



# Te Pānui

TERM 1 WEEK 7, 2019

FRIDAY 15 MARCH, 2019

## TERM 1 DATES

### WRISSA Athletics

Tuesday 19 March,  
at Newtown Park.  
PP 21 March

Paid Union Meeting 21  
March.

Sports Exchange with  
Ōtaki College 5 April

WRISSA  
Seven-a-side Rugby  
Tournament  
10 April, Trentham  
Memorial Park  
PP 11 April

## Message from the Principal:

Just when you think things are slowing down. Over the last fortnight we've welcomed a group of 16 students from Shibuya Makuhari Junior High School from Japan, begun our sports, language and enrichment programmes, held the annual school athletics day and experienced our first wet day of the year. Hopefully that's not a sign that Summer has ended. It does suggest that the weather may be more variable over the upcoming weeks and students will be adding and removing uniform items as the conditions dictate. With this in mind please ensure that sweatshirts and jackets are clearly named. The chances of a lost uniform item being returned to its owner greatly increase when the item is named.



It is a great pleasure to welcome the students and teacher from Shibuya Makuhari Junior High School. This is a long established relationship that has seen many students from this school attend SWIS, embrace activities specific to New Zealand and immerse in local families. This year's group have a fun filled programme and I am certain they will love the time they spend in school and with their homestay families. Thank you very much to the families who've taken one of these students into their homes, I am sure it will be a rewarding experience for you as well.

While we are always proud of the achievements of our students here at school, we are equally proud of what they achieve outside of school. As you read through this edition of Te Pānui you will read about some fantastic achievements by SWIS students. We love it when whānau share about their child's achievements and I encourage you to let their homeroom teachers and the school know, so we call all celebrate together.

Nga mihi,

Traci Liddall



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**Safe, Respectful, Responsible**

# Camp 3



# Camp 4



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It was the middle of the night. I lay in my bed, staring at the ceiling. What was that sound outside the cabin? I pulled the covers up tighter. There it was again. My eyes dart around the room. I swear I can hear voices. I try to get to sleep but my eyes cannot close. Suddenly there is a knock on the door. I dive under the covers with terror. What if it's a ghost? Creepy thoughts enter my mind. Another knock. I hear footsteps running away from our cabin door, laughing. I cannot stop myself. I creep over to the door, and with one swift movement I open the door. There is no-one there. I go back to bed. You can never get to sleep in a camp with 110 students.

When I wake up I see all the people in my cabin staring at me, they look like they have all been up for a while. I sluggishly walk across the field to the dining room. Half of my body is ready to do the next activity and the other half is still like a zombie. While I'm eating my breakfast, I think about what the next few days will hold in store for me.

I rush down the slide, which makes me feel a little bit claustrophobic and then I plummet into the freezing cold water of the swimming pool. I get out instantly without thinking about it. Next is the water slide, I have been looking forward to it since Camp 1 came back and told us about it. I wait nervously for my turn. The person before me goes, they shriek all the way down, which does not help my nervousness. I stick my foot on the slide. Already I notice that the water is warmer than in the pool. I slide down.

As the day comes to an end it's dinner time. We are having a Shepard's Pie. I got to the line late so I got mine last.

It's the morning again. I get on the bus. I see my family.

**Camp 4 review written by Fern Hills, Zachary Thirkell & Sam Tennyson**

# Bill and Ben

SWIS are pleased to welcome on board Bill and Ben who will be working as Youth workers in the school for the remainder of the year. Their role is to build relationships, be involved with activities and support students.

Both attended parts of each camp and can regularly be seen around the school often kicking a football around. We are grateful of the work they do and are very pleased to have them on board.



# Educational Grant

South Wellington Intermediate School is very grateful to the W F Anderson Educational Foundation who have provided us with a grant of \$5000 to be used on educational resources. We are extremely excited to be able to purchase new resources for the school library that will be for the benefit of all our students.

# Lias Morris

Lias Morris, Year 8 student from Room 15, sat the ICAS spelling exam in June of 2018. When asked about the matter, Lias said he entered the art room, the room where the exams were being held, feeling pretty confident but a little stressed. When he turned over the exam paper he thought it looked pretty easy and didn't expect to get caught up on one of the words later in the test, that word being Altruistic.

He was sitting the exam with about 15-20 other students from SWIS. The group had 45 minutes to answer 45 questions but Lias impressively completed the 4-page booklet in just 30 minutes. Although he said he felt a little ahead of other students, he says all he did was read which he considered practice to prepare him for the upcoming exam.

Lias sat all of the 6 ICAS exams which cover Maths, Science, Digital Technology, English and Writing as well as Spelling .

Later, in 2019, he was in class going about his day as usual when Mr Walker turned up at Room 15 holding a white paper folder containing a maroon box and a couple of award booklets. Lias says he had expected to do better in the maths test but he is ecstatic about winning an award on spelling. The medal Lias won is called the ICAS award for spelling which is the award for the top student in New Zealand.

Lias commented that he thinks his parents will be really happy for him. The fact that he won a medal was surprising for him because it was his first time participating in the ICAS exam.

Lias wished to congratulate all students who participated in the exams last year.

Report by Leni Campbell (Room 15)



# Sports Electives

This week Sports got underway. Chelsea Johns offers a review of her first day of sports.

As the yellow and black striped bumble bee fell she hit the mat perfectly. She slapped the mat so she wouldn't get winded. She rolled over to hop back on her feet. She did her roll perfectly, was this the sport she choose, yes it was.

