


Green-Gold Enviroschool

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Tena koutou katoa,

Well we are rapidly approaching the midway of yet another year. The recent cold snap is mother nature's way of saying that winter has well and truly arrived.

We will be releasing midyear reports in the coming few days. These are progress reports that indicate the current progress your child(ren) are making toward the end of year goals. It is a good time to reflect on what is going well, what areas need more focus and attention and what our next steps will be.

At St Johns Hill School, we want our students to grow a sense of ownership for their learning. Education is a personal journey and each pathway is unique. To help foster this, you will see that we have included a page for student voice. This allows your son/daughter to express their own understanding of how well things are going. As they mature and become more accustomed to this process, the vast majority will be able to offer a really insightful view of how he/she learns. We urge all of our whanau to come along to the conferences held early next term, as together (student, home and school) we will plot a path to success at the end of the year.

Parenting has popped into the media spotlight in the last couple of weeks. Whether you identify your parenting style as "Free-range" or "Snowplough" or somewhere in between, we understand just how challenging it is. Our kids can do things that upset us and others and other kids can say or do things that upset our own children. Remember that no one likes to see our students upset and we all want to help solve any issues. There are times when we would be best to let our students sort out their own issues, work through their own struggles and problem solve their own issues. This will give them the opportunity to develop their own social skills and build up an inner strength to deal with problems. We ask that you talk with your child(ren) about when they should seek assistance and what issues they can sort themselves or with some help from our student peer mediators. Any hitting or aggression needs adult intervention and these are dealt with promptly and appropriately by our staff.

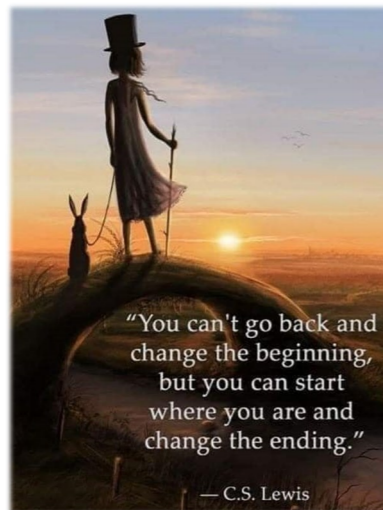
Term 2 finishes next Friday 9th July at 3pm. We wish you all a safe and restful break, and look forward to seeing you in Term 3.

Nga mihi nui
Darren Torrie

Term 3:
Monday 26th July -
Friday 1st October

Term 4:
Monday 18th October -
Wednesday 15th December.

Labour Day: Monday 25th
October.



Welcome to School

A warm welcome to Nevaeh Bayly-Wyatt and Kaius Peat-Tamati who recently joined our school family. We wish you all the best for your learning at our school.



Wet Room Clothing

We have a limited supply of spare clothes which we hold at school for occasions where students get wet or dirty and need to change. If you have spare uniform which you no longer require, particularly shorts, pants or culottes these would be gratefully received for this purpose. Also if your child has come home with spare school clothes after being changed, it would be much appreciated if these items could be returned to us.

PTA Sausage Sizzle

Date: Friday 9th July
 Time: Lunchtime
 Cost: \$2 per sausage. This will be collected from the classroom on the morning of the sausage sizzle.



Teacher/Student/Parent Conferences

Thursday 29th July & Monday 2nd August 1pm - 5.45pm

Parents are asked to go online to book an interview with their child's teacher. Please follow the steps below when booking and leave a time slot between your interviews. This allows time to move to the next teacher, and if there are any hold-ups. Note that students attend these interviews. There will be an opportunity, if you wish, for the parent to speak privately with the teacher in the later part of the interview. Once students have completed their part in the conference they are asked to go to the Information Centre until you collect them after the interview. Other siblings waiting are also asked to wait in the Information Centre. Supervision will be provided.

Online Booking

No 1: Log on to the site below: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

No 2: Enter the School Event Code: **xcem4**

No 3: Enter your name, your child's name and your email address

No 4: On the next page, select the year then choose from the list of teachers

No 5: You will see a timetable showing when your chosen teachers are available. Simply click on the times that suit you.

Note: If you do not have access to the internet please ring the School Office 349-1750 and we will make an interview time for you.

Early Finish for Conferences

Please note that all children will not be required from 12noon on Thursday 29th July and Monday 2nd August. Please ensure that suitable arrangements are made to collect and care for your children at these times. Your help and support is appreciated.

Recent Bereavements

It is with heavy hearts that we share news of the very sad passing of two valuable colleagues in our school team - Rosalie Campbell and Alex Goodwin.

Rosalie was a part time teacher and long and short term reliever over the past 12 years at St Johns Hill School. She was a kind and caring teacher, colleague and friend, whose memory is etched in our hearts forever.



Alex was a regular volunteer helper in classrooms. She assisted our learners at writing time and with various other activities. Alex demonstrated patience and commitment and was always ready to lend a willing hand where it was required.



Our school community, past and present, remember Rosalie and Alex with great fondness.

In Rosalie and Alex's memory, we will add special plants for them in our school gardens.

Our loving thoughts are with their families during this difficult time.

Hockey Tournament

On the 22nd of June, 20 Year 6 students who play hockey went to the Gonville hockey turf to represent St Johns Hill School. We set up our area and got on all our gear. We all had a little snack and went on to practise for our first game. There was an A and B team. When it was time for our games we all got pretty nervous, but put our game faces on.

Team A won all of their games and got into the finals. Team B won 2 out of 5 games and unfortunately didn't get into the finals. Team A then played St Georges and Westmere in the finals. They won both games and won the Sport Whanganui trophy (again)!

A big thank you to all the parents who took transport to and from the event and those parents who came down and supported us for the day. All the students had a great time.

Written by Olivia Loader & Bailee Jones.



40 Hour Famine

Today we held a Mufti Day to support World Vision & 40 Hour famine raising \$574.60.



Some of our Year 6 students also completed the 40 Hour Famine last weekend, taking on various challenges to raise funds for this cause.

The 40 hour Famine was extremely hard but fun for me. I did the no furniture challenge so I couldn't use chairs, tables or my bed for 40 hours and my siblings showed off. By Ella
I did the backpack challenge for 40 hours. It was hard because I had football and had limited food. I also did not have a lot of stuff to entertain myself. By Jessie.

The forty hour famine was a great experience. I did as many acts of kindness as I could. My goal of course was 40 I managed to do 22 in 40 hours and I'm proud of myself. By Connor E

The 40 hour famine was hard but fun. I did the no furniture challenge, it was hard because I had soccer in the morning and I couldn't sleep on my bed. By Chloe

I did the no screens and no furniture challenges. It was so hard when we went to Trafalgar square, There were screens everywhere. At home it was so boring. My little sister was watching so much TV it was hard to look away. By Evie T

Ruru Team Night at the museum

Ruru Team spent Thursday night from 5.30 until 7.30 at the Whanganui Regional Museum. It was a night of whanau fun and celebration. A PJ party with friends and family. We explored the museum, listened to stories, made stars and played string games. We had great time and want to give a big thank you to our families and whanau, and Margie, for helping it to be a brilliant night. Nga mihi nui from Ruru Team.