



Te Pānui

TERM 1 WEEK 5, 2019

FRIDAY 01 MARCH 2019

TERM 1 DATES

Athletics
4 March (11 March PP)

Japanese Exchange Group
Arrive 8 March

Depart 20 March

WRISSA
(Inter-Intermediate)
Athletics
19 March (21 March PP)

Paid Union Meeting
21 March

Ōtaki College Sports
Exchange
5 April

WRISSA Sevens
10 April (11 April)

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Message from the Principal:

What an amazing couple of weeks it has been for the students of SWIS as they enjoyed the sun, fun, a little rain and the opportunity to be away from home with their classmates for a couple of nights at school camp.

Already it is interesting seeing the relationships that have grown through a greater understanding of one another. Although camp is the focal point of Term 1, there is still plenty going on. On Monday 4 March we will be holding our annual Athletics Day at Newtown Park. While this event does serve as a qualification event for the Inter-Intermediate Athletics its main focus is on students achieving the best they are able to in a variety of athletics disciplines.

You have already been notified of the upcoming Paid Union Meeting being held on the afternoon of Thursday 21 March. We appreciate that these meetings can be disruptive and as such the school will remain open for supervision during this time. Unfortunately the government and the NZEI have not been able to come together regarding conditions for teachers and schools to operate under, but negotiations are ongoing.

Finally, next week sees the beginning of our electives programme. Students have put down choices they would like to be involved in and on Monday they will be told of their placements. It is always challenging when placing students in options as some options prove more popular than others. Every effort has been made to accommodate students first or second choice, however it is not always possible. Some options do have a fee associated with them and a letter from the teacher leading these options will come home on Tuesday 5 March with further details about these. We look forward to starting this programme as it always shapes as one of the highlights of the school year.



Nga mihi,

Traci Liddall

SWIS values are to be
Safe, Respectful, Responsible

Camp 1

Rooms 1, 2, 3 & 14 were the first classes to go to camp and enjoy all that Tatum Park has to offer.



Camp 2

Rooms 5, 13, 16 & 17 enjoyed a wet and dry (but mostly wet) camp but a great time was had by all.



Camp 2

This year's camp was held at a venue called Tatum Park. When I arrived I carried my luggage from the bus and dumped it on the field, from there we went to explore the camp. After this we had time to settle into our cabins.

The activities were very fun, ranging from waterslide to building bivouacs in the bush. Meals were also enjoyable consisting of a wide range of cereals and toast for breakfast, for lunch there were buns filled with cheese and beef with a side of salad and dinner was a butter chicken curry.

Using the bathroom was one of the worst experiences I had at camp. As you walked in you could feel soggy grass squelch beneath your feet, left by the previous people after coming in from their activities.

My personal favourite camp activity was building bivouacs! It involved groups of 3 to 4 people using sticks, logs and leaves to create huts in the bush. My group (Toby and Raj) did well building a sheltered hut with enough room to move. It even had logs for seating. I found this activity fun and would happily do it again.

One thing to improve camp would be cabin groups working together better to keep cabins tidy and not be too loud at night. It took my cabin until midnight to be quiet resulting in a lack of sleep.

It was a great camp to be part of and a lot of fun and learning.

Written by Jack Pritchard Yeo, Room 13



Athletics

The SWIS Athletics Day will be held on Monday 4 March. This event is a whole day event taking place at Newtown Park. Students who pre register for the 800m will need to arrive at Newtown Park by 8:55 a.m. at the latest ready to run at 9 a.m. All other students will be meeting at school as per a normal day and coming over to the park following the roll.

All students need to wear their P.E. uniform for this event and can wear this to and from school. Their P.E. uniform can be accessorised by their team colours (no face paint please)

Rooms 1, 2, 3, 14 Yellow

Rooms 4, 6, 12, 15 Blue

Rooms 5, 13, 16, 17 Red

Rooms 8, 9, 10, 11 Black

Parents are welcome to come along and support our young athletes as they strive to achieve their best.

