

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau
Tena Koutou Katoa

A big thank you to all staff and the parent helpers for the wonderful experiences and opportunities provided through the recent Education Outside the Classroom Camps. I am sure all will have treasured memories of these exciting times!! This week I got to visit our students at Mangamahu and I look forward to visiting Levin in the next couple of weeks.

A copy of goals set at the recent Goal Setting Meetings should have come home. Not all students meet the same milestones at the same time. Therefore setting challenging but realistic goals for individual progress for each student is really valuable.

As children enter school with different levels of readiness/experience/ literacy it is challenging to get many of our students to expected levels in early years. We really appreciate parental help and support with home reading, writing and maths. We like this work to be enjoyable and fun, so better for parents to be doing the “mileage” on easier material/tasks or reinforcing work taught at school. If it is a battle or too hard, something is wrong, peg it back and/or speak to your childs teacher. As explained, not all children will reach milestones at the same time, but our aim is to get our students at or above National Standards by the time they leave to go onto Intermediate. I am really proud of the effort our teachers make to meet individual needs and how well our children are prepared when they move on. Below is a grid of achievement for our 2016 Year 6 students moving onto their chosen Intermediate. The “stats” speak for themselves!! Well done everyone.

	Below Standard	At Standard	Above Standard
Reading	0%	33%	67%
Writing	4% (2 children)	55%	39%
Maths	4% (2 children)	53%	43%

Thank you for your ongoing help and support.
Regards
Michael

Welcome to School


A special welcome to the following new students and their families.
Harlow Rowan Pikari,
Jimmy, Vicky & Emily Ye,
Payton & Aylah Knight,
Mila-Jaye Fantham-Houia.

We wish you all the best for your learning at our school.



Bible in School

Starts Wednesday 8th March. Programme delivered to Room 1 → 8. 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.



Star of the Week:



Hunter Lewis,
Charlee Joseph





Connor Hovey


Womble of the Week:



Connor Hovey

PTA Term 1 Fundraiser—Cultural Food Festival

Thursday 23rd March, 5 → 7pm



We appreciate all the help and support of our school community in making this another great success.

- Food stalls—Spanish/Canadian/Mexican/South Africa/English/American/Icelandic/Sausage Sizzle/Hangi/Italian/Indian/Dutch
- Also children’s stalls—Activities/Cakes/Sweets
- Hangi tickets are being presold. These are available from the school office at \$5/\$10 a meal. Ask your workmates/family/whanau and pre purchase meals to guarantee satisfaction. Pre sold hangi meals only will be available for collection from the Hangi stand from 4.45pm on the night.
- All families not involved in stalls are being asked to provide baking to sell on the night. All donations are gratefully received however, if possible, below is what we would like to get a good variety.

Room 1/2/3/4/5/6—A cake Room 7—Plain Scones

Room 8/9/10—Muffins/Slice/Biscuits

Room 11/12/14/15/16—Sweets
- Gazebos are still needed. Please ring Annette or Amanda on 349 1750 if you are able to help
- Newspaper for the Hangi. Please keep collecting and drop off to the “Newspaper Box” at the school office.
- All meals will be purchased using \$2 tickets. All items and meals will range from \$2 to \$10. Tickets will be available to purchase on the night from 4.30pm or from the school office on Monday 20th/Tuesday 21st/Wednesday 22nd.

To avoid frustration please bring cash to the Gala.
Bring coins for children’s games and activities.
Eftpos machine will be operating but last time there was a que.

- We are promoting the event through our community. We have an advertisement on our school facebook page www.facebook.com/stjohnshillschool. Please like our page and share the event with your friends. Spread the word, bring along family and friends. Tell your workmates.

Thanks for helping us help your school.☺

School Swimming Sports – Tuesday 14th March, 9:30 – 12:00

On Tuesday the 14th of March we will be holding our senior school swimming sports. This event will be held at the Splash Centre starting as close to 9:30am as possible. Students in years 4, 5 and 6 will be involved and will have to be able to confidently swim one length of the Splash Centre in either freestyle, backstroke or breaststroke. All students that are competing will be leaving school at 9:05 and walking to the Splash Centre. We will require some parents to accompany us for this walk, please contact your child’s classroom teacher if you are able to help.


