Hall** Great sequencing and commitment in his writing.
- Braxton Pascoe** Working at solving problems as she reads.
- Danielle Baxter**

**Bullying**

I have included an insert regarding bullying. The word bullying seems to be used to describe many times when kindness is not being shown, but are not instances of bullying. Bullying is targeted harm, it involves a power imbalance and is repeated. Hope the enclosed information is helpful in understanding the difference between bullying and being unkind by hassling, teasing or fighting.

**Rugby Was The Winner On The Day!**

On Tuesday the 28th of May the St John's Hill School Tackle Rugby Team competed in the Tackle Rugby Inter-School Tournament. We slid through the mud on Springvale Park, while playing against five other teams from around Whanganui. We played really well as a team, using lots of good rugby skills to win our pool play, semi-final and final against Westmere School. Our final was really exciting, with both teams scoring some awesome tries. We managed to win the final 3-2, coming away with the Contributing Schools Trophy for the next few weeks. Well done to all the team! A big thank you to Mr Howells, and all the parents who helped and supported us. It's always fun playing together with your mates and representing our school. Rugby was the winner on the day!



By Quin Vivian.

**Welcome to School**

A special welcome to the following new students and their families. Jordan and Carter Hallett, Rocco Pepe, Yana Thomson-Wiari. We wish you all the best for your learning at our school.



**St Johns Hill School School App**

Thank you to the 174 families who have already downloaded our SJHS App. If you haven't please do so by going to the App Store on your Apple or Android device and Search 'SchoolAppsNZ' to download the app onto your device. Then search 'St Johns Hill School' to find our school's app.

With this App you will be able to:

- Report Absentees
- Check Newsletters
- Receive reminders of school events
- Access School Calendar
- Receive Alerts for Sports teams
- Check Term Dates



**Chess Tournament**

On the 30th of May, 24 Year 5 & 6 students took part in a chess tournament at Churton School. 106 students participated in total, all played 7 games. All our students did fantastically well. Our rookie team won their division. Te Atakura Potaka-Osborne Milner-Skudder won top girl. Jack Heerdegen placed 3rd, Jake Banks (Year 5) placed 2nd and won all his games, while Lucas Munn placed first and also won all of his games. Our Junior A Team also won their division. Isla Jones won top girl. Liam Meijer placed 3rd, Matt Smith placed 2nd and won all his games, while Taylor Mclachlan placed first and also won all of his games. All four of our Juniors who placed qualified for the National Tournament in Christchurch in October!



**Earth Kids Market Stall**

Thank you to our many student and parent volunteers who helped provide baking and assistance at the River Traders' Market stall last Saturday. The morning was a huge success with funds raised being donated to the Busy Park Sanctuary Education Group. Your support of this fundraiser was much appreciated.



**Wig Wednesday for Child Cancer—Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June**  
Gold coin donation.  
(If you don't have a wig please don't go and buy something special. Dress you hair in other creative ways—a hat/ribbons/a nest etc)