


Tena Koutou Katoa
This week I got out to visit our students at Mangamahu and at Raukawa. Last week up to Taranaki and out to Bason Reserve. 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!!
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 to meet their individual needs is really valuable. Over the past 12 months we are pleased with students progress and achievement.
On the first of March, as required, we reported our students progress and achievement against the National Standards (NS) in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Pleasingly 92% of our students met or exceeded the NS in Reading, 90% for Writing and 93% for Mathematics. Thank you for your ongoing help and support.
Regards
Michael




New Students

A special welcome to the following students who have recently joined our school family. We wish them all the best for their time here.
Antony Pov and Chanel Hepi.

Keeping Ourselves Safe

This term across the school, the New Zealand Police Programme, Keeping Ourselves Safe, will be presented. Keeping Ourselves Safe is a child protection programme which has been developed in response to an increasing awareness amongst police, schools and the community of the need to protect children from abuse. The Keeping Ourselves Safe programme is intended for children from early childhood to senior secondary levels. This means children and young people can get age appropriate personal safety education right through their schooling.
At St Johns Hill School this programme is delivered twice to the students. The Junior Programme while in Years 1-3 and the Senior Programme in Years 4-6.
Part of the Junior Programme, aligns well with the start of the school year focus on getting to know each other, the families and our community. This part of the programme is currently being delivered. A parent meeting to discuss and share the programme and its content will be held by the Police Education Officer, Paul Miller, on **Tuesday 15th March at 2.30pm.**
It is important that if you have any questions or queries, that you attend this meeting.
Part of Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme will also focus on Cyber Safety. The BOT has just updated our Policy. This aligns with recommended school practice by Netsafe NZ. Prior to setting up our own chromebooks to the web and inviting Year 4→6 students to bring their own chromebooks to school, we have decided to implement the Netsafe Education programme across the school. This is called Hectors world. You can view this on <http://hectorsworld.netsafe.org.nz>



Congratulations Chase Morpeth

Chase has been presented with the Joe Bright Trophy for the most outstanding skater, recently breaking 3 national records in speed skating and a New Zealand record. These were for one National Outdoor speed skating race and two National Indoor speed skating races. Congatulations Chase. We are very proud of you!

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PTA NEWS

“Picnic In the Grounds”

School Family Picnic in our beautiful school grounds

Thursday 10th March, 5-7pm

- ◆ Bring your own food and refreshments
- ◆ BBQ Provided
- ◆ Old fashioned games (Please bring spoon/potato/tie for three legged race/ if you have one)





(The pool will be closed during the picnic)

Good news—Term 4 Gala raised \$9400. Thank-you to all the people who helped in so many ways.

SJHS PTA—AGM

Monday 4th April, 7pm Staffroom
New members welcome. If you aren’t keen to be a member but happy to be a helper for PTA activities, please either come along to the meeting or call the office to let them know.
Thank-you PTA

Upcoming Sporting Events

Rm 1 → 6 Triathlon— Friday 11th March
1 → 3 pm—School Grounds
Great to have the parent support. Please ensure you view along the course and please keep transition point clear.


Senior School Swimming Sports—Thursday 17th March
Years 4, 5 and 6 will be walking down to the Splash Centre to compete in the senior school swimming sports.
We will be leaving school at 9:05 and returning at the start of Lunchtime. The swimming events are scheduled to start at 9:30 and we are hoping to be finished by 12:00.
We will require parent help when walking to and from the Splash Centre. Please contact your child’s classroom teacher if you are able to help.

Interschool Swimming Sports—Tuesday 22nd March
Top competitors from our school swimming sports will be selected to go along to this event. Letters confirming selection will be sent home prior to this day. This event is scheduled to start at 10.30 → 2.30pm.

Star of the Week -

“Catch them while they’re Good”

Star cards are awarded to children who show respect, care for others, are courteous, show self-discipline and perseverance or are co-operative. Children earn house points when Star Cards are awarded. These are posted in the School Star Card Box in the hope that their card will be drawn out in School Assembly. A great way to encourage and reinforce good citizenship.





Jake Banks Jessie Howells

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Bible in Schools

Bible in schools lessons started this Wednesday 2nd March. These lessons are taken between 9 - 9.30am and involve all students in the Karearea and Ruru teams.
A cost of \$8.00 is required to cover resources. Please send your money to the class teacher or the school office. Parents are reminded that if they do not wish their child to participate, they must notify the school, in writing, before next Wednesday. Children not attending Bible in Schools lessons, will be supervised in the Information Centre.

School Website Address: www.stjohnshill.school.nz

The Virtues Programme

The purpose of the Virtues project is to help develop a culture of character where respect, patience, self-discipline, tolerance and joy for learning are among the virtues our children master. We want our school to be a caring community where we all are encouraged to live by the virtues. Well done to the following students who were recently recognised for displaying their virtues.



