

18 June 2021

Tena koutou katoa

Our staff are in the middle of preparing midyear reports. These are designed to give you an insight to the progress your child is making but more importantly, they are a conversation starter for the conferences next term. We want our students to be confident and courageous enough to take risks in the classroom. No one learns without making mistakes – in fact we learn from those mistakes. We want to foster a Growth Mindset in all of our students and here is a quick list of things you can do to help:

- Celebrate Perseverance – we want our students to be able to pick themselves up from a knockback and give things another try or try something new.
- Share Mistakes – talk about things that have not gone well and reflect on why. We all make mistakes and this is a normal part of learning.
- Allow retakes – Just because you may not be successful on the first, second or subsequent tries, do-overs grow confidence and learning.
- Embrace the power of “Yet” – change “I can’t do this” to “I can’t do this, YET”

We have had a number of visitors over the past few weeks and the comments regarding our students’ behaviour is a credit to all of us.

Nga mihi nui
Darren Torrie

Miss Pickett

Miss Jan Pickett has advised us of her intention to retire at the end of this term. Although it is sad to see Jan leave, we wish her well in her retirement. After 25 years at St Johns Hill School, Jan will be missed by all of our school community.

We are pleased to inform you that Mr Josh Paton has accepted the position of teacher for Room 5 from the start of term 3, to the end of this year.

To ensure a smooth transition, Mr Paton will be meeting with Miss Pickett, being inducted with the class, and the student’s learning goals, along with the team and school systems.

NZEI Paid Union Meeting for Teachers Thursday 1st July - School finishes 12noon.

Piwakawaka Team visit the Museum

On Wednesday morning the Piwakawaka Team went to visit the Whanganui Regional Museum. Our team of sixty students and approximately 25 parent helpers travelled to the museum to learn more about the Maori New Year, Puanga and Matariki. We had three sessions with the three educators, Lisa, Margie and Awhina. We heard stories about the Matariki constellation. We sang a song to help us remember where to find the stars in the morning sky and we created Manu Aute, kites. We are all looking forward to getting up nice and early to show our whanau where the stars are. They will be best visible from the end of next week through to early July. Many thanks to all the parents who gave their time to support us, without this our children cannot have these rich experiences.



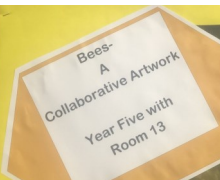
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Welcome to School



A warm welcome to Harlyn Grant who has recently joined our school family. We wish you all the best for your learning at our school.

Collaborative Artwork - Bees



Amazing artwork has been created with our Year 5 students in collaboration with Room 13. This is currently hanging in the hall if you would like to take a closer look.



2022 Enrolments

We are now starting to think about next years enrolments and available space. By the 1st of September schools need to determine available spaces for the following year and invite applications for these spaces. Therefore it is critical that we have 2022 enrolments for students living within our zone, and also siblings of current students. Please see either Amanda or Lynette in our office to ensure your child is on our list. Sometimes parents assume because one child is enrolled, the preschooler is too. However, an enrolment form needs to be completed for each child. If you know of others in our zone or intending to send their child to our school, please get them to contact the office. Thank you.

PTA Pie Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who supported our Pie fundraiser we had an excellent response. \$3646.95 was raised. Thank you to our hard working PTA and all the helpers that came yesterday to ensure the smooth delivery of pies.



Calendar

<u>June:</u>	
Tuesday 22 nd	- Interschool Hockey Tournament
Wednesday 30 th	- Year 6 - Bushy Park
<u>July:</u>	
Thursday 1 st	- Earth Kids - Bushy Park, 9am-12noon - School finishes at 12noon. NZEI Paid union meeting for teachers.
Friday 2 nd	- 40Hr Famine Mufti Day.
Tuesday 6 th	- Piwakawaka Team - Art Gallery
Friday 9 th	- Last Day Term 2
Monday 26 th	- First Day Term 3
Thursday 29 th	- 3 way conferences, school closes 12noon.
<u>August:</u>	
Monday 2 nd	- 3 way conferences, school closes 12noon.
Tuesday 3 rd	- Interschool Netball Tournament.

