

NEWSLETTER

St John's Girls' School

11 August 2023

If I could think of one word to describe how we are all feeling at school at present, it would be 'frazzled'! We are working hard in many different areas and before long the fruits of these efforts will be on display. It is an exciting time and we are so proud of the effort that the girls are putting in!

Production

Our production of 'Porridge' is being staged in Week 7. We have three shows this year, two evening performances, and one matinee. We hope that the matinee will suit elderly relatives and even very young children.

It is important to us that we give the girls an authentic theatre experience, hence our decision to take the show to Centrestage this year. As you will well-appreciate, this comes with higher costs, albeit worthwhile. The tickets are now on sale via iTicket.co.nz. I do recommend that you purchase your tickets online to avoid the additional \$2.50 charge that occurs when buying them from the office itself.

Because the theatre has a contract with iTicket we are unable to sell the tickets ourselves. We are paying \$4.00 in fees on every ticket purchased. We are not making any profit on the show, we simply want to cover costs. It really will be a fabulous night out for the family and we do hope you will encourage your wider family and friendship circles to attend. The show is available to the general public also, so don't delay too long before buying your tickets!

Polyfest

This year we have 89 girls performing in Polyfest from our kapa haka and Pasifika groups. This is incredible and by far the largest group that has ever showcased for St John's. We even had to buy more costumes! Our performance time is 1.40pm on Wednesday 23 August at Stadium Southland. We will be taking the remainder of the school to spectate and tautoko (support).

Sing Out

Our talented choir are taking to the stage both as part of the massed choir and as an individual group at this year's ILT Sing Out on the evening of Wednesday 13 September. Search ticketdirect.co.nz for ticketing information for this event.

Uniform

We have developed a St John's sports sock that the girls will wear at PE, dance and sports. These are being made at the moment and we look forward to having them available for purchase later in the term. We will phase the socks in, eventually becoming compulsory in Term 1 next year.

While this is a scary thought, Term 4 is not that far away. Dig out your daughter's summer dresses and make sure that they are in good condition, have all of the buttons and are long enough! Should you need a second hand option, please contact Mrs Lang.



Greetings from
the Principal

Hallo, Dom dia,
Tena koutou

**Whakatauki -
Māori Proverb**

**He maurea kai
whiria!**

*Ignore small
matters and direct
effort toward
important projects*



Father vs. Daughter Netball

In 1927 the very first Father vs Daughter netball match was played on site here at St John's, albeit basketball in those days. We are so proud of the fact that this tradition remains today and that we are still using the original engraved trophy. There was a period beginning 1939 when the games weren't played, for obvious reasons.

You are all welcome to come along and spectate at this year's game at 2pm on Friday 1 September. The fathers took out the win in 2022. Can they create a winning streak?

2024 Classes

It's a frightening prospect to think that the year is going so quickly that we are looking at enrolments for 2024. If for some reason your family is having a change of circumstances and your daughter will be leaving us at the end of this year, please let me know.

Congratulations

We are proud of Camryn Shepherd who is the 2023 recipient of the Invercargill North Rotary Youth Merit Award.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend, and some down time to enjoy with the people near and dear to you.

God Bless



Nathan Hughes
Tumuaki - Principal





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

- 16 Sing Out Rehearsal [Donovan School]
- 17 Speech Cluster Competition
- 23 Polyfest Performance [1.40 pm]
BoP Meeting [5.30 pm]
- 29 Production Technical Rehearsal
- 30 Production Dress Rehearsal [am]
Production Performance 6.30pm
[CentreStage]
- 31 Production Performance 1.00 pm
[CentreStage]
Production Performance 6.30 pm
[CentreStage]

NOVEMBER

- 9 Greats and Grands morning
- 10 Science Road Show
- 13 **Staff Only Day**
- 15 BoP Meeting [5.30 pm]
- 17 Lip Sync Competition [lunchtime]
- 22 Dance Sharing [2.00 pm]
- 29 Familiarisation Morning
- 30 BoT Meeting [5.30 pm]

DECEMBER

- 1 Stripes Awarded
- 4 Tabloids [1.00 pm]
- 11 Prizegiving / Christmas Service Practice
- 12 Christmas Service [1.30 pm First Church]
- 14 Last School Day
Prizegiving [1.30 pm First Church]
Leavers' Ceremony [3.15 pm School Hall]

