

NEWSLETTER

St John's Girls' School

16 June 2023

We've had a real focus on gratefulness at school of late. I have spoken to the girls about looking at our situations from different viewpoints. This is valuable thinking for us all, adults included. Last week in assembly we talked about all of the jobs the girls had to do over the weekend. This included tidying bedrooms and picking up toys and clothes, loading the dishwasher, picking up doggy business, and bringing in firewood. We had a good laugh and relished in the moan.

I then told the girls how I felt sorry for them. It must have been rough for them. After all, this meant that they had a lot of toys and warm clothes that needed putting away. They'd eaten delicious meals if the dishwasher needed loading. Doggy business on the lawn means having a loving pet to play with and have as part of the family. Having firewood at home means warmth and comfort.

We re-visited this concept on Wednesday morning in assembly, and I shared a goal that I have for myself. It involves just 5 minutes each day. Ask your daughter if she can share my goal with you.

Hobart Conference

Mrs Kelly and I are incredibly grateful to have attended the Asia Pacific Summit on Girls' Education in Hobart. We were immersed in really intense days of listening, connecting and learning about the innovative practices in other girls' schools. Many of the keynote speakers told us about the challenges that our young women face in today's society, both in secondary schools and in the employment world. We processed each day's learnings in the evening and mused over some ideas we had heard. I will be sharing the work of Clinical Psychologist Judith Locke in some of the newsletters going forward. Her messages were thought-provoking and very relevant to the St John's community context.

On a side note, we both whole-heartedly recommend a visit to Hobart. What a hidden gem!

Invoices

All Term 2 invoices are now overdue for payment. These were due on 1 June. Please make prompt payment.

Speech Exams

The Year 3-8 girls all sit their speech exams next week. There has been a great deal of work put into the preparation of each girls' programme here at school. We have talked a lot in assembly this week about the need to practice several times daily between now and the exam, and about how nerves are our bodies telling us that we want to do well, therefore they can be a good thing. Success comes as a result of hard work. Also, for those girls who are feeling stressed because they are not as ready as they should be, there is still time! This year we welcome Mrs Annette Dalziel as our examiner; her first time at St John's.



Greetings from
the Principal

Ola, Bula, Ata marie

Whakatauki - Māori Proverb

Ahakoā he iti
he pounamu

*Although it is
small, it is a
treasure.*





Mahi pai to both Shanna-Beth and Chloe who have been appointed as the Kapa Haka kaea [callers] this year.

Congratulations!



Reports and Interviews

As you have been made aware, our school reports have been created in our Student Management System, KAMAR. Next Friday you will receive your daughter's report via email. They will be sent out during the school day. If you don't receive yours, please check your spam folder just in case.

On Wednesday 28th of June school will finish at 2pm to allow the interviews to begin. Noeleen will be available on this day. Please have your cash payment ready for Noeleen when you collect your daughter if you are a first time user of the After School Care Programme. On Thursday 29th of June we finish at the regular time. Please note the early finish time down.

The school interview bookings will be available to make on Skool Loop from Monday 19th of June. Please only select one appointment time. Duplicate bookings will have one booking time deleted.

Thank You

I would like to publicly acknowledge Mr Russell Peters, Sofia and Harper's grandad, for the work he has so generously done on strengthening and repairing sections of the school playground. Russell's skills and knowledge are invaluable and this isn't the first time we have benefited from his generosity. He has appreciated Mr Hamilton's assistance along the way too. Thank you, Russell.

Cross Country

Mahi tino pai (very good work) to the girls who represented St John's at the All Saints Cross Country. We had many placings and I know that our six fastest will be knee deep in mud at today's Southland Cross Country! We look forward to sharing the results with you.

Find a lot to be grateful for this weekend. It's often right under our noses and yet we look straight past it.

