



Our school vision:

"To develop confident, creative, life-long learners, who contribute positively to a sustainable world"

To achieve this vision, we utilise four main values – Ngā Pou e Whā

- **Kaitiakitanga:** we are guardians of our environment, community, culture and future **Our Place**
- **Manaakitanga:** we treat each other with respect and kindness **Our People**
- **Rangatiratanga:** we are confident, self-determined learners and leaders **Ourselves**
- **Kotahitanga:** we are united, we work together and support each other to succeed **Working Together**

Kia ora koutou,

Term 2 has started with a sense of relief and normality. Our winter sports teams are well underway and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Glen Howells for his organisation of our school's sports programmes. We would also like to acknowledge all of those parents who give their time to coach, manage and support our teams. We could not offer the variety of opportunities without your support.

Many of our planned building projects have been completed. The all-purpose awning in our Piwakawaka area provides shelter and shade all year round and gives our new students to the school an area to play and learn regardless of the weather. The sports turf at the back of the school is very well used during break times and has revitalised this end of the school. It is also a very good all-purpose surface for PE lessons, games and activities and sports training. Once we have settled on the best use of this area we will look at marking the turf for hockey and football. The completion of the boundary fence was long overdue. The builders had no difficulty pushing the fence over. We are over the moon with the final result.

The PTA held its AGM on Monday. It has been a very difficult time to organise and run any event over the past couple of years. Our PTA does an outstanding job at supporting our school and raising funds for the "nice to haves". In the last financial year, the PTA donated \$10,000 to the playground upgrades which is an outstanding contribution. Over and above the financial support it is really important to remember that it is the PTA run events that build life-long memories for many of our students: the first dance or fancy-dress disco, sausage sizzles or ice blocks with friends, gathering together at the start of the year with bouncy castles and fire engines. These are only made possible with the organisation and support of the PTA. It is not too late to get involved, offer support, or be part of the group. Keep an eye out for upcoming events and information on the PTA Facebook page – Friends of St Johns Hill School.

Our PTA chairperson for 2022-23 is Debbie Macpherson. The secretary is Hannah Heng Lam Li and the treasurer is Jenny Matheson. Thank you to Debbie, Hannah and Jenny, for carrying out these roles for the coming year.

Rain, hail, snow or shine, the senior camps start next week. It will be an amazing experience for all regardless of the weather. A very big thank you to all of the parents who are spending a couple of nights out with our kids.

Ngā mihi
Darren Torrie
Principal

You can access more information about our school through our website:

www.sjhs.school.nz

Welcome to St Johns Hill School



Standing at the Back:

Lillian, Cole, Pixie, Taliyah, Ava, Mackenzie, Mia

Sitting at the Front:

Erick, Heidi, Alex, Maia, Atticus

Inset:

Abbey

Winter Sports

We have had a large number of students signed up to play a variety of sports for the school. These teams have now been set and are full. We are unable to accommodate any late entries at this stage.

We ask that sports fees be paid promptly to the office.

School Uniform:

A very big thank you to our parents for clearly naming items of uniform. It certainly makes the task of returning items to their rightful place easier.

Girls Uniform: Red polo shirt with logo, red polar fleece with logo, grey culottes, black tights or stockings

Boys Uniform: Red polo shirt with logo, red polar fleece with logo, grey shorts, grey or black socks

Shoes: Plain black leather shoes or plain black sneakers only

Winter Options: Girls and boys may wear grey trackpants or grey bootleg pants.

All uniform is available from Andersons Uniforms.



Congratulations to Hadrian from St Johns Hill School in Whanganui who has won the art competition and \$700 worth of sports equipment and a Daikin Air Purifier for his school!



**Awesome
Artist!**



eTAP App

Our Student Management System (SMS) is eTAP. As part of this package we have access to an app which will give parents access to:

- attendance
- reporting absences
- trip permissions
- accounts
- newsletters
- communication from the office
- access to the school calendar and website.

We will be sending out an email with the instructions on how to access this app. Each sign in is secure to each individual. If you have any issues or difficulties accessing this app please do not hesitate to contact the office – office@sjhs.school.nz

Student Absence

If your child is absent from school for any reason we ask that you contact the office.

☎ (06) 349 1750; ☎ 022 471 9013
or

💻 office@sjhs.school.nz

You will be able to use the eTAP app to report absences.

Please do not report absences directly to the classroom teacher.

Our Amazing Staff:

Paul is our caretaker, but he is so much more. He builds, repairs and takes care of our school property, grounds and gardens.

He is always willing to support our little helpers with jobs big and small.

Thank you for all of the things you do for us Paul!



Speak UP #PINKSHIRTDAYNZ
**STAND TOGETHER
STOP BULLYING**
KŌRERO MAI, KŌRERO ATU, MAURI TŪ, MAURI ORA

FRIDAY 20 MAY 2022



 **Mental Health Foundation**
OF NEW ZEALAND
mauri tū, mauri ora

On Friday 20th May we will have a non uniform pink shirt day.

Wear pink to celebrate our diversity of culture, ethnicity, personal beliefs.

Be kind and live up to our values of Manaakitanga and Kotahitanga.

Origins of Pink Shirt Day

Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against homophobic bullying after a new Year 10 student was harassed and threatened for wearing pink. These students bought dozens of pink shirts and distributed them to their classmates to wear the next day. The word got out online and hundreds of students showed up in pink, some from head-to-toe, to stand together against bullying. It has been celebrated in New Zealand since 2009.