Creativity:
Eddie Dewhirst, Harrison Gorringe, Amba McGinnis, Sienna and Danielle T-M,
Excellence:
Addison Smyth, Ivy Lilley, Lila Cavanagh, Luca Sheridan,
Co-operation: Isabel Ross, Oliver Cairncross, Jonas Pa’a, Liam Penwarden, Bailee Jones.




Creativity:
Callum Fantham, David Forsyth,
Consideration:
Lilly Terrey
Excellence:
Tamzyn Newland, Joshua Gibbons,

Xander Laird, Steven Forsyth
Co-operation: Evie Thornton, Haydez Molan, Leah Bullock, Charlie Devane, Ella Papworth

Womble of the Week

The idea of a Womble Lunch Box i.e: A rubbish free lunchbox is to encourage the concept that perhaps small actions can make a difference. It is a simple way to learn about actions we can take that are kind to our environment and ourselves. This initiative was started by the School Green Team at a time when they were concerned about the amount of plastic being generated through lunch boxes. It was a challenge to our school community to think in a different way, via the ‘humble lunch box’.




Ruby Whittington


Room 5 and 6 Big Day Out

We hopped on the bus and we drove away from school. We couldn’t wait to get there. We were off to the Basin Reserve to start our ‘Big Day Out’.
First was Frisbee Golf. Frisbees were flying everywhere as we tried to get them in the chain net. The next activity was Spilly Billy. This is where water is passed from one person who was sitting in the tree to another who then pours the water into another billy which another person takes and runs off to fill up a bucket with water. Then it was onto the Photo Trail. We had to look for the location of the next clue in the picture to work out the code. On the nature walk we looked for Rangiora leaves with hidden messages and we bit a Pepperwood leaf. It tasted disgusting.
After some lunch we played Team tag then... Beep! Beep!
The bus arrived and we were off to the Wanganui East Pools. Whipping on our togs we then jumped in. It was sooo cold. We ran up the stairs to the hydro slide. Everyone was yelling. We rushed down. We thought we were going to fall off. That was the best day ever! Then before we knew it we were back on the bus and on our way back to school. At school we put up our tents and had fish and chips for tea. In the morning we had a Polar Bear swim, breakfast then it was time to pack up and go home.
Wow, what a great experience! Written with help from Ava Ahern- Grant. Thank you to all those parents that helped in making such an enjoyable day.





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



Eltham Camp “Mountain to the Sea” Room 2 Remembering Camp...Room 2

My legs remember peddling all the way along the waterfront to the white whale bone bridge and back.
My body remembers surfing the waves, being pushed under water by giant waves and the cold sparkling water in the stream.
My arms remember setting up the tent, step by step and carrying big heavy bits of wood and rocks for the fire. They remember cartwheels across the beach.
My hands remember slicing and dicing the tomatoes and lettuce for the hamburgers on day one. They remember the sticky damper mix.
My stomach remembers the boiling billy mince bubbling in my stomach with juicy flavours.
My mouth remembers the yummy pancakes with maple syrup and the salty sea.
My eyes remember the campfire smoke going in them like bees swarming me and they remember seeing long finned eels.
My face remembers the coldness of swimming in the stream.

The Waterhole Nikki Forlong
Laughter and joy filled the air as I played in the epic waterhole. Leaping off the edge, I sank into the depths of darkness and rebounded into the heavens. As I jumped over and over again, I could feel myself cool down like a water bottle in an ice bucket.

Rubber Tubing Sophia Bedwell

Firmly ensconced in my floating throne, I prepared myself for a bumpy ride down the icy stream. Cautiously I approached the fast flowing rapids. I squealed, afraid of being gobbled and swallowed by the monster ahead. Entering the mini waterfall, my head was flooded with screams of pain, terror, excitement and relief as one by one we survived the sheet of liquid glass.

Rubber Tubing Jordis Sheradin

Zooming through the super speedy rapid, I felt like a massive ship being tugged by a tiny tugboat. The windy, wavy rapid was amazingly fast and zippy in some places and gentle and relaxing in others. Rubber tubing was terrifying, painful and awesome.



Relay For Life

Thank-you for supporting our school Relay For Life Team through last weeks multi/wheels day. This raised \$335 of our \$1000 target. Staff have been supplying other workplaces with morning tea and there has been some beautiful food going out the door. Please remember if you or your child would like to accompany any of the staff on the circuit between 1pm-8pm Saturday and 8am-11am Sunday you are most welcome to do so. A copy of staff walking roster is on the parent noticeboard.

