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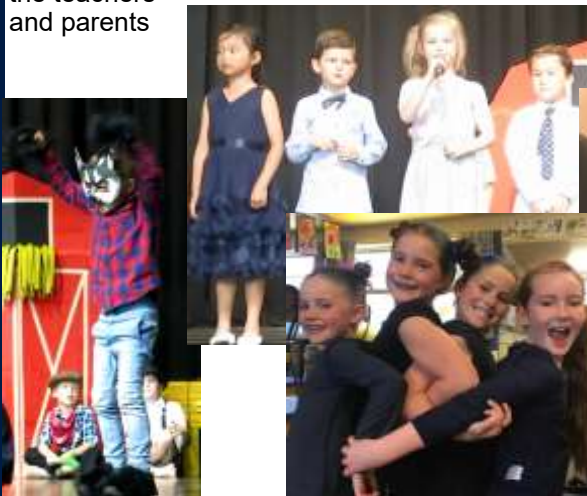
Our Vision: To grow young people who love God and impact others through service and leadership.

Our Mission: To provide a quality education in a Christian environment where children can develop their God-given abilities.



Superb Stories!  
What a wonderful concert our Year 0-2 pupils performed on Tuesday! The pupils performed excerpts from their favourite books. Thank you to the teachers and parents

Congratulations to **Joshua Curry-Cook, Andrew Denne, Amelie Thorpe and Naomi Wilson** who won the National 123Tech First Division National Championship in Wellington yesterday!



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## Respect- We value our differences

"...Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honour [Respect] one another above yourselves." Romans 12:10

6 December 2018

Kia ora Parent(s),



The end of the school year is near and there are only two weeks left! Overall, the children have progressed extremely well spiritually, academically, socially, and culturally. I am very thankful to God for the way He continues to work in and through the school community.

I would like to bring to your attention the following points:

**Staff Leaving/Arriving:** Many (if not all) of you will be aware that **Mrs Gayleen Harland** will be retiring at the end of this year. Mrs Harland has taught at the school for almost 16 years and fulfilled the role of a New Entrant Teacher outstandingly well. She will be sorely missed but we do hope she thoroughly enjoys her next stage in life. **Mrs**

**Julie Smith** will be working as a New Entrant Teacher next year. **Miss Kate Vanderpyl** will be joining the Hillview team in 2019. Miss Vanderpyl has just finished graduating from the University of Canterbury and is an ex-pupil of Middleton Grange School. She is very excited to be part of the school community and I am confident that both staff and parents will make her feel very welcome. We would also like to congratulate **Miss Julia Galloway** on her recent engagement to Stefan and pray God's blessing as they prepare for their wedding.

**Learning Conferences:** To maximise the start of our school year, we will be holding **learning conferences for all children on Thursday January 31<sup>st</sup> and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February**. These will be held in the teacher's classroom (Y0-4) and the gymnasium (Y5-10). The aim of these sessions is to provide you and your child an opportunity to meet with their 2019 teacher, reflect on how their learning has progressed, and share goals for the upcoming year. The teacher will also share their expectations for the year, the best way to communicate, and the classroom programme. Booking information will be sent out shortly and it will be on a first-in, first-served basis. Families with three or more children will be offered their choice of interview slot 24 hours earlier than everyone else as we wish to assist with easing their potential booking clashes. For new families starting in T2 onwards, Mrs Smith will be in touch to make a time later in the term. Any questions, please contact the office.

**Concerts:** We had a fabulous Y0-2 concert on Tuesday and look forward to Y3-6 tonight and Y7-10 next Wednesday. There have been some changes made to the events to assist with reducing the length of each concert. Please feel free to email back any feedback on this to Mrs Vosslamber (Y0-2), Mrs Learey (Y3-6), and Mr Stanton (Y7-10).

**2019 Theme:** We wish to continue our Whanaungatanga theme for next year which focuses on strengthening our culture so that all pupils, parents, staff, proprietors, and BOT members feel like they belong and are greatly valued. One new initiative we hope to do is welcome all of our new families onto the school grounds at our first whole school assembly.

Since this is our final newsletter, I would like to express my sincere thanks for your ongoing support and encouragement. I would also like to honour all the staff for their hard work, commitment, and love for the children.

If this is your last year at our school, I do wish you God's richest blessings as your child moves on to the next season in their life.

Ngā mihi nui,

Steve Frost  
[Tumuaki]

### Give thanks for:

- A blessed year in 2018
- Our supportive parent community
- Christian Education in New Zealand

### Please pray for:

- A peaceful, safe and restful holiday for our school community over the school break
- God's continued blessing over the school in 2019

Parents who pray make all the difference!  
Please join us on Thursdays at 2.40pm in AV Room to pray for our school community.  
**Everyone welcome!**

### Verses to Learn Term 4

"...Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honour [Respect] one another above yourselves."

Romans 12:10

### Tips for Learning

#### Year 3-6 Science

[by Jonathon Blows]

Questions lead to discovery if we don't give up too early, so my science tip this week is to encourage your children to ask big questions and then encourage them to find some answers.

