

# Te Pānui

TERM I WEEK 9 2019

FRIDAY 29 MARCH 2019

#### TERM I DATES

Sports Exchange with Ōtaki College 5 April

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

PP 11 April

End of Term 1, 12 April

Start of Term 2, 29 April

## Message from the Principal:

Since the previous (scheduled) edition of Te Pānui, New Zealand has suffered a great tragedy. There has been plenty of commentary regarding what happened, yet through these horrific events there has been a groundswell of togetherness and positivity. I was immensely proud of the students, staff and community of SWIS as we came together to share in a respectful and moving ceremony to honour those affected by the events of 15 March. The challenge for all of us in the weeks and months ahead is to ensure that the love, appreciation and acceptance currently being displayed towards one another is not allowed to slip away. New Zealand is a truly wonderful country and our children can certainly lead the way in ensuring it remains



Last week class rep interviews took place. This year the selection process was particularly difficult due to the high quality of the candidates. This led to some robust discussion first by the teachers and then the interview panel. The end result is we are confident every class has two amazing class reps while there are many other candidates who although not class reps certainly have leadership roles to play within the school.

It is wonderful that the students of our school understand that they have a role to play in the success of the school and as noted above the wider community. Finally it gives me great pleasure to announce that after many years of patch ups the Ministry of Education has confirmed there will be a major refurbishment for SWIS. The ministry have informed us that there is a budget up to \$10 million, to be pumped into the modernisation of our school. The process will be a long one with the ground breaking not due to take place until late 2020, but it is exciting that the needs of our students have been heard by the people who control the purse strings. This is a truly exciting time to be involved in South Wellington Intermediate due to the amazing students here today and the opportunities the future holds.

Nga mihi,

Traci Liddall



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## **Head Students**



#### **Head Boy: Sean Ballara**

Hi, my name is Sean Ballara and I am the head boy at SWIS in 2019. I'm in the Room 8 and 9 shared space. I'm nearly 12 years old and I love sports. I participate in football, floorball, sea scouts, basketball, and I like skateboarding. I have two older brothers who also went to SWIS. The things I've liked the most at school have been the mud run, PE, enrichment, languages and making new friends.

As head boy this year I helped interview the class reps by asking questions and choosing two students to represent each class. I will also get to help out on open day and show around the Year 6s that might be joining SWIS next year. I'm sure there will be lots of other things coming up this year too.

#### **Head Girl: Chille Murphy**

Hi I'm Chille Murphy the head girl at SWIS

I am looking forward to the year ahead and getting to know and helping the new Year 7s. There must have been lots of you this year because we had to expand our school and find two new wonderful classes.

SWIS has a great sense of community they support us all in the different activities so with winter coming up there will be many opportunities to do some winter sports like Netball, Basketball, Cross country and touch rugby etc. so I encourage you all to get involved.

I know this year is going to be a great one and I am extremely excited to represent all of the amazing students.

Mäuritau, Whakamana & Takohatanga

## **Class Reps**



Room 1: Fay and Lyric



Room 2: Alice and Javi



**Room 3: Claire and Anne** 



**Room 4: Marceline and Meredith** 



**Room 5: Jemima and Quentin** 



**Room 6: Isla and Aimee** 



Room 8: Iris and Evie



**Room 9: Tatiana and Amelia** 

Mauritau, Whakamana & Takohatanga

## **Class Reps**



**Room 10: Ollie and Eleanor** 



Room 11: Ella and Stella



Room 12: Lily and Amelia



Room 13: Danni and Skye



Room14: Manawa and Ferne



Room 15: Leni and Joe



Room 16: Eliza and Emily



Room 17: Ursula and Alexia

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## Class Reps

Madison Frankie Caira Kooiman-Vili was one of the candidates for the position of class reps. Following the process she spoke with some of the other candidates.

Today I interviewed the two class reps from Room 4: Meredith Banks and Marceline Holden and asked them some questions about their Class Rep interview. I asked them the questions below.

'Did you think you will get it and why?'

Meredith: 'I thought if I get I get if I don't, I don't.'

Marceline: 'I think I have an 25% chance on getting it'

How would you help our school and how?

Meredith: 'I will do my best to help our school' in whatever way is needed

Marceline 'I will try my best to stop bullying'.

Do you think you did well in the interview?

Marceline: 'I think I did okay.'

Meredith: 'I hope so.'

How did you feel after the interview? Meredith: 'Nervous but confident.' Marceline: 'Nervous but excited.'