God Bless

Nathan Hughes
Tumuaki - Principal





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

- **19** Speech Exam - Yr 7 [Rm 6]
- **20** Speech Exam - Yr 8 [Rm 5]
- **21** Speech Exam - Yr 5 [Rm 4]
Sing Out Rehearsal [Donovan School]
- **22** Speech Exam - Yr 6 [Rm 7]
BoT Meeting [5.30 pm]
- **23** Speech Exam - Yrs 3 and 4
Reports Out
- **26-29** Life Education Bus
- **28** Interviews [School to close at 2.00 pm]
- **29** Interviews [School to close at 3.00 pm]
- **30** Last day of Term 2
Stripes / Bonus Points Awarded

JULY

- **17** **Day one of Term 3**
- **19** Matariki Breakfast
- **25** Parents' Association Meeting [7.00 pm]

AUGUST

- **4** School Speech Competition
- **10** BoT Meeting [5.30 pm]
- **16** Sing Out Rehearsal [Donovan School]
- **23** Polyfest Performance [1.40 pm]
BoP Meeting [5.30 pm]
- **28** Production Dress Rehearsal
- **29** Production Performance [CentreStage]
- **30** Production Performance [CentreStage]
- **31** Production Performance [CentreStage]

SEPTEMBER

- **8** Mufti Day
- **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
- **19-21** Dance Exams
- **22** Gymnastics Festival
Last Day of Term 3

OCTOBER

- **9** **Day one of Term 4**
- **23** Labour Day [school closed]



WEEKLY AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS

ROOM 1

Kate McEwan, Charlotte Risk

ROOM 2

Beau McRae-Bothamley, Penny Sloan, Portia Smith

ROOM 3

Hannah Sloan, Amelia Bosma, Laura Maxwell

ROOM 4

Eilidh Gordon, Greer Valli, Meila Greiving, Danielle King

ROOM 5

Hanatia Mainland, Amaya Swale-Jones, Jhordaya Shaw, Bonnie McIntosh

ROOM 6

Star Welsh, Nicole Carnie, Esmé Middlebrook

ROOM 7

Sophie Crosbie, Drew Peddie, Abby Unahi, Kadi Cantley

VALUES CUP

Lara Preininger

Room 2



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Maya Preininger

Room 4

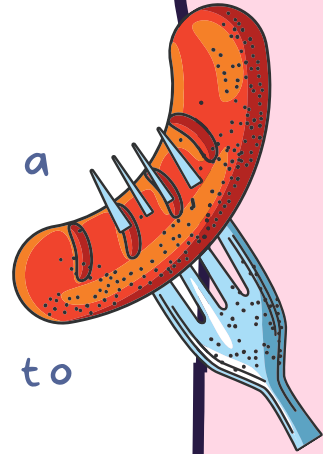
A yellow starburst graphic with the word "Sizzle" written in a bold, white, sans-serif font with a black outline. The starburst has a dotted pattern around its edges.Four white, rectangular paper corners are pinned to the top-left and bottom-left corners of the white text area, giving it the appearance of a piece of paper on a wall.

From the Kaiarahi

On Friday we had a sausage sizzle to raise money for the Parents' Association.

Thank you to everyone who bought a sausage. We raised \$357!

We would like to give a big thanks to Mrs Bradshaw and the Parents' Association who organised this whole sausage sizzle. The sausages were 2 dollars each and they came with bread and sauce. We also want to give a big thanks to the mums who came along on a really cold day and helped cook the sausages for us.

A cartoon illustration of a pencil with a brown body, a pink eraser, and a sharp lead tip. There are two small white starburst graphics near the pencil.

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

ROOM 4 NEWS

A+
TEACHER!



MISS O'CONNELL

We have had the privilege of having our student teacher, Miss O'Connell in the classroom for the past two weeks. We have been learning about time, friendships, teamwork, explanation writing and chalk pastel techniques.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION



During physical education this week we looked at ways we can work effectively together in a team. We recorded our ideas and played a game that requires teamwork to be successful. We huddled together to evaluate how well we worked together and to add further strategies to our kete. We had so much fun working together and have learned how important this life skill is.



TIME

We have been learning about time and how to tell the time during maths. We have been working hard to identify the time and use language associated with an analogue clock to communicate what the time is. We have been looking at fractions within a clock and understand how many minutes are within each fraction.



