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NEWSLETTER

St John's Girls' School

Te Kura Kōtiro ō Hato Hoani



Greetings from the Principal

Ata marie, Guten tag, Bonjour



What another glorious week we have had. I was envious of Mrs Taylor, Mrs Bradshaw and the Room 7 campers as I saw photos of the fun they were having in the sun whilst at camp. I look forward to being part of Room 5's Deep Cove camp in just over a week's time!

This week I talked to the girls about why it is so important for them to learn how to solve their own problems. We discussed how it makes us stronger, helps us to gain confidence and teaches us valuable skills. We all need to work on this area with the girls, in triangulation. The girls themselves, yourselves as whanau and the staff. The world is becoming ever more complex and this skill is vital.

St John's is proud of the fact that we place all of our emphasis on rewarding the good, and showcasing our values. We do not focus on punitive outcomes; punishments. Of course there are always consequences for our actions, but placing the emphasis on the right thing, rather than the wrong, has a far more powerful effect and it contributes massively to the culture and special character of our school.

As a result of this, being spoken to by the teacher, or receiving a 'cross' often hits hard for St John's girls. That's because it rarely needs to happen. A cross is a warning as such, for incidents such as forgetting equipment or uniform, not completing what is required, or making a poor choice. If a girl receives three crosses during the course of a term, that equates to an order mark. This essentially removes a bonus point that another girl in the house has received for their efforts. Often houses receive no order marks in a term; a sign that the cross served as a timely reminder to sharpen up.

It is important that our girls learn from these mistakes. You can help them by discussing what happened, and how to ensure that it won't

happen again. No parent likes to see their child upset, and it can often upset the parent themselves. It's human nature. We are protectors of those we love. Please take the time to consider that the discussion or consequence took place because it was necessary. Talk this through with your daughter. Have her reflect on what happened after she has had time to calm down and look back on the incident with a different mindset.

Perhaps she is still unclear, and feels that the situation is unjust? Encourage her to speak to her teacher to explain this.

Trust in your daughter's teacher(s). They seldom need to deliver a consequence and if they do, it was deserved.

Teaching children to solve their own problems is an important life skill that can help them in several ways:

- 1. Develop independence:** *When children are taught how to solve their own problems, they become more self-sufficient and less reliant on others. This helps to develop their independence and build their confidence.*
- 2. Enhance problem-solving skills:** *Problem-solving is a valuable skill that can be applied to various aspects of life. By teaching children how to solve their own problems, they learn how to analyze a situation, identify potential solutions, and choose the best course of action.*
- 3. Encourage creativity:** *When children are given the freedom to solve their own problems, they are encouraged to be creative and think outside the box. This helps to develop their creativity and imagination, which can be applied to various aspects of their lives.*
- 4. Promote responsibility:** *When children are responsible for solving their own problems, they become more accountable for their actions. This helps to promote responsibility and accountability, which are important values to instill in children.*
- 5. Build resilience:** *When children are faced with problems and are able to find solutions, they become more resilient. They learn how to bounce back from setbacks and become more confident in their abilities to handle challenges.*

Strike - School Closure

We have had it confirmed that primary teachers will strike on Thursday 16 March alongside secondary colleagues and the primary principals. As a profession, teaching is becoming increasingly harder, and far less desirable. The intake of first year teachers into universities this year is frighteningly low, a startling realisation that things need to change in order to make the profession desirable and sustainable. The negotiations with the government are centered around workload, resource and ensuring that learning is the number one priority. It is not just a pay claim.

St John's will be closed on Thursday 16 March.

Interviews

A reminder that our Parent/Teacher interviews are being held on Monday and Tuesday next week. Thank you for securing your appointment time via Skool Loop. Please bring your daughter with you as it is important that she is part of the discussion. As previously communicated, school closes at 2pm on Monday to allow the interviews to begin. Noeleen will start at 2.15pm on Monday also.

Family Fun Night

What a joyous occasion this was. Brilliant sunshine, happy faces and lots of connections being made. I enjoyed speaking with as many families as I could and I loved hearing all of your wonderful feedback. Thank you to our dedicated Parents' Association for the work they put into making the evening happen.

Mural

Many of you have noticed the very exciting addition on the end wall of Room 3. This is the result of many hours of planning and consideration. It is going to be quite stunning and a beautiful reminder of something that 'once was'. We can't give too much away but can tell you that all will be revealed by the end of the term. The girls have loved talking to our gifted artist Anne Wyatt during break times. They are inspired as they watch her work. As they say, 'watch this space'!

