

4 June 2021

Tēnā katou,

We really do live in Godzone! Our hearts go out to all of those affected by the floods in Canterbury. It is a region that has certainly had to deal with more than most over the years. Likewise, to our cousins across the ditch entering another stint of lockdown reminds us just how lucky we are. As we enter winter and the cold and sniffle season, we would ask all of our whanau to remind their kids about good hygiene practices to help keep us all well.

A number of classes have been out and about to the museum as part of their Matariki and Puanga exploration. A really big thank you to all of the parents who helped to transport and guide our students. Without your support we could not do these trips.

A BIG shout out to the Rotary Readers. This wonderful group of volunteers come into the school to help build up the reading mileage of our students. We love having their warm and supportive faces in our library.

The annual Pie Sale is on and we need to acknowledge the massive efforts taken to support our school from our PTA. This is a massive event and requires a lot of organisation. We also want to thank our students and whanau for twisting arms and swelling waistlines to buy these pies. Your support of the school is greatly appreciated.

Nga mihi nui
Darren Torrie

Discovery Learning

We have great opportunities for our learners at St Johns Hill School. On Friday mornings, Piwakawaka and Tui teams have Discovery Time. Children are learning through investigating and playing. They are involved in various activities such as cooking, building, creating and exploring. Discovery Time is student directed. They make their own choices about what they will do and how they will go about it. The teachers may set the scene but the students decide what will happen next. When you allow children to direct their own learning, be actively involved and playful, then creativity, innovation and problem solving occur naturally. We welcome whanau help during our sessions. Please see your child's teacher or let the office know if you or your whanau can assist.



Welcome to School



A warm welcome to the following students who have recently joined our school family. Millie Watson, Cooper Wahren and Henry Damosso.

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

SJHS Support Staff

Next week we celebrate Support Staff week, and we want to thank our hardworking team of Support staff, who work tirelessly every day carrying out a wide range of tasks. Our fantastic team support our teachers, and management to ensure all students have valuable learning experiences at St Johns Hill School.

Our wonderful team are: Lynette (Administration) Liz, Paul (Caretaker), Leone, Morag, Amanda B, Becks, Donna, Michelle, Jo (Resource Manager), Amanda P (Administration) Cheryl and Aisha. (Also in photo Nishkarsh)



Bringing toys/personal treasures to school

Any toys or personal property brought to school is your child's responsibility.

For example a lot of children are currently bringing Beyblades and Pokemon cards which allow for opportunities for our learners to extend their social skills of cooperation, turn taking, fair play and language development. Therefore it is okay for them to come to school. However, if your child does bring them to school then they are doing so at their own risk (for getting misplaced or damaged). If there are any Issues within the class regarding personal property children will be asked to keep toys at home.

Polar Fleeces/Uniform

We have had a number of Polar fleeces and uniform items being misplaced recently. Please check your child's uniform is clearly named so it can easily be returned to them if it gets lost.

Pool Keys

We still have a number of pool keys outstanding that were hired for the 20/21 season. If you have not yet returned your key could you please return it to the office asap. For any lost keys there will be a charge of \$30.

Jump Jam

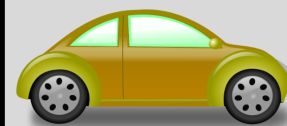


Some of our students enjoying the 9am Jump Jam session ably led by Mr Howells and senior students. This is a great fun way to start the day and warm up on these cold mornings!

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

Drop Off/Pick Ups



Thank you to those parents/caregivers who do not park on yellow lines/across driveways/on verges etc. Drop off and pick up is the most

hazardous time of our day. We appreciate you being very cautious with your parking and driving around our school.

Kiss and Drop zone: if your child cannot get out of the vehicle quickly and independently, do not use kiss and drop option in the mornings. Please remember there is to be no parking in the school driveway.

Voluntary School Donations

Voluntary school donation request for payment have been emailed to you this year. These have been sent directly to the email address we have on file and appear in your inbox from Edge Learning. Donations for the year are set at \$100 per student with a maximum of \$250 per family. You are welcome to pay by instalments through out the year.

As we are a Decile 8 school we are not eligible for the Ministry of Education school donation scheme. The Board of Trustees relies on your donations to purchase extra curriculum resources and provide classroom technology and support. We thank those families who have already made this payment.

Tui Team Museum visit

Yay! Today we went to the museum. We learnt about Matariki. First we lined up outside with room ten. Then we went into the stardome. It was so dark in there. I learnt that the three stars called Tauru. Next we went to a big theatre. It had a big tv. We learnt all about the nine stars of Matariki. They were called Waita, Waiti, Tupuanuku, Tupuarangi, Pohutukawa, Ururangi and Waipunarangi and Hiwa. It was fantastic. Jamie, rm 15.

My favourite from the museum was the stardome. I saw lots of stars. I saw two red stars. It was dark. I couldn't see anything. I could only see the stars. Alex, rm 10.

Today my classroom and room 15 went to the museum. We saw how to find stars. We sat in a big circle and a red light was on a for a little while. Then we sang twinkie twinkie little star then stars came out! It was amazing. The stardome was the best activity. Lara, rm 10.



If your child is sick please keep them home until they are well.

Colds and Flu

Please keep infected children home from school to stop the spread of germs.



Gastroenteritis (Diarrhoea and Vomiting)

Gastroenteritis is usually be caused by a virus. Symptoms include crampy abdominal pain, vomiting, diarrhoea and fever. It usually passes in a few days and kids recover with rest and plenty of fluids. If symptoms continue, advice from GP should be sought. Please remember children **should remain off school until 48hrs after** the last loose bowel motion and vomit.

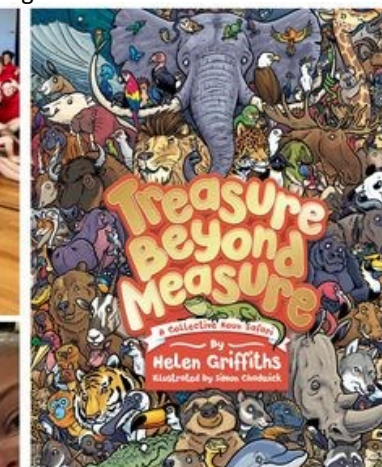
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Author Helen Griffiths Visit

On Friday we were lucky enough to have Helen Griffiths visit to talk to the seniors about her book. She provided the following feedback: Thanks to the staff and students for their warm welcome on Friday. It was a delight to share my book Treasure Beyond Measure - if you want a personalised signed copy, order yours for just \$20 online at www.treasurebeyondmeasure.co.nz with the discount code WHANGANUI to claim free shipping.



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