



St Johns Hill School

Tui Team 2017

Welcome back to school to our learners and families.

We hope you all had a restful break in spite of the weather. **Term 1, 2017**

Our school is a Green /Gold Enviroschool which means we aim to foster learners who think and act sustainably. The Enviroschool's kaupapa is creating a healthy, peaceful and sustainable world. This is even more important today than when we started on the our enviro journey in 2002. In our school this means:

- * Womble Lunchboxes- these are rubbish free and contain food in it's natural form.
- * Class gardens- we grow and use the food in our garden to table programmes.
- * We have school wide practices of reduce, reuse, rethink, recycle.
- * We have a number of sustainable systems including our hens and worm farms.
- * Class tree - each class adopts a native tree which can be found in our school grounds.
- * We have a school orchard and growing house behind the hall which provides us with fruit and seedlings.
- * Our solar panels generate some of our power. We monitor our power use and think about ways we can conserve energy. Check out our school gen page to see how that is gong. Our pool is heated by solar panels.
- * Each class has an Earth Kids team representative. They attend weekly meetings where enviro issues are discussed and feedback to the class.

Important information...

Morning routines- each class will have their own routine which will be explained in their homework notes. All learners are expected to be independent and take responsibility for getting organised for the school day.

Belongings- please name all items of clothing, especially at swimming time. We always manage to collect goggles, towels, hats and other items which are not named. You can find the lost property inside the door by Room 1.

Hats- all children are required to wear hats in term 1 and 4. We have a **No Hat - No Play** policy as part of our school's Sun Smart policy.

Drink bottles- all children are asked to bring a drink bottle (water only) to have in class each day.

Toys are discouraged-they so easily become lost or damaged. They are your child's responsibility if they come to school.



Theme- this term we are focusing on Bike Safety where we are working with the Council to help learners be safe and confident on bikes and scooters. We are also learning about ourselves and each other and how we learn.



Literacy is a major focus at this level. Teachers will be establishing routines and expectations for reading and writing over the next few weeks. Teachers will explain homework expectations for their class.

Statistics is our maths focus for the beginning of the term. This provides fun opportunities for gathering and displaying data about each other.

Swimming is our focus for Phys Ed for the early part of the term and is a compulsory part of our programme. We will develop skills relating to summer sports at the end of the swimming season. Classes have their own fitness programmes where the children are encouraged to move daily.

Tui Team teachers

Mrs Cathy Carroll Rm 16
Team Leader
Year 2

Miss Pernille Struijk Rm 15
Year 1 and 2

Ms Samantha White Rm 10
Year 2

Mrs Laura Malone-Belliss Rm 9
Year 2 and 3

We are also supported by our fabulous support staff.

Unity is our Virtue for this term. We are learning to work and play together peacefully. **Unity** comes when we value everybody and their uniqueness.

Managing Self and Relating to Others are the Key Competencies which go hand in hand with Unity. We are also working at practising being **Grateful** as research shows that this strengthens relationships.

Timetables

Library times
Rooms 9 and 10 Friday
Rooms 15 and 16 Thursday

Swimming times
Rooms 15/16 Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
Room 9 -Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
Room 10 Monday, Wednesday and Friday





Tui Team's first day 2017

Home/school partnership

The home/ school partnership is vital to help our learners be the best they can be. We appreciate your support in having the children organised for learning at the beginning of the year. Our doors are always open and we welcome feedback and questions you may have. Please remember it is always best to talk to your child's teacher first if you have any questions regarding your child. Before school is a busy time in classrooms so if you have something you would like to talk about in private it may be best to make an appointment. We always have a staff/team meeting on a Tuesday and teachers have after school gate duties which may mean they are not able to chat at 3 o'clock.

We are always happy to have **HELPERS**. If you would like to help out at Discovery Time on a Friday between 9 and 10:30 we would love to see you then.

Please check in with your child's teacher and find out how they would like you to help- it may be listening to children read or playing a maths game with a group.



Tui Rocks...



Save the date: February 14

On the 14 February our teachers have planned a day at Virginia Lake as part of getting to know each other and our team. We plan to have some activities, eat our lunch and walk around the lake. We will leave school after play at 11:00, have lunch at the bowl at 12:15 and plan to leave the lake by 2:10.

We will need adults to support us to do this and would love you to join us—it will give us an opportunity to get to know you and you to get to know us.

A more detailed notice will come home next week.

Important dates for your diary

Waitangi Day 6 February

14 February—Tui Team— Tui Rocks at Virginia Lake

16 February—Goal setting meetings— early finish

20 February- Goal setting meetings— early finish

23 March— Cultural Food Festival

"Let's Go" bike and scooter programme weeks 5 and 6