WRITING



We have been learning how to explain how and why something happens. To begin our writing we did an experiment to test which materials float or sink, we formed hypotheses and recorded our observations. We then learned about density and we discovered that there are particles in materials, the proximity of these particles impacts whether they sink or float. We also learned about buoyancy and how this can affect something that would usually sink.



Room 5 News

Photo Exhibition

This term, Room 5 took a stroll around Queens Park and the school grounds taking photos of flowers, spider webs, leaves, plants and anything that we thought would make a fabulous photo. Everyone's photo is unique and very different to each other but when they were all placed together they complemented each other very well.

Quite a few photos were dark and mysterious but lots of other photos were vibrant and fluorescent.

We framed each photo and displayed them all around Room 5 and on Wednesday the 7th we held an exhibition to showcase our amazing artworks.



Parents, grandparents and lots of other people come to see our exhibition, called Nature's Array. We hope that everyone enjoyed seeing our work and that we will use the photography techniques that we learnt in the future.

Speech Exams

For the last couple of weeks it's been full steam ahead with our speech exams. They are right around the corner for year 3s and up. In our class lots of effort has been put into learning our poems and talks. Everyone is looking forward to getting through the speech exams without a problem. Even though most of the year eights think it will be a cinch, we are all looking forward to getting it over with.

Isabella M



Maths - Spin Doctors

This term in maths we have been examining the probability in spinning a wheel. We tested if the chances of spinning are fair and what colour is the most popular to land on. After the experiments, we created our own spinners! Unfair and fair ones. A lot of kids made foldable ones, colourful ones and many more. We also found out that spinning on a technology source is not fair. Because the AI designs the spinning for both sides to be exactly the same.



Chloe

Making Inferences

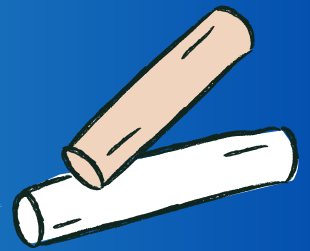
We have been learning how to make inferences. We are using photos of the Lemony Snicket book covers to inference what might happen in the future books.

Miss McSoriley taught us that inferring is like reading in between the lines but not literally, more like using the words you've read to predict or guess what the author is trying to say. We are excited to read these books in the future. It's amazing what people can see in a picture or sentence

Shanna-Beth



Room 6 News



Speech Prep

Room 6 have been preparing for their speech exam which takes place on Monday next week. The girls have created a beautiful speech board or slide show and are expected to complete a 3 minute speech about these. They also have to read part of a novel and recite a poem. A telephone conversation is a new section of their speech exam this year and the girls are enjoying using our props to work on this area. Good luck girls. You have worked hard in your preparation and will be fabulous!

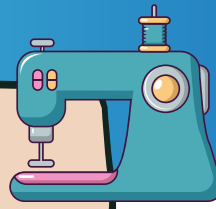


Novel Reading Circles

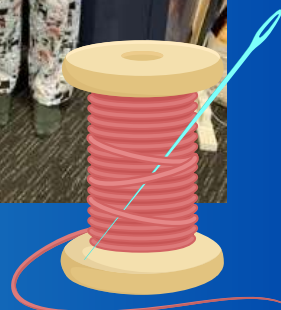
In reading, Room 6 is currently working on a group Novel study. The girls selected the novels they wanted to read, and groups were formed. This is a valuable and enjoyable reading programme as it provides opportunities for the girls to explore vocabulary and develop shared learning experiences with comprehension strategies. The girls have assigned roles within their groups. The roles include a summariser, clarifier, connector, vocabulary detective, literary observer, predictor, and a question master. We are reading 'The Boy in Striped Pyjamas', 'The Boy in the Dress', and 'See Ya Simon'. They girls are thoroughly enjoying reading their novels.