## **Netball Trials**

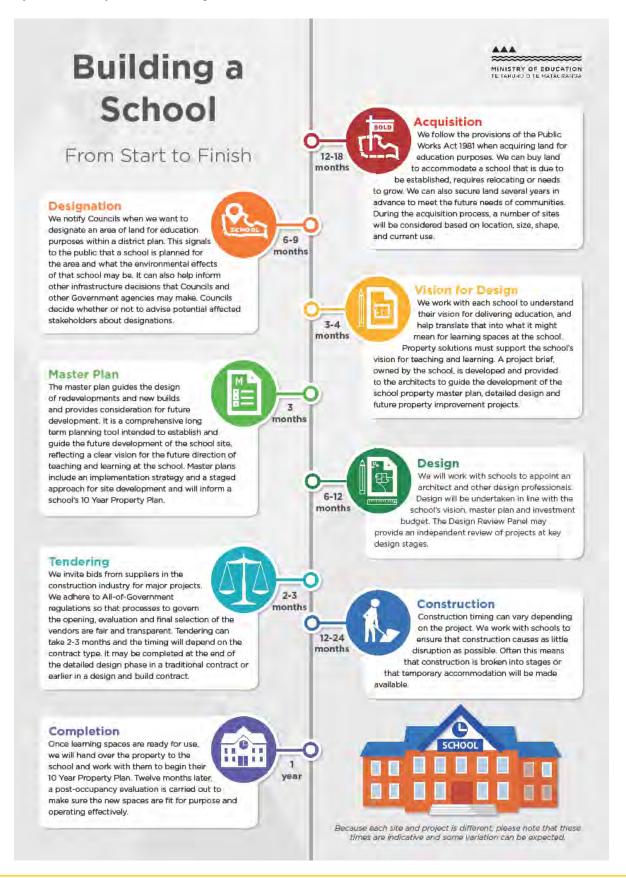
The SWIS netball trials were a great success there was lots of great skill, attitude and lots of good sportsmanship. Before the trial began an official would write a number on your leg then everyone did a warm up before we played where everyone was friendly and nobody played dirty. Congratulations to all trialists, we look forward to a big season ahead.

SWIS Lynx/ Panthers	SWIS Pumas/ Leopards	SWIS Jaguars	SWIS Tigers	SWIS Lions	SWIS Cou- gars
Aalia Iris Danni Eliza Emina Holly Meredith Paige Cyan Gianna Madeeha Stella Angelina Waimarino Taelyn Lily H Crystal Evie	Arley Molly R Ella W Estella Ruby Hannah Skye D Amelia B Ella S Emily April Tallulah Eleanor Lily S Tessa Millie Fay Marceline Izabella	Amber Leni Molly P Madison Greta Maya Mya Mika Ada Madeleine	Isla Alexia Clare Amelie Tyra Izzy Peyton Vita	Eimear Fardeen Rohit Tatiana Mizuha Rebecca Robin Makaela Maia J Rebecca Agnes	Mandy Florence Taylor Grace Jemima Clementine Selina Ava Sara Skye K Te Rira

By Holly James and Madison Frankie Caira Kooiman-Vili

## **SWIS** receives property boost

As mentioned by Traci, SWIS is beginning an exciting refurbishment of the school. We want our community to be a part of this journey with us, so we will be consulting and keeping you informed about how things are progressing. Below is a breakdown from the Ministry of Education of what a school build looks like. This is a very exciting time for the school, with the upcoming Board of Trustee elections there is a wonderful opportunity for members of the community who feel they have something to offer to be involved.



## **Trash around SWIS**

Article by Leni Campbell, Ada Samuel and Maddie Clapham Room 15

For science we decided to research how much rubbish there was around SWIS and how it was affecting our school environment. We set off to collect some rubbish armed with some gloves and a trash bag each. We decided to start at the ramp leading from the top court to the bottom court.

There we found chippy packets, glad wrap, tinfoil and even a rusty handcuff in the bushes. We were so into it we decided to keep at it for longer.

Committing to collecting rubbish for 5 lunchtimes and morning teas we had 5 full big black sacks of non recyclable rubbish, 2 bags full of recyclable and ½ of a bag full of food waste + another wheelie bin full of non recyclable. The shocking thing is that this was all found in one area of the school.

We got some help from Cameron G, Helena R and Nieve B and we are so grateful for their help. We have decided to carry this project on for the whole year and are hoping to re-plant some native plants to help our environment here at SWIS. We also found lots of life in among the heap of plastic discards. We found a ton of ants and even a skink of some description.

We had lots of help from the caretaker Nikora who provided us with gloves, a bin and several rubbish bags. Our goal is to make SWIS a better place for not only the students, but the wildlife as well. This is something we are committed to but we can't do it all on our own. Let's all take **responsibility** for cleaning up the SWIS environment, while also making sure we don't add to it with new rubbish.



