



Te Pānui

TERM 2 WEEK 2, 2019

FRIDAY 10 MAY, 2019

TERM 2 DATES

School Photos 13 May

WRISSA Girls Football
15 May

WRISSA Boys Football
16 May

Pink Shirt Day 17 May

EBIS Sports Exchange
20 May

Wellington High School
Open Day 22 May

Junior Tough Guy and
Gal 23 May

SWIS Cross Country
27 May

Wellington East Girls
College visit to SWIS
27 May

WRISSA Cross Country
4 June

Rongotai Experience
7 June



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Message from the Principal:

It's good to be back after a restful break. Let me begin by saying well done to all the students for the positive manner that the term has begun. It is great to see how happy most students are to be back at school.

The term has already been busy with a couple of exciting opportunities having taken place (these are documented in greater depth within this edition). Over the next couple of weeks there are opportunities for our Year 8 students to visit or be visited by potential high schools. It is important that students (and families) use these opportunities to learn about what is available at each school, one of the beauties of living in the South Wellington area is that you have choice about where to continue your education.

This past week saw the NZEI call a paid union meeting. During this meeting and others like it around the country members voted whether or not to reject the governments unrevised offer. For us this offer has never been just about pay. At this meeting I shared my view that we are not simply looking for pay parity with secondary teachers but for parity in general. This would mean improved student to teacher ratios, increased preparation time, better special needs funding as well as improved salaries. If the government can find a way of making this happen what it really means is better outcomes for all students and that is something we all want. Unfortunately their current position is that they will not be increasing the offer and as a result there was also a vote on whether to strike or not on 29 May. While the results of this vote will not be known until next week it would be prudent to be prepared for this eventuality as to date the NZEI members have been as resolute as the government. As soon as we have confirmation of the next action we will inform you to ensure you have time to make arrangements.



Nga mihi,

Traci Liddall

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Beyond Water Presentation



Last Wednesday we held a special assembly about sustainability and water. Sharon and Pete from Beyond Water kindly came to tell our school about their jobs.

They work in Kenya helping children who were living in poverty. Lots of people in poorer countries live off a litre of dirty water a day whereas here in New Zealand an average person lives on around 30 litres of water per day.



In the slum areas of Kenya there is only 1 toilet for every 600 people. One of the big projects Beyond Water focus on is building toilets. For just \$5000 a toilet block of 10 composting toilets that use only a half litre per flush can be made to service these areas.

Over 4,500 kids under the age of 5 die of waterborne diseases every day. This terms inquiry focus for the school is sustainability so the presentation will help us with our studies.



What can you do to help?

Article by Bessie Hawkings & Ferne Selwood—Eyles

Beyond
Water

Māuritau, Whakamana & Takohatanga

Neil Shusterman Visit

Neal Shusterman is a New York Times award winning author.



On Tuesday 7 May he visited Raroa Intermediate. Rooms 1 and 13 from SWIS and students from Kowhai school went there to meet Mr Shusterman. Most of the time he talked about his books and how he got the ideas to write them, in particular his story "Challenger Deep" which is based around how his son had Schizophrenia.

Schizophrenia is when you hear voices and can't tell your hallucinations from reality. In the case of his son this started becoming more stable after a few years of medication.

The Unwind Series came to his mind when he heard that in England, some people were wanting to get rid of teenagers. Then, a few years later, a person in France got the world's first face transplant. He thought, what if, a place got rid of their teenagers, but, instead of killing them, used their body parts for other people?

Mr Shusterman lives in Florida, but was born in Brooklyn, New York. We are grateful we have had the opportunity to hear him speak.



Article by Conor O'Neil (Room 1) and Rocky Gatea (Room 13), Kaeden McKenna (Room 1) and Toby Blake (Room 13)



"I think I surprised Neal Shusterman when I dressed up as a character from his Scythe books ."

Sam De Lima, Room 1

Māuritau, Whakamana & Takohatanga

EOTC Week

Every year one of the most eagerly anticipated events of the year is EOTC week. This year EOTC week will be held between 11 and 15 November. EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) has long been a priority of South Wellington Intermediate School through camps, outside presenters and through utilising our unique location as the intermediate closest to the heart of the CBD.