Mufti Day

Thank you for your generosity in helping us to make a sizable contribution to the Red Cross efforts in the North Island. The Board is going to match the community's donation, meaning we will be donating in excess of \$2000. Thank you!

Overseas Holidays During Term Time

More and more we are seeing girls absent for a period of time to go on holidays overseas with family. We appreciate that in today's climate, travel in holiday breaks is often out of reach and comes at a huge cost. Please be aware that holidays during term time do result in opportunities being missed, and learning lost. School won't provide work for your daughter to take with her. It can be beneficial for her to write a holiday blog/diary, or to base a speech exam talk etc on her trip. Daily reading from material of her choice is beneficial.

We require at least 4 weeks written notice advising of any period away from school in excess of three days. This should be sent to myself, the office and your daughter's teacher(s).

Whakatauki - Māori Proverb

Mā mua ka kite a muri, mā muri ka ora a mua
Those who lead give sight to those who follow, those who follow give life to those who lead

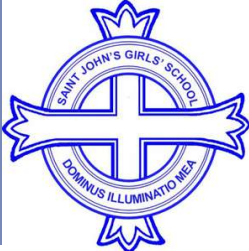
This whakatauki also speaks to the importance of working together. It acknowledges and values the importance of both the leader and the followers, for both are essential and co-dependent.

Have a most enjoyable weekend, and enjoy time together with those that you love. We look forward to seeing you early next week for your daughter's interview.

God bless

Nathan Hughes
Tumuaki - Principal





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Coming Events

TERM 1

March

- **13th** Interviews [school closing at 2pm]
- **14th** Interviews [school closing at 3pm]
- **15th** Zone Athletics postponement day
- **16th** **Strike - School Closed**
- **17th** Cyber Safety
- Earthquake Simulator Programme
- **20th-24th** Rm 5 Camp - Deep Cove
- **22nd** Lit Quiz Southland [Gore]
- **28th** Aerobics Festival
- **30th** BoT Meeting [5.30pm]

April

- **3rd** Yr 8 + Kaiarahi Leadership Course
BoP AGM and 1st meeting [5.30 pm]
- **4th** Easter Service Practice [9.00am]
Easter Service [1.30pm First Church]
- **6th** Last day of term
Bonus Points Awarded

TERM 2 2023

April continued

- **24th** Staff Only Day
- **25th** ANZAC Day
- **26th** Day one of School - Term 2
- **26th-28th** Rm 6 Camp - Dunedin

May

- **3rd** School Photos
- **18th** Swimming Sports
BoT Meeting [5.30 pm]
Attitude Presentation
- **22nd** School Cross Country
- **23rd** Playhouse Theatre Performance
- **25th** BoP Meeting [5.30 pm]
- **31st**

June

- **5th** King's Birthday [School closed]

Awards

Congratulations to the following girls who have received awards recently

Room 1	Naomi Hamilton	Room 5	Shanna-Beth Smith, Anna Amar
Room 2	Ava Davies, Beau McRae-Bothamely	Room 6	Nicole Carnie, Alysha Jennings
Room 3	Briar Brady, Ashlyn Shepherd	Room 7	Emma Visser, Zoe McMillan, Martina Bosma, Nakaysha Fraser
Room 4	Courtney Mackie, Bailey Cooper, Samantha Parry, Briar Nicholl	Values Cup	Claire Morris Room 5

FROM YOUR KAIARAHİ

Bonnie, Nieve, Hannah, Lilly, Greer, Kiran, Amelia and Libby

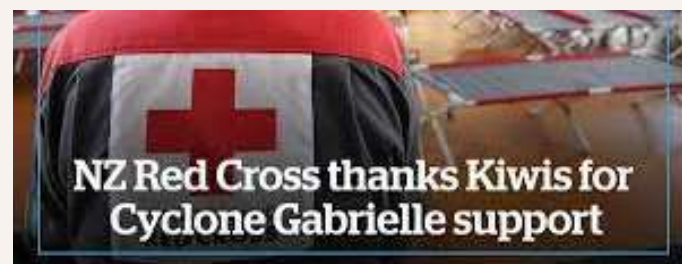
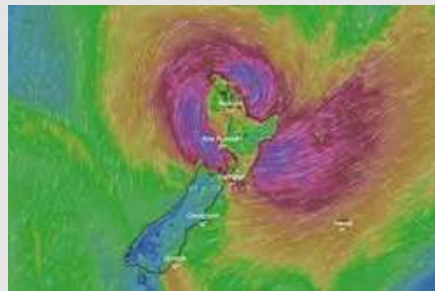
Last Friday our school had a mufti day! The girls looked awesome in their mufti and we all loved seeing the different outfits they chose.

