

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau

Tena Koutou Katoa

To think we are now already over half way through Term 3. Lots has happened already this term but there is still a lot to do and a lot to achieve.

Reflecting on this, I was reading about the impact of ones attitude in progress and achievement. The thinking was quite simple. Not all of us find everything easy. We are all born with various gifts and challenges.

As we progress at different rates, times and levels, our readiness to achieve and progress is very individual. We all have learning spurts and plateaus. The biggest influence as learners we can have is the attitude we bring to the experience. The impact of a “positive can do” attitude to tasks and challenges put in front of us will impact significantly on our progress and achievement over time.

Please encourage, having a go. That making a mistake or “failing” is part of being a learner and that’s ok. That is how we learn.

Our students are currently preparing and practicing for Cross Country next Tuesday 11th September and also for our annual inter house singing competition held on the last day of the term. Remember parents are welcome at the dress rehearsal on Thursday 27th September. Have a great weekend.

Nga Mihi

Michael Fitzgerald

Last weekend to visit Nga Hekenga at the old Farmers Home store in Victoria Ave or the exhibition at the Whanganui Regional Museum.

This is the St Johns Hill School Kowhaiwhai Pattern



This is St Johns Hill School Kowhaiwhai Pattern In 2003 Wi Taepa, Artist & Teacher of Maori Symbol & Design drew up a design for our school’s Kapahaka uniform. We acknowledge the input from students, Harvey Porteous, Te Rongopai Anderson, and Mandy Brooke. This design captures our school community past and present, the history of the Whanganui River and St Johns Hill, and the continual learning and growth which we as a school community experience. The Maori Legend of Tainui and Turea has been encompassed within the design. The colours were chosen as they are traditional Maori colours and are a part of our school uniform. The long hill curve leads to the Maunga - the mountain or hill which refers to St Johns Hill, and also the mountain belonging to the person. The long dipped curve leads to the Awa - the river, also the whenua line or life umbilical cord. The koru reflects birth of life, and growth. The central double spiral represents the interconnecting of Cultures, School and Community, Staff and Board Te ao maarama - world of light, is represented by 8 tendrils which stand for the Teachers, Parents and Board of Trustees, including those who have gone before. The Kapahaka uniforms were screen printed and sewn by Jo Giddens, Mandy Brooke and Cathy Carroll. This kowhaiwhai pattern is also used for various purposes around our school.

2019 Enrolments

The SJHS BOT is currently looking at new entrant enrolments for 2019. If you have a pre-schooler who will be starting next year, please ensure they are enrolled. Call Annette or Amanda on 349 1750. Next month the BOT will discuss if there is space for any out of zone enrolments. If you have not enrolled, it can result in large new entrant rooms. We need to know!! Thanks.

We are sending out a wall planner courtesy of Moore Marketing. Please support the sponsors who contributed to the wall planner.

Welcome to School

A very warm welcome to the following new students and their families.

Olivia Clunie, Jayden Jiang and Livia Salliu.

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



Virtues Awards

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



Integrity: Emily Hagan, Ji Ho Lee. **Confidence:** Adam Ding.

Co-operation: Trista Ormsby, Gracie Hayward.

Caring: Dominic Rennett, Larson Whittaker.

Excellence: Carter Hoskin, Olivia Loader.

Perseverance: Jonas Pa’a, Lilly-Rose Goldsack, Piper Loft-Angel, Paddy Rickard. **Consideration:** Jade Papworth, Aaron Misra, Faith Hernandez, Liam Andrews.



Integrity: Abigail Hodgson, Sam Anderson.

Co-operation: Emily Araujo.

Caring: Jack Bowen, Te Atakura Potaka-Osborne Milner-Skudder.

Excellence: Alma Erstad, Grace Ivory, Livi Heerdegen.

Perseverance: Asher Pohl (absent from photo), Jaime Munro, Asta Norman, Indie Benton.

Consideration: Jed Bullock, Logan Smith, Mason Toohill.