After that the whole class finished landing, we put the mats away back where they came from she was happy she finished her sport lesson the sport was ... judo

# Oceans

Congratulations, Jackson Hill of Room 5. Last week, Jackson spent four days competing at Oceans '19, the four-day junior surf lifesaving nationals held at Mt Maunganui. This was his first time competing in this event which saw over 900 competitors between 11 and 14 years old competing against one another in a range of surf lifesaving disciplines. Jackson competed in the Under 11 Beach Flag discipline which comprised a field of 80 competitors. Jackson placed 2nd overall in this event . Congratulations, Jackson on officially being the 2nd best in New Zealand in your event!



# 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.

# Athletics

The SWIS Athletics Day was held on Monday 4 March at Newtown Park. The whole day was a rousing success with all students embracing the spirit of the event. Well done to everyone who participated in this event. Izzy Wallace reports.

As we walked down the steep steps to Newtown Park my heart was pumping so hard, we felt as if we was about to explode. Looking behind we saw a humongous group of kids awash with a sea of colors. Izzy was most excited for the relays and least excited for sprints. Throughout the day we consistently ate and drank so we had lots of energy. When Mr Walker said we were about to start the relays we were so excited! My friends and I were shouting and cheering on our classes in the stands. Overall we think that Athletics was so much fun and we can't wait till next year to do it all again



The Athletics Day also doubled as the qualification for the WRISSA Athletics. The team representing SWIS at this event on Tuesday 19 March is:

Arun Jeram-Inglin, Toby Kearns, Sema Robati, Jackson Hill, Fraser O'Regan-Smith, Dylan Johanson -Su'a, Jaxson Seaboryne, Kulcha Marsters, Matthew Hoffman, Agnes Tietie, Cyan Toma, Eoimer Trainor, Holly James, Monet Siloata, Taelyn McLean-Vea, Tallulah Farrow, Ezra Wells, Gabe Forsyth, Harry Creegan, Istvan Mills Szabo, Mac Munro, Rico Jackson, Ryan Hamilton, Sebastian Hoffman-Body, William Vailea, Xavier Sola, Angel Avia, Chille Murphy, Danni Tamaiva, Ella Strang, Emily Milne, Iris Boswell, Maaike Day, Madeeha Gresham, Nevaeh Derbyshire

We wish them great success and am sure this team will display SWIS pride while acting in a Safe, Respectful and Responsible manner.



# Athletics cont.

## Athletics Day Poem - by Fred Pilgrim

Athletics Day was sweet like a biscuit,  
Everyone was happily throwing the discus,  
In the stands, it was so loud,  
People must have been so proud,  
Everyone was leaping as far as they can,  
Into the hot, golden sand,  
The spirit was great just like a party,  
Everyone must have felt relaxed and hearty,  
Some people won, Some people lost,  
But in the end, it's the fun that counts.



## Athletics Day Interview - Fred Pilgrim

Interview on Harry Creegen, winner Y8 Boys 100m:

Interviewer: Did you think you were going to win?

Harry: 'No, No way'

Interviewer: How did you feel before the race?

Harry: Nervous, because everyone was watching.

Interviewer: What were your emotions like after the race?

Harry: I was just startled, I just couldn't realise what was going on.

Interviewer: How proud did you feel afterwards?

Harry: quite proud.

Interviewer: Favourite Food?

Harry: Pizza.





# North Island Diving Championships

Between the 1st & 3rd of March, 2019, the North Island Diving Championships were held at the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre (Kilbirnie pool). Luna Lopez (Room 5) and Francesca Savage (Room 1) took part in the event.

They both competed on the 1, 3, and 5 metre boards. Luna and Francesca are part of the Wellington Diving Club (WDC), where they train hard and learn new dives twice a week. There were about 100 divers from different teams from Auckland, Hamilton, Waikato, and Dunedin. There was a huge crowd, lots of cheering, and splashes. There are different levels in the competition. The higher your level is, the harder your dives will be. There were 5 different judges watching the dives in each event. Luna and Francesca both received a medal and a certificate with the exact amount of points that they got during the competition. The more advanced divers competed on every board, including the platforms (5, 7.5, and 10 metres). These divers actually competed for gold, silver, and bronze medals, like the Olympic divers. Luna said that it was scary for the first time when they announce your name and dive. It's still scary while you're standing on the board or platform because there is silence, and everyone is looking at you! But it wasn't so scary after the first time!

**Report by Luna Lopez  
9th March 2019**



## What Now

Families are invited to register online to be part of the live screening of What Now on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April, Berhampore, Wellington.**

This is a **FREE** family fun event in our community!

**Use this link to register online to be part of the audience**

[www.whatnow.tv/bonus/audience](http://www.whatnow.tv/bonus/audience)

## PB4L (Positive Behaviour 4 Learning)

As you are aware our school values are to be Safe, Respectful and Responsible. Recently Matua Hohaia translated these three words for us. We will be introducing these words alongside Safe, Respectful and Responsible into our PB4L vocabulary.

Māuritau / Safe

Whakamana / Respectful

Takohatanga / Responsible

# Great opportunity for SWIS students

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## Capital E Arts Festival

**Treat.** Saturday 17 March. Harbourside Function Centre. What is your absolute favourite treat? Chocolate? Lollies? Kittens? Sticky Goopy Goop? Help us on our epic mission to find the greatest, most awesome treat in the whole wide world. Suits ages 2 – 8. [Get tickets.](#)

**Swamp Juice.** 16 March. Hannah Playhouse. Bickering snails, neurotic snakes and a cranky man chasing a bird: welcome to a swamp like no other! Using shadow puppets made from bits of rubbish, Bunk Puppets creates a gurgling adventure about life in a swamp with a spell-binding 3D shadow puppet finale. Suits ages 7+ [Get tickets.](#)



## 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

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

# hangi

**Friday 22 March**

**Waiata by tamariki at 5PM**

**Kai lifted at 5:30PM**

**Tickets available at Owhiro Bay School office**

