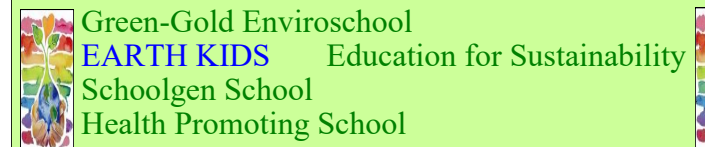


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Welcome to School

A special welcome to the following new students and their families. Aaron Misra, Cooper McKinnon, Ayden Benton, Vittorio Anderson, Kyla Symes, Molly Hardy, Isabella Boden-Cave. We wish you all the best for your learning at our school.



Growth Mindset

We are encouraging our akonga to build growth mindsets in order to challenge themselves, develop resilience and a love of learning. Continual encouragement of growth mindset development in our akonga will support future-focused learning and new pedagogies for deeper learning.

All classrooms have posters on display with growth mindset phrases.

- Keep going when things get tough
- Dig deep and stick with it
- I can always improve
- Pause for a moment and just think
- I will learn from this

Please talk to your tamariki about the meaning of the phrases and encourage them to change their actions at home and school to promote growth mindset. They are positive messages for adults to heed as well!

Generation Zero



Generation Zero cyclists visited our school assembly on Tuesday. The group have

cycled from Auckland and will finish their ten day tour in Wellington on Friday. Promoting sustainable action and talking to our learners about climate change and clean transport solutions were the key messages. Our amazing environment and the number of sustainable actions we undertake at St Johns Hill School, impressed the group. If you are interested, there is a Generation Zero facebook page where you can see photos/posts of the group's journey.



Bible in School

Starts Wednesday 7th March. Programme delivered to Room 1→7 and 17. This is an international religious education programme which also supports the teaching of the values/virtues we promote and encourage at our school. Unless you personally have strong grounds for your child not to participate we encourage attendance. If your child is not to attend, please send a note. Children not attending will be supervised at the library. Thank you.

Academic Achievement and/or Progress:

Congratulations to the following students:



Zak Papworth

For his tenacious approach to learning and his successes with his basic facts.

Jake Newton
Cosette Guy

Effective creative recrafting and cameo writing. Creative problem solving and strategizing in mathematics.

Liam Meijer
Annabelle Brown

Imaginative and creative re-crafting! Fantastic Speller - mastered all essential spelling words.

Ji Ho Lee
Emily Jamieson

Focus and attention with her writing activities. Great listening to expectations and writing on topic.

Ella Papworth

Combined achievement in spelling and handwriting.

Chloe Andrews
Ruby Smith
Isaak Joblin-Mills

Excellent focus and attention to her writing. Staying focused and doing her best in writing. For using his alphabet sound knowledge to help him read and write.

Isla Hamblin

Being a self motivated reader who is achieving well.

Asta Norman

For having consistent on task behavior and excellent use of 'because' in her Tui writing.

Zoe Baskett

For staying focused and always doing her best—no matter what!

Swimming Sports

On **Tuesday 6 March**, we will be holding our senior school swimming sports. The event will be held at the Splash Centre from 11.00am until approximately 2.15pm. Students in Year 4, 5 and 6 will be involved and must be confidently able to swim one length in freestyle, backstroke or breaststroke.

All students that are competing, will be leaving school at 10.30am and walking to the Splash Centre. We will require some parents to accompany us for this walk. Please contact your child's teacher if you are able to help.

School Triathlon

On **Friday 16 March**, we will be holding the senior triathlon final at 1.00pm. Prior to this date, year groups will run their own event and students will have recorded a time for completing a full triathlon.

On the day of the final, students will be grouped with others that have recorded similar times in practice races. Students will need to complete all three sections of the triathlon to compete on this day. They will require their togs, towel, bikes and helmet. Parents are encouraged to come along and support the competitors on the day.

Easter Break

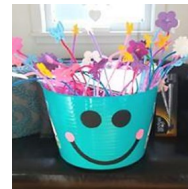
School will be closed on Good Friday 30th March and re-open Wednesday 4th April.

Cartridge World has provided a re-cycling box for used printer cartridges. The box is located in the library foyer.