SEPTEMBER

**change of date*

- 1 Father/Daughter Netball
- 8 Mufti Day / Sausage Sizzle
- 12 Sing Out Rehearsal [Civic Theatre]
- 13 Sing Out Rehearsal [Civic Theatre]
Sing Out Performance [Civic Theatre]
7pm - 8.30 pm
- 14 BoT Meeting [5.30 pm]
- 15 Cultural Day
- 18 **Gymnastics Festival Rooms 3-7 [am]***
- 19-21 Dance Exams
- 22 **Gymnastics Festival Rooms 1 & 2 [pm]***
Last Day of Term 3

OCTOBER

- 9 **Day one of Term 4**
- 10 Special PA Meeting [7.00 pm]
- 23 Labour Day [school closed]
- 26 Christian Education Speeches [1.00 pm]
BoT Meeting [5.30 pm]
- 27 Mufti Day



WEEKLY AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS

ROOM 1

Heidi Lawson, Kate McEwan, Amaia van Westrenen, Charlotte Risk

ROOM 2

Maeve Devlin, Grace McLeod-Young, Ava Davies, Lara Preininger

ROOM 3

Agnes Russell, Portia Smith, Briar Brady, Laura van Westrenen

ROOM 4

Evie Erskine, Rosie Laughton, Meila Greiving, Elise Davison

ROOM 5

Claire Morris, Lucy Middlemass, Sophie Baron, Christabel Billcliff

ROOM 6

Lucia Erskine, Melia Spain, Kiran Gilmete, Matilda Moody

ROOM 7

Maisie Korteweg, Alyssa Hamilton, Sophie Crosbie, Zoe McMillan

VALUES CUP

Aoife Gordon
Shanna-Beth Smith

Room 3
Room 5



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Oriana Smith
Saffron Smith

Room 1
Room 1

From the

KAIARAHİ

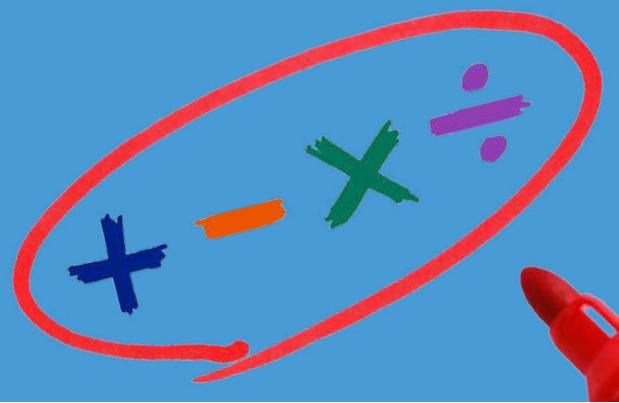
MATHS WEEK

This week our school celebrated maths week! Us Kaiarahi members put together maths questions for each day of the week in which the girls could work on and answer during their morning tea break. We made questions for the juniors and seniors so that there were different levels of difficulty. We also included different types of maths questions, like addition, subtraction, multiplication and fractions. Overall we were very impressed with how many of the girls participated in the daily maths challenges. We will also be checking to see which girls correctly answered three questions throughout the week because next week they will be rewarded with one tick.

Maths week provides the resources for both teachers and students to support the mathematics and statistics curriculum. It is also really fun to put together and to work on. Maths week also helps the girls use more strategies and learn to problem solve on their own.

We would like to thank all of the girls who participated in maths week. We had an outstanding outcome with how many girls actually took part. There were so many!

**Kiran, Greer, Amelia, Libby, Nieve,
Bonnie, Lilly & Hannah**



Room 1



Room 1 made paper bag hand puppets to go along with the Nursery Rhyme 'Little Miss Muffet'. They also made some little spiders and have been having fun frightening Miss Muffet!

Colder, rainy winter days mean that we can play inside and our dress up box gets put to good use. This has been especially fun as we have been writing narrative stories.



