

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau

Tena Koutou Katoa

PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) continues to be a focus area for our school. The review of current systems, practice and expectations has been beneficial and new approaches are currently being trialled.

Student voice is actively sought and the students reported two areas of concern at playtimes. These were students being silly or making poor choices in toilet areas and not playing games fairly.

Students all brainstormed how we use the toilet areas sensibly and this has been regularly revisited prior to play and lunch. Students and staff share the improvement in toilet use. We now move onto our Fair Play.

Below are what students have listed Fair Play looks/sounds/feel like. Well done kids!!

To have a happy play time with my friends...

- I keep my hands and feet to myself
- I respect others by practising the rules of the game
- I show respect to others by using kind words
- I listen to others
- I am inclusive
- I show respect to others by taking turns
- I respect others by using appropriate language
- I am aware of children playing different games
- I keep myself and others safe when I play and stay in the appropriate areas
- I wear my sunhat

Appreciate you discussing these two areas of behaviour with your family and get feedback about how they see them at our school.

Thank you for the continued help and support provided to our school and look forward to catching up at school events over the final four weeks of the school year.

Nga mihi

Michael Fitzgerald



**Mufti/Wheels Day**  
**Foodbank Fundraiser**  
**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November**  
 Bring your wheels/safety gear, wear mufti and bring an item to donate to foodbank.

**Welcome To School**

A warm welcome to Mia Joblin-Mills who has recently joined our school family. All the best for your learning at our school.



**St Johns Hill School Athletics Day**  
**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November starting at 9:15am**

Here is our programme for the day with approximate times only.  
**9:15 - 10:30am**  
 Students aged 7 years old and under will be competing in graded running races in both sprints and middle distance - Students will be racing in age and gender races starting with 5 year old girls.  
Some students 8 and over will be competing in the finals of the 4 field events, (high jump, long jump, vortex throwing and quoit throwing.) These students have trialled and will know if they are competing. The other students not involved in these field events will be involved in other games around the school.  
 Parent vs Student relay race, prior to morning tea. (Be prepared!)  
**11am - 12:30pm**  
 Students 8 and over will be competing in graded running races in both sprints and middle distance.  
 Students will be racing in age and gender races starting with 8 year old girls.  
 House Relay Races - Year 3 and 4 race followed by Year 5 and 6 race.

## Virtues Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have been recognised for displaying our school virtues.



### Self-Discipline:

Jake Banks,  
 Jiho Lee,  
 Annabelle Brown.

### Tolerance:

Guy Fitzgerald,  
 Jack Reid,  
 Ella Papworth.

### Responsibility:

Yana Thomson-Wiari,  
 Sophie Bennetts,  
 Olli Spooner,  
 Charlie Anderton,  
 Malikye Te Weri,  
 Mackenzie Peat,  
 Cian Tighe.

**Kaitiakitanga - Caring for the environment:** Julie Stoop.

**Rangatiratanga - Our best always:** Lara Crawford, Travis Perry, Zander Gilchrist, Indie Benton.

**Perseverance & Commitment to Cross Country training:** James Macpherson.

## Ruru team's 'magical sculpture' visit to the Sarjeant Art Gallery

They explored and discussed their opinions about Andrea Du Chatenier's contemporary sculpture in ceramics. Room 7, 8 and 5 then took their creative imaginations and produced abstract contemporary art works using a variety of materials.



Room 6 explored the creation of pinch pots with clay. They hope to Raku them through the Pottery Society later in the month.

**School Pool keys will be available to hire from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Cost will be \$50 for the 20/21 season.**

## PIRLS

A group of our Year 5 students are participating in the Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) next week. The students will complete an online assessment. The research study investigates reading comprehension and beliefs and attitudes towards reading and learning. New Zealand is one of more than 50 countries taking part and the information gathered is used to give a picture of how children are reading here, and overseas.

Researchers from the Ministry of Education are responsible for collecting PIRLS data in New Zealand. Test administrators from MOE will be onsite for the assessment. All information collected from your child and our school is strictly confidential.

Thank you to parents and caregivers of Year 5 students, for completing the questionnaire about your child's learning. Your responses will also inform the study. Your time and contribution is appreciated.

Alison O'Hara  
 School Coordinator

## Academic Awards

Congratulations to the following students:



**Leighton Slaughter**

Showing self discipline and a growth mindset towards his learning.

**Eden Matthews**

For her positive approach to all learning and achieving great results!

**Lily Andrews**

Amazing progress this year that shows in her results.

**Ian Kim**

Fantastic e-asTTle results. An awesome attitude to learning!

