

Kia ora koutou

WARNING! St Johns Hill School has got worms! Lots of them! But don't panic. They are not residing in the intestines of our tamariki. These worms are compost worms who are domiciled in three old bath tubs next to the chook house. These are our worm farms which we feed daily with food scraps left over from our morning teas and lunches. Nutrient rich worm juice and worm castes are applied to our vege gardens.

WE ARE AN ENVIROSCHOOL. The worm farms are just one of the many on going sustainable actions our students are involved in. Did you know we have photovoltaic solar panels, providing renewable energy from the sun, solar water panels warming our pool, class vege gardens, a recycling shed, class and office recycling, chooks which provide compost for the gardens, eggs for sale and cooking. We encourage, promote and model rubbish free lunch boxes as a way of minimising rubbish. We have shade houses in which native seedlings are propagated, an orchard, a beautiful native reserve, a weather station, a peaceful garden and food scrap bins. We have a working relationship with Gordon Park and the Department of Conservation as well as Bushy Park Sanctuary. We have a newly developed Predator Free NZ group called the Halo Team. Senior students participate in kapa haka and all classes are tutored in te reo and tikanga (maori custom and etiquette) which strengthens Maori children's identity while non-Maori journey towards shared cultural understandings. Energy audits are kept regularly by senior pupils with a view to exploring ways we can reduce our energy consumption.

Our school has been developing Education for Sustainability within our curriculum plan since before the year 2000 and we continue to do so.

"There is no environment 'out there' separate from us. The environment is embedded in us. We are as much a part of our surroundings as the trees and birds and fish, the sky and water and rocks."

Nga mihi
Kevin



Virtues Awards

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



Kindness: Zac Davies, Connor Ellicott, Jonas Pa'a, Liam Penwarden, Isla McKee, Logan Plant, Sophia Wiebe, Kento Uno.
Friendliness: Benjamin Law, Deepika Madhu, Micah Chiet, Wairangi Potaka-Osborne Milner-Skudder.

Walking School Bus

The Walking Wednesday School Buses have resumed operation. If you wish to be part of the programme please contact the office to register your interest. It is great to see our tamariki out pounding the pavements on their way to school in the mornings.

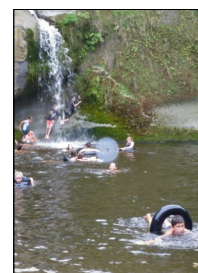


Year 4 Overnight Camp

Our Year 4 students enjoyed a fun day out and overnight stay at school recently. The camp concluded with a Polar bear swim early Saturday morning before everyone packed for home. A great time was had by all. Many thanks to all our parent helpers.



Room 17 Camping—'Up the Creek'



The Water Hole

A huge thank you to our camp Mums and Dads who took us over to Mangamahu, up the Creek Rd, for 4 days of roughing it in the outdoors on Brenda and Andy Collins' farm. It rained on Tuesday so we wore a bit of mud but happily the sun came out and warmed us for the remainder of the week.



Cooking on the Campfire



Hiking to the 'Trig' - WE MADE IT!

Upcoming Camps

We wish fine weather upon Room 1 and Thour Zone as they venture out to their respective camps next week. Room 1 to Eltham Camp and Thour Zone to Makahika Outdoor Pursuit Centre.

Star of the Week



Livi Heerdegen



Eva Kavanagh

School Cleaner Wanted

We require a cleaner for 10 hours a week, Monday-Friday, 3-5pm.

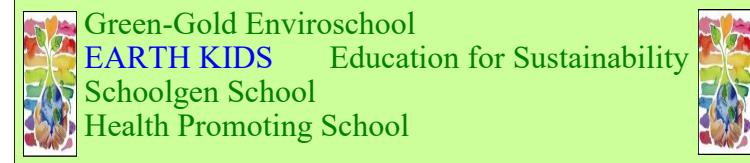
If you are interested or know someone who could be, please contact:

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Discovery Time

Thank you to our dedicated team of volunteers who help make discovery time on Friday so much fun for our Piwakawaka and Tui teams.



Academic Achievement and/or Progress:

Congratulations to the following students:



Tana Hawley
Jack Bowen
Joshua Gibbons
Cooper Lawrence

Arshy Singh

Pheobe Banks
Sophia Su'a
Riley Symes

Ian Kim

Jade Papworth

Jonty Belliss

Devon Grant
Theo O'Leary

Gritted determination with learning basic facts. Excellent reasoning demonstrated in maths. Excellent problem solving in maths. Great writing - Excellent personal recount with great personal thoughts and feelings expressed. Excellent results in the PAT Listening Test and Star Reading Test. Great focus on the task at hand. Great spelling knowledge. Amazing dedication to all tasks. Great addition strategies that contributed to problem solving. For using a growth mind set in all learning tasks and for showing perseverance during learning challenges. Especially swimming. Jade is becoming an independent writer. She is writing words that she knows and the first sound in words she wants to write. For pointing under the words as he reads. Jonty can write the first sound in words that he writes. For using descriptive words in her colour stories. For listening to himself read and correcting when it doesn't look or sound right. Ka pai!

Notice of forthcoming AGM for St Johns Hill School PTA

Monday, 9 April 2018 - 7pm in the Staff Room

The AGM will include the voting of the PTA committee for the following positions: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Board of Trustees Representative.

If you would like to nominate a person or yourself for one of the positions prior to the AGM, please email annaherd@sky.com by 12noon on Friday, 6 April 2018. All welcome!



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