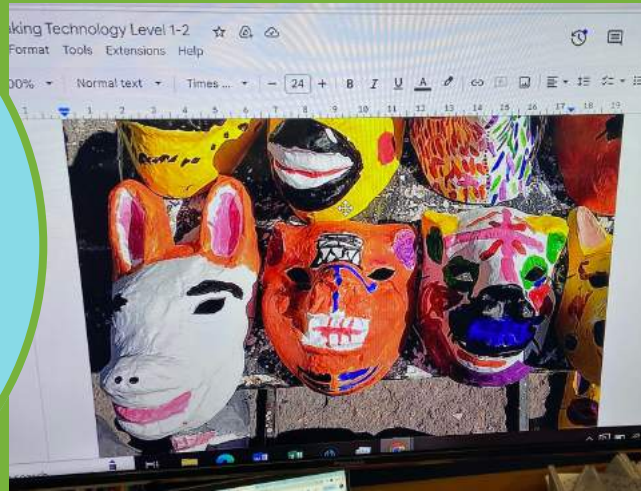
Saffron wrote; Once upon a time there was a fairy. It got stuck in a poison berry bush. Another fairy came and she helped the other fairy. It's name was Sapphire. She had fire magic and she saw a bear. It lived in the forest in a cave. The fairy calmed down the bear.

We have been learning about probability and thinking about the question "What are the chances?" The girls worked with a buddy to made guessing bags to see if they could guess what would be pulled out of the bag next.



ROOM 2

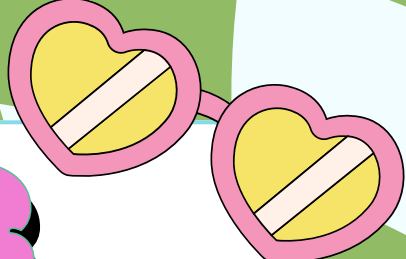
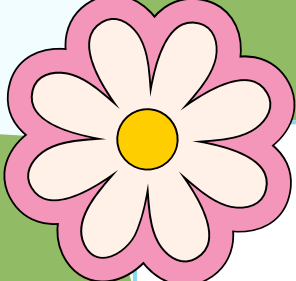
Our focus this term is being part of our school production. We have decided to perform a few class plays to help us with our acting skills and characterisation. Each girl is making a mask for their character. This is a great technology project with a lot of design work happening. First, we learnt how to fold, curl and roll paper in various ways to produce 3D constructions. This will help us to bring our character's mask to life.



We all have design booklets to keep track of our ideas. At the moment we are drawing our character's face and then we will look at each feature in more detail.

We love rainy days in Room 2. This is a great opportunity to get into the dress-up box, play board games, do craft activities and let our imaginations loose.





ROOM 3

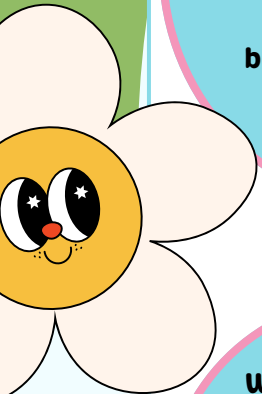
Learning through Visual Art

We love to learn and express ourselves through visual art. Check out our fabulous artwork!



We have created Matariki Hiwa-i-te-rangi wishing stars using block colour, shape and pattern. We had to create a wish for the new year.

In our bird inquiry "Things that Fly" we learnt about the features of native birds and how to care for them. We sketched these beautiful Tui and then used paint to bring them to life.



We used the story of Rainbow Fish to help us understand how to be a kind friend. We created our own Rainbow Fish using dye and chalk.



St. John's Girls' School Parents' Association

Term 3: August 2023



Incredibly we find ourselves at the end of week 4 which means it is almost Production time! With each rendition of the songs in the car to and from school, I am reminded of the hard work that goes in to producing these performances and would like to thank all of the staff for their time and enthusiasm.

For those of you wanting to keep that special memento of yet another epic SJGS production, you will be able to pre-purchase a Dropbox link to the professionally filmed and edited show. Look out for pre-order information coming soon.....



SJGS PA Special General Meeting

We are calling a Special Meeting to discuss proposed changes to the SJGS Parents' Association Constitution. The meeting will be held in the school Staff Room at 7pm on Tuesday 10th October, prior to the next scheduled meeting.

We look forward to your contribution to this discussion.

We received a lovely letter from Room 3 asking for a donation to support their project to create and plant a Native Bird garden at the school.

