

Dear Parents/Caregiver/Whanau

It has been an absolute privilege to act as Principal of St Johns Hill School over the past six months. I have relished time leading our school. I am grateful for all the wonderful support from our staff and school community. Thank you everyone for the passion. With passion, good becomes great and we are a great school!

I thanked our school community at the recent BOT/PTA/Staff function and shared a quote from Henry Ford that epitomizes our community.

‘Coming together is a beginning
Staying together is progress
Working together is success’

Great success has been achieved this year. Our school community have worked together as a team to achieve the same goal of ensuring the best outcomes for our learners. Ka rawe!

Wishing you peace, joy and all the best the holiday season has to offer. Have a safe and happy break with your whanau.

I wish Kevin Booth well for the next six months as he takes over the role of Acting Principal.

Nga mihi
Alison O’Hara
Acting Principal



2018 Staff

Congratulations to Laura Malone-Belliss on winning a team leader position at our school next year. Laura’s talent and skill will be an asset to our leadership team.

We are delighted to welcome four new teachers to our school, who were successful in winning teaching positions recently. They bring a wealth of talent, knowledge and experience with them.

The teachers are: Cordell Hayward—Year 6 (Karearea team), John Dale— Year 3 (Ruru team), Danielle Willian—Year 2 (Tui team), Hilary Slight—Year 1 (Piwakawaka team).

School Organisation – Term 1 2018		
Room	Level	Teacher
1	Yr 6	Cordell Hayward
17	Yr 6	Chris Booth
3	Yr 5	Jan Pickett—Team Leader
4	Y 5	Annette Chapman
5	Yr 4	Glen Howells
6	Yr 4	Laura Malone-Belliss —Team Leader
7	Yr 3/4	Vanessa Spence
8	Yr 3	John Dale
9	Yr 3	Samantha White
10	Yr 2/3	Danielle Willan
15	Yr 1/2	Pernille Struijck
16	Yr 2	Cathy Carroll—Team Leader
14	Yr 1	Maria Evans
11	Yr 1	Jo Maguire—Team Leader
12	Yr 1	Hilary Slight

Acting Principal: Mr Kevin Booth Deputy Principal: Mrs Alison O’Hara
Acting Deputy Principal: Mrs Jo Maguire

Class placement is a complex task requiring consideration of a number of important factors. At the heart of all class placements, is our commitment to the very best education for all children, using high quality resources available to us. Placement of pupils is a professional task of the principal and staff and is often affected by staffing level and number of students at each level.

Virtues Awards

Well done to the following students who were recently recognized for displaying their virtues.



Friendliness: Cienna Newland, Avalee Laird, Olivia Cox, Jessica Curran. **Truthfulness:** Sienna Taylor-Moore, Drew Cooper, David Forsyth, Evie-Mae Hampton-Archer. **Creativity:** Isabella Neil, Harry Wilkinson-Smith, Florence Macbeth, Leighton Slaughter, Haize Lacy, Jacob Hagan, Owen Murphy. **Diligence:** Jash Patel. **Joyfulness:** Lily Camp, Emily Jamieson, Hunter Mitchell, Sophie Taylor, Ashton Baxter, Moana Newland, Zak Luxford, Jesse Toohill, Kayla-Rose Yakas, Devaney Russell. **Tolerance:** Danielle Baxter, Oziah Heta, Logan Plant, Sophia Wiebe, Ayden Musso-Smith. **Kindness and Caring:** Stella Buckland, Isabel Ross.

Board of Trustees

We are fortunate to have a talented and supportive board, governing our school. Janine Heerdegan has skilfully chaired our school Board of Trustees for another year. A big thank you to Janine, Simon Cairncross, Andy Reid, Helen Jones, Cameron Town, Samantha White, Annette Parkinson and Loren Symes. Trustees ensure that our learners are at the centre of all decisions made.

PTA

It has been a mammoth fundraising effort from our PTA this year. PTA have contributed \$20,000 for digital devices and \$30,000 towards the swimming pool redevelopment project.

