



# St Andrews School

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## Newsletter

T4 Week 4 2018

**Tēnā koutou katoa. Nga mihi ki a koutou.**

### Upcoming Dates Term 4

15th Nov. **Strike day**  
16th Nov. - Grandparents Day 12.30pm, 5 year old race 1.20pm  
20th Nov. - Rural School Athletics - Aorangi  
23rd Nov. - Assembly 2.15pm  
27th Nov. - BOT Meeting 7pm  
4th Dec. - SC Athletics  
6th Dec. - SC Athletics p.p.  
6th Dec. - BOT Meeting 7pm  
7th Dec. - Skills for Life Assembly 2.15pm  
10th Dec. - School Picnic, Reports sent home  
11th Dec. - Year 8 Shared Meal, 5.30-7pm  
13th Dec. - Prize Giving 6.00pm  
14th Dec. - Last Day Term 4

### New Students

A huge welcome to Seth, Violet, Ivey and Rosie who have started with us, we hope you enjoy St Andrews School.

### Teachers & Principals Strike

A Strike notice has been received for teachers and principals for Thursday 15th November. At present the strike is from 7.30am - 4.30pm. The three main reasons for the strike are outlined below from Whetu Cormick the NZPF President:

*The first is about support, PLD and special needs. It is well acknowledged across our sector and in parliamentary circles that our special education services no longer meet the needs of the growing number of severely challenged young people in our schools. The Minister himself and Associate Minister Martin are each on public record as saying special education does not need a review, it requires an action plan. We do not have sufficient specialists such as psychologists, speech therapists and the like, nor do we have a mechanism to allow teachers to specialise in special needs education. This area, without*

*doubt, needs an injection of both funds and strategic future planning.*

*The second is about time. The offer of 12.5 minutes a week additional time for teachers to plan, assess and work individually with children is totally inadequate. Our teachers are some of the best in the world and to maintain high quality teaching they need more time to reflect, research and refresh.*

*The third issue is pay. We know that pay rates are an important factor in recruiting school graduates into teaching, and we know that the profession has not had any significant pay rise in a decade. This translates as under-valuing our profession at a time when we need a commitment to raising the status of the profession.*

### School Pool

The school pool will now be up and running again for the summer season in week 6, 19th November. Keys will be available from the school office for \$50 for the season.

### Grandparents Day

Grandparents day is on Friday 16th November - **12.30pm** - Grandparents arrive for a shared picnic lunch - **1.20pm** - 5 year old race followed by some Jump Jam performances and Kapa Haka. Families will have the opportunity to go and wander through the classes and have a look at students work. **\*\*\*\*\*A silent cake auction will be running on the day and we would appreciate any donations of baked goods to auction off.\*\*\*\*\***

### SC Schools Tennis

We have recently had a group of students representing us at the SC Tennis Cup. We had some noticeable placings;

Year 6 and under Jonty was second, James was third  
Murphy won the Plate Cup for Year 6 and under.  
Emjay went into the Plate Cup and placed  
Brad came 4th for Year 7/8  
Riley placed Second in the Plate Cup for Year 7/8

Well done to all those students who took part.



**Jonty** - *'It was a real fun day. I really enjoyed playing other people my age. I am really proud of myself coming second as there were lots of really tough people.'*

**James** - *'I really enjoyed playing tennis with people from other schools. I was really proud of myself coming third especially playing against really experienced people.'*



## First Aid

Last week all the classes were taught First Aid by St Johns. This was a great chance for students to learn practical skills if they need them in emergency situations.

"In First Aid we learned to roll someone into the recovery position. We learned how to call 111 in an emergency, and how to answer the questions.- Ella



Learning new things in First Aid was a good experience. Learning how to do the recovery position and how to answer the questions when you ring 111 was really cool. - Jimmy

## Pet Day

*The Young Farmer events at Pet Day were really exciting to do. It felt really good to get into the finals. My favourite part was going around the posts. - Bria*

I loved showing off my cute adorable animals! We had lots of fun showing the costumes in the pet parade. - Chloe





Room 3 & 4 Camp - Lindisfarne

