

Dear Parents/Caregivers and Whanau
Tena Kotou Katoa
Hard to believe we only have two weeks remaining of Term 3.
It has been a busy fortnight (but when is it not!!). Thank you for the help and support provided in many ways to our learners/Sports/Starlit Hope Fundraiser/Pie Sales/Trips/Block 1 opening etc.
Today Primary and Secondary staff meet to discuss an important issue to all involved, including our students and community “Funding and Staffing”. I was concerned that the meeting is being held in contact time. The National Executives of NZEI and PPTA have decided to call the meeting for this time because both unions view the governments “global funding” proposals as the biggest single threat to quality education in New Zealand for decades. NZEI does not hold meetings in school time unless the issue is significant. The last time NZEI members used their legal right to attend paid union meetings in contact time was November 2012. I am sure you will hear more detail regarding these concerns, post these Nationally held meetings.
Looking ahead, this is the last newsletter for Term 3. The staff and I wish you all an excellent Spring Holiday. School will close on Friday 23rd September and we will welcome our students back on Monday 10th October.
Regards
Michael



New Students

A special welcome to the following students who have recently joined our school family.
Nenyasha Muzengeza, Vinnie Grant, Julie Stoop, Logan Couper-Jellyman.

Thank you and Farewell

Last week we thanked and farewelled two long serving part time staff members. Mrs Marj Nixon has done regular part time teaching at SJHS since 1998. Mrs Cathy McIntyre has been a valued support staff member for 12 years. They will be missed from our team and we thank them for their commitment, professionalism and collegiality. Their learners were always at the heart of their decisions. Well done.



Invitation

Final Practice House Singing Competition

Unfortunately, with a large school and a large staff, our hall capacity will not allow parents at the Friday Interhouse Singing Competition. If you wish to view the performance, you are welcome to attend a **final practice session** on Thursday 22nd September between 1.30 and 2.45. As part of their preparation for Friday, the students of each house have been allocated an approximate time to have a final practise on stage. Please be aware that the purpose of this is not for a perfect performance but to provide an opportunity for an Interhouse competition. The items are being co-ordinated and lead by the senior house students and supported by their house teachers. The House Leaders do a great job and produce good items. The students have a lot of fun and healthy Interhouse rivalry is had!!
Approximate times only

1.30 - Kauri
1.45 - Totara
2.00 - Kowhai
2.15 - Rata

If attending part way through, please enter and exit during changeover only. Thanks



Virtues Awards

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



Respect: Lourdes Kingi, Pippa Bullock, Sadia Sohail, Callum Ross, Nikki Forlong, Finnian Sinclair, Chloe Bardell, Jessica Curran, Jaiden Toy. **Determination:** Sophie Trott, Abigail Hodgson, Evie-Mae Hampton-Archer, Ashton Rowland. **Detachment:** Ryder Patterson, Constance Ranginui-Katene, Lucas Howard, Arshy Singh, Harry Wilkinson-Smith, Liam Cox, Shay Dewhirst.

Tolerance: Leah Bullock, Sophia Wiebe, Madelyn Jones, Serena Chernoff, Tiori Town, Evie Thornton, Jadei Anderson, Ruby Smith, Chloe Andrews, Jemela-Jessi Mallinder.



Starlit HOPE Fundraiser

★ ★ Thank you for all the gold coins and note donations for the Starlit HOPE Fundraiser. We were able to raise a total of \$655.90! The teachers also hope to add to by holding a R.A.K staff breakfast with all profits going towards this total as well. The money raised from our Mufti day will be spent on purchasing tablets for the Whanganui Children's Hospital for child cancer patients to use. It was great to see and hear of so many children getting behind the random act of kindness movement. Gabby's legacy is definately living on. If you would like to follow the charity like the Facebook page 'Gabby's Starlit Hope'.
Jess Devane



Flight Night

The Thour Zone have been investigating 'Flight'. A "Flight Night" was held where all the learners presented their work to their families and friends. Leroy from the Wanganui Aero Club was invited to attend, as the Club had been very generous in showing the Thour Learners the theory and skills involved in flying and allowing them to sit in the cockpits of several planes. He was so impressed, that he presented the class with three vouchers for a free scenic flight over Wanganui. We pulled the names out of a hat. The lucky winners are: Avalee Laird, Bella Littlefair and Jorjah Penn.



