6 August 2021

We have started term 3 with a hiss and a roar! The 3-way conferences held on Thursday and Monday were a huge success with over 90% of our whanau attending these conferences. It was wonderful to see so many happy faces around the school. The results of our students across the school are astounding and it is timely to celebrate these successes as we look ahead to our next steps of learning. These results do not happen by accident and I would like to acknowledge the efforts of our amazing staff who, in no small part, contribute so much to create such a positive learning environment.

Upcoming events this term include the Firewise programmes and a visit from our local Fire and Emergency Service. Term 3 also signals the start of our annual House singing competition. The students will be practicing their chosen songs during the term before the finale on the last day of this term. We will also be running the extremely popular bookfair later in the term so keep an eye out for more details on these and other events.

A big shout out and thank you to the PTA for the support that they offer to our school. The sense of community and support within this school is incredible and we could not offer or provide the variety of opportunities and resources without this support. If you are in a position to offer your time and support to the PTA they would be extremely grateful to be able to share the load with upcoming events. It is not a massive commitment, but does produce massive positive outcomes for our kids.

Nga mihi nui Darren Torrie

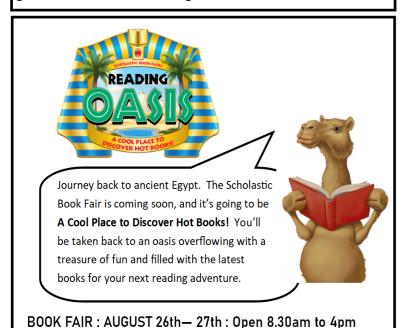
New Gates

We have installed pedestrian gates on both the Peakes Road and Collier Place entrances. The gates will remain open outside of school hours. We ask all visitors to our school to ensure that if the gates are shut when you enter during school hours please close them after you.



Early collection from school

If you require your child to leave school early you must collect them from the school office. Children are not permitted to leave school grounds without an adult during school hours.



OUR PLAYGROUND NEEDS AN UPGRADE! PTA Fundraiser - Bingo & Bling

Bring a friend (or 3!) and come along for a casual fun filled night enjoying a drink, supper and playing a game or two of bingo. Instructions, game cards, equipment and supper are included in your \$20 ticket. Along with the chance to win lots of great spot prizes that have been kindly donated. Eftpos will be available on the night. All funds raised will go towards upgrading our school playground with much needed new surfacing and exciting new equipment for our students to enjoy.

Tickets can be purchased directly at the school office (cash or eftpos) or if you can't get there feel free to call the office 349 1750, pay directly online SJHS PTA: 03-0791-0436491-00 using your surname as reference and pick your tickets up on the night.

Please get behind this great initiative as without your support these upgrades cannot happen.

Thank you to the following businesses for their generous support with spot prizes and auction items:

- Ricoh
- Ruche nz
- Spoilt beauty voucher
- ANZ Water bottle
- Sourbros voucher
- Arbonne gift bag
- Brew Brothers coffee card
- Frank/Mint voucher
- Thai Villa voucher
- Springvale garden centre voucher
- Just Looking voucher
- Mud Ducks voucher
- Yoga Spirit voucher
- Cactus cream Bakery voucher
- Protege products
- Farmland foods



AUCTION DRESS CODE ADD SOME TO YOUR OUTFIT

SPOT PRIZES

BAR

Parking Reminder

Please remember the school driveway is a kiss and drop facility before school only with no entry for afternoon pick ups. Staff cars are the only vehicles to be parked in the staff parking area along the driveway.

We appreciate you being very cautious with your parking and driving around our school. Please respect our neighbours and do not park over driveways or on yellow lines.

Your support of these guidelines helps minimise the risk for our students. Thank you.

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

Welcome to School

A warm welcome to Mr Josh Paton our new classroom teacher in room 5. We also welcome new entrants Chloe Dodds, Kaydence Spier and Layla Ebramjee who have joined our



Great to have you all here, we wish you all the best for your time at our school.

World of Maths

Our Year 3-6 students enjoyed working in groups to complete a range of interactive math activities last Friday brought to us by Dr Pete and 'World of Maths'! Thank you to the parents who have already paid the \$6 to cover the cost of this programme. If you have not yet made payment, this would be appreciated and can be paid at the school office or online SJHS 03-0791-0552038-00 using your childs name as reference.



Miniball

This past basketball season was a magical one. It was one of those seasons where it's obvious that you're witnessing the kids doing something special. Many on the team had never played organised basketball before. They practiced hard each week & reaped the rewards: 1st Place Senior Section A out of the 14 teams total! In our last game of the season we were down by 6-to-8 points and finally, with about 20-seconds to go, we tied it up then sunk a buzzer beater for the win. The stadium erupted! Many thanks to Brian Cotter who coached and managed this team.



Upcoming Events

Tuesday 10th - Parent Workshop - Structured Literacy August:

Tuesday 17th - Interschool football tournament

Thursday 26th/Friday 27th - Book Fair

Friday 27th - School Birthday

September: Tuesday 14th - School Cross Country

October:

Tuesday 21st - Interschool Cross Country

Wednesday 29th - School photos Friday 1st - Last day Term 3.

Green-Gold Enviroschool

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Parent Workshop - Structured Literacy

Understanding how our children learn to read: The structured literacy approach.

Please join us in the school hall from 5.00-6.00pm on Tuesday 10 August 2021.

Our specialist Resource Teachers of Learning and school staff will explain our new approach to reading and writing, to build a strong literacy foundation.

There will be an opportunity to answer your questions and view the resources we are using.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Can you please let your child's teacher know if you are attending.

Thank you - GOME

A huge thank you to the generous team from Grumpy Old Men who have donated a \$500 Stirling Sports voucher to our school. This will be used to purchase new sports equipment. The team at GOME recycle items then sell the recovered scrap and donate all raised cash to charity/schools.

If you have any unwanted electrical goods that can be recycled please support this great cause.

Interschool Netball Tournament writing

The interschool netball tournament was played at Laird park on Thursday after being postponed due to the rain earlier in the week. The rain cleared for a fun filled day of netball for the 30 year 5 & 6 students who went along.

"We arrived at the courts ready for a long day of netball. The first few games were very wet and slippery and most of the games we were losing our traction.

The A team made it to the finals undefeated facing Tawhero. It was a hard game that we ended up losing but St Johns A team placed 2nd overall. This was an awesome achievement. "Leah & Phoebe

"As the B team we played five games and lost one but it was so fun and was good playing a new sport for once" Zac D

"I thought It was fun doing a new sport for a change with my friends." Noah

"Although I haven't played netball for a while, the adrenaline rush while on the court all came back to me". The C team won 4 out of 5 games" Jaidyn-Marie

"It was so fun to try a sport I have never played before. I was so tired and I still am". Jonas Pa'a