During EOTC week we provide students with quality learning programmes through both camps and locally based activities.

Within the next fortnight there will be a notice documenting all options with an estimated cost shared with all students. There will be costs associated with many of these activities. Further information regarding these will be provided at the time of making choices. Below we share a brief rundown of the different activities on offer in 2019.

Wellington Harbour Experience

A rich outdoor experience based around Wellington Harbour, the activities selected for this option provide many of the experiences provided on the Resolution Bay camp without having to leave home. This year's experience includes: Walking parts of the City and Sea Walkway, Ferry trip to Matiu Somes Island, Sailing and Kayaking, Walk the Southern Walkway, Harbour fishing.

Art Around Wellington

Each day will be spent visiting different art galleries around Wellington with the exception of Friday which will be school based and involve create our own art works.

Galleries which will be visited include: Te Papa, Pataka and the City Gallery.

Get to Know the Hutt Valley

Only a 15 minute drive or train ride from Wellington, the Hutt Valley is home to adventurous activities, a rich culture and heritage, and beautiful scenery, which many people who live in the region have not yet experienced.. Don't be one of them!!!!

From the Hutt River to the bush-clad hills, the Hutt Valley is home to some of the region's best walking and mountain bike trails. Add to that the picturesque township of Petone and the gorgeous seaside village of Eastbourne. The area also has an ancient history that includes New Zealand's first organised settlement and Māori mythology of taniwha. Our week will include visits to Kaitoke National Park, Rivendell, Staglands, Expressions, Pencarrow, Orongomai Marae and The Dowse Art Museum to name a few...

Animals

Learn about the animals of the land, sea and the air, including animals that live right here in the Wellington region. It's not enough to simply learn about them though, we need to think about what we can do to protect these animals and ensure they are here for many generations to come.

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EOTC Week

Judo

Judo is an exciting, rough and tumble martial art with a world-wide following. Students in this group will receive experienced instruction, learning to roll, fall, throw and grapple in a safe environment

Challenge Yourself

The human body and mind are amazing things and we challenge you to put them to good use. Each day students will be asked to challenge themselves to complete physical activities that will test different muscles and require different skill sets. In addition to this we will ensure your minds are challenged as well through meeting with different community groups and learning from their expertise.

A Journey Home

A week of local adventures, simple games, resourceful making and storytelling at ease. We will walk places, swim places, create sheltered spaces, collect sticks and stones, carve bones, make our own taonga puoro, sit around fire, lay down under trees, shoot the breeze, rest and read, throw frisbees, play music, tell each other stories and more.

Learn to Surf

Are you a strong swimmer?

Do you love the ocean?

Can you handle deep water?

Are you keen to try the greatest ocean sport ever?

Then the learn to surf camp is for you! You will get five days of surfing lessons, learn valuable ocean skills, beach safety and loads more. Surfboards, wetsuits and everything else is provided. The surf instructors have trained with Surfing New Zealand (SNZ) whose courses are accredited by the International Surfing Association (ISA) and recognised throughout the world.

Mountain Biking

Are you a keen mountain biker? or have you ever had the desire to try it?

Do you have a taste for adventure?

Do you have an interest in exploring our wonderful back yard?

If you answered yes or if I have captured your attention then during EOTC week come on an exhilarating mountain biking adventure around Wellington! All you need is a bike suitable enough, a helmet (of course) and a keen sense of adventure!

On Location (Film Making)

Do you like making films? If so come and join "On Location", where we will spend the week planning awesome films to film at three cool locations. If you ARE creative and like to make genre films (horror, Sci Fi, Action) then come join the fun!

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EOTC Week

Experience Food

If you enjoy being in the kitchen you'll love the chance to plan, shop for, prepare, cook and eat a three course meal. Of course this is just the final step in a fun filled week of learning and trying new foods and techniques.

