

7 May 2021

Tēnā katou,

Welcome back to everyone for another busy term. Looking back to the end of last term we had some incredibly successful ventures. The highlights include the Year 6 camp to Makahika followed closely by the Year 5 camp to Ruakawa. Our kids had an amazing time and we want to thank all of the parents and helpers that made both of these activities such a positive experience for everyone. Also, the small ANZAC service held at school was a very poignant time. It was great to see students wearing family medals and researching stories about their own descendants to keep those memories alive.

There are a number of projects in the pipeline, from new software packages and IT services through to playground designs and a school turf. All of these will help to modernise our school and offer our students access to incredible facilities. We will keep you updated with the changes as they happen.

Included with the newsletter today is a PTA Pie fundraiser form. Please support this fundraiser by purchasing/selling pies to family and friends. Forms need to be returned by Wednesday 2nd June. Internet banking is our preferred method of payment. Also included today is a flyer with details of the new Y-Kids after school care programme starting at our school from 17th May. An information afternoon will be held next Wednesday 12th May. Please see flyer for more details.

Nga mihi nui
Darren Torrie

Kea Crossing

We currently operate a Kea crossing on Virginia Road between 8:30am and 8:50am. This has only been used by 1 to 3 students per day. We will look at the numbers over the next few weeks to ascertain the viability of this crossing. Please, if we do not use it we will lose it.

Kids Lit Quiz

On the 5th of May, four Year 6 students (Phoebe Banks, Connor Ellicott, Jonas Pa'a, Phoebe Rickard) went up to New Plymouth to compete in the Kids Lit Quiz.

There were lots of schools competing in the quiz from around the Taranaki and Whanganui area.

There were six other Year 5/6 teams in the competition that we were competing against. We had ten different categories with ten questions in each category.

Our best scoring category was 'transport,' getting eight of the ten questions correct.

The results were in.... overall St Johns placed 2nd for the Year 5/6's.

It was a great day and I really enjoyed competing in the Kids Lit Quiz.

By Phoebe Rickard



Early arrivals at school

We have noticed that an increasing number of our children are arriving very early to school. Some are here before 8.00am. An appropriate time for children to arrive at school is 30 minutes before school starts and to be picked up within 15 minutes after school ends. Before and after that the children are not in the direct care and protection of our school staff. Staff have other school and teaching related matters to attend to. This falls outside of our Health and Safety policy where your child's wellbeing is paramount. We ask for your co-operation in ensuring your child/children arrive at school and are picked up within a suitable timeframe. Thank you.

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Welcome to School

A warm welcome to the following new students who have joined our school family. We wish you all the best with your learning at our school.



Vova Mashkov, Jessica Augustine, Rose Kenny, Charlie Swainson, Greyson Klenner, Olivia Phillips, Corban Ryan, Aahana Naidoo, Hunter Goldsworthy and Eva Wells.

Pool Keys

We still have a number of pool keys that have not been returned. If you had a key for the school pool over the 2020/2021 season please return to the office asap. Thank you.

10 Year 6 Students attend PB4L Student Leader Training

How can students have their voice heard regarding issues and initiatives happening in their school? On Wednesday 5th May, 10 Year 6 students attended a two hour training session at the Gonville School Hall to find out.

The session, run by Ministry of Education staff, centred around Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) and provided scenario based examples of students positively influencing their own learning environments through discussion and participation in decision making.

"We nervously walked into the Gonville School hall. The hall was filled up with people from other schools. We sat down at two separate tables, with our drink bottles and pencils. Two minutes later all the schools were here. Wendy, the instructor of the meeting started talking about why we are here. After that we did a karakia. A little more talking and then we got to do an activity. The activity was 'What do you want to change about your school?' After that it was over. Time went so quickly. It was really fun, Everyone enjoyed it."

Written by Peyton Collins and Jemela-Jessi.



Winning House for Term 1 Kowhai celebrating with a mufti day



School Website: www.stjohnshill.school.nz
Facebook: St Johns Hill School



Pink Shirt Day is coming up on Friday 21st May. Once again this year we would like to show our support by encouraging our students to wear pink on this day. It is a great opportunity to come together as a school community, celebrating diversity, aroha and kindness.