Bucket Filling

We are a bucket filling school. Bucket filling encourages positive behaviour by using the concept of an invisible bucket to show tamariki how easy and rewarding it is to express kindness, appreciation and love by "filling buckets"



When you treat others with kindness and respect you fill their bucket. When you fill someone's bucket, you fill your own bucket too. You feel good when you make others feel good.

Virtues Awards

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



Kindness: Abigail Roy, Kyna Chandra, Aleah Loft Angel, Addison Healey, Campbell Wilkins, James Macpherson, Savannah Jefferies, Milly Vivian, Denby Whittington.

Flexibility: Elizabeth Adrole, Jett Casey, Jazz Bains, Jack Heerdegen, Isabella Neil.

Determination: Pippa Sager, Molly-May Smith-Hogg, Kosuke Uno, Xavier Jefferies, Lily Newton, Liam McCosh, Noah Toy, Zak Luxford.

Courage and Determination: Sophie Bromley.

Friendliness: Hunter Scrivener, Imogen Daley, Isaak Joblin-Mills, Maggie Savage, Taumarua Town, Te Awanui Firmin-Cooper.

PTA

The first PTA meeting was held on Monday 14 February. It was pleasing that six new parents attended the meeting. Fundraising ideas were discussed and we will keep you informed when planning is underway.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on the 9 April where re-election of officers will take place. Parents/caregivers/whanau are welcome to attend this meeting. Our PTA had a mammoth 2017, fundraising \$50,000 towards chrome books and swimming pool redevelopment. We are grateful for their wonderful effort and the community support we were bestowed. We would really appreciate this continuing in 2018. Hot cross buns are the first PTA fundraiser. **Please get orders in by 7 March.**

Parking

When dropping off or picking up your children before and after school, please park vehicles on the road safely. If the carpark gate in Peakes Road is locked after school, vehicles must park on the road – not on yellow lines or on the footpath.

Star of the Week



Bayley Perrin Olivia Back



Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau

Tena koutou katoa

As Kevin Booth is 'Up the Creek' at Mangamahu, making camping memories with our Room 17 learners, I am writing this week's newsletter.

Thank you to parents, caregivers and learners who attended goal setting meetings with teachers in Week 3 and 4. These meetings were a valuable opportunity to engage with class teachers, make connections and discuss next steps in your child's learning.

We believe that a strong home and school partnership is vital for the success of our akonga (learners). Research continues to show parental engagement as a significant factor in a child's success at school. If you were unable to attend a meeting please contact your child's teacher to arrange an alternative time.

If you have any concerns or questions please ensure you speak with the classroom teacher as soon as possible. We encourage early intervention before problems escalate. A flow chart is on the parent noticeboard identifying the pathway to follow when there is a concern or issue.

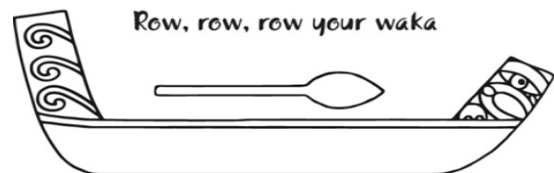
Nga mihi nui

Alison O'Hara
Deputy Principal

Whakatauki

He waka eke noa.
We're all in this together.

Row, row, row your waka



2017 Achievement Information

Whole school achievement information was recently shared with our staff and Board of Trustees. The table below sets out achievement in relation to the National Standards.

At or above National Standard	Reading	Writing	Mathematics
All students	86%	91%	92%
Year 6	100%	96%	89%

We are proud of the progress of all of our students, with special mention of the achievement of our Year 6 akonga (learners) who have transitioned to Year 7. These learners begin the next stage of their educational journey well prepared as literate and numerate akonga!

During our reporting process we identified progress and achievement made with our annual targets for reading, writing and maths. We are very proud of the significant individual progress our akonga made last year. Accelerated progress (which indicates more than one year's progress within a year) was made by 17 akonga in reading and 15 in writing. All target learners made pleasing progress over the year.

As you may be aware, 2017 was the last year of schools reporting in relation to National Standards. We are mindful of not 'throwing the baby out with the bath water' and will endeavour to seek information and share with families more about assessment and reporting changes as the year continues.

School Pool closed today, 2nd March for Year 4 Camp.