Tour Wellington

Want to be a tourist in Wellington? Experience the Wellington Museum, go up the Cable Car and walk through to the Bolton St Cemetery before going to Parliament. Experience the interactive activities at the Hinatore learning centre at Te Papa and visit Government House and Pukeahu. And don't forget the Zoo!

Twirls and Tumbles

Make your own props for object manipulation (poi and staff) and learn a range of circus related skills such as free-running.

Resolution Bay Camp

Departing on Sunday you travel by ferry and water taxi to this wonderful location in the heart of the Marlborough Sounds. Accommodation is in rustic cabins and activities included are kayaking, camp cooking, bivouac building, bush first aid, tramping, campfires, nightline, swimming, wharf jumping and the possibility of a fishing trip on a commercial fishing boat.

Whanganui River Trip

Travel to Raetihi by minivan before embarking on a three day paddle down the mighty Whanganui River (the only great walk of New Zealand you can do sitting down!) in a Canadian canoe (2 person canoe). Accommodation is in tents (provided by campers) and sees us stopping at camp grounds and Tieke Kainga Marae. Every year this is a memorable trip so make sure you get on board.

Abel Tasman Experience

This beautiful location is home to some amazing adventures. Visit the Ngarua Caves, paddle a waka, walk through the Abel Tasman National Park and enjoy the beaches and the fun activities. Abel Tasman is home to golden sand, crystal clear water, lush green bush and it's all in the Sunshine capital of New Zealand.

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AIMS Games

Three teams (Water Polo, Netball, Girl's Football) are currently preparing for the AIMS Games. We are now looking for expressions of interest from competitors in individual sports. Registration closes on 12 June.

Individual sports as part of the AIMS Games are: Badminton, BMX, Canoe Sport, Cross Country, Golf, Gymnastics, Indoor Bowls, Mountain Biking, Multi-Sport, Rock Climbing, Squash, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis and Yachting.

Please contact Howard Young at howard.young@swis.school.nz for further information.

Floorball

What is Floorball?

That might be the question some of you are asking. Floorball is a fast paced indoor hockey played with plastic sticks and a plastic ball with holes. This sport is growing in popularity and is developing a strong following here at SWIS.

During term 1 the SWIS Kōwhai team won their competition. Congratulations to the team for this achievement.

PB4L (Positive Behaviour 4 Learning)

Each fortnight we count up the number of PB4L (Values) cards that each class has accumulated. Each class receives a free mufti once they have reached their next target. The initial target for 2019 was 100 cards (200 for Rooms 8/9, 10/11/ 16/17 as their totals are combined).

We are pleased to acknowledge the following classes who have reached their first target and can now choose a date for their classes free mufti. All these classes have begun collecting cards towards their second target, also of 100.

Rooms 10 & 11 Room 13 Room 5

This table indicates how many cards must be collected by each class to reach their next target.

Room 1	22	Room 10/11	189
Room 2	40	Room 12	46
Room 3	61	Room 13	76
Room 4	8	Room 14	53
Room 5	95	Room 15	17
Room 6	3	Room 16/17	92
Room 8/9	31		

Over the past fortnight the students of SWIS have earned **482** Values cards for demonstrating Safe, Respectful and Responsible behaviour. Well done.

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Junior Tough Guy and Gal

Text by Izzy Wallace

On 23 May a group of SWIS students will be taking part in the 2019 Tough Guy and Gal event held at Camp Wainui. The students will be busing to and from the event. The mud run will include mud ponds/puddles, climb obstacles and lots more. Each child will receive drinks, food and a medal. Here is a piece of writing about Fred Pilgrim's (RM 17) experience from last year with the Tough Guy and Gal Challenge...

My Experience of the Tough Guy/Gal 2018 - by Fred Pilgrim

In 2018, I signed up for the Tough Guy/Gal event. It was a really good experience for me as I had not done things as fun as I did that day. With no limit on entries and we ended up taking over 100 students. My mates and I were laughing so much as we were having so much fun, squirming through tunnels, jumping in puddles and pushing myself through muddy ponds. We took the bus to Camp Wainui and had a quick meeting about the safety of the race. After the race, we got energy drinks, a medal and a Pizza voucher which my friends and I used after the race to celebrate how **awesome** the day was. I can't wait to do it again this year!



