



Te Pānui

TERM 2 WEEK 4, 2019

FRIDAY 24 MAY, 2019

TERM 2 DATES

SWIS Cross Country

27 May

Wellington East Girls

College visit to SWIS

27 May

School Closed

Strike 29 May

School Closed

Queen's Birthday 3 June

WRISSA Cross Country

4 June

Rongotai Experience

7 June

Science Trips

10 June, 11 June,

17 June, 18 June

WRISSA Boys Hockey

12 June

WRISSA Girls Hockey

13 June

Ngā Wai Pīata—Streams

of Light Parade, 21 June



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Message from the Principal:

So much seems to happen every fortnight, this is one of the wonderful things about intermediates and it is great to see students taking up these opportunities.

Today sees the students in attendance diminished due to the second climate change strike. While, like all educators I am an advocate for students spending school days at school it does fill me with joy seeing young people passionately advocating for issues they see as important. We saw the same thing here at school last week as the students joined forces to acknowledge Pink Shirt Day. The school was a sea of pink as they stood up to bullying and supported the Mental Health Foundation.

Seeing these expressions of students supporting causes important to them also serves as a timely reminder that a student's education is far more comprehensive than simply covering Reading, Writing and Maths. Let's all work to unlock the passions of our children because success can be found in many different disciplines.



Next week on 29 May the school will be closed as the teachers of New Zealand strike due to the impasse between the government and the unions continues. For the majority of teachers this has never been simply about pay, but about improved conditions and ultimately improved learning for your children.

Smaller class sizes, increased resources and additional release time to support teachers with the ever increasing workload are all things that we are fighting for and all things that are achievable within the financial limitations the government have at their disposal.

We understand that these strike days do place strains on family resources, but the staff here at SWIS have been extremely grateful for the messages of support which have been sent in by members of the community. We hope for a resolution which supports learning in the best way possible and allows us to do what we love doing.

Nga mihi,

Traci Liddall

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Safe, Respectful, Responsible

Junior Tough Guy and Gal

A first time participant's perspective by Izzy Wallace

What a great day Thursday the 23rd was at the Tough Guy and Gal mud run. 81 SWIS students were part of a group of over 800 Wellington students to participate and run the muddy tracks at Camp Wainui.

When we arrived we were excited and a bit nervous because we didn't know what to expect. Our shoes were already wet from the dew on the grass. It was a perfect day. There was music pumping from a stage, and there were kids dancing and screaming to the beat.

The Year 7 and 8 students were first up. A loud horn let us know it was time to start the race. A minute later, you could smell the disgusting and horrifying horse poo. The grainy thick mud was squelching in my shoes, and was all over my face. My friends and I slapped mud over our bodies and looked as if we were at day spa.

At the end of the race there was a large lake filled with murky water. It was reasonably deep and some of us couldn't touch the bottom.

Overall it was an amazing day filled with fun, and I definitely want to do it again next year.

A returning participant by Fred Pilgrim

On the 23rd of March, roughly 80 kids participated in the Jnr Tough Guy and Gal Mud Run. The kids were accompanied by Rauru (Mr Walker), Aloma (Ms Barry), and Howard (Mr Young).

It was about a 45 minute bus ride to Camp Wainui. Before the race we collected our race tag and number. A brief health and safety talk was given by one of the crew and then they let us start our sticky, fun and epic adventure!

At the beginning, we ran a few hundred metres before approaching the tunnels and muddy waters. Every few hundred metres there would be another obstacle. The event involved climbing over fences, pushing through sludgy pools, crawling under ropes and going through tunnels covered with yet more **MUD**.

At the end we pushed ourselves through the semi-deep water, collected our free Loaded sports drink and sprinted to the steaming hot showers, before changing into our uniforms in a big tent.

To round up the event, we stayed for the prize giving, which started at 11:45. I was lucky enough to win a spot prize - a giant garden dart set! Each participant received a drink, a pizza voucher and a medal.

I would definitely recommend this awesome event. Thank you very much to everyone who helped organise it.

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Junior Tough Guy and Gal



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SPEAK UP *Stand together* **STOP BULLYING**

Friday, 18 May 2018

www.pinkshirtday.org.nz
#pinkshirtdaynz



Pink Shirt Day

On Friday the 17th of May it was Pink Shirt Day. Pink shirt day is an annual event that raises money for the mental health foundation. All around the world people dress up for this event including the students of SWIS. This year there was a sea of pink around the school. It was great to see all the people showing their support for the mental health foundation. Over all it was an amazing day, we were happy we got to wear mufti and help a good cause at the same time. The school raised a total of \$225.

The message that ran out across the nation was "Help us turn Aotearoa into a sea of pink this Pink Shirt Day to Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!

Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against homophobic bullying, after a peer was bullied for wearing a pink shirt and is now celebrated annually around the globe. In Aotearoa, Pink Shirt Day aims to create schools, workplaces and communities where all people feel safe, valued and respected bullying." - **The Mental Health Foundation**

If your interested and willing to donate, you can do so at their website at <https://events.mentalhealth.org.nz/pink-shirt-day-donate>



Māuritau, Whakamana & Takohatanga

Bob Waters:

An 'Unsung Hero' of SWIS *By Mia Mueller*

You know the huge carvings that stand outside the school hall? Have you ever wondered how much time and effort have been put into them?