School Cross Country

Tuesday 11th September

Our school Cross Country event will be held next Tuesday 11th September in our school grounds. Our school community are invited to attend. Over the past 7 weeks the children have displayed dedication and determination in their training for this annual event so should be well prepared both physically and mentally. The timetable for the day is as follows:

11.00-12.30pm 5, 6 and 7 year olds
1.30-2.30pm 8, 9 and 10+ year olds

The Inter-school cross country held at Aranui School will take place on Tuesday 18th September. The best eight runners in the senior age groups from all cross country training and races will be selected to represent St Johns Hill School at this event.



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Academic Achievement and/or Progress

Congratulations to the following students:



Harris Whittington

A fantastic attitude and the help you’ve provided in maths.

Zohair Khan

A great attitude to learning and an awesome effort in all subjects.

Saransh Kumar

Creative and original thinking in all curriculum areas.

Matt Smith

Outstanding performance during Mathex sessions.

Harry Wilkinson-Smith

Outstanding maths number knowledge— Passed stage 7.

Melanie Goosen

Creative ideas in her writing.

Lily Newton

Finding joy in reading and writing.

Knox Musson

Excellence in learning his basic facts.

Lily Andrews

A great attitude to learning during mathematics with very successful results.

Ayden Musso-Smith

Great thinking and contributions to classroom learning discussions.

Nikki Zhou

Accelerated progress in word power.

Eshaan Sabari

Accelerated progress in word power.

Micah Chiet

Excellent thinking skills when problem solving in maths.

Noah Rattray

Excellent focus and commitment to his writing tasks.

Mathex

Up and coming mathematics masterminds got together at Whanganui Intermediate School last Wednesday to challenge themselves in the annual Mathex competition. Congratulations to our fabulous Year 5 and 6 students who have worked really hard at their Math skills. Seven teams represented our school at this year's Tournament in their respective age groups and handled the pressure and extremely challenging questions extremely well. Special mention to our Year 5 team of Caleb Richardson, Matt Smith, Zuoan Wu and Youqi Wu who came 2nd answering 16 questions in just 22 minutes. Well done!

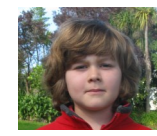


Star of the Week



Amber Turner

Womble of the Week



Liam Archer

Due to the issues we have experienced with our IT system we have lost all email addresses that were on the electronic newsletter distribution list. If you would like the newsletter emailed please provide the office with your email address.

Interschool Football

A great day was had by the group of Year 5/6 students who took part in the Interschool Soccer tournament recently. A mix of results, but our students did their best and made us proud. A special thank you to Kristen Hamling, Andy Macpherson and all the other parents who supported our students on this day. Awesome!!



St Johns Hill Madrid Soccer Team

I would like to give a special thank you to Kristen, Andy and my Dad for coaching my soccer team. Thank you Kristen for giving up hours upon hours to coach me from when I was very young. On Friday we had a parents vs kids match and we won 2-1! After the game the whole team and families went to Kristen's house for potluck. Thank you Andy for organizing engraved trophies recognizing each and every one of us, this was so special to us seeing as this was our final year to play soccer for **SJHS**. Congratulations to Zak for getting best player 2018!

I am so excited to be joining my fellow teammates: Zak, Kate and Josh to represent Wanganui this Season.

We are so lucky to have such supportive families at our school. By Zoe Wilkins.



Thank you to all the parents who have coached our school sports teams this season. We could not have entered teams without the help and support of the parents willing to step up and volunteer their time. Your support is much appreciated.

Thour Zone—Whanganui Aero Club

Last Tuesday 29th August, the Thour Zone visited the Whanganui Aero Club. When we arrived, our excited group listened to a pilot explaining how and why planes actually fly. It was very scientific and he used a model plane to show us what he meant. He explained terms such as force and lift. He told us about the controls, for example, the rudder and the elevator. The rudder pedals help you brake. The elevator is on the ends of the wings and helps the plane make a turn in the sky. Whilst the pilot was talking, the police helicopter’s blades began rotating outside before it took off on a mission. We ran outside and watched it take off. It has a special camera that can look into people’s houses!

After that, we were lucky enough to sit in the cockpit of lots of different planes. We watched planes take off and land-one plane waved its wings at us from the air. We had a brilliant day out and learnt a lot. Thank you to the parents and grandparents who assisted us with transport on the day, we couldn’t have done it without you.