Here is a starter: Go for a walk around the garden or neighbourhood and see if you can work out what native trees are growing there. A parent alerted me to an app for smart phones called Flora Finder which you can then use to identify the trees by answering a series of questions based on shape of leaves. This is a great way to integrate technology and observation to gain a better understanding of our own environment; so why not give it a go this summer? Happy learning



## Pupil Achievements



Congratulations to **Noah Davis** who received 3 bronze medals at the JASI swimming club. He also achieved third place at the Pegasus Classic triathlon over the weekend. Well done Noah!

## Assemblies Next Week

**Whole School Assembly** – Friday 14 December 10am in the gymnasium. Parents are very welcome.

*[This week's flag is Jamaica. Next week's flag will be Thailand]*

## UPCOMING Events

- **Thursday 6 December** – Y3-6 Concert and Prizegiving 7pm in the gymnasium
- **Friday 7 December** – Y3-4 Swimming Carnival
- **Monday 10 December** – Y3-6 Picnic Day at Waltham Pool
- **Tuesday 11 December** – Whole school cycle champs
- **Wednesday 12 December** - Y0-2 Picnic day
- **Wednesday 12 December**- Y7-10 Concert and Prizegiving, 7pm in the gymnasium
- **Thursday 13 December** – Y7-10 Picnic day
- **Friday 14 December** – Y10 Graduation dinner
- **Friday 14 December** – Last day of school for the year, 12 noon finish
- **January 31 and February 1** – Learning Conferences
- **Monday 4 February** – Classes commence
- **Wednesday 6 February** – Waitangi Day

## Around Our School

### Sports Notices

**Cycle Champs** on next Tuesday 11 December - entries close today (Thursday 6 December). All entrants will be emailed a start time. Please bring bikes and helmets on Tuesday and wear P.E. gear.

**2019 Sports Dates:** These are now on the Sports Blog

**Early Sports Dates for 2019:** (all details are on the Sports Blog)

Thursday 31 Jan. and Friday 1 Feb.: Y5-10 **Swimming Strokes Workshops** @ the School Pool 9am - 1.00pm

**OPTIONAL**, \$3 per 30min. workshop in Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly and Diving

Thursday 7 February: 9.30am-1pm **Year 5-10 Swimming Sports** at Wharenuī Pool

Friday 8 February: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Year 5-10 Ironman** at Waltham Pool and Park.

Monday: 11 February: **Year 9/10 Volleyball** starts

Wednesday 13 February: **Year 9/10 Summer Sport** starts

Friday 22 February: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Year 0-4 Triathlon** at Junior Campus

Thursday 28 February: 9am-3pm **Year 9/10 Christian Schools' Athletics** at Nga Puna Wai Track.

### Swimming Pool Keys

There are a few school swimming pool keys still available. If you wish to purchase a key to use the pool outside school hours, please see office staff. The price is \$120 which includes a refundable \$50 bond (given when the key is returned in March).

### Room 12 and Room 7 Kauri Lodge Visit

Room 12 and Room 7 to visit Kauri Lodge Rest home from 9:30 - 11:30 on **Friday 7 December**. The children will travel by bus and

the \$2 charge should be paid to Classroom teacher.

### Room 6 and Room 8 Chatswood Village Visit

Rooms 6 & 8 are hoping to visit Chatswood Retirement Village, 60 Hawford Rd, Opawa, to sing Christmas songs and perform some dances on **Friday, December 7 at 10:45am**. We will be walking so if it is wet the postponement date is Monday, December 10. Parents are welcome to accompany us, and so add volume to our singing. Parents can walk with us or meet us there.



### Y0-2 Picnic Day

The Y0-2 picnic day will be held on **Wednesday December 12th**. The Y0-1 classes (Rooms 6,8 and 12) will be going to Chipmunks Papanui in the morning and travelling by bus. They will leave **school at 9:30** and return at 12. The remaining Y1 and Y2 classes (Rooms 7, 11, and 13) will visit Chipmunks in the afternoon - leaving at 12:30 and returning at 3:00. While the children are at school they will be doing some Lego building. The total cost for the day is \$14:90 per child, which has been charged to your school account.



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### School Readers

Could parents of junior campus children please check at home for any school readers and return them to school as soon as possible. Thank you



### Carpenter/ Joiner Needed

The school has some carpentry/ joinery work to be done over the Christmas holidays suitable for a carpenter or joiner. This isn't heavy work and would suit a retired person, or someone between jobs, or looking for extra work. Please contact David Mitchell, the school property manager, on [d.mitchell@hillview.school.nz](mailto:d.mitchell@hillview.school.nz) or call 021 0222 9949 to find out more and discuss pay rate.

### Sunsmart Fundraiser

Keeping our families Sunsmart this summer is important. We have an opportunity to offer the SUNRIGHT Sunsmart products to our school families as a fundraiser by one of our parents within the school community. These make great Christmas Stocking fillers too! To place orders directly with Louise Gee email: [geewhanau04@gmail.com](mailto:geewhanau04@gmail.com) or phone 022 416 3615.

### Hillview Uniform Shop

**School Holiday Hours** The shop will be open by appointment **only** during the school holidays.

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PLEASE check the lost property bins if you have lost any items. Any enquiries, please contact Emma [uniform@hillview.school.nz](mailto:uniform@hillview.school.nz).

### School's Out!

Please note the last day of school for the year is **Friday 14 December at 12 noon**. We wish all our families a safe, happy and peaceful Christmas and school holiday.



SILHOUETTE STUDIOS NZ 2018 PRESENTS "Lest We Forget"

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