



November 3rd 2017

What's Coming Up – Dates To Remember

Date	Activity	Parent Support
6.11.17	Technology Year 7/8	Please ensure Tech Fees have been paid to school
8.11.17	Hautūtanga House Athletics Day	Come along and watch your children compete at Athletics
10.11.17	Choir Practice at Pt View School	Children only rehearse offsite today for festival
15.11.17	School Athletics Day for Year 1-6	Come along and cheer your children in their races
22.11.17	APPA Choir Festival-Town Hall	Come along with your tickets to watch your child sing
30.11.17	Whānau Fun Night	Come along and join in our community evening

Whanau Fun Night at SRS

30th November (Thursday night)

4.30pm – 7.30pm

Come along to help and have fun with your kids

Food; Stage items; Games;

Report Writing Happening!

Now that all assessments are completed, our teachers are busy writing end of year reports. We are presenting a new format of reports this year as we utilise our digital tools effectively. We look forward to sharing these reports with you in the last week of school. Our teachers will spend many nights from now over the next few weeks, ensuring the reports are presenting the story of your child's progress since the mid -year report in July.

End of Year Activities for Intermediate Students

This term, our Year 7 and 8 students have so much going on for them. They start next week with 4 weeks of Technology at One Tree Hill College; they are fundraising for the camp in Term 1 next year; they are preparing for their Graduation Dinner and end of the year Senior Prize-giving as well. They are very busy leading our school, and we are indeed a lucky school to have such an amazing group of student leaders. We love seeing them enjoy their last term as Year 8's and for our Year 7's seeing them develop as

the next group of leaders coming up in 2018. Get some sleep kids!!!

Hats in the Summer

We do expect all children to be wearing hats in the playground on sunny days. Please make sure your child has a SCHOOL hat to wear at school – available at the uniform shop if you need one.

Activity Fees and Activities At School

Throughout the year, we plan such a huge range of activities for students to be involved in – there is always a wide and varied coverage of different curriculum areas, requiring equipment, and our activity fees help support our ability to provide these programmes. Activity Fees are not just about going on trips – they are supporting innovation and creativity within our classrooms. Our latest innovations are the Discovery Programme and Early Literacy programme happening in our Whakatōtanga Junior classrooms. For these to happen we need to purchase consumables for kids to

create and discover while creating things from their imaginations and problem solving.

Staffing For 2018

We are busy planning for a smooth start to 2018. With every end of year, we say 'goodbye' to some teachers whose lives take new directions and this year we are farewelling the following teachers:

- Mrs Philippa Benefield
- Mrs Jane Townsend
- Ms Rebekah Thorburn

These teachers all have new adventures planned for themselves in other places, and we share their excitement for their new experiences planned. We are currently interviewing for a new Year 3/4 teacher, and we welcome Mrs Catherine Watkins to our staff in 2018 as our Reading Recovery Teacher taking over from Mrs Townsend; as well as Mrs Irene Gibbs who will be in the New Entrant Room 5. We are so lucky we are fully staffed as many schools struggle to get teachers. Our student roll at this time is 545

students. We are looking forward to 2018
and are planning for action at this time

Enjoy a happy healthy weekend everyone

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Corinne Hansell (Principal)

