

Tena Koutou Katoa,
Thank you to community members who have expressed their support for the strike action being taken by teachers and Principals, next Wednesday, 15th August. It has been 24 years since our last strike and the decision to strike was not taken lightly.

We are striking because we are so very concerned for the future of our children. Schools need greater support for their learners. With the growing diversity of students and our changing society, our schools have increased students with both learning and behavioural needs. Many children who would have previously been classified as severe needs (and attracted support and funding) are now only classified moderate, with no additional support provided.

Over recent years the education system and teachers have had more and more expected of them. Attracting and retaining teachers is becoming increasingly more difficult. Enrolment in teacher training since 2000 has dropped by 40%. Teachers need greater time to teach, they need support to cope with the increased needs of their students. Our system now has a large group of teachers who were born in the “baby boomer” time and are coming up to retirement. Who will replace them? Since 2000, teachers salaries have dropped significantly against the medium NZ salary.

We want to ensure kids in the future have a quality teacher, who can meet the needs of a diverse class of learners.

Parent support is needed and appreciated.

Thank you for your understanding.

Regards

Michael

Casino Night—1 Week to go! Fun/Food/Prizes.

Our schools PTA has worked hard to organise this event to purchase extra resources for our children. Please support them and your children by purchasing a ticket or getting a group together!!



So Here's The Deal...

Saturday
18 Aug, 2018
6:00 pm
@ St Johns Hill School
Thour Zone & Hall
Tickets \$20 pp

Play Casino Games

\$10m chips on arrival
Texas Hold'em, Black Jack,
Roulette & more

Chances to Win Prizes

Bid on fantastic prizes in a blind
auction with your winnings

Entertainment

All Blacks vs Australia LIVE
on big screen at 10pm!

Food & Bar

Cash/EFTPOS bar
Supper provided

Tickets available from the school office - 06 349 1750
Pay cash at office or online into PTA account 03 0791 0436491 000

BOT News

School Closed - Wednesday 15th August
“Teachers are striking for the future of our kids”.

Virtues Awards

Well done to the following students who were recognised for displaying the virtues their teams are focusing on this term.



Cooperation: Marina Kavanagh, Ella Bartlett.

Caring: Katie Curran, Hannah O’Hara. **Assertiveness:** Siya Patel.

Excellence: Sienna Gilmore, Cohen Whittaker, Ella Papworth.

Persistence: Jacob Hodgson. **Perseverance:** Hans Martin,
Neeva Fromont, Dexter Bunker. **Consideration:** Regan Nicholson,
Declan Harris, Caleb Wells, Sam Watt.



Cooperation: Samara Wong, Markus Wiebe.

Caring: Zoe Broadhead, Piper Gaisford.

Integrity: Leighton Slaughter. **Excellence:** Zoe Van Elswyk.

Perseverance: Eva Kavanagh, Daniel Sherborne, Lilly Simpson,
Nevaeh Kirk, Zander Gilchrist, Nikson Ryan, Booker Davidson.

Consideration: Kyla Symes, Max Jurgens, Bella Davies,
Braxton Pascoe.

Maths Week

Monday 13th → Friday 17th August

- Sum people are wonderful!
- Without maths, your number is up!
- Be a sumbody!
- Do you know whats odd to me? Those numbers not divisible by 2.
- Old maths teachers never die, they just tend to infinity.

This week classes across the school are celebrating maths by taking part in special “Maths Week” activities.

Please talk to your child about what they are doing at school. There are some wonderful maths sites to visit with your child.

- ◆ www.sumdog.com www.mathsweek.org.nz
- ◆ www.funbrain.com/math-zone
- ◆ www.mathsplayground.com
- ◆ Mathsifun.com Xtramath.org
- ◆ Khan academy app Rocket math app



Green-Gold Enviroschool.

EARTH KIDS Education for Sustainability Schoolgen School Health Promoting School



Welcome to School



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

Sapphire Hall, Livy Grant and
Evario Pepe.

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

Academic Achievement and/or Progress

Congratulations to the following students:



William Herd

For his fantastic results/progress in number knowledge.

Lucy Wilkinson Smith

Fantastic work in literacy. Demonstrating understanding and effort in reading, and great report writing.

Jett Casey

Creative and accurate reasoning in mathematics. Making links between fractions, decimals and percentages in reasoning.

Ben Karatau

Great retelling of an event - Excellent Descriptive Writing.

Sienna Gilmore

Tyler Bisset

Fantastic progress and determination in reading. Well done Tyler.

Aylah Knight

Well presented storyboard, striving for Excellence.

Melissa Lister

Fantastic imagination in her independent writing—’Guinea Pig Love’.

Dinasha Batra

Using perseverance and determination during math. Well done Dinasha, you successfully regrouped numbers to answer addition problems.

Hans Martin

Linking the virtue of Perseverance with Reading. Excellent progress in writing. Caius is writing a powerful beginning sentence and using

Caius Haxton

interesting vocabulary. Ka Rawe Caius!

Max Jurgens

Max has worked to beat his word power score on Friday! He can now write 15 words from memory.

Jess Matheson

For fantastic progress in her reading and always trying her best.

Zara Brown

For always doing her best.



Our school was rewarded with native plants for recycling our paper and cardboard throughout 2017.



Star of the Week

Kyna Chandra



Womble of the Week

Elle Limpus

Parents/Grandparents you are invited to attend our

School Birthday Celebration—Friday 24th August

Open Morning, 9am Please assemble outside the school office

- ⇒ **Welcome**
- ⇒ **Art Exhibition Opening**
- ⇒ **Visit Classrooms**
- ⇒ **Shared learning with child/grandchild**
- ⇒ **Tour of our Art Exhibition**
- ⇒ **Morning Tea**



We hope you can join us for our 89th School Birthday Open Morning.

St Johns Hill School Celebrating Visual Art

Our Arts Celebration Week will be held in Week 5 from Monday 20th August through to Friday 24th August. The week will end with our St Johns Hill School’s 89th Birthday and Art Exhibition opening in the hall.

The arts are powerful forms of expression that recognise, value, and contribute to the unique bicultural and multicultural character of Aotearoa New Zealand, enriching the lives of all New Zealanders.

Your child will be working in a House Whanau group during this week that will have children ranging in ages from 5-11 years. A letter will come home on Monday to inform you of this group and what resources your child will need to bring for their work. We would really encourage parents/whanau to support this programme and to come in and work with our tamariki during this week.

The theme for this years Arts Celebration Week is **Our Waka-Our Journey**. We would like you to start discussing with your child about where they were born, how did they come to live in Whanganui/ New Zealand, where were you born (parents) and what is your family heritage?

This information will help your child design and create their piece of art work during this week.

We look forward to seeing the fabulous work on display at our exhibition.

Interschool Netball Tournament

On Tuesday the 7th we took 20 netball girls to the Laird Park courts to compete in this year’s Interschool Netball Tournament, 16 schools from around Wanganui were taking part. We entered two teams, one in the “A” grade competition and one in the “B” grade completion. Each team played 5 - 20 minute games so there were some very tired and sore bodies by the end of the day. Both teams did a beautiful job representing St Johns Hill School with the “A” team winning 3 out of the 5 games to end up 3rd in their grade, and the “B” team winning 2 games, drawing 1 and losing 2 to end up 4th in their grade. A big thank you to parents who provided transport and supported throughout the day and to Emma Henare and Amber Hickford, two past St Johns Hill School students who umpired for the teams throughout the day.



Meet & Greet Nick Jr’s Paw Patrol
Police Pup Chase
Bunnings
Sunday 12th August
9am-11am
DIY,
Face
Painting,
BBQ.

