

27 July 2018



Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau

Welcome back for Term 3.

After my period of leave it is great to return. We have had an excellent start to the Term 3. Our students and staff have returned rested, happy and eager to start their new term of learning and teaching.

As a “child centred school” all our decisions are based on this philosophy. At St Johns Hill School we have a unique blend of social, environmental and cultural features. These support our tamariki to learn and achieve through the wide range of opportunities and experiences provided. From my perspective the most important resource to maximise our students progress and achievement are our excellent teachers and support staff. They promote a positive classroom culture, where all students see themselves as successful learners, where curiosity and a desire to learn is nurtured and celebrated. I thank them for all their tremendous efforts in achieving this. Your help and support to them is very much appreciated. An important message is given to our students through what they hear and see about the relationship and partnership between your home and our school and the importance we place on education and trying your best.

As you know, a key virtue at our school, is the virtue of respect. At school we often talk about respect for ourselves/ respect for each other or respect for our environment. This is a key outcome in our schools mission statement. Our positive school culture and classroom environments are maintained through our role modelling and insistence for respect to be “lived”. I have asked our teachers to brain storm with their classes what this looks like at our school and I would really appreciate you having a family discussion about what was shared in their class discussions. Also this could be extended to what respect looks like in your home through what your family say and do.

I would like to thank Alison O’Hara and Kevin Booth for the excellent job they did as Acting Principals in my absence and the support given to them by our staff, especially Annette Parkinson our Admin Manager and Jo Maguire who is currently “acting up” as Deputy Principal. Also the ongoing committed support by our capable BOT lead by Janine Heerdegen. We are truly fortunate at St Johns Hill School.

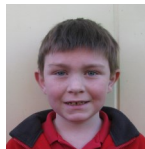
Regards
Michael

P.S Please support our hard working PTA in their latest fundraising for extra ICT/Sports equipment by attending or getting a group of friends/ family/workmates together for our upcoming Casino night. We can also enjoy seeing the All Blacks play Australia on a big screen later in the evening. Tickets available at the school office.

BOT News

Mr Kevin Booth recently applied to the BOT to relinquish his role from the start of 2019 as Deputy Principal and job share a classroom role with Mrs Chris Booth (similar to his role job, sharing a classroom position, with Mr Dennis Hunt). The BOT accepted and agreed to this request. The BOT are currently looking at advertising a Deputy Principal position for our school for the start of 2019.

Star of the Week



Flynn Devane

Womble of the Week



Elle Limpus

Egg Cartons

We require egg cartons so if you have any spare could you please drop them into the office. Thank you.

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Welcome



On day one we welcomed 12 new students to our school family. Nevaeh Kirk, Braxton McNeill, Fatima Rashid, Mitchell Young, Riley Young, Arush Gupta, Wyatt Cross, Malikye Te Weri, Leila-Joy Joblin-Mills, Bella Davies, Faith Hernandez, Nikki Zhou.

Mrs Dinny Harrison is back with us full time until the end of the year and opened the last new entrant room for 2018 in Room 13.

Mr Kevin Booth & Mrs Chris Booth currently have a terms leave and are travelling through Europe. Thank you to Mrs Wendy Brown and Mrs Nicole St Pierre for accepting relieving over this period.

Virtues Awards

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



Consideration: Tana Hawley, Brooke Andrews, Ethan Toy, Mason Hunt, Sophie Bromley, Brooke Rasmussen, Zoe Van Elswyk, Jemela-Jessi Mallinder, Lachlan Pitt. **Assertiveness:** Kosuke Uno. **Respect:** David Forsyth, Jash Patel, Joel Symes, Zariah Wong, Blake O’Brien, Devaney Russell, Louie Filer, Elizabeth Morton, Braxton Pascoe, Sam Watt, Solomon Deere, Danielle Baxter. **Understanding:** Catherine Agnew, Evie Thornton, Judah Roy, Kady Vincent-Skelsey. **Kindness:** Oziah Heta.

Earth Kids—Class Representatives



School Website Address: www.stjohnshill.school.nz



Green-Gold Enviroschool.

EARTH KIDS Education for Sustainability Schoolgen School Health Promoting School



Academic Achievement and/or Progress:

Congratulations to the following students:



Ava Ahern-Grant

For the outstanding connections you are making in math and how you verbalise them.

Lucy Taylor

Hard work and your ability to soak up and use new learning as well as mentor her friends

Jimmy Ye

Making amazing connections and using strategies creatively in maths.

Emily Howells

Making giant strides with your descriptive writing.

Lily Camp

Outstanding reading comprehension - Top the class for e-asTTle reading test

Kosuke Uno

By showing determination and dedication to all areas of learning, you have achieved excellence.

Cooper Hiscox

For creative thinking and rich language during his poetic writing.

Ollie Filer

Amazing reading. A positive Mindset. A want to read and read and read.

Guy Fitzgerald

Concentration and growth mindset in learning fractions

Stella Buckland

For having perseverance and resilient in Literacy. You have made great progress. Tino Pai!

Hunter Lewis

Growth mindset in approaching mathematical challenges

Ronan Christian

Writing letters, sounds and words he hears. You have made excellent progress Ronan. Ka Pai

Sam Ellingham

Excellent progress in maths. Sam knows and recognises numbers into the hundreds. Ka Rawe Sam.

Declan Harris

Declan’s Word power is improving! He can write 15 words from memory. Ka pai

Liam Andrews

For developing an I can attitude in writing. Keep writing awesome stories.

James Macpherson

For excellence in all areas of his learning and always trying his absolute best.

Zack Newton

Always doing your best.

St Johns Hill Schools Got Talent 2018



A great variety of singing, instrumental, dance and drama was shared at our recent school talent quest. Thank you to all students who shared their talents and the help and support provided by whanau and friends.



Celebrating Success

Pippa McKee is a National Champion!! Competing in the NZ Roller Sports Artistic Championships held in Wanganui during the holidays Pippa won Gold for her Creative solo Dance, Silver for Freeski, Silver for Figures, 4th Dance and Whanganui Club show skate win Bronze. Congratulations and well done Pippa, all your hard work paid off.



Mufti Day - Friday 3rd August

PTA fundraising for Chrome books and extra Sports Equipment. Please bring \$2 to support this fundraiser. Thank you we appreciate your support.



Congratulations to Devika & Mila Madhu who recently competed in the Palmerston North Manawatu Performing Arts 2018. Both girls sung in 5 categories. Devika won 2 firsts, 2 seconds, 1 third and highest aggregate. Mila won 1 first, 2 seconds, 2 thirds and a medal for most promising. Well done to you both, great work.