

4 May 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau
Kia Ora Tatou
Welcome back to Term Two. We are in full swing ready for another term of exciting learning opportunities and challenges for our akonga (learners).

A transition meeting for parents/whanau of new children starting school over the next term, was held on Tuesday. Following an information sharing session, we undertook an orientation tour of our school. How inspiring it was to observe our akonga involved in a variety of activities about the place. A kumara patch was being weeded ready for harvesting by senior students, Earthkids were preparing a presentation on sustainability and a group of students in our innovative learning environment were researching ANZAC animals on their chromebooks. Junior akonga were involved in a range of maths learning investigations and play based learning experiences.

As we toured the school, I reflected on my own experiences at school where we generally sat at a desk for a large part of the day. The teacher was at the front of the class dictating the learning to be done. It is a very different scenario today, where our 21st century akonga are encouraged and supported to drive their learning, developing ‘learner agency’ in the process. Learner agency simply means having ownership and taking responsibility for learning.

We are fortunate that Carol Lynch from EdLead is supporting our staff again this year in coaching our collaborative inquiries. Carol meets with teachers next week to reflect on their progress with inquiry goals of collaboration and learner agency. Teachers will be coached in refining and planning further collaborative inquiries for learners in Term Two. Carol is also working with our leadership team and teacher aides, which fully embraces a community of learners at our school. Ka rawe!

Nga mihi nui

Alison O’Hara
Deputy Principal

Whakatauki

Green-Gold Enviroschool Review

We are looking forward to Thursday 17 May, when our Green-Gold Enviroschools status is reviewed. Planning is well underway for this day of reflection and sharing of our sustainable actions.

The reviewers are: Sandy Bell-Jameson (Enviroschools programme co-ordinator), Sarah Galley (Horizons Environmental Educator) and Ron Fisher – Enviroschools facilitator.

The day starts with a Powhiri, followed by a team of learners and teachers taking our review team through developments, whilst reviewers closely examine sustainable practices and actions at St Johns Hill School.

We are appreciative of the dedicated work Kevin Booth, staff and learners have undertaken in preparation for the review. Tino pai! Waimarie pai!

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 3 of the Scholastic book club brochures are now available from the library and office, or online at www.scholastic.co.nz

Orders from this brochure can be made online or by returning the order form with payment to the mail box in the information centre foyer. (Please make cheques payable to Scholastic NZ)

Orders close on Friday 18th May 2018.

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Welcome To Our School

A special welcome to the following new students who have joined our school family this week.

Sam Anderson, Ryan Zangel, Robbie and Charlotte Foothead, Archa Judd.

Great to have you here. We wish you all the best with your learning at our school.

ANZAC Service

As ANZAC day fell in the school holidays this year we held a special ANZAC remembrance service on Thursday.

We will remember them...

Womble of the Week

Ji Ho Lee

Star of the Week

Harry Richardson

PTA News

Term 2 fundraiser is Fitzies Pies.

Forms will be sent out in the next few weeks.

St Johns Hill School

Te Kura o Hato Hoani

MISSION STATEMENT

St Johns Hill School will provide a quality education where children develop respect for themselves, others and the environment and aim for excellence in all endeavours.

OUR VISION

Confident, happy, lifelong learners and caring citizens, who contribute positively to a sustainable world.

Education for Sustainability

CARE CODE

Every child has the potential to contribute effectively to society. (School Charter - Core Belief)

Respect The Environment (Code of Behaviour)

We will Celebrate and Enjoy our Natural Surroundings

- Having pride in our heritage
- Sharing with our family and friends
- Playing in the right places
- Respecting plants and insects
- Learning about the plants
- Encouraging new growth

We will Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

- Making less rubbish
- Keeping our school healthy and tidy
- Only using what we need
- Finding new uses for things
- Using materials wisely
- Saving Energy
- Saving Money

We will Create and Care for our Landscapes

- Making school grounds attractive
- Giving homes to insects and birds
- Making the school nice for children yet to come
- Making special new areas to use and enjoy
- Planting and gardening

Take nothing but photographs. Leave nothing but footprints.

Ko te whenua te wai o ma. Nga uri whakaitipu. The land provides the sustenance for the coming generations.

We are part of the earth and it is part of us. All things are connected. This we know. The earth does not belong to man; Man belongs to the earth.