ABOUT THE CARVINGS:

The carvings outside our hall have belonged to SWIS for many years. They were designed for the old school hall.

Unfortunately, the hall wasn't earthquake safe. The architect designed a new hall without a place to mount the carvings.

When Traci Liddall came to SWIS as a new principal, she supported Bob & Koka Rea to reinstate the carvings. Luckily, former staff member Rea Ropiha had lovingly stored the carvings in the art room to keep them safe while they were without a home.

Ms Liddall talked to some people who were willing to put up the carvings outside the entrance of the hall. Bob Waters, another former staff member was the man who mounted the carvings and designed the steel framework.

ABOUT BOB WATERS:

Bob Waters used to be a teacher at SWIS. In the years 1970-2000, he had many different roles at the school. Now, it's 19 years later and he still comes to look after the enormous carvings for us. In 1994, he mounted them on the old hall entrance and when the it got demolished, he removed them and help Koko Rea store them in the art room.

Someone had put linseed oil on the carvings and that caused mould to grow on them. Bob spent ages getting rid of the mould, then oiled it with a special oil of his choice. He still keeps an eye on the carvings to see how they are weathering.

We are lucky that there are people in the community who have been devoted to SWIS for a long period of time and do little things that we don't think of, but make such a difference .

Thanks, Bob for taking care of the SWIS carvings!



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Get to know SWIS Hub

By Fred Pilgrim (a member of SWIS Hub)

Do you know who writes the articles for the fortnightly newsletter?

And, who does the podcasts for the SWIS Youtube channel?

That's right. It's SWIS Hub. The majority of SWIS Hub writes articles, records podcasts, and creates new ideas to strengthen the social side and communication of SWIS.

Get to know most of the members of SWIS Hub down below...

Rhys Hicks

Age: 12

Fav Food: Sushi/Burgers

Hobbies: Biking, scootering, and rugby

Mia Mueller

Age: 11

Fav Food: Ravioli

Hobbies: Reading

Ollie Bond

Age: 12

Fav Food: Nachos/Sushi

Hobbies: Sport

Zachary Thirkell

Age: 12

Fav Food: Pizza

Hobbies: Football, Board games dance

Ethan Graham

Age: 11

Fav Food: Sushi

Hobbies: Computers/IT

Luna Lopez

Age: 11

Fav Food: Dumplings

Hobbies: Sport, Minecraft

Ferne Selwood-Eyles

Age: 11

Fav Food: Pizza/Sushi

Hobbies: Stay at home

Saskia Young

Age: 12

Fav Food: Lasagne

Hobbies: Gaming, Sport

Peter Day

Age: 12

Fav Food: Lasagne

Hobbies: None

Ewan Brighton-Mills

Age: 12

Fav Food: Watermelon

Hobbies: Crying

Chelsea Johns

Age 11

Fav Food: Watermelon

Hobbies: Football

Frederick (Fred) Pilgrim

Age: 12

Fav Food: Pizza / Butter chicken

Hobbies: Football, Running

Isabella (Izzy) Wallace

Age: 11

Fav Food: Mac n cheese

Hobbies: Netball,

Profiles of the remaining SWIS Hub members will be included in the next newsletter.

Māuritau, Whakamana & Takohatanga

Corrections

There were a couple of errors in the previous newsletter which we'd like to correct here. In the blurb about on the "Get to Know the Hutt Valley option there was an error in the description of the first settlement found in Petone. This should have read European settlement as Māori settlements had existed since at least 1400.

The second correction involves the authorship of the Beyond Water presentation. The correct authors of this piece were Bessie Hawkings and Ferne Hills.

Our sincere apologies for both of these oversights.

Canteen

Just a reminder that although the canteen is open everyday what is on sale for lunch varies. On Monday and Tuesdays students can purchase noodles for \$1. On Wednesday (Pita Pit), Thursday (Sushi) and Friday (Pita Pit) must be ordered through Kindo and can then be picked up at the start of lunch from the canteen.

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.

Room 2, Room 4, Room 6, Rooms 8 & 9 and Room 15. Room 13 have arrived at their second total and have now earned a second free mufti. Room 13 will now require 150 cards to achieve their next free mufti.

Over the past fortnight the students of SWIS have earned **310** Values cards for demonstrating Safe, Respectful and Responsible behaviour. Well done.

Room 1	19	Room 10/11	152	This table indicates how many cards must be collected by each class to reach their next target.
Room 2	96	Room 12	31	
Room 3	36	Room 13	148	
Room 4	58	Room 14	34	
Room 5	70	Room 15	98	
Room 6	82	Room 16/17	92*	* no data received from these classes
Room 8/9	187			

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WRISSA Football

Last week the girls and boys football teams took on the toughest opposition the Wellington Intermediates had to offer. Both teams performed to a high level and their final placings reflect this. Congratulations to all participants and thank you for representing the school with pride.

Girls: Final placing 4th of 16

Boys: Final placing 2nd of 16

Pool play

V Raroa	1-0
V Newlands	0-0
V Brandon	0-0
V Hutt (QF)	1-0
V EBIS (SF)	0-2
V Masterton (3/4)	0-1

Pool play

v Raroa 2	4-0	
v Newlands	1-1	
v Hutt	1-0	
v Masterton (QF)	1-1	3-1 on penalties
v Naenae (SF)	4-0	
v Hutt (Final)	1-2	



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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:
