

NEWSLETTER

St John's Girls' School

2 June 2023

It is hard to comprehend that Week 6 has drawn to a close. It wasn't long ago that we talked about our goals for Term 2; staff and students. It is certainly time to reflect on how we are tracking with what we have set out to achieve.

Mrs Kelly and I are fortunate enough to be attending the Asia Pacific Summit on Girls' Education in Hobart this weekend. We have been very much looking forward to seeing innovative practice and hearing from influential speakers and theorists about how we can best prepare our girls for the world that is waiting for them. Dame Jenny Shipley is giving the opening keynote address at the beginning of the conference. With attendees and presenters from all across Australasia and Asia, there are 43 New Zealand delegates in attendance and we are fairly certain that we are the southernmost! We are grateful to be privileged to such a wonderful professional development opportunity.

School Photos

You will have received an email from Photo Life giving you a unique access code to view and order your daughter's photos. Do check your junk/spam folders if you've not seen the email yet. All orders are placed via the website. www.photolife.co.nz

School Reports

The teachers are all in report writing mode at present. Thanks to our committed Board, the teachers are released from class so that they can spend 1-1 time with your daughter assessing her abilities in reading and mathematics. The reports will be emailed this term, via our student management system, KAMAR. They will look the same as they did in Term 2 last year. We look forward to seeing you all at the interviews in the final week of the term. The bookings will go live in the week prior on Skool Loop. We will notify you when bookings are available.

Pink Ribbon Appeal

It was heartening to see the effort that our school community made in supporting such a worthwhile cause. We can all make a connection to someone who has been affected by breast cancer. Your contributions will help towards breast cancer education, research and patient support. Thank you!

Cross Country

What an outstanding success this event was. The staff were overjoyed at the number of senior girls who chose to opt into the competitive section in order to earn extra points for their houses. The girls pushed themselves hard and the exhaustion at the finish line proved this. The weather played the game and the mild conditions made for a really enjoyable afternoon. Thank you very much to the parents who assisted with marshaling on the course.

Spider Swing

We are always looking for opportunities to improve our practices in terms of safety and well-being. After some discussion I informed the girls in assembly that all swings across the school could only be used by one girl at a time, for safety reasons. In the days following, a group of Year 7 girls approached me and asked if they could discuss this decision with me. I met with the whole class and the girls talked to me about how they had researched the difference between having one or two people on the swing, and why having two people was in fact safer in terms of balance and stability. We chatted at length and the girls asked me to reconsider my decision, based on their findings.

I was so incredibly impressed at the thought, maturity and confidence these girls demonstrated in challenging a decision that they believed wasn't the right one. Last Friday they presented the new guidelines for use of the Spider Swing to the school in assembly, including the recommendation that having two girls on it is best. That is student agency at its best. We value our girls and what they think. Tino pai Leah, Meila, Ingrid and Greer for being positive change makers!

Enjoy your long King's Birthday weekend ahead. Take time to treat yourself.

God bless

Nathan Hughes
Tumuaki - Principal



Greetings from
the Principal

Bom dia, Guten tag,
Tena koutou

Whakatauki -
Māori Proverb

Mauri tū,
mauri ora

An active soul
is a healthy
soul



FROM YOUR

BOARD



Sandy Gilmete
Presiding Member

Kia ora koutou

We cannot believe how quickly Term 2 is going. It's mid-year already and winter is here. The girls are looking sharp in their winter uniforms and it was nice seeing them participating at the Cross Country last week. The weather held up and the parent support was great. We were impressed with how our girls cheered their peers on and waited for the very last girl to cross the line. It demonstrated great sportsmanship. Ka pai!

Primary schools did not strike this week and we are hoping that a positive result will be achieved for our teachers after this week's union meeting. The Board fully supports our teachers and Principal who are determined to demand change from the Government for the benefit of our children and at the same time for themselves, to be recognised as professionals in their area of expertise.

The Board has been busy reviewing the current year and planning for the future of our school. We are looking forward to working with the school community and seeing a successful Term 2 for our girls.

Nga mihi





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

- **5th** King's Birthday [School closed]
- **6th** All Saints Cross Country
- **9th** PA sausage sizzle
- **13th** Choir visit to South Alive
- **16th** Southland Cross Country
- **19th** Speech Exam - Yr 7 [Rm 6]
- **20th** Speech Exam - Yr 8 [Rm 5]
- **21st** Speech Exam - Yr 5 [Rm 4]
Sing Out Rehearsal [Donovan School]
- **22nd** Speech Exam - Yr 6 [Rm 7]
BoT Meeting [5.30 pm]
- **23rd** Speech Exam - Yrs 3 and 4
Reports Out
- **27th-30th** Life Education Bus
- **28th** Interviews [School to close at 2.00 pm]
- **29th** Interviews [School to close at 3.00 pm]
- **30th** Last day of term
Stripes / Bonus Points Awarded

JULY

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

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

- **8th** Mufti Day



WEEKLY AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS

ROOM 1

Mackenzie Smithies, Heidi Lawson

ROOM 2

Lorelai Stirling, Mahya Gilmete, Lola Rutledge, Amelia Maxwell

ROOM 3

Agnes Russell, Lexie Nicholl, Scarlett Anderson, Simone Paganelli

ROOM 4

Courtney Mackie, Emily Laughton, Emily Laughton, Bailey Cooper

ROOM 5

Ana Packham