THINK GLOBALLY

ACT LOCALLY

School Website Address: www.stjohnshill.school.nz

Reminders:

- School Pool Keys:** The school pool is now closed for the winter, please remember to return pool keys. For any lost keys there will be a charge of \$30.
- Life Education:** Rooms 5-16 enjoyed their visits to the Life Education bus last term. If you have not yet paid your \$5.50 please send it to school as soon as possible.
- Walking School Bus:** Walking Wednesdays are still up and running every Wednesday morning. Children are welcome to join anytime. Walkers depart at 8.30am from:
 - 12 Brassey Rd
 - Kea Crossing Great North Rd
 - Cnr Parkes Ave/Ngapuhi St Bus Stop
 - Cnr Downes Ave/Peakes Rd
- 2017 Year 6 DVD:** Available to collect from the office. If you know of students who do not have siblings still at school, can you please pass this information on. Thank you.
- Lost Property:** We have a large amount of lost property at the back of Room 1. Please check here for anything you may be missing as a lot of items are unnamed.

School Vegetable Gardens

Each class have recently replanted their class gardens.

A range of vegetables have been planted & the children are enjoying caring for their gardens and watching them grow.

Smiley Dental

Smiley dental mobile will be on site at St Johns Hill School from 18 June—6 July. These 3 weeks will only be for treating a small group of children already identified. The Smiley van will return for all of Term 4 when the entire school will be seen.

School Uniform

All students should now be in winter uniform.

Girls: Cullottes/Bootleg trackpants. Black or red socks.

Boys: Grey drill shorts/grey trackpants. Black or grey socks.

Optional - Girls & Boys: Red long sleeve skivvy. No thermals or long sleeve tops should be visible under polo shirts.

- * Shoes black flat school shoes.
- * Due to health & safety reasons no jewellery except studs.

Reminder that all new and second hand uniform is now sold at Andersons Uniform shop in Victoria Ave. If you have a uniform to sell, Andersons will purchase good condition second hand uniforms from parents.

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

Keeping Ourselves Safe

This term, across the school, the New Zealand Police Programme – ‘Keeping Ourselves Safe’ is being presented. ‘Keeping Ourselves Safe’ consists of a range of child protection resources to help children and young people learn and apply a range of safety skills that they can use when interacting with others.

As recommended by New Zealand Police, our school is using the learning activities in Keeping Ourselves Safe, within a whole-school approach.

Many thanks to Constable Paul Miller from New Zealand Police, who is working with learners and teachers over the next three weeks, to deliver the programme.

What students will learn:

Years 1-3

- a range of safety skills that they can use when interacting with others
- what they can do if they have been or are being abused.

Years 4-6

- a range of safe practices that they can use when interacting with others
- what they can do if they have been or are being abused
- what happens when abuse is reported.

All students are learning strategies to be brave and strong, and to stand up for yourself.

Pink Shirt Day

In New Zealand, Pink Shirt Day aims to create schools, workplaces and communities where all people feel safe, valued and respected, stop bullying and spread kindness.

We would like our school to participate in **Pink Shirt Day** on **Friday 18 May**. Please bring a gold coin donation. This action augurs well with the work undertaken in the Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme.

We appreciate support for this day with learners and our school community wearing something pink e.g. t-shirt, dress, scarf or other accessory. We welcome creativity!

50 POSITIVE PHRASES
to build resilience in **Kids!**

- I love you.*
- You are loved.
- I believe in you.
- You are important.
- I love watching you play.
- I love being your _____.
- You make me smile.*
- I'm grateful for you.
- You are on the right track!
- You worked really hard.
- You are helpful.
- You can do hard things!
- You kept trying.
- Your choices matter.
- You are a good friend.
- You can make a difference.
- Good thinking.
- You are learning!*
- You are confident!
- Your ideas matter.
- I am listening to you.
- That was a good choice.
- What you did was brave.
- You are enough.*
- You're really improving.
- I trust you.
- You solved the problem.
- You figured it out!*
- I knew you could do it.
- I love hanging out with you.
- Follow your dreams.
- I appreciate you.
- You are unique.
- I love you for who you are!
- You inspire me.
- I am here for you.*
- It's OK. We all make mistakes.
- That's your best effort yet!
- I know I can count on you when _____.
- You must have been practicing.
- You mean so much to me.
- You're so much fun to be around.
- You can try again tomorrow.
- Your efforts are paying off.
- Follow your heart.*
- I see you enjoy trying new things!
- You can learn from your mistakes.
- That was a great accomplishment!
- Your thoughts are unique & valuable.

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