

# 24 August 2018

Tena Koutou Katoa

What a great week we have had at St Johns Hill School! Last weekend the PTA put on an excellent Casino/Rugby Night fundraiser attended by around 170 of our community! An incredible amount of work went into preparing for this occasion and of course cleaning up afterwards. I extend our sincere thanks to our hardworking PTA, led by Anna Herd, for all you do in fundraising and building our community. I put out an SOS yesterday for PTA members to assist with morning tea for todays Open Morning and instantly had a list of helpers. You parents are awesome!

Thanks also to our teachers and support staff for all their work in giving our learners great visual art experience this week. The students have really enjoyed this weeks art intensive. I really enjoyed working for three days with my group. They were so engaged and creative. Thank you to our Art Team led by Jo Maguire. Great leadership and co ordination to successfully pull this week together. Also special visitors Margie Beutrais (Whanganui Regional Museum Teacher), Jennifer Taylor Moore (Curator at Sargeant Gallery on the Quay), Jen McDonald (The Whanganui Learning Centre). Thank you also to all the parents who supported our staff in this visual arts focus, Our Waka/Our Journey. Your help assisted us to foster an enjoyment for art activities, and understand the literacy of visual art (it tells a story). The creations made express development of ideas, experiences and feelings about your family and ancestors through the creation of objects and images. Working together we have helped develop their understanding of their culture and the society we live in. A selection of our Waka will be taken to the Whanganui Regional Museum exhibition of Our Waka Our Journey.

Today has been a great conclusion to our week of celebration. Again our open morning was well supported by parents and grandparents. Students shared their creations, their learning and appreciated the importance placed on being here by our community.

Our school began in 1929. This is our schools 89th birthday!! Below is a photo from our school opening in 1929 and from today.

Nga mihi nui Michael.



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### Welcome to School

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



Haesol Lee, Jaidyn Veikoso, Henry Jacques, Payton Veikoso and Alani Veikoso. Great to have you here.

### Virtues Awards

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



**Kindness:** Chad Carston. **Caring:** Harry Jurgens, Lucy Reid.

**Integrity:** Niamh Tighe.

**Excellence:** Millie Richardson, Fatima Rashid, Ethan Wells.

**Perseverance:** Ian Kim, Braxton McNeill, Israel Goldsack, Felix Gruebsch, Sophie Kerwin.

**Consideration:** Hunter Scrivener, Jonty Belliss, Malikye Te Weri.

### Upcoming Dates and Events

29 <sup>th</sup> August	Interschool Mathex Competition
<u>September:</u>	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fathers Day!! (Thought I would slip that one in!!!)
5 <sup>th</sup>	School Photos
11 <sup>th</sup>	School Cross Country
18 <sup>th</sup>	Aranui Interschool Cross Country
27 <sup>th</sup>	Parents invited to Dress rehearsal of house singing competition. (1pm →2.30pm ish)
28 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Term 3.

The school is experiencing issues with the IT system. If you have been trying to email the school, please phone 349 1750. We will advise when the system is fully operational again.

### Cross Country

Our school Cross Country event will be held on **Tuesday 11 September** in the grounds of St Johns Hill School. Our school community are invited to attend. The children will run at the following times:  
**11.00-12.30pm** 5, 6 and 7 year olds  
**1.30-2.30pm** 8, 9 and 10+ year olds



### Chess Tournament

Chess is becoming very popular. A large group of senior students competed in a recent chess tournament held at Churton School. The game is very skilful. Congratulations to all who competed. A special mention to our place getters in the Primary Division Gracie Hayward 1st & Matt Smith 3rd. Zoe Wilkins 1st in Rookie Division. SJHS A Team: Gracie Hayward, Peter Adams, Samu Hermann and William Herd placed 1st while the Rookie A Team: Zoe Wilkins, Markus Wiebe, Jorge Smith-Hogg and Jacob Millar came 2nd by 1/2 a point!

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### Our Waka—Our Journey Art Exhibition

Happy 89th Birthday St Johns Hill School. Thank you to the parents who provided classroom cakes. These are just 3 of the amazing cakes.