Sewing



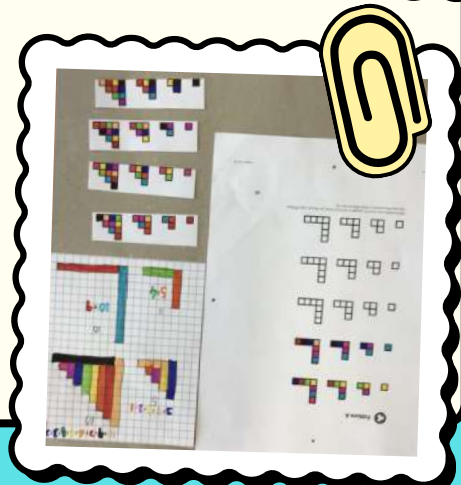
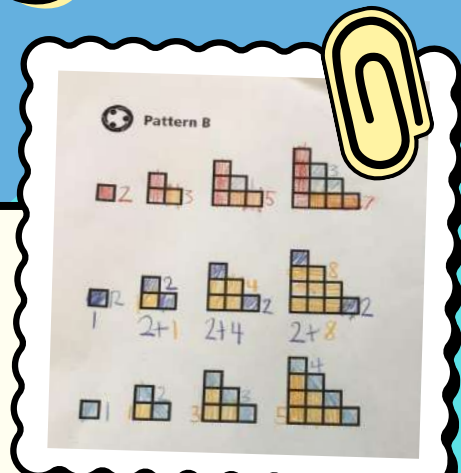
The girls have been learning a lot about the sewing machine and are now able to independently thread the machines. They have completed several tasks involving sewing on paper and fabric squares to obtain their sewing machine drivers' licence. The girls are really enjoying learning new skills. They are now working to apply these skills and knowledge in creating their pyjama pants or shorts. It is lovely to see the girls' enthusiasm towards sewing and we look forward to all completing our pyjamas.



Room 7 News

Maths & Patterns

We started making two visual growing patterns in Maths to explore how we look at them in different ways. Mrs Taylor asked us to try to find many different ways to see and describe patterns. We had to describe their growth in numbers (with an expression) and in words. We paired up in twos and made posters to display our work on the wall. We used colour coding to show our thinking. We discovered many different ways of seeing patterns.

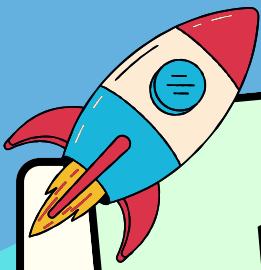


Reciprocal Reading

Reciprocal Reading is when you read independently with a group and a teacher, but the teacher is not part of the group, they are just there to help us. We get to choose the topics that we want to read about and Mrs Bradshaw puts us in groups. This term the groups that we are in are: animals, science, history and people. When we finish a book we get three choices and we select as a group which book we want next. The books that we chose this term are Cook Strait Kate, Trip To The Circus, and Pet Power, which 2 groups are doing!

Tayla and Paige





Inquiry

Our class has been learning about rockets. We have made plastic bottle rockets and baking soda rockets. Two weeks ago we tested different rocket cones launched by squeezing a plastic bottle inside. For the water bottle rockets we made a video of the rockets blasting off. Then we slowed the recording and measured the height. Mrs Taylor has shown us how to write up the instructions, how to plot the data on a graph and present our learning.

On Thursday we tested the baking soda and vinegar rockets outside. They didn't go that well. We are going to discuss our findings and change some variables in the experiment to see if we can create a rocket that can fly high! Some of us may choose to continue this experiment for our science investigation project. Over the next week, we will begin to investigate water bottle rockets.



Sewing Technology



Last week we finally had all our stencils printed on the 3D printer. We practised painting using the stencil on pieces of paper. When we decided which colours we liked best we had to paint on the bag. The very last step was “fixing” the paint so it didn’t run by ironing the bags. We were very proud of ourselves and loved sharing them in assembly.