Block 1 Opening

On Monday we celebrated the refurbishment of some of our original school, block 1 built in 1929. Now 87 years ago. Teaching and learning has changed hugely since those times. Modern learning environments can enhance our opportunities for collaborative learning for co operative learning/learning through inquiry/flexible groupings/building independence/self directed learning/research based approach.
So much happens in a building to bring it up to modern building code. As well as celebrating the opening we also gave thanks to:

- The MOE who provided close to \$600,000 for the project
- Our BOT who saw this as a priority and allowed it to happen
- Gerald and James and their architect crew from BSM
- Phil of Houghton Gemini Pepper and his top man Rob for overseeing the project
- All the other Builders/trades such as Electricians/Plumbers/Painters/IT/Fire/Carpet/Curtain etc etc etc
- The Thour team—Rm 3 & 4. Thank you Jan/Annette our wonderful learners and their families for making the most of their learning in our school hall

MATHEX 2016

A stimulating yet challenging experience was had by the Year 5 and 6 Mathex teams on Wednesday night at Wanganui Intermediate School. Twenty questions to answer in half an hour was the challenge. For our Year 5 teams it was a totally new experience from which much has been learnt and we are sure they will go into next year's competition with their eyes wide open. Congratulations to the Year 6 team, consisting of Sophia Bedwell, Antonia Harding, Hannah Palmer and Jurek Sosnowski for taking out second place, one question behind eventual winners, Mosston School. We are very proud of you all.

Year 5 Teams:

Team 1: Jaiden Toy, Ryan Henare, Noah Jones, Finnian Sinclair
Team 2: Zoe Bullock, Lachie Burroughs, Morgan Taituma-Hamilton, Logan Symes
Team 3: John Simpson, Aiden Hogg, Travis O'Hara, Cienna Newland
Reserve: Siobhan Sarkar

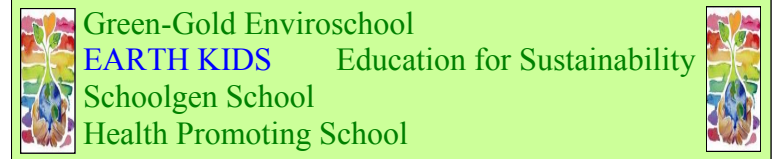
Year 6 Teams:

Team 1: Sophia Bedwell, Antonia Harding, Hannah Palmer and Jurek Sosnowski
Team 2: Tianna Jenkinson, Nikki Forlong, Tayla Fink, Tina Musa
Team 3: Jessica Harding, Jordis Sheridan, Tana Musa, Autumn Lilley



PTA News

- Thank you to all those who supported the Fitzies Pie fundraiser. 1900 pies/products were sold totalling \$15,112 Estimated profit \$4000-4500. An additional 300 pies were sold compared with last year. What a fantastic effort! Product to be collected from school hall on Friday 16th September between 2.45 and 3.30pm. Please bring a box for larger orders. Thanks.
- **Sausage Sizzle:** Friday 23rd September—\$2 per sausage PTA will collect money at 9am from classrooms
- **School Disco:** Friday 14th October—\$3 entry Treats available to purchase. Chippies & Milk 50c each Novelties range 50c/\$1/\$2 Junior Y0 →Y3 (Rm 7-16) 5 →6pm Senior Y4 →Y6 (Rm 1-6) 6.30 →8pm Please ensure children are dropped off and collected from the hall door. To avoid loss, please give only money required and a safe way to carry on person.



Cross Country

On Friday 2nd September we held our junior and senior school cross country. The day turned out to be a perfect day for running. Thank you to those who were able to support this event. All children did really well. The top finishes in each event are listed below.

5 Year Old Girls	5 Year Old Boys
Jaime Munro Brylee Nicholson Leah Bullock Milly Boden-Cave Haydez Molan	Guy Fitzgerald Noah Toy Hans Martin Ethan Wells Adam Ding
6 Year Old Girls	6 Year Old Boys
Amelia Allardice Addison Healey Grace Eastabrook Phoebe Rickard Ji Ho Lee	Finlay Cairncross Ashton Baxter Liam Cox Lachlan Pitt Charlie Devane
7 Year Old Girls	7 Year Old Boys
Cosette Guy Isla Jones Sienna Gilmore Zoe Broadhead Annabelle Brown	Jack Bowen 1 st = Ethan Toy 1 st = Ashton Kibblewhite Odin Brausch Lucas Howard
9 and Under Girls	9 and Under Boys
Lucy Wilkinson-Smith Trista Ormsby Morgan Taituma-Hamilton Sophie Trott Isla Jones Sophia Brown Amy Benadie Lilly Terrey	Ben Karatau Thomas Fitzgerald Nehemiah Su'a Nathan Bevins Noah Jones Luca Sheridan Harry Burroughs Zak Papworth
10 and Over Girls	10 and Over Boys
Antonia Harding Nikki Forlong Jessica Harding Paige Stead Danielle Gleeson Bridget Trott Tina Musa Hazel Chant	Chase Morpeth Theo Tripe George Davey Mitch Karatau James Hardy Noah Ahern-Grant Noah Pa'a Blake Smith

Good luck to our students who have been selected to compete at Aranui Interschool Cross Country on Tuesday.

School Photos

All students had class and individual photos taken yesterday. Shoot keys will be received early next term for you to view and purchase photos online.

Netball Skirts

With the end of the netball season could all netball skirts please be washed and returned to Mr Howells. Thank you.

Daylight Savings: Sunday 25th September. Bring your clock forward when you go to bed on Saturday night!!!