A phenomenal \$50k in total!

We sincerely thank our school families and wider school community for generously supporting fundraisers this year. A big thank you to Anna Herd for capably leading the PTA with great support from Carryn Wilkins (secretary) and Nicola Gibbons (treasurer). Many thanks to the PTA committee for doing the ground work and parent helpers who have supported as well.

Star of the Week



Finnian Sinclair



Millie Richardson

Womble of the Week



Lucas Toohill



Carter
Watkins-Oxtoby



Academic Achievement and/or Progress

Congratulations to the following students:



Jayden Fergusson: Very strong acting in the operetta.
Brooke McGinniss: For your singing and acting as a lead role in the operetta.
Chloe Bardell: Great questioning during her inquiry.
Markus Wiebe: Excellent results in Mathematics.
Harris Whittington: Great work on his e-portfolio!!
Zachary Quinn: Outstanding e-asTTle mathematics results—Top of the class, working at level 5.
Devika Madhu: Amazing progress with reading and spelling.
Melanie Goosen: Room 7 spelling queen bee.
Alma Erstad: Excellent achievement and progress in all areas of learning.

Daniel Sherborne: Fantastic effort with his Information Report on Tuatara.
Layla Knight: Awesome effort with her information report on the Kiwi.
Emma Ding: Awesome effort and progress with her learning.
Ruby Bartley: Great progress in all her learning.
Nina Forrest: Excellent effort and progress made in all areas of learning.

Madelyn Jones: Great progress in all areas.
Serena Chernoff: Excellent progress in her reading and self correcting when it doesn’t make sense.
Aman Singh: Getting the important facts into the introduction to his report on weta.
Guy Fitzgerald: Being a focused learner.

Swimming Pool Redevelopment



Our swimming pool and surrounds look amazing. Landscaping has been completed. Personalised bricks laid, decking has been built around part of the pool and there is seating on the far side. The pool has also been painted. There will

be seating in a tiered stand at the end of the pool, however this will be completed early 2018. The area is currently temporarily fenced off.

We are waiting for the safety rails on the side of the pool to be attached and final health and safety checks to be completed. When we have the go ahead, pool keys will be available to purchase. A notice will be sent home next week if keys can be purchased by Friday 15th. Otherwise keys will be available from January 17th.

Mite 10 Mega Tough Kids

Congratulations to our 183 students who took part in this event and competed with true grit and spirit to complete the course. A great time was had by all. Thank you to our many parent supporters on the day.



Farewell

We farewell three teachers at the end of this year. Jennifer Thrasyvoulou, Keith Johnson and Heather Puklowski start a new chapter in their lives. We thank them for their dedication, commitment and loyal support to our school. Jennifer has taught at our school for 25 years, Keith for 22 years and Heather for five years. During that time, these teachers have made a difference to many children’s lives, helping to shape their future. We are looking forward to seeing them back in a part time or relieving capacity.



Piwakawaka Discovery Helpers

Thank you to all our Piwakawaka Discovery Time helpers for 2017. We are very appreciative of all help and support to keep this Learning Through Play programme exciting for our learners. A special thank you to Bryon, Alex and Pat for the past two years building expertise. Ka Pai.



Foodbank Collection

Thank you very much for your support of Mufti/Wheels Day on Wednesday. We collected a large number of cans and non perishable food items that the City Mission were thrilled to collect.



Uniforms

Negotiations are underway for Anderson’s Uniform shop in the top block of Victoria Avenue to take over our school uniform sales. If negotiations are successful this will occur from January 1st.

GoneGreen cleaner

A group of year six students were busy on Wednesday afternoon making another batch of their **GoneGreen** cleaner, after the last one sold out in just over two weeks! At \$4 a bottle, they make great Christmas presents. If your existing bottle is running low, now’s the time to come and get it refilled for just \$2. You will find students selling the environmentally friendly cleaner near the school office after school each day.