**Israel Goldsack**

Showing a growth mindset in his learning and achieving pleasing results!

**Mila-Jaye Fantham-Houia**

Great progress in her reading this year.

**Katie McCosh**

An excellent growth mindset in all learning areas of the curriculum. Tino Pai mahi Katie!

**Jess Matheson**

Fantastic improvement in maths through hard work and never giving up!

**Charlotte Banks**

Showing diligence and commitment to growing in all areas of the curriculum.

**Jackson McIlroy**

Having a great growth mindset, giving everything a go and asking great questions! Achieving in all learning areas with such a positive attitude!

**Evie Watson**

Achieving in all learning areas with such a positive attitude!

**Liam Verhoek**

For his ability to use phoneme fingers (stretch sounds) to support his reading and writing. You are developing a great growth mindset and achieving well Liam!

**Katie Dudley**

A positive attitude to all her learning, Katie has shown great progress across all areas of learning.

**Baxter Clunie**

Awesome attitude to all learning areas. Baxter always has a smile on his face when doing his work.

**Livy Grant**

For her positive attitude and applying a growth mindset in all her learning.

**Stefan Beitcher**

Working hard across all learning areas. Stefan has a great growth mindset.

## Mitre 10 Mega Tough Kids, 27<sup>th</sup> November 10am-2.15pm

### Transport to and from the event:

We ask parents helping with transport be at school by 9:10am (please park on the top field). Students will assemble on the tennis court outside Rms 1-4, we will send students off with parents to be transported to Cooks Garden. Due to the parking around Cooks Garden being an issue for this event we have been given permission to park in the Defence Force grounds, (opposite the Recycling Centre).

We ask that parents walk all students into Cooks Garden and to the Mitre 10, (formally Whiskas) stand.

### Age Groups & Race Categories:


This event is split into the following race categories:

Year 3 & 4 Boys, Year 3 & 4 Girls, Year 5 & 6 Boys, Year 5 & 6 Girls.


### Race Clothing:

We are asking that children wear their St Johns Hill School sports polo and shorts.

Shoes are recommended and barefeet will be at the risk of the individual (there is a risk of splinters, cuts etc). Students will need to bring a spare change of clothes and a towel with them, as they will get wet from their race.



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



## Kapiti Island trip

By Ashton & Lily

On Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> of November, all the year six's went to Kapiti Island. There were two buses, one left at 6:30am and the other left at 7:00am. The bus ride was two hours long and in that two hours we were singing, sleeping and talking to friends. There were also three boats. The boat ride was only 15 minutes long. On the first boat there were 23 people and on the other boats there were 30 people. When we got off the boat we sat down and they talked to us about all the birds on the island and other things like not to feed the birds and stuff like that. We ate a quick snack and went to the bathroom before starting the hike. It was quite a long hike and made everyone very tired by the end of it. It was really fun and we would like to thank all the parents that came and helped us make this trip happen.



## Kids Lit Quiz

By Mitchell & Becky

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of November four students (Grace Eastbrook, Owen Murphy, Mitchell Young and Becky Roy) went to New Plymouth to compete in the Kids Lit Quiz competition. Kids Lit quiz is a reading competition, the questions and answers are based on books.


At the start of the year 2020, 24 kids trained for the team. Then in August, it got narrowed to 10 and then 4 people in September. When we arrived at New Plymouth we went to find our table. On the table we looked at the 10 categories. About 1 hour later we started. At the end we came 3rd equal out of the year 5 and 6s. Our score was 57 out of 100. Then we went back to school. It was a good fun day out.

Thank you Mrs Scrimshaw for coaching and taking us to Lit quiz. Also, thank you to the parents who helped us get there.



## Let's Go - ma Ake - Bike Skills

Ruru team have been taking part in 'Bike Skills' lessons this week. Our students have learned about bike checks, how to do road signals and how to ride safely. It has been a lot of fun. Some of the specific skills taught were safe following distances, the best gear to start in at the traffic lights, how to brake safely and how to wear a helmet correctly.

**The Holidays are even more fun at the Y!**

The YMCA is running a fun and affordable Holiday Programme for the upcoming Christmas holidays. The YMCA programme is designed around three enriching themes - ACTIVE, CREATE & LIFE SKILLS, which give your children a great range of activities they'll love during their holidays. YMCA Holiday programmes start Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec, and run right up until the end of January. The site is open from 6:30am - 6:00pm at Jubilee Stadium. For more information, call our Y kids centre manager, Lauren on 027-269-1452 or visit our website [www.ycentral.nz](http://www.ycentral.nz).