School Triathlon – Wednesday 29th March, 1pm – 2:45pm

On Wednesday the 29th of March we will be holding our senior school triathlon final. Prior to this date year groups will have run their own event and students will have recorded a time for doing 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 the day. They will require their togs, towel, bikes and helmet. Parents are encouraged to come along and support the competitors on this day.

Academic Achievement and/or Progress

Congratulations to the following students:



Ivan Adams

Dhruv Lal

Peter Adams

Mathematical thinking and problem solving

King of the 56 tables

Excellent knowledge of Place Value in Mathematics

Sophie Banks

Youqi Wu

Tyson Back

Owen Murphy

Leah Bullock

Descriptive, engaging writing

Outstanding spelling

A cleverly written poem about BMX biking.

Excellent spelling and listening results

Fantastic use of your spelling patterns when writing new words independently.

Phoebe Banks

Excellence for attention to detail in written language.

Ryan Comrie– Hokopaura

Jonas Pa’a

Excellent use of reading strategies.

Always doing his best

Virtues Awards

Well done to the following students who were recently recognised for displaying their virtues.



Creativity:
Brooke McGinniss,
Jaiden Toy,
Trista Ormsby,
Sienna T-M,
Evie-Mae
Hampton- Archer,
Alana Gleeson,

Orderliness:

Tamzyn Newland, Joel Symes, Lucas Munn, Steven Forsyth, Constine Ranginui-Katene, Elle Limpus, Riley Loader, Bella-Jean Fantham-Houia.

Unity:

Sophia Su’a, Ian Kim, Finaly Cairncross, Zoe Van Elswyk, Jack Reid, Hans Martin, Melissa Lister, Aleah Loft-Angel.


Friendliness:

Vitti Aspinall, Oziah Heta, Zoe Baskett, Olive Coombs, Lara Crawford, Booker Davidson.

Term 1 Sports

Summer sports are now underway and students will have received their team list for their chosen sports. A big thank you to all parents who put their names forward to coach our St Johns Hill School teams. We ask that parents ensure their child is aware of practice days and times, that they wear correct sports uniform for games and that they make their coaches aware when they are unable to make practices or games.

Glen Howells
School Sports Co-ordinator





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Room 2 Mountain to the Sea Taranaki Camp

Remembering Camp—By Room 2

No hot school days in the classroom...

My feet remember the hot sand running down into the cool blue sea.

My legs remember pumping the pedals along the waterfront to Te rewā Rewa whale bridge.

My body remembers being tossed and tumbled through the reckless rapids.

My arms remember clambering up the steep boulders to Wilkies pools on Mt Taranaki.

My hands remember sticky damper mix.

My face remembers warm radiation from the camp fires.

My mouth remembers delicious herby billy mince.

My mind remembers that camp will come around again.

Rubber Tubing—By Danielle T-M

Classmates gently drifted down the flowing river, water tickling our gnarly toes as we sat in our raven black doughnuts.The icy cold water trickled up our limp bodies and sent shivers up our spines. I felt myself at ease, as I soothed my muscles in my circular black bed.

Until...

Water tentacles launched at my small black dinghy. The rapids spiralled down, smashing at the rocks. Little remains of tentacles combined again and rested after their savage moment. But as I rocketed down the nightmare slide, I released a blood curdling scream, realising my bottom had met the rocks. My heart tried to hammer itself out of my chest.

I had survived, even though salty waves were whipping out of my pearl eyes. I looked back at the ballistic furry then paddled on to the sweet beach as the pain seeped in.



Year 4 Big Day Out and Overnight Stay

Friday the 24th of February was a perfect day. The day began with tents being pitched at school. Then it was out to the Basin Reserve for a range of activities-
Spilly Billy, Photo Trail, Nature Walk, Frisbee Golf and Blind Fold Trust.

This was followed by a refreshing dip at the Wanganui East Pools. The Polar Bear Swim the next morning was however a different kind of refreshing. Before we knew it tents were being packed up and tired children were heading home with their parents.

All in all a great time was had and a successful overnight stay ran very smoothly. Thank you to all those parents who helped.

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