## PB4L (Positive Behaviour 4 Learning)

This past week SWIS welcomed Marie Mitchell from PB4L into the school for our annual assessment. This included her spending time in the school, talking to students, staff and seeing how the school operates. In addition to this she spent time evaluating the systems and the culture of the school.

As a result of her visit we have some areas to continue to develop but we are pleased to announce that we received a rating of 90% which is a positive reflection on the environment here at SWIS. Some of her feedback was:

"All students I spoke to not only knew the values of being Safe, Respectful and Responsible, but exhibited respect in the way they spoke to one another, to staff and to me".

"The respect shown by the students is a positive reflection of the emphasis put on teaching these values and the positive way they are being taught".

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### The Voice of the Future

Jemima Gazley was one of many students who marched on parliament as the young people of Aotearoa marched for action on climate change. This is her experience.

On Friday 15th March, 2019, thousands of students from across the country planned and followed through with strike action, taking them out of school for a day. The strike was to support a worldwide day of drawing attention to the government's inaction to global warming. I was one of the participants.

I remember walking up streets and in and out of allies to soon arrive at Civic Square. Sign clutched in hand I ran into the crowd of students and adults shouting chants outside of the City Gallery. People climbing up lamp posts and street signs, on top of one another's shoulders to catch a glimpse past all the commotion.

It was a cracking day out. Perfect for marching. Soon we began the march it was crowded and loud, we were a mob, cars stopped, tourists and shoppers started to stare. We were holding up our hand painted signs as far as our arms would stretch, and shouted until our voices were gone. People from apartments and offices stood on balconies and close to windows to see us march past.

#### "2, 4, 6, 8... SAVE THE EARTH - IT'S NOT TOO LATE!"

## "WHAT DO WE WANT? CLIMATE ACTION! WHEN DO WE WANT IT? NOW!"

These are two of many chants that were heard while walking up Lambton Quay. We wouldn't stop. More and more people had joined in with the march the further we went along, it was great! It was even more enjoyable knowing that your friends from all over town were participating in this event. The crowd roared and cheered as we ran up the driveway towards the Beehive. In excitement we bundled around the protest organisers who were answering questions and inviting speakers onto the stage to talk to the crowd.

Worldwide, thousands of students marched for climate action and some presented signed petitions to their Government ministers, pleading for them to take more notice and create policies to protect the environment and to protect future generations.



Listen to SWIS's first podcast. In this podcast Deputy Principal Howard Young is joined by students to review movies he enjoyed during his childhood. They look at whether these movies are as great as he remembers them and what they might look like if they were remade in 2019. Please join us for the Generation Gap, this week's movie is Jumanji with student hosts Rhys Hicks and Izzy Wallace.

SWIS Hub Generation Gap—Jumanji (1995) <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lG3wE8IByyw&feature=youtu.be">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lG3wE8IByyw&feature=youtu.be</a>

## **WRISSA Athletics**

#### Report by Bessie Hawkings

This year inter-intermediates athletics was a very successful event. On Tuesday 19th March a group of students walked down to the Newtown Park along with 11 other intermediate schools from all around the Wellington region.

The day was filled with fun and excitement and the athletes really enjoyed it. Even the weather treated us well with a nice sunny still day, perfect for athletics. 34 students from SWIS competed and did very well but a few did extremely well and made it into regionals. We congratulate those who did as it is a huge achievement!

Jackson Hill 3rd in the Year 7 Boys 800 metres in a time of 2:43:57

Jackson Hill 1st in the Year 7 Boys Long Jump with a jump of 4 m 37 cm

Holly James 3rd in the Year 7 Girls 800 metres in a time of 2:49:56

Ella Strang 3rd in the Year 8 Girls 800 metres in a time of 2:45:88

Cyan Toma 1st in the Year 7 Girls Shot Put with a distance of 9 m 21 cm

Overall it was a really fun experience and the team would definitely do it again if they had the opportunity. As a final note the SWIS team would like to give a special thanks to all the staff and parents who came along to help out and support the team.



## Shibuya Makuhari JHS visit

On Wednesday 20 March a group of 16 students from Shibuya Makuhari Junior High School departed SWIS on their way back home. This was after 12 nights hosted by local families. The students had a wonderful and enriching experience as did the students they interacted with and the families they stayed with. Luna Lopez and Chelsea Johns interviewed Ryo and Rintaro, two of the students prior to their departure.

Why did you choose to come to New Zealand? We want to learn New Zealand culture and English.

