

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau

After nearly 15 years as Principal of St Johns Hill School I write my final fortnightly newsletter.

What an honour it has been to serve this great community. I reflect at this time on the awesome students, dedicated and professional staff, skilful BOT's, hardworking PTAs and very supportive school community.

I reflect on all the development and growth that has happened across all aspects of school life and what has always had the students at the centre.

Over this 15 year period, much emphasis has been pushed through the education priorities on reading, writing and maths. I am proud that, at our school, we have not lost sight of the child's holistic development. Not only learning but their physical, personal, social and emotional wellbeing. Developing their mindfulness, creativity, innovative, and collaborative skills, has been a focus.

A love for learning is also nurtured through providing a range of experiences and opportunities that are engaging and fun. We have had so many neat events and experiences that have created positive primary school memories for our tamariki to take with them.

Next year as my son Guy enters Year 6 at our school, I look forward to still being actively involved and wearing my parent hat. Between jobs I look forward to helping with end of term sausage sizzle, transporting groups wherever, attending school events and encouraging from the side line!!

A personal thank you to past and present stakeholders who have worked collaboratively with me, helped me, supported me, challenged me and nurtured me. I do feel very blessed.

Nga mihi
 Michael Fitzgerald

Welcome to School

A warm welcome to the following students who have recently joined our school family. Beau Ward, Taylor Redley and Frankie Bullock.



We wish you all the best for your learning at our school.

Pool Keys

Pool keys are available for hire from Monday 30th November at a cost of \$50. At the end of the swimming season keys must be returned. When you hire a key, you sign a contract for use of the pool. Please read carefully when making this commitment. We have had a number of keys not returned this year. These are security keys and very expensive to replace. Therefore if they are not returned we will need to ask you to pay for a replacement at a cost of \$30.00.



Foodbank Collection

Thank you very much for your support of Mufti/Wheels day last Friday.

We collected a large number of cans and non perishable food items that the City Mission were thrilled to collect.

Sport

Thank you to all the parents who put their hands up to help coach our sports teams this year. Your help and support has been much appreciated. If anyone still has any sports equipment could this please be returned to Mr Howells in Room 1.



Virtues Awards

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



Rangatiratanga - Our best always: Max Jurgens.

Tolerance: Jackson Hay.

Responsibility: Nicholas Sherborne, Max Coleman, Thomas Zangel, Leah Steedman, Kate Forrest, Sofia Pathak, Georgia McLean, Jethro Chiet, Alex Law, Alba Matthews, Kyley Kirk, Rocco Pepe.



Self Discipline:

Ihaia Cooper, Lila Cavanagh, Jake Banks, Jacob Hagan, Florence Macbeth, Vicky Ye, Bayley Perrin, Peyton Collins, Liam Penwarden, Phoebe Rickard, Jacob Kennedy, Divan Thom, Zoe Van Elswyk.

Integrity: Ashton Eiseman. **Consideration:** Bella Damosso.

Rangatiratanga - Our best always: Ryleigh Dorricott, Keanu Joseph, Payton Veikoso.

Kaitiakitanga - Caring for the environment: Ivy Kenny.

Manaakitanga - Respect for Maori culture/language: Paddy Rickard.

Events/Happenings

<u>November:</u> Monday 30 th	Library stocktake. All library books should be returned.
<u>December:</u> Tuesday 1 st Wednesday 2 nd	Tui Team picnic Bible in schools Xmas assembly Karearea Team showcase 1.15pm
Thursday 3 rd	Piwakawaka Team Day Karearea Team showcase 1.15pm
Friday 4 th	Ruru Team picnic Karearea Team showcase 1.15pm
Monday 7 th	Karearea Team picnic
Wednesday 9 th	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9am—11am
Thursday 10 th	End of Year reports home Year 6 social 6.30pm
Friday 11 th	Students visit 2021 classrooms School closes 12 noon.