Our school was raising money for the Red Cross charity who will be donating the money to help those who have lost homes and precious things due to cyclone Gabrielle.

All together our school raised \$1074.20.... but there was a catch, the school boards agreed to match (double) the money that we raised!

So, overall the Red Cross and us are donating \$2148.40! We hope this will help many families and support a lot of people.

We can't wait for our next mufti day!



ROOM 4

News



Our Class Tweety

At the start of the term Room 4 learnt about Te Tiriti o Waitangi [the Treaty of Waitangi]. We decided to make our own class treaty based on each of our school values and what they should look like in our classroom. The girls made birds to represent their signatures to the treaty [tweety].

All about me – Rise Up Hot Air Balloons

Room 4 made hot air balloons to get to know each other a little better. We learnt about each other's families, our favourite things and our hopes and dreams. This fitted perfectly for our school-wide theme of "Rise Up".



Inquiry Igniter – Waka Launch

We kicked off our inquiry by designing and making waka with the resources that were available to the Māori when they first came to Aotearoa. The waka were then launched on the Waihopai River with 100% success.

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Riverton Inquiry Field Trip

Our field trip to Riverton was absolutely awesome! We visited the Templeton Flax Mill Heritage Museum and the Te Hiko Museum. The knowledge we gained from the outing was incredible.



ROOM 5

News

Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month. We've been reading about iconic women, both New Zealand and international. Here are some things we've learned about some iconic Kiwi women:

Elsie Locke

Elsie Locke was an inspiring woman; she indeed had a small footprint but she made a huge impression on the world. She previously married Fred Freeman. They divorced two years later and she married Jack Locke in 1941. They had three children together but Elsie had originally had another child, Don. She was opposed to a lot of things including the Manapori power station.

By Camryn



Erica is a 19 year old Olympian. She attended Kavanagh College and was head girl in 2021. She competed at the World Aquatics Championships in 2019 and the Summer Olympics in 2020. She is a mix of European and Māori decent and is apart of the Ngāi Tahu iwi. Erica is the 8th fastest woman in the world for 400m freestyle with a time of 3:56:00 second.



INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S DAY

**ERICA
FAIRWEATHER**

BY SHANNA-BETH SMITH

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FRIDA KHALO

FRIDA KAHLO'S LIFE SUMMARY (BORN JULY 6, 1907, COYOACÁN, MEX.—DIED JULY 13, 1954, COYOACÁN). THE DAUGHTER OF A GERMAN JEWISH PHOTOGRAPHER, SHE HAD POLIO AS A CHILD WHICH CAUSED HER TO LIMP AND AT 18 SUFFERED A SERIOUS BUS ACCIDENT. SHE HAD 35 OPERATIONS; AND WHILE SHE WAS RECOVERING, SHE TAUGHT HERSELF TO PAINT. SHE IS KNOWN FOR HER INTENSE SELF-PORTRAITS, MANY SHOWING HER PERSONAL ORDEAL. LIKE MANY ARTISTS WORKING IN MEXICO, KAHLO WAS INSPIRED BY MEXICAN FOLK ART; THIS IS SHOWN IN HER USE OF BRILLIANT ELEMENTS AND BOLD USE OF COLOUR, AND IN HER PORTRAITS OF HERSELF WEARING TRADITIONAL MEXICAN, RATHER THAN EUROPEAN-STYLE, CLOTHES. HER MARRIAGE TO THE ARTIST DIEGO RIVERA (FROM 1929) WAS DIFFICULT BUT ARTISTICALLY REWARDING. THE SURREALISTS ANDRÉ BRETON AND MARCEL DUCHAMP HELPED ARRANGE EXHIBITS OF HER WORK IN THE U.S. AND EUROPE, AND THOUGH SHE DENIED THE CONNECTION, THE DREAMLIKE QUALITY OF HER WORK HAS OFTEN LED HISTORIANS TO IDENTIFY HER AS A SURREALIST. SHE DIED AT 47. HER HOUSE IN COYOACÁN IS NOW THE FRIDA KAHLO MUSEUM.