What is the best thing that you have done in Wellington so far and why? Fish & Chips and Te Papa, because Fish & Chips are so good, and Te Papa has so much NZ culture, and it's free to go into the museum!

What do you like doing with your homestay and why? We like walking along the beach, because the water is so clear in Wellington, and in Japan, the water is a dark colour.

What type of food have you tried that you like? Fish & Chips, roast lamb, pavlova and kiwifruit.

Do you walk or take the bus/car to SWIS? We both walk to SWIS with our homestay buddy.

<u>Have you done anything else in Wellington so far?</u> We did a bush walk in the Kaitoke Regional Park and went for a Horse Ride.

<u>Have you been to New Zealand before, or is this your first time?</u> This is our first time in New Zealand, and it's been awesome!!

What is your favourite flavour ice cream and why? Goody Goody Gumdrops and Hokey Pokey, I can't describe it, it's just so good!

What have you learnt in New Zealand so far? We have learnt about the Māori, the NZ culture, food, the different flavours of ice cream.

Have you found it hard to speak English and why? Yes, because it's our first time speaking English

What sports have you seen in NZ that you like/don't like? I like Touch Rugby and Rugby. I like all sports in NZ.

What would you recommend to do in Wellington? If you did come to Wellington, you HAVE to go to every beach!

What has the weather been like in Wellington? Windy. Very windy!





## **SWIS Film Festival**

Last year a lot of students participated in the SWIS Film Festival and we hope many more students will join this year. All those who participate are guaranteed to enjoy it and have fun.

To give you an idea of what it's all about we did an interview with Ewan because he was in the last year's film, Zombies: School Day of the Dead.

You should definitely check it out this film if you get the chance and good luck for all the students that are doing the film festival this year!

By Jana Kak (JK) and Bessie Hawkings (BH)

#### Interview with Ewan Brighton-Mills (EBM)

JK & BH What was it like playing a main role in the film fest?
EBM "It was cool, I got to hangout and play my role"

JK & BH Did you enjoy it?

EBM "I did"

JK & BH Would you recommend this activity to students this year?

EBM "Yes, it was fun and I'm doing it again this year".

JK & BH Did you enjoy your time behind the scenes and playing your role?

EBM "Yah, it was fun"

JK & BH Did you like the finished product? (Movie)

EBM "It was cool and really funny, there were some cringy parts but all and all it

was awesome"

JK & BH Can you remember any good lines/quotes from the movie?

EBM "Boof neddels (Bloppers)"

## Thank you

A big thank you to our good friends at New World Newtown. Always willing to help out with events like Market Day, they have been very generous and donated a large amount of apples to the school allowing us to share them out with the students.

This sort of local support is vital and always greatly appreciated. Thank you again on behalf of all of us here at SWIS.







## The Art Room

The Art Room really need these items. If you could leave them at the office or have your child bring them to the art room it would be MUCH appreciated!

- empty egg containers with lids
- empty clean ice-cream containers with lids
- old tea towels
- acrylic paint if you have any spare!



#### 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!





# Please help us with our Street Appeal



## Friday 17 and Saturday 18 May 2019

We need volunteers in Wellington, Porirua and Kāpiti to be street collectors during our 2019 Annual Appeal. Can you spare an hour or two to help us keep hospice care free?

## Interested in helping us?

Find out more and register at www.marypotter.org.nz or contact Phillip at street.appeal@marypotter.org.nz

## Wellington Phoenix Holiday Programme

Wellington Phoenix are running a holiday programme during the April school holidays, on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of April at Wellington College.

We were hoping you would be able to help us promote this opportunity to students at your school via your school newsletter.

I have included the key information regarding the programme below, if you are interested in adding this to your newsletter. I have also attached a copy of our logo.

Secure your spot in Wellington Phoenix's April holiday programme!

This is an opportunity to play your favourite game all day, develop your skills, make new friends and rub shoulders with members of the Wellington Phoenix Academy. Suitable for ages 7-12 and all abilities.

#### Wellington College

Monday 15 - Tuesday 16 April - Wellington College Artificial, 9am-3pm

#### What's Included:

- Coaching from Members of Wellington Phoenix's Academy
- Wellington Phoenix holiday programme t-shirt
- Size 4 training ball
- 1 adult and 1 child ticket to Wellington Phoenix vs Melbourne City, Sunday 21 April
- Wellington Phoenix cap

#### Participation Requirements:

- Appropriate football attire (boots, shin pads)
- Packed lunch and snacks
- Warm clothes and rain jacket (in case of cold weather)
- Positive attitude

For more information, including pricing and the link to register, visit wellingtonphoenix.com/holiday-programmes-1



