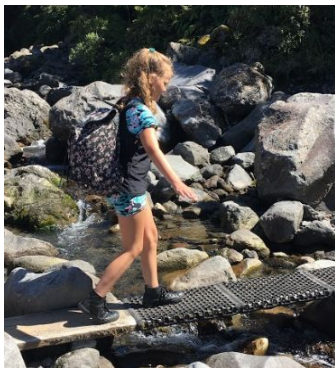




Friday 15 February 2019 (No. 2)

Dear Parents, Whanau, and Caregivers

Lots of exciting learning experiences have been happening over the last week. Room 6 and the Year 3-4 Team had a great week exploring Education Outside the Classroom. Room 6 spent their time at Konini Lodge on Mount Taranaki, while the Year 3-4 Team have been involved in a range of local activities. Next week, Room’s 5 and 7 will have their camps.



Room 6 went to Konini Lodge this week.

Room 13 and their older role models from Room 4 enjoyed a visit to Sam’s house. The plums gathered from the visit will be used to make Plum Jam.

A group of young leaders attended a Youth Leaders Forum on Tuesday and Wednesday. The Youth Forum, jointly delivered by Sport Taranaki & TSSSA was a leadership opportunity for years 7-8 at selected intermediates & all Secondary Schools designed to inspire, empower & impact the next generation of young leaders. The theme of the forum was not just sport. The speakers included:

- Michaela Blyde - World Rugby Womens 7s Player of the Year in 2018 and Commonwealth Games Gold Medalist (Black Ferns 7s) from Taranaki. She started her rugby at Clifton.
- Jamie Turner - A Waitara local and elite Triathlon Coach, in 2016 Jamie coached Gwen Jorgensen of USA to an Olympic Gold Medal.
- Jamie Allen - Jamie is the founder of Taranaki Retreat shared his message around wellness and the importance of it to the busy and active lives of our young people.



AIM High: Achieve, Inquire, Manaakitanga:

Part of the discussion around AIM High last year looked at students striving *high* in all aspects of their learning. A phrase developed through these discussions illustrated this as students learning...

‘To be the best I can be’.

At today’s school assembly the SPS Whanau looked at the importance of managing time effectively. This included:

- Arriving at school after 8.15am
- Arriving to class by 8.45am
- Arriving no later than 8.55am.

Students also reflected on the importance of being on time to class after break times, where they returned to class within two minutes of the bell going.

Managing time is an important disposition students need to develop as they develop into young adults. Parents and whānau can help by talking about time management and providing the students with a watch to learn the time.

It is interesting to hear that some new schools are doing away with bells to develop this very point.

Up and coming events:

Monday 18 February	Room 5 Camp
Wednesday 20 February	Room 7 Camp
Monday 25 February	Room 8 Camp
	Year 7-8 Camp

Board of Trustees News:

Next board meeting will be held on Tuesday 19 February 2019 starting at 5.30 in the school staff room.

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