



Tēnā koutou katoa,

*He aroha whakatō, he aroha puta mai  
If kindness is sown then kindness you shall receive*

We hope that you and your whanau are well and managing to cope during these challenging times. We are rapidly getting back to what is appearing to be our new normal. The efforts of all staff members to swing into action and gear up to a completely different learning model was great to see. I really appreciated the positivity and willingness to prepare, produce and deliver both online content as well as the 210 hard packs that were delivered weekly.

I also wish to take this opportunity to thank you, our school community, for the support that you have shown with regards to the changes we had to implement due to Level 2 delta. Once again, the positivity, support and cooperation were evident as a hallmark of this school.

We are already looking toward next year and are signalling some changes that we will be implementing to best meet the needs of our learners. We have sent out information regarding cohort entry and this legislated process will begin in full at the start of 2022. We will also move to a composite class model from the start of the year. A more detailed explanation of this model and the rationale for the change will be sent out shortly. This is a very common, tried and tested model that helps offer greater flexibility with class options and student placements, whilst balancing the demands on teachers.

A number of construction projects will begin in the upcoming holidays and again during the Christmas break. These include new decking and canopy for the Piwakawaka area, a new sports turf at the back of the junior school and renovations to our playground. Please keep an eye out for some upcoming working bees as we try and keep up with the spiralling prices of materials and shortage of tradies.

We have pushed many school activities out toward the end of this term in the hope that a drop to Level 1 will enable them to go ahead. The school cross country will now be run on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September with an eye on sending a team to the interschool cross country on the Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>.

*Hapaitia te ara tika pumau ai te rangatiranga mo nga uri whakatipu  
Foster the pathway of knowledge to strength, independence and growth for future generations*

Nga mihi  
Darren

## School Sport

Unfortunately winter sport came to an abrupt end with Lockdown and Covid Alert Levels making it too difficult to continue.

We thank all our parents who volunteered their time to coach our various sporting codes over the winter months. We value your contribution and support as without you we would be unable to register teams.

Mr Howells would be grateful for the return of all gear bags or netball skirts that were issued for this season.

We look forward hopefully to offering summer sport options.

## Welcome to School

A warm welcome to the following new students and their families.

Dellah Brown, Vaida Haxton, Jane Guan, Aarav Batra, Kartar Kaur, Nikaious Dewe.



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

## Uniform Reminder

As Term 4 approaches we feel it fitting to put out a reminder of the uniform standards and expectations.

- Please ensure that all uniform is clearly named
- Earrings are limited to a single pair of small, plain studs
- Long hair needs to be tied back with hair accessories in school colours.
- Plain black leather or plain black sneaker type shoes and plain black sandals (summer)
- Red sunhats must be worn in summer terms - one and four.
- No undergarments are to be visible.

All uniform supplies can be purchased through Andersons Uniform shop in Victoria Avenue.

A full list of our uniform and uniform policy can be found on our website and Schooldocs site.

## Structured Literacy Workshop

Thank you to whanau who supported our structured literacy presentation before lockdown. Resource teachers of learning and behaviour (RTLb) gave an overview of the science of reading and how we are aligning our literacy practices with this development. Team leaders Laura, Pernille and Vanessa shared how structured literacy practices are being implemented in the classroom. Many thanks to Rebekah and Michelle (RTLb's) and our team leaders for their preparation towards this successful evening.



The Parenting for Resilience, Confidence & Independence Online Summit is on 8-10 October and it is FREE! 3 days, 24 incredible Parent expert speakers - get your FREE ticket today... <https://buff.ly/3npFU19>



## School Photographs

### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September

All students must wear correct winter uniform, including plain black shoes and school socks. Long hair is to be tied back and accessories in school colours. Red/Black/Grey.

If you would like a sibling photo a form must be completed prior to photo day. Please contact the office 349 1750 or enquiries@stjohnshill.school.nz if you would like a form sent home. This will need to be completed and returned to school with your child to ensure sibling photos are taken.

## Bingo & Bling Fundraiser

Thank you to our amazing hardworking PTA for organising this event and to all the families that supported our fundraising effort. A great night was enjoyed by all who attended. \$2872.42 was raised towards the upgrade of our playground. We would also like to thank our very generous community for their support with auction/spot prizes.

## Te Reo Maori Moment



As you all will know it is Te Wiki O Te Reo Maori.

As part of Maori language week, at 12pm on Tuesday 14 September all New Zealanders were encouraged to stop and take a moment for te reo Maori. Senior students along with several other classes throughout the school gathered on the courts to perform the waiata Te Wai O Whanganui.

## World Vision

Our school was acknowledged for an outstanding fundraising effort. We raised a total of \$2220!

This year the funds are used towards helping to stop the hunger pandemic in sub-Saharan Africa.



## 2022 Term Dates

- Term 1 Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April
- Term 2 Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July
- Term 3 Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September
- Term 4 Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

2022 Public holidays:

- Waitangi Day Holiday: Monday 7 February
- Good Friday: Friday 15 April
- Easter Monday: Monday 18 April
- Anzac Day: Monday 25 April
- Queen's Birthday: Monday 6 June
- Matariki: Friday 24 June
- Labour Day: Monday 24 October

## Green-Gold Enviroschool

Earth Kids Education for Sustainability  
Schoolgen School Health Promoting School



A reminder that all 2022 enrolments need to be completed by Wednesday 29 September.

## School Cross Country Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September

Our School Cross Country event will be held next Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September in our school grounds. Students are to wear their school sports uniform. Our school community will be invited to attend provided alert level restrictions allow.

The approximate timetable for the day is as follows:

### 5, 6 and 7 year olds - Start time 11am

Race Order:

- 5 year old girls
- 5 year old boys
- 6 year old girls
- 6 year old boys
- 7 year old girls
- 7 year old boys

### 8, 9 and 10+ year olds - Start time 1.15pm

Race Order:

- Girls B grade
- Boys B grade
- 9 and under girls final
- 9 and under boys final
- 10 and over girls
- 10 and over boys

## Cohort Entry

The Board of Trustees ratified, at the board meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> August, to adopt Cohort Entry for all new entrants starting from Term 1 2022.

There would be two entry dates each term. Students will start school the next entry date **on or after** their 5th birthday.

The entry dates for 2022 are:

Term	Entry 1 Week 1	Mid Term Entry
1	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> March
2	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June.
3	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> August
4	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> November

Cohort entry is about helping children to settle better into school. There is evidence that starting school alongside other children helps them build relationships and supports a smoother entry to school life.

Schools that are already using cohort entry believe it offers their children the best start to their school life. It can also mean less disruption for new entrant teachers who can prepare for groups of children arriving on a specific date rather than on an individual and ad hoc basis through the year.

Na te whakarongo me te titiro ka puta mai te korero

*Through looking and listening we gain wisdom*

