

29 June 2018

Kia ora koutou

Thank you so much to all those parents and grandparents who came along to the Green Gold Celebration. You made it possible to reach our goal, that every child plant a tree or flax or shrub in the school grounds (417 trees). A huge THANK YOU to Bryce and Mary of Beaver Tree Services for generously providing the trees and free labour along with Scotty Moore from DOC who coordinated the project and helped with the planting.

This week our Halo team, in conjunction with Bushy Park Halo-‘Beyond the Fence’, The Virginia Lake Trust, DOC Community Ranger Scotty Moore and the Whanganui District Council, set out 50 tracking tunnels around the perimeter of Virginia Lake. After 48 hours the team retrieved the ink cards which indicated the presence of rats, mice and hedgehogs. We have handed the cards on to Scotty Moore to provide us with a definitive result. The next stage of the project will depend very much on the District Council as to what form of trapping should follow as a result of these findings. This is a wonderful, authentic environmental project for our tamariki.

Sadly this is my last newsletter to you all. I have found the role as principal very stimulating and rewarding. We have a very talented and hard working management team who keep the wheels in motion and tracking smoothly. A young pupil asked me today, “Do you run the whole school Mr Booth?” “Absolutely!” I replied with a wry grin on my face. But no, it is not down to one person but a hard working team of teachers, support staff, administrators, parents and caregivers, a committed Board of Trustees and PTA who all carry out their roles to make St Johns Hill School a great place for our children to learn. We are looking forward to the return of Michael Fitzgerald next term who has expressed to me how excited he is to be returning after his year long break.

Nga mihi nui
Kevin

Academic Achievement and/or Progress:

Congratulations to the following students:



Peter Adams

An outstanding result with your Math E-asTTle test

**Marcus Wiebe
Taylor McLachlan
Heidi Johnston
Katie Cairncross**

Great effort with your writing
Excellent improved results
Excellent, descriptive writing
An excellent understanding of applying strategies to word problems - High achiever in e-asTTle

Tayla Scrivener

Always having a Growth Mindset and doing the best that she can in reading, writing and maths.

Sophie Booth

For extra effort in preparation and planning for her play performance.

**Addison Healey
Elyse Hale
Molly Hardy**

Great effort in Literacy. Tino Pai
For great effort in all learning areas
Developing her bank of ‘Popwords’ that she can read and write from memory.
Developing a can do attitude in writing
Great effort and improvement in independent writing tasks

**Danielle Baxter
Asta Norman**

For excellent math's thinking .

Thomas Bowen

Virtues Awards

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



Respect: Cameron Gilchrist, Ruby Fitzpatrick, Saransh Kumar, Ashton Kibblewhite, Zariah Wong, Ronan Christian, Robbie Foothead, Jade Papworth, Jed Bullock, Charlotte Foothead, Isaak Joblin-Mills.

Consideration: Hunter Giltrap, Izabella Agnew, Danielle T-M, Annabelle Brown, Sophie Taylor, Arshy Singh, Vicky Ye, Leodin Joblin-Mills, Aylah Knight, Cooper Annabell, Jessie Howells.

Understanding: Serena Chernoff, Ruby Smith, Theo O’Leary, Madelyn Jones, Ryleigh Dorricott, Mila-Jaye Fantham-Houia.

Reminder:

If you have purchased tickets for the Nathan Mikaere-Wallis presentation on 9th July these are now available to be collected from the school office. Thank you.

Teacher/Student/Parent Conferences Monday 2nd July

If you have not already booked an interview time please go online: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
Event code: 62bun
Reminder children are to be collected at 12.30pm. Your help and support is appreciated.

Star of the Week



Layla Knight



Eva Devane

Welcome to School

A warm welcome to the newest member of our school family, Annabelle Stoop. We wish you all the best with your learning at our school.



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EFS Green-Gold Celebration



Green-Gold EnviroSchool
EARTH KIDS Education for Sustainability
Schoolgen School
Health Promoting School

Scott Taylor Moore assisting Amber Cooke and David Forsyth to make wax wraps using the bees wax very kindly donated by the good people of Settlers Honey.



The Halo Team trekking up to Virginia Lake to set out the Tracking Tunnels.



A group of Year 5 children planting and weeding natives out at Gordon Park Scenic Reserve.



Zoe Wilkins, Connor Rooke, Abigail Roy and Jake Newton sort, analyse and weigh a weeks worth of waste generated by the school over the course of one week. We are edging closer to our ‘Zero Waste’ goals. Our daily average was as follows:

| Waste Audit | 2015 | 2018 |
|-----------------|---------|--------|
| Recyclables | 7 kg | 4.7 kg |
| Food scraps | 6 kg | 3.2 kg |
| Non-recyclables | 10.7 kg | 3.7 kg |

The question we are asking of ourselves is:
What actions do we need to take to get even closer to our goal of Zero Waste?

