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Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau

Kia ora tatou

This is the final newsletter for Term 1. School closes now in less than two weeks, on Thursday 13th April. We have had a great term of learning, experiences, events and fun, but hard to believe how quickly it has gone.

A big thank you to our tremendous PTA and all our wonderful families who helped make our recent Cultural Food Festival such a success.

It was an excellent night and great to showcase the varied cultures we have within our school community. The final figure raised is yet to be finalised. We will let you know in the next newsletter.

Also thank you to so many, who over the term have helped the school and our students in so many ways. Coaching sports teams/school camps/discovery time/triathlons/transport/visits/classroom helpers etc etc etc. Your efforts are much appreciated.

Remember when you go to bed on Saturday night to put your clocks back an hour!!

Kind Regards Michael

New Students

A special welcome to the following students who have recently joined our school family. We wish you all the best for your learning.

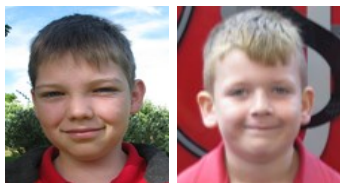


Toby Young,
Ella Cavanagh,
Devon Grant,
Anjully Sok,
Ryleigh Dorricott.

PTA News

- PTA meeting Monday 3rd April, 7pm. Staffroom.
- Sausage Sizzle, Thursday 13th April. Cost \$2 per sausage.
- School Disco—Friday 7th April
Junior Y1 → 3, 5-6pm
Senior Y4 → 6, 6.30-7.30pm
\$3 entry fee. Drinks, nibbles & glowsticks available to purchase. Please ensure children are dropped off and collected at the hall.

Womble of the Week:



Harrison Gorringe Mason Hunt

Star of the Week:



Katie Cairncross Lochie Burroughs

Winter Sports Teams

This week Glen Howells, SJHS Sports Co-ordinator, put out registration forms for SJHS sports teams. (If you did not get one, see the office.) Please ensure you have your registration form and money in to the office by Friday 7th April. Remember to note any details Glen needs to know on that form.

We are very proud that so many of our students and their families are keen to be involved in sport. However the co ordination of this is a big job so please support Glen by getting your notice back on time and stepping up and putting your name forward to coach and/or manage a team. Without your help we are unable to register teams!! Teams will be sorted and team lists will be given out at the start of next term.

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Virtues Awards

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



Umar Sohail, Lucas Munn, Ihaia Cooper. **Unity:** Charlie Devane, Ella Papworth, Moana Newland.



Elyse Hale, Nina Forrest, Thomas Bowen, Julie Stoop, Indie Benton.

Creativity:

Alan Elston,
Sophia Brown,
Lucy Wilkinson-Smith,
Jorge Smith-Hogg,
Lilly Terrey,
Nathan Bevins.
Helpfulness:
Noah Jones.
Orderliness:
Phoebe Tripe,

Creativity:

Morgan Taituma-Hamilton.
Orderliness: Ji Ho Lee,
Molly-May Smith-Hogg,
Melanie Goosen.
Unity: Kayla-Rose Yakas,
Elspeth Ifaturoti,
Vishvak Atluri,
Catherine Agnew.
Friendliness:
Denby Whittington,

The River Crossing at Camp Makahika

Thour Zone Camp—Makahika Outdoor Pursuits Centre

The Campfire

Fire crackles.
It screams and shouts.
It sizzles and burns.
It roasts marshmallows.
It sizzles sausages.
Its burns like the sunset.
It burns like no tomorrow.
Evie-Mae



The River Crossing at Camp Makahika

I hear shouts of surprise and joy as people stepped into the fresh cold water of the creek.

I see people running to the river bank like they have never seen land before!

I smell the fresh river breeze coming toward me.

I wonder how many secretly shy animals come here when no one else lurks by the river.

I feel the sunshine burning on my back and feel like diving and splashing around with my friends.

Lucy Wilkinson-Smith

The High Ropes

I wondered if I was ever going to get down?

I see mum and my friends cheering me like a bunch of cockatoos.

I feel the cool of the metal ladder trying to numb my hands.

I smell the fresh air going up my nostrils as I keep on climbing.

I can taste my fear but I am trying to take my mind off it.

Casey Broadhead.



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Academic Achievement and/or Progress

Congratulations to the following students:



Casey Broadhead Writing a super reflection of camp
Elizabeth Adrole Great persuasive writing
Cooper Lawrence Excellent results in the PA Listening Test.
Harry Wilkinson-Smith Excellent spelling results.
Lila Cavanagh Quality writing that is accurate and exiting to read

Lily Camp Excellent results in the PA Listening Test.
Ian Kim Excellence in maths.
Kadyn Vincent-Skelsey Learning his numbers to 10
Booker Davidson Completing early words and becoming a focused reader & writer.

Saad Sohail Excellent results in recent Word Power
Xavier Saunders Excellent work on comprehension at reading time

Paddy Rickard Excellent maths Knowledge
Keanu Joseph Excellent maths knowledge— knowing numbers to 1000

Milly Vivian Trying hard in everything she does. A focused learner.

Nina Forrest Stretching words to hear sounds and writing sentences. Ka Pai Nina.

Celebrating Success



Sophie Banks and Carter Hoskin attend Riding for Disabled on a Monday. At the end of each term students take part in a dressage event to showcase the skills learnt over the term. Term 1's Dressage Day took place on Saturday 25th March at the RDA outdoor arena on Carlton Ave. Riders and horse navigated flags, stepped over obstacles, bought the horse to a halt and ended with a bow to the Judges. The dressage took place in front of Judges and both students were rewarded at the end of the ride with a ribbon, certificate and a sausage sizzle. We are proud of Sophie and Carters achievements.



Windbreakers

Once again this year we are offering the opportunity to purchase personalized windbreakers for students to wear during the winter months at school and/or for afterschool and weekend sporting activities. These are excellent quality, windproof, showerproof, and will keep your child warm

over the chilly winter months. Jackets will be available to order through the school office until the end of Term 1. They can be personalised with a first or last name, or even an appropriate nickname of your choice.

Sample sizes are available to try on at the school office.

Children sizing—8/10/12/14, \$60.

Adult sizing—XS/S, \$65.

**Reminder to please return school pool keys.
A \$5 refund will be given if key is returned before end of Term 1.**

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2017 Cultural Food Festival

A massive thank you to everyone who attended our Cultural Food Festival last Thursday – what a great evening and thank goodness for the weather!

Special thanks go to our sponsors, our PTA members and all those that helped prepare food and helped serve on the night. We couldn't have put on such a successful community event without their support over the past few months: McDonalds, Imlay, Stevos, Pak n Save, Paua, Mitre 10, Display Associates, Hoskins, Daryl James, Harrisons Hire Master, David Jones Motors, SuperValue, the Whanganui Fire Brigade and those supplying the hangi bbq and trailer.

Thank you again

Anna—SJHS PTA Chair