This event will also double as a qualification for the WRISSA (Wellington Regional Intermediate School Sports Association) Athletics also to be held at Newtown Park on Tuesday 19 March.

PB4L (Positive Behaviour 4 Learning)

Road safety continues to be a topical issue around the school. We continue to be concerned about the actions of a few that compromise the safety of the students arriving and departing each day. Please make sure you are not parking on yellow lines to let your child out of the car, not letting your child out on the road side and insisting they cross at pedestrian crossings or at the lights.

South Wellington Intermediate School is a Safe, Respectful and Responsible school. As members of the school community we stress the need for all of us to role model positive and safe behaviour around the school gates.

Movin March

March is Coming – Let's Get Movin'!

Make the most of the beautiful weather and encourage your child to Walk or Wheel to and from school. Explore the [website](#) for tips on how to build active travel into your daily routine AND there are great prizes up for grabs!

Why Movin' March?

Not only does walking or wheeling to school reduce congestion and chaos at the school gate, it also provides an opportunity to slow down and get in some quality time with our tamariki. Walking or wheeling to school solo or with friends can be a real [confidence boost](#).

Camp

Thank you to all of the parents who gave up their time over the last fortnight to ensure we had successful camps. The expertise and enthusiasm you each brought to the camp was greatly appreciated and played a big part of each camp. We hope that the experience you had at camp was equally enjoyable for you .

Homestay Families Needed

Thank you to the wonderful families who have put their hands up to be host families for the group of Japanese students who are arriving on Friday 8 March. There is a need for 2 additional families who would be interested in hosting two of these students for the weekend of the 15th to 17th of March. There is a payment of \$45 per night for these days. If you are able to host one of these boys for this weekend please contact Howard on howard.young@swis.school.nz

Paid Union Meeting

There is a Paid Union Meeting on Thursday 21 March. School will be open for supervision from 12:55 p.m. If you send permission to your child's classroom teacher they will be dismissed at this time. All other students will remain at school with non union staff.

Newtown Festival Parking

Parking will be available at SWIS for the Newtown Festival on Sunday 3 March. Parking costs \$5 and is accessible via the Rintoul Street gate.

The Waripori St carpark will be closed on this time as it is reserved for stall holders.



On Sunday the 3rd of March, Newtown's main streets will be closed to traffic to make room for Newtown Festival, a day-long, family-friendly, free street party. This event has grown over more than twenty years to become the largest free street fair, music festival and market in the country complete with over 450 stalls and 14 stages scattered across the streets of Newtown.

Newtown Festival organisers have been working hard to curate a great day of music, dance, artisanal crafts, world food, street parades and more so there's something for everyone. Donald Mclean Street will be offering free street sports and Parkour workshops, and Arney Street will have a chill out zone for parents with some free entertainment for children including circus performances and lessons, and the popular free Wishbone bike rides for under-fives will be in Gordon Street.

Check out the search directory on the website to find performance locations and times, including headliner Bic Runga on the RadioActive Coffee Supreme Stage at the south end of Riddiford Street, and Ria Hall on the Tangata Whenua Stage at the north end.

For more information and enquiries for Newtown Festival you can contact us at newtownfestival@gmail.com

Or visit: <http://newtownfestival.org.nz/>
<https://www.facebook.com/newtownfestival/>

Newtown Festival: Sunday 3rd of March 2019



Have you thought about becoming a board member for your school?

Come along to NZSTA's Kōrari Programme to find out about becoming a school trustee on a school board!

We are holding a community hui at Wellington High School on 1 April 2019 at 6.00 pm in the lead up to this year's board of trustees' elections.

At the hui you'll hear about:

- What is a school board of trustees
- What do trustees do
- What skills do trustees need
- Who can become a trustee
- How do I become a trustee
- Who is on a board of trustees
- How is a board elected
- What help do school trustees get
- How does the board of trustees work

We look forward to seeing you and helping your school's succession planning!



Kōrari – a programme that provides you with governance training to help you understand the role of school boards of trustees