

16 February 2018

Kia ora koutou

The teaching and learning year is well under way. House Leaders' Retreat was a great success, Goal Setting session number one was completed on Thursday and we are looking forward to next Monday's final session. Room 1 pupils and parents are off to Eltham for their 'Mountain to the Sea' camping experience on Tuesday while Room 17 are preparing for camping 'Up the Creek' at Mangamahu. Room 5 and 6 will be camping at school the following week and Thour Zone will be at Makahika in Week 8. We are very grateful to those parents who are able to take time off work to assist with these truly memorable experiences. And let us not forget our staff who are willing to plan and organise these outdoor experiences. Thank you.

We are in the process of reactivating Walking Wednesdays. A separate newsletter will follow to give final details. Please study the enclosed map. This will be a helpful reminder to new parents about where to park and where good crossing points are for their children on their way to school.

We have an ant epidemic in Whanganui where we find ourselves in an on-going battle to combat their insurgent exploits into our lunch boxes. To ensure your children don't have to share with these pests please provide an ant proof container and we will do our best to train children to keep the lids on.

It is great to see children toiling their way around the triathlon course at school; always a highlight for many in our sporting calendar. Thank you to Glen Howells for setting up the summer sports teams. We always need parents to help with managing the teams and ask that you consider taking up this role or perhaps share the coaching duties with others.

Nga mihi Kevin

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Welcome



A special welcome to the following new students and their families. Sam Ellingham & Alenah Hawley. We wish you all the best for your learning at our school.

Virtues Awards

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



Determination: Haine Hanson, Amber Turner, Leith Dorricott, Bailee Jones. **Empathy:** Lilly Terrey. **Flexibility:** Isla Jones. **Kindness:** Isabel Ross, Ethan Lamp, Sophie Cairncross, Mason Bagley. **Friendliness:** Ray Singh, Elizabeth Morton, Devon Grant.

Walking School Bus Map



School Website Address: www.stjohnshill.school.nz

The WOMBLE lunch box.

Does anyone remember the Wombles of Wimbledon Common? Those creatures who made it their business to pick up litter around their community. The Womble lunchbox was developed out of our school's Reduce—Reuse—Recycle policy. Our concerns were to promote wholesome, nourishing food but also foster package free lunches.

WHAT DOES A WASTE-FREE LUNCH LOOK LIKE?

A waste-free lunch

- unwrapped sandwiches
- unwrapped fresh fruit & veg/salad
- homemade cakes, slices, muesli bars, biscuits
- bulk-bought chips, peanuts etc.
- homemade/bulk-bought yoghurt
- cooked food/leftovers
- cheese & cold meats
- water



A waste-free lunch saves money, reduces waste and is often healthier. Food in a reusable lunchbox does not always need to be wrapped. If needed, wrap food in: cloth napkins, paper, zip-lock bags and provide reusable forks & spoons, drink bottles and containers

A waste-full lunch

- sandwiches sealed in plastic bags/wrap
- fruits & veg in plastic bags/wrap
- prepackaged chips, cookies, crackers, fruit bars/straps, muesli bars, cheeses, & other snack food
- individual pots of yoghurt & puddings
- juice boxes & fizzy drink cans

A waste-full lunch typically contains heavily packaged and processed food. This is often expensive and less healthy. Waste items: plastic forks, plastic wrappers, disposable bottles & cans.

Our School Pledge:

We the family of St Johns Hill School promise to act sustainably in the way we think, speak and act. We know we are the caretakers of this beautiful earth and pledge to act sustainably for our future generations.

Star of the Week



Connor Hovey

St Johns Hill School Relay for Life Team

A group of staff are fundraising for the Relay for Life on Saturday 17th March 2018. We will be having two sausage sizzles at Mitre 10 Mega on Sunday 4th March and Sunday 11th March. Please pop down to support our team and enjoy a hot sausage. Many thanks to Sarah & Hayden Gibson for their generous use of the barbeque!

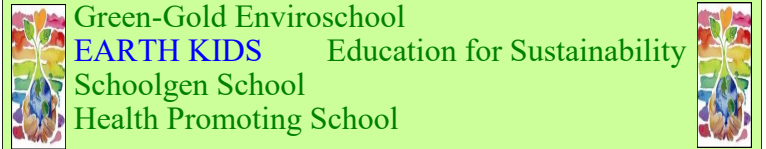
Uniform

Please ensure our school uniform is worn correctly.

No undergarments should be visible.

Note:

- All students are required to wear plain black sandals in the summer terms.
- Regulation school sunhats** are compulsory during Terms 1/4.
- Please ensure all uniform items are well named. This can be particularly frustrating for both staff and parents during swimming season.
- Sports Uniform - All teams except the Hardball Cricket are to wear the St Johns Hill School red sports shirt and plain black shorts. Hardball Cricket team wear all whites.



House Leaders' Retreat

Sixteen leaders and five parents gathered at the Rangitikei Ski Lodge in the Turoa Village settlement to explore their important role of house leadership and to plan activities for the year ahead. "This is the best camp I've ever been on in my whole life". *Connor* "It was cool on the mountain hike. We had to help each other across the streams". *Amber* "I learnt to work with and got to know my house leaders". *Lilly* ...were some of the comments made last week during the course of our stay in the Tongariro National Park. We are looking forward to a great year of personal growth and leadership.



Science in a Van

Emily and Alan came to excite us, stimulate us and encourage us to ask questions; to be curious about the world around us; to think about the science ideas behind everyday experiences and phenomenon. "I learnt about the three states of matter— solid, liquid and gas" *Lilly*. "I now know about the periodic table. Each element is made up of just one kind of atom, like Gold (Au) is made up of just gold atoms, Oxygen (O) is made of just oxygen" *Samu*. We understand this is an expensive time of year for parents so the cost of the Science Van visit of \$1794 has been covered by our curriculum budget.



Room 1 Camp Preparations

Room 1 spent time preparing for camp this week—cooking billy mince and having bike checks completed by Constable Paul Miller.