- WAYS SHE EFFECTED SOCIETY-**
- SHE DECIDE THAT SHE DIDNT HAVE TO CHANGE HOW SHE LOOKED FOR OTHER PEOPLE. SHE DIDNT PLUCK HER EYEBROWS, SHAVE HER LEGS, OR TRY TO COVER UP HER LIMP
 - SHE CHOOSE TO PAIN WHAT SHE WANTED TO PAINT.
 - SHE PAINTED HER REALITY AND HER DREAMS
 - SHE PAINTED ABOUT IDENTITY, THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PEOPLES BODIES AND DEATH.

by Isabella Moore

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/frida-kahlo>
https://www.wikipedia.org/wiki/frida_kahlo
<https://www.fridakahlo.org/>



Jennifer Shipley

First female Prime Minister for New Zealand



Jennifer became Prime Minister on the 8th of December 1997 and finish on the 10th of December 1999 .

Jennifer was the first woman to have lead a national Party .

She was Prime Minister for 2 years and 2 days .

Jennifer was the 36th Prime Minister but she was the first woman prime Minister in New Zealand.

See was not the first women to try to be Prime Minister she was the 4th but she the first to acually become on though.

She was born on the 4th of Feb 1952. So she was Prime Minister when she was 45 years old when she became prime minister of New Zealand.



I choose Jennifer because she proves to men and women that girls can do anything and don't worry about all the negitive things that people say to you.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jenny_Shipley
<https://nzhistory.govt.nz/politics/political-origins-premiers-and-prime-ministers>

By Amaya

<https://nzhistory.govt.nz/people/jenny-shipley>



JESSICA WATSON



JESSICA WATSON WAS THE YOUNGEST PERSON TO SAIL AROUND THE WORLD SOLO. SHE SAILED FOR 210 DAYS. THE PRIME MINISTER OF AUS DECLARED HER AS A HERO! JESSICA GOT CAUGHT IN A HUGE STORM AND A WAVE TOOK HER AND HER BOAT 15FT UNDER THE WATER! THE BOAT POPPED OUT OF THE WATER BECAUSE OF TUBULENCE.



JESSICA WATSON SAILED OUT OF SYDNEY 18TH OF OCT 2009 AND RETURNED ON THE 15TH MAY 2010

JESSICA WATSON IS AMAZING AND SHE SHOWS THAT WOMEN CAN DO ANTHING !

YOUR JESSICA WATSON

JESSICA WATSON

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NIEVE

Susan B Anthony

Women's history.org
 britannica.com
 merriam-Webste.com

I chose her because she's a great leader and has a great story and she would be proud to see how much we look up to her

She was the Led a group until 1900, she traveled around the country giving inspirational speeches to other women and men, gathering thousands or signatures

Susan B Anthony is a champion of temperance (choosing not to have or be in the use of alchol). She also fought for the rights of equal pay for work and labour. She also help slaves escape and helped an anti slavery rally.

At an early age, Susan B Anthony was inspired by the belief that everyone was equal under God. That's what guided her through life.

by Neeka

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Cyber Safety

Cyber safety awareness is really important for our rangatahi / young people. This week we had our first session with Jason from ILT Interact. We discussed digital footprints, our online self and explored a couple of apps on the iPads.



Just Dance

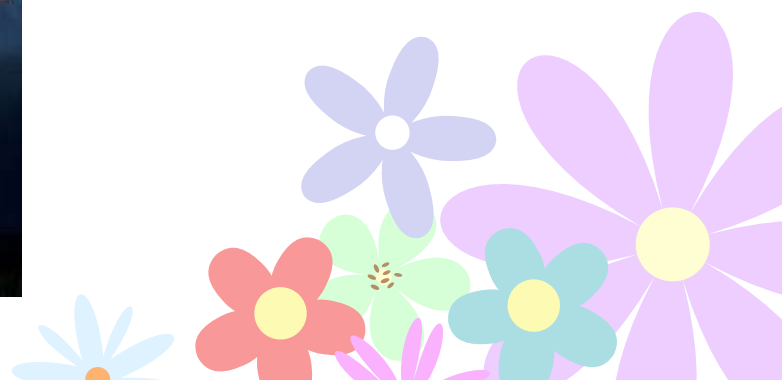
We love Just Dance. We sometimes do this as a fitness break in between learning areas. Another one is a 'GLP walk'. You walk with a partner and share one thing you are **G**rateful for, something you've **L**earned and a thing you **P**romise to do.

ROOM 6

News

Getting to Know One Another

Room 6 have had a great start to the year. We have learnt so much about each other and have made great connections and friendships. We are very lucky to have 3 new girls join Room 6 this year. Our room is looking very colourful now as the girls have been creating portraits, wanted posters and other activities which have enabled the girls to learn about one another.



