

## Year 6 Poetry Festival 2017

Placegetters - **Recital**

1st Finnian Sinclair

2nd Ivan Adams

3rd Sophia Brown

Highly commended: Zoe Bullock, Brooke McGinniss, Harrison Gorringer

It was great to see and hear all Year 6 students recite poems to their senior peers. Poetry has many benefits for children. Reading poetry can help develop reading skills. Poetry is vocabulary enriched. It teaches grammar and other linguistic skills. It can also improve students' fluency in reading. And it is a great sense of achievement when you commit a poem to memory and can call on it at anytime.

Well done to the placegetters and all who participated.



## Term 3 Date for Diaries Please!!!

**Monday 24th July → Friday 29th September**

July:

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> - PTA Quiz Night

August:

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> - NZ Playhouse presents "Puss n Boots"

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> - Interschool Netball

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> - BOT Meeting

Monday 21<sup>st</sup>-Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Bookfair/Book week

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> - School Birthday (Get thinking. Book character day. Dress up/Parade etc)

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> - Interschool Football Competition

September:

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> - Fitzies Pie Fundraiser (Pies arrive)

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> - Senior School Cross Country (Rm 1→6)

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> - School Photos

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> - Junior Cross Country (Rm 7 → 16)

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> - Aranui Interschool Cross Country

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> - BOT Meeting

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> - PTA Disco

Monday 18<sup>th</sup>-Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Rippa Rugby Tournament—Wellington

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> - General Election—Polling Booth SJHS

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> - Dress Rehearsal for House Singing

Parents invited 1 → 3pm

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> - Last Day Term 3

## Celebrating Success

Congratulations to Devika Madhu who has been awarded the Diane Moreland Challenge Cup for Highest Aggregate Mark in Classes 3,6,7 & 8 from the Wanganui Competitions Society (Inc.) - singing.



## Welcome to School

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



Xavier Jefferies, Tyson McKee, Siya Patel, Jash Patel, Sophie Fulton.



Savannah Jefferies, Frankie Devane, Sam Watt, Isla McKee, Liam Andrews, Isla Hamblin, Ruby Bartley, Braxton Pascoe, Ada Cox, Travis Perry.

## Parent Surveys

We have 70 responses to date from our survey on learner profiles. Thank you for taking the time to do this. We would welcome more responses from our school community. There are forms in the office if you have misplaced yours. There is a link on our Facebook page to complete this digitally, if you wish.

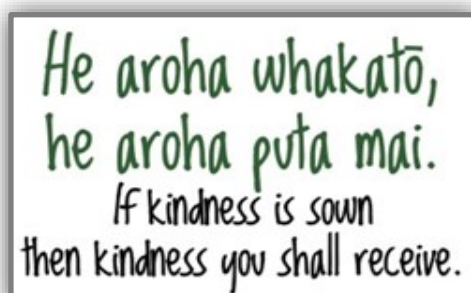
## Star Cards

At St Johns Hill School we celebrate success and positive behaviours by 'catching children while they are being good'. We always look for appropriate behaviour and provide acknowledgement immediately. Star cards are an important part of reinforcing and celebrating good choices and positive behaviours. At weekly assemblies we acknowledge students with presentation of certificates related to the Key Competencies and virtues while school newsletters celebrate those students as well.