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

SJHS Raising a Query/Concern Flowchart

1. **Meet and discuss with your child’s teacher**
Make a time, suitable to you both. At the end of the meeting agree a day/time to follow up.
([Still concerned, get another opinion](#))
2. **Meet and discuss with a leader**
Team Leader: Vanessa Spence Rm 1 - Karearea Team
Jan Pickett Rm 5 - Ruru Team
Samantha White Rm 7 - Ruru Team (Term 3 & 4)
Pernille Watkins Rm 15 - Tui Team
Laura Malone-Belliss Rm 13 - Piwakawaka Team
Deputy Principal: Alison O’Hara (Admin)
([Still concerned](#))
3. **Meet and discuss with Principal**
Darren Torrie
([Unhappy with outcome/action taken](#))
4. **Write to BOT Chair**
Natasha McKee



Yesterday Room 6 had a visit from Sietske Jansma from the Sarjeant Art Gallery. She asked us to make lanterns for the upcoming Lights on Bikes festival, being held in town on Friday 25 June. We made beautiful fish that will be mounted and lit with fairy lights and displayed along the bike route! It will be a wonderful display - I hope you will be able to make it. If not, never fear, your child’s fish will be returned for them to keep after the event! My thanks to Beth Savage for helping out with the fish. Clem Boyce - Class Teacher.

Year 5 trip to the Art Gallery

On Monday 14th June Room 2 went to the art gallery for our inquiry subject this term: From moo to you! When we got there Siestke, greeted us by showing some pictures and paintings of cows. We learnt about how to draw cows realistically and properly. Then we went into the art room and drew some.... You guessed it. Cows!
We drew mostly with pencil but charcoal too. Everyone got really grubby and messy after that!
I hope that the next time we go to the art gallery it will be as fun as it was this time.
By Ethan Lampp - Room 2.



Three way conferences

Parent, student, teacher conferences will be held in Week 1/2 in Term 3. The booking code for this will be advised in the next newsletter.



40 Hour Famine - Mufti Day

Friday 2nd July - Gold coin donation
Wear something orange! Anything you have at home... scarf, socks, hats.

Green-Gold Enviroschool

Earth Kids Education for Sustainability
Schoolgen School Health Promoting School



Doing more than teach

We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated, caring and skilful staff here at St Johns Hill School. Working with children can be both very rewarding and very challenging. Part of our role is to help encourage social skills, build resilience to adversity and expand comfort zones. We do this in a number of ways including: offering a range of different activities and experiences, exploring the types of community values we would want and how we can demonstrate these values, allowing others to express a different view of the world from our own.

Blips are going to happen from time to time. There will be levels of conflict or disagreement in any social group. We ask that if something does concern you, please talk to the teacher first as they need to be aware. Also, understand that context is important and it does take some time to work through an issue. Please be assured that we do address issues fully as they arise.

I cannot go to school today! By Shel Silverstein

“I cannot go to school today”
Said little Peggy Ann McKay.
“I have the measles and the mumps,
A gash, a rash and purple bumps.
My mouth is wet, my throat is dry.
I’m going blind in my right eye.
My tonsils are as big as rocks
I’ve counted sixteen chicken pox.
And there’s one more – that’s seventeen,
And don’t you think my face looks green?
My leg is cut, my eyes are blue,
It might be instamatic flu.
I cough and sneeze and gasp and choke,
I’m sure that my left leg is broke.
My hip hurts when I move my chin,
My belly button’s caving in.
My back is wrenched, my ankle’s sprained,
My ‘pendix pains each time it rains.
My toes are cold, my toes are numb,
I have a sliver in my thumb.
My neck is stiff, my voice is weak,
I hardly whisper when I speak.
My tongue is filling up my mouth,
I think my hair is falling out.
My elbow’s bent,
my spine ain’t straight,
My temperature is one-o-eight.
My brain is shrunk,
I cannot hear,
There’s a hole inside my ear.
I have a hangnail, and my heart is ...
What? What’s that? What’s that you say?
You say today is Saturday? G’bye, I’m going out to play!”

Kea Crossing

The last day the Kea Crossing will operate is Friday 9 July, the last day of this term. Due to the lack of students using the crossing it is not viable to keep it in operation. Thank you to the Year 6 wardens, our parent helpers and the teachers that have been assisting with trying to keep the crossing running.