We were delighted to make a donation towards the project and will also be donating the proceeds of the Term 3 Sausage Sizzle. So if you can only manage the one sausage or sausages aren't your thing, but you would like to make an extra donation, it will all be going towards this fantastic cause.

St. John's Girls' School Care Network

For those of you who may be new to the school, the SJGS Care Network provides support for SJGS Families & Staff in times of genuine need. The aim is to help people with the little things as well as the big - baking, frozen meals or help with transport.

If you would be willing to volunteer your time, skills or by donating money to help our school community at these difficult times, please contact sjgscarenetwork@gmail.com



The School Fundraising Shop provides Eco-friendly, NZ made products to help parents and teachers raise funds for their schools. They are proud to partner with many New Zealand made, owned or designed businesses from around the country, many of whom are Mums and Dads themselves and are happy to be a part of supporting Kiwi kids.

10% of each purchase is donated to the school, simply by entering St. John's Girls' School at the checkout. Go to www.schoolfundraisingshop.org.nz and check out the great products! Thank you for your continued support of the SJGS Parents' Association.

ST JOHN'S GIRLS' SCHOOL

PRESENTS

CRAIG HAWES' STIRRING MUSICAL COMEDY



SHOW TIMES

AUGUST 30 2023 @ 6:30 PM
AUGUST 31 2023 @ 1:00 PM & 6:30 PM
CENTERSTAGE

TICKET SALES

\$18 PER ADULT / \$12.50 PER CHILD
AVAILABLE THROUGH ITICKET.CO.NZ
[WWW.ITICKET.CO.NZ]

OR AT SOUTHLAND BUSINESS CHAMBER

[AN EXTRA CHARGE OF \$2.50 APPLIES IF TICKET PURCHASED ON SITE FROM
SOUTHLAND BUSINESS CHAMBER]

TICKETS NOW ON SALE

The St John's Girls' School
Production is almost here!

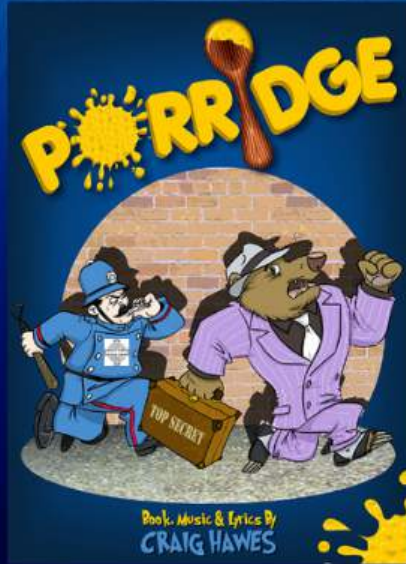
Tickets available now.
Get in quick before they go!

<https://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2023/aug/porridge-the-musical>

PRESENTING

SJGS PRODUCTION 2023

Create memories
with your own
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memorable event



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edited copy for
you to cherish

Order forms coming home this week - Don't miss out!

The St John's Girls' School choir is performing in 'Sing Out' at the Civic Theatre on the evening of Wednesday 13 September. We are excited to be involved in this wonderful event again. The girls will sing with the massed choir as well as performing our own song. Please see the attached poster.

Tickets are now available <https://premier.ticketek.co.nz/shows/show.aspx?sh=SINGOUT23> or you can purchase them at the ICC booking office.

We would love to see you there supporting. It really is a fantastic evening!

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AOTEAROA CLASSICS

Featuring 500+ talented local children, Musical Director Sarah Rae, and Dr Mike and the Euphoric Kids

12, 13 & 14 September
7.00pm - 8.30pm

Invercargill Civic Theatre

Adults \$15.00

Children \$10.00

Booking Fee Included. Credit Card charges will apply.
Tickets Available at ICC Booking Office, or online at Ticketek.

Zone 1

12 September

St Patrick's School
Southland Boys' High School
Southland Girls' High School
Saint Theresa's School
Newfield Park School
Verdon College

Zone 2

13 September

Ascot Community School
Bluff School
Sacred Heart School
Aurora College
St John's Girls' School
Waihopai School

Zone 3

14 September

James Hargest College
New River School
Otatara School
Donovan Primary
Windsor North School