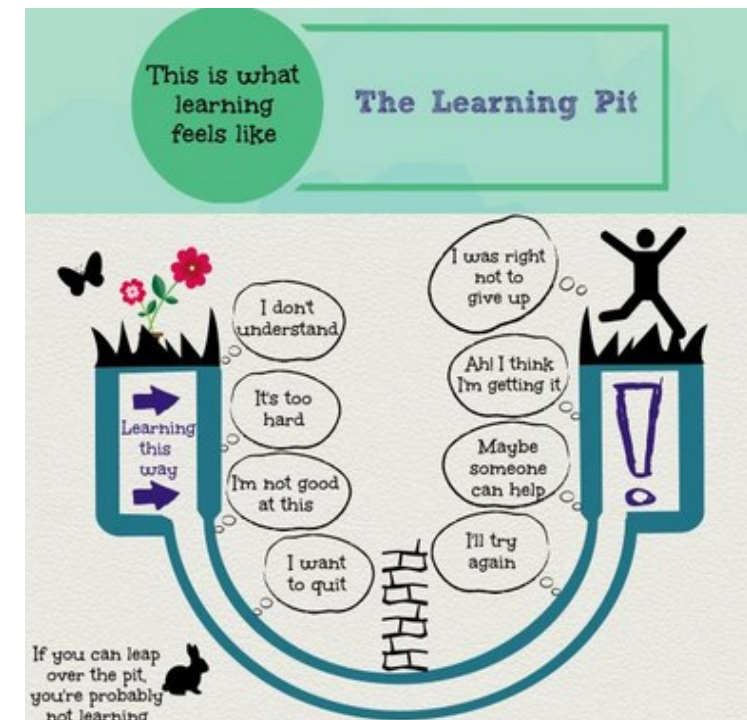
## Kindness

We have been reminding our ākonga about the importance of being kind, in particular using kind words and doing kind acts for others. Please keep reinforcing this at home.



## Growth Mindset

We are encouraging our ākonga to build a growth mindset to challenge themselves, develop resilience and a love of learning. Mindset is a simple idea discovered by world renowned University psychologist Carol Dweck in decades of research on achievement and success—a simple idea that makes all the difference. In order to develop a growth mindset, learners need to exercise and stretch their brain, entering the learning pit to be challenged. The diagram of the learning pit helps to explain the process.



It is important to:

- Keep trying even when it is hard
- Learn from mistakes and move forward
- Seek help and collaborate with others

The following link provides useful information to help develop a growth mindset with your children at home.

<https://www.mindsetkit.org/growth-mindset-parents/how-parents-can-instill-growth-mindset/3-ways-parents-can-instill-growth-mindset>

## 10 What Questions to Develop a Growth Mindset in Children

1. What did you do today that made you think hard?
2. What happened today that made you keep on going?
3. What can you learn from this?
4. What mistake did you make that taught you something?
5. What did you try hard at today?
6. What strategy are you going to try now?
7. What will you do to challenge yourself today?
8. What will you do to improve your work?
9. What will you do to improve your talent?
10. What will you do to solve this problem?

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau

Tēnā koutou katoa. Welcome back to Term 3 and a special welcome to our new whānau and ākonga (learners) who have joined us this term. I hope everyone is feeling well rested and ready for the term ahead.

Thank you for attending our learner/parent/teacher conferences at the end of last term and sharing the learning with your children and their teacher. I am amazed at the individual progress our ākonga have made. I was particularly encouraged to read the positive comments about effort and attitude of our ākonga. Tino pai!

Thank you for your valuable support in helping your ākonga at home. Research tells us that parental engagement has a major effect on children's education e.g. having a strong relationship and communicating well with the teacher, setting expectations with your children and positive engagements around homework. Keep up the great work!

We have another productive term ahead with a special event –'Book Week' in Week 5 culminating in Grandparents Day, celebrating our school birthday, on the 25 August. We have a team of keen librarians/teachers planning some exciting events during Book week. Watch this space.....!

Ngā mihi

Alison O'Hara

Principal

## Management Changes



Alison O'Hara and Kevin Booth have taken over the role as Principal during Michael Fitzgerald's refreshment leave. Alison will be Principal until the end of 2017. Kevin is Principal for the first half of 2018.

Jo Maguire will be Deputy Principal for the duration of Michael's leave.

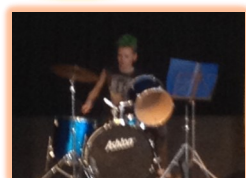
(Jo Maguire, Alison O'Hara, Kevin Booth)

We are excited by the opportunity to collaborate as a leadership team and look forward to engaging with you over the coming months.

*Best Wishes* Our school community all wish Michael well for his period of leave. We look forward to seeing Michael about the place in another capacity - wearing his parent hat!

## TALENT QUEST 2017

What a wonderful afternoon of entertainment we had on the last day of term. Over many years now we have invited all children from Y3 upwards to think about their talents in the performing arts with a view to putting themselves on the stage. Auditions were run by the house leaders and Mr and Mrs



Booth. Advice and helpful hints were given to improve their acts. On show day twenty-one performances wowed the audience with instrumental items, songs sung by groups and solo artists, dance routines, gymnastics and a range of variety acts. Thank you and well done to all our performers. St Johns Hill School 'HAS GOT TALENT'.