Photo from 2018 Junior Tough Guy and Gal Wellington event.

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Requested for the Art Room

We need empty, clean plastic soft drink bottles (lids not necessary). 1.5L bottles or bigger are perfect for what we need. Please drop these off at the office. Thanks

P.E. & Cross Country

Cross country training has started for PE. There's been plenty of sweat and puffing going on! This is a good time to have a chat with your child about the moderate use of deodorants and the importance of using the right clothing for PE. Some students still need reminders about wearing their yellow top and black shorts so they are returning to class in their green uniforms that have become very sweaty which is not nice for others. Also, please check in with your child about what shoes they are wearing for PE as some choices are not suitable or safe to be running in. Thank you.

The 2019 SWIS Cross Country will be taking place on Monday 27 May and will act as a qualification for the WRISSA Cross Country on 4 June.



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SWIS Youtube Channel

Please check out videos published by the SWIS Hub team on the SWIS Youtube channel. We will be constantly updating it with videos of learning, sports, events and podcasts. This is a great way to keep connected to the school and what is happening without being here.

Videos published in the last fortnight:

- **The SWIS Hub—Generation Gap**
This podcast breaks down 1993's coming of age baseball classic "The Sandlot"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tDpsYkhTOns&t=20s>
- **A Drone Above SWIS**
A view of SWIS from high above
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JyDHx0r14Zw&feature=youtu.be>



Kids Lit was Legit

Kids Lit was real legit and I shall sit and tell you about it. We were fit to sit and answer questions for a bit. A kid won a Whitcoulls stationery kit. Fitbit. Now it's time for a more detailed explanation.

We went into the large glass room, where there were chairs in sets of four facing each other with clipboards with school names on them. We found ours after some searching. The chairs were extremely close together so we had to push them out. We got to choose one double points round so we chose gods and goddesses. There were 10 subcategories: Glorious Food, Hats, Monsters, Supernatural, Magic, Gods and Goddesses, Literature Knowledge, Māori, and The Law.

After every round the quiz master asked a question from the world final. If you got it right, you won five dollars and a stationery kit. The winners of each category got a \$5 Whitcoulls voucher. Half way through there was a morning tea break for 15 minutes. After that there were the last 5 of the categories. Then the results: the first team got 87.5, 2nd got 87.5 (tie breaker) third, 83, and 4th (us) 82.5.

On the way back we were very sad we lost to third place by half a point but we did quite well, considering we were winning at half time. The prize we all wanted was a red carpet dinner with famous authors, but alas it was not to be. In conclusion I want to do it again next year!

Article by Harry Shallcrass and Rennie Chapman-Marshall

The Gift of Reading

A new initiative from SWIS Hub we want to share the gift of reading. This involves students signing up on the form below and bringing a secondhand book that they have enjoyed to gift to a random recipient.

The purpose of this initiative is to share our joy of different authors with others who may not have discovered this author yet.

Can students please bring their completed form and a good condition secondhand book they are willing to give away to the DP's office by the end of lunch Friday 17 May. All participants will then receive a random book on Friday 24 May.

This will repeat monthly for the rest of the year with students gifting either a different book the following month or they can regift the book they received the month before.

Students are willing to sign up throughout the year. Only people who contribute books will receive one that month. If you miss a month you can rejoin the following month.

Name: _____

Room: _____

3 Favourite Authors:

The type of books I enjoy are:

My hobbies are:

Pink Shirt Day

Pink Shirt Day for 2019 is being held on Friday 17 May. This is a national event that is an important date on the SWIS calendar.

Pink Shirt Day is about raising awareness of bullying within society and stamping it out. This fits well with our school values of being **SAFE, RESPECTFUL** and **RESPONSIBLE**.

On Friday 17 May we will be holding a themed mufti. We encourage all students to bring a gold coin and wear a pink shirt to show their support for this important issue.

All money raised will be sent to the Mental Health Foundation.

Please join us in supporting this worthwhile cause.



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