Rippa Rugby Tournament

On the last Tuesday of Term 1, 22 students travelled to Springvale Park, ready to play some rippa rugby. There were two teams, St Johns Black and St Johns Blue. We sat around for a while until we got called up for game one. Both team black and blue won the first and second games, both going awesome. There was around a 45 minute wait until the last game for the blue team. Finally they got called up to play against Hunterville, the last game was tricky, the other team was fast. We ended up losing by 1 point.

St Johns Black were lucky enough to play 4 games in their pool, winning all of them to make it to the semi-final. In the semi they played against the Hunterville team that St John's Blue lost to. They won and made it into the final to play against Wanganui East. In the final once again everyone played well and they won the tournament to come home with the trophy!

A big thank you to all the parents who provided transport and came along to support us.

Leah Bullock



School Uniform

All students should now be in regulation winter uniform.

Girls: Grey Culottes with red polo shirt with logo, red polar fleece with logo. Plain black socks/tights.

Optional: Grey bootleg pants.

Boys: Grey drill shorts with red polo shirt with logo, red polar fleece with logo. Plain black or grey socks.

Optional: Grey trackpants.

No thermals or long sleeve tops should be visible under polo shirts.

- * Shoes plain black leather or plain black sneaker type.
- * Due to health & safety reasons no jewellery except studs.
- * We ask that long hair is tied up with hair accessories in our school colours (red, black or grey)

Reminder that all uniform is sold at Andersons Uniform shop in Victoria Ave.

Green-Gold Enviroschool

Earth Kids

Schoolgen School

Education for Sustainability

Health Promoting School



Year 5 - Capturing Camp Raukawa

SLAP! The buoy swings, I am the first to conquer the high ropes. The people far below slowly and carefully lower me to the ground, I feel magical. Me and Julie head over too level 2. After connecting the extra bars we tie ourselves to the ropes With cool as knots. We killed the first half ourselves then I needed to go and give Julie a leg up. The cicadas and crickets are cheering us on as we destroy level 2 high ropes. As we get lowered safely to the ground I breathe in and out, all I can smell is nature. I feel incredible.

Ivy Kenny

Two old logs beside me I was hanging in the deep blue sky, the flying kiwi stuck in my head, my thin red bull racing t-shirt with my favourite shorts on. Its time to rock and roll, my harness is on, its time to fly, I feel wild. My mind was going crazy swinging up and down with the kids below heaving and screaming rapidly pulling the rope. The raging river flowing and splashing with the sight of the torturing high ropes as high as the sky, my eyes bleeding from the gleaming sun.

Hunter Lewis

I see the field with lots of children laughing, talking, laughing with their torches in the dark cloudy sky. I am wearing black puma shorts and a black feather jacket for spotlight. Spotlight is about to start, I hear cicadas next to me. I hear Mr Howells coming. He is right next to me. I put my hoodie over my head. I am hoping he is not going to find me.

Braxton McNeill

I hear the birds quavering to each other and telling it's another new day at camp. I hear the kids yelling across the field. I feel the wind blowing in my face when I run across the field. I feel the bright green grass in between my feet. I smell the delightful smell of fresh beds in my cabin.

Milly Vivian

The deep night sky stars bright in the sky. I feel my sleeping bag in between my fingers. I look around but everyone else is asleep except Keanu. We open the door and walk outside. We breathe in the cold fresh air. I step on the cold wet grass and we walk to the hall and we see some other kids outside the hall. We all go inside the hall. It is dark and spooky and we sit down on a seat and we wait for some adults to come. Mr Howells came in and turned on the lights and some more kids came in the hall.

Liam Archer

I'm at Camp Raukawa's archery range and I am second in line. My heart races about this shot because I am scared people will laugh at me if I miss. The next people take their shot so it's my turn. I pick up my bow and I smell the fresh wood, I pull back my bow aiming at one of the targets I wish for luck and release.

Keanu Joseph