Academic Awards

Congratulations to the following students:



Millie Richardson	Tino pai Millie for your hard mahi in mathematics. Great progress and excellent results.
Francesca Cotter	For her positive attitude and applying a growth mindset in all her learning.
Jonas Pa'a	Such a positive and sensible attitude towards all aspects of school life.
Evie Thornton	Fantastic e-asTTle results in both reading and mathematics - Well done.
Catherine Agnew	Making great progress with her independent learning in reading, writing and maths.
Oliver Cairncross	A positive mindset. Great progress in building his maths knowledge.
Payton Veikoso	Wonderful progress in writing using effective details and vocabulary.
Rafe Hall	(Absent from photo) Making great progress using effective details and vocabulary in factual texts and recount writing.
Flynn Devane	For all the hard work you put into your reading, writing and maths Flynn.
Travis Perry	An excellent growth mindset in all learning areas of the curriculum. Tino pai mihi. Great work!
Devaney Russell	Great growth mindset for all curriculum learning. Tino Pai mihi Devaney. Great work!
Jade Papworth	An exceptional improvement in her STAR reading result from mid to end of year. Effort equals results. Well done Jade.
Aria Goodgame	Excellent growth in her writing skills and working hard to complete her inquiry on energy saving.
Isaak Joblin-Mills	Commitment to learning about his inquiry on global warming.
Gabriella Agnew	Continuously trying her best in all areas and making great progress this year.
Allister Tyson-Tahana	Consistently striving to do his best across all learning areas.
Aghasiya Libin	An excellent growth mindset in all learning areas!
Haize Wilkinson	Applying a great growth mindset towards his ability to use sound knowledge in his writing and reading.
Dani Dudley	Always showing a growth mindset with her learning, striving to do her best with all her learning tasks.
Coby Davis Phillips	Determination and a growth mindset, you have tried so hard with your learning. Ka pai Coby.
Theo Plant	Such fantastic effort in his reading and writing since he started school.
Eva Sharma	(Absent from photo) Excellent effort in all learning areas since she started school.
Ramiro Trafford	Applying a growth mindset towards his learning and achieving pleasing results. Ka rawe Ramiro!
Theia Bunker	Applying a growth mindset towards her learning and achieving pleasing results. Tino pai Theia!
Jaime Kerwin	Always doing her best across all learning areas. Fantastic attitude Jaime.



Congratulations Mrs Jo Maguire

Jo recently won the Primary Principals' and Teachers' Study Award for 2021. Jo will be undertaking her Post graduate Diploma in Education (Education and administration leadership) at Massey University and work towards her Masters in Education. We are so proud of your hard work, dedication to our school and education and the achievements you have made Jo. We wish you all the best for your study leave in 2021. We will miss you and look forward to your return.



Farewell Mr Hayward

Thank you for all you have contributed to our school over the past three years Dell. You have been an awesome teacher, colleague and parent of our school. You will be missed by us all. We wish you all the best for the future.



Congratulations Mrs Pernille Watkins

Nel was recently awarded ACET which is an Advanced Classroom Expertise Teacher recognition. This recognises a teachers outstanding creativity, innovation and use of research to plan and deliver programmes to the highest quality. Nel was the only local recipient for 2021.



Well Done Mrs Clem Boyce

Congratulations to Mrs Boyce, Room 11 new entrant teacher, who receives her full teacher registration at a ceremony tonight. Clem is such a natural teacher and has taken to her new career like a "duck to water". We are so pleased and proud of what you have achieved Clem. Pai te mahi.



Lost Property

We have a growing pile of lost property we would like to clear before the end of the year. Please ensure you check if your child is missing anything.

Term Dates 2021

Term 1:	Wednesday 3 rd February - Friday 16 th April
Term 2:	Monday 3 rd May - Friday 9 th July
Term 3:	Monday 26 th July - Friday 1 st October
Term 4:	Monday 18 th October - Wednesday 15 th December

Avoid the holiday Reading "slip"

The best thing to do - 15 minutes of reading day or night!! Thank you parents for helping your child with their home reading over the holidays. We would like you to be their fluency coach. Children need lots of reading mileage at home with texts where they have lots of success. It is also very important that the child can understand the meaning of what they read, not just the words. They will then make connections with experiences they have had and other texts they have read. When the child has lots of success and reading mileage they will grow in confidence, fluency and expression. Therefore regularly revisiting of familiar text has many benefits.