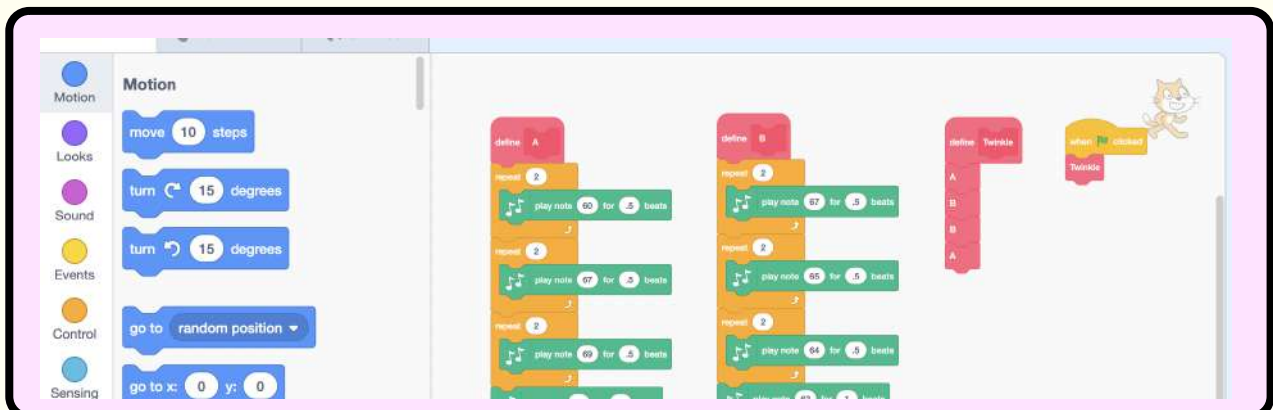
Music



For music we were learning about the elements of music (the things in capital letters) through nursery rhymes.

To learn about them Mrs Taylor decided to let us make them on Scratch, a block coding programme.

We had to figure out the tune of the song by choosing the correct note in “play note”- this was the element MELODY. Then we had to make sure that the RHYTHM was right, by choosing the correct beat. To make it even harder we had to set up the FORM so that it went A B B A. We did this by creating new blocks. Next lesson we will add percussion to make the music THICKER. Then if we have time we will add HARMONY by adding chords.





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GREAT SOUTH		
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FRIDAY 16 JUNE

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TOURING AOTEAROA THROUGH JUNE-JULY 2023 DURING TERM AND THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

The much-loved Glow Show is back!

82,000 Kiwi kids have already seen these innovative, glow-in-the-dark giant puppet shows, which are an absolute favourite for schoolchildren and educators. The Glow Show's latest storytelling bonanza is at a venue near you, this June and July.

Bring your family, and book early for school holiday group discounts! For every 10 tickets, get one free*!

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The Glow Show educates and entertains, by promoting literacy and Te Reo Māori, and celebrating the exquisite art of ultraviolet puppetry.

It offers a truly memorable experience with positive and uplifting messages for tamariki.

Wonderland Glow Show will be at SIT Centrestage, Invercargill ,THURSDAY July 13!

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

10am & 11:30am - \$23.50pp (Babies under 18 months free of charge with paying adult)

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Hi St John's Families

Kennedy School of Music is super excited to have our Drum Camp Holiday Programme running these July school holidays. It'll be run on Saturday the 8th of July and We have a Full day option for \$65 or a Half day option for \$35.

For further questions, email Cleo - info@ksom.nz

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Kidzart

July 10-13
2023

For more info go to <https://bookwhen.com/pfoohk#focus=ev-s0qh-20230710100000>

All classes \$16 per child except Cake Decorating which is \$20 per child as they bring a small decorated cake home

MONDAY 10 JULY	TUESDAY 11 JULY	WEDNESDAY 12 JULY
10am-12 pm PEG PHOTO WREATH AGES 8+ CAKE DECORATING AGES 5-7	10am-12 pm BADGES AGES 8+ PASTEL PET PORTRAITS AGES 8+	10am-12 pm WHEAT PEOPLE FAMILY AGES 5-7 CAKE DECORATING AGES 8+
1-3 pm CAKE DECORATING AGES 8+ LOLLY BOUQUET AGES 5-7	1-3 pm AIR DRY CLAY ANIMALS AGES 8+ SCIENCE STUFF AGES 8+	1-3 pm TERRACOTTA POT DECORATING AGES 8+ CAKE DECORATING AGES 5-7

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