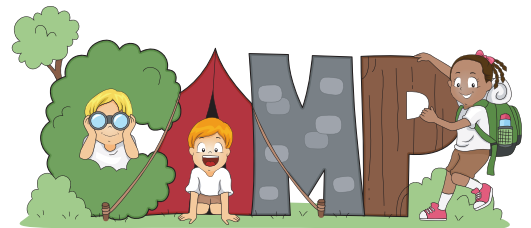
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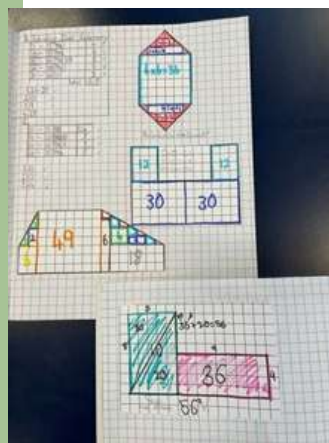
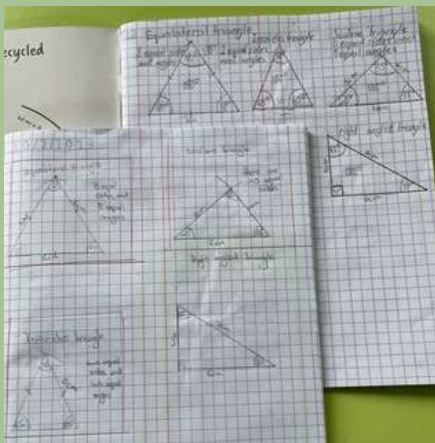
Camp

Room 6 are now all getting very excited about our Dunedin class camp. We are enjoying researching the Otago wildlife and learning all about our culture and heritage.



Mathematics

In mathematics, we have been learning about our 2-dimensional shapes and their attributes. The girls have enjoyed problem solving different ways of finding the area or footprint of irregular shapes. We have also been introduced to SMAC Maths where we competitively problem solve in groups.



ROOM 7

News



Camp Columba

This week, Room 7 embarked on their camp adventure to Camp Columba in Pukerau. There were plenty of nerves of the first day as the girls started their rotations, but these were replaced by smiles and laughter quickly. The girls were challenged with their activities, but their perseverance and resilience shone through, with many girls surprising themselves with what they achieved.

We were blessed with amazing weather, and also outstanding parents. A big thank you to Mrs Dennis, Anna, Bridgit, Rebecca, Vicki, Chris, Bryan and Craig for giving up their time and comfortable beds to accompany Room 7 on camp. We appreciate you!

If I could describe camp in five words or less, I would say:

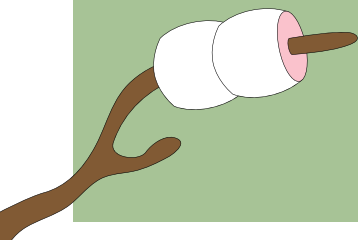
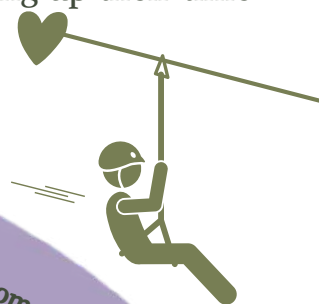
Proud of myself
Team work
Exciting
Support
Nerve wracking
Risk taking
Scary but amazing
Out of my comfort zone

Most Memorable Moments:

The leap of faith - I got the bar!
Crying on the crate stacking!
Crate stacking - I got to 20!
Hitting Mrs Dennis with the teddy on the zipline
Getting Mrs Taylor with the teddy on the zipline
The leap of faith on the high rope
Flying through the sky on the zipline
The leap of faith - scary!
Crate stacking - I got to 21
Getting the teddy in the bucket from the zipline
Cleaning the toilets!

Our favourite parts of camp were:

Abseiling
Rock climbing
Archery
Flying Kiwi
The concrete slide - even though it hurt my tailbone!
High ropes - especially the leap of faith
Water slide
Orienteering
Bouncy Pillow



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Winter Uniform

DON'T FORGET

Just a timely reminder that term 2 is creeping up on us so now would be a great time to check and see if you need to stock up winter uniform items.

Our school uses **The Skool Loop App** to communicate and send important information. Please check your app store to ensure your phone is running the latest version and receiving all school news.

The app undergoes regular maintenance and updates throughout the year. Check your app store to ensure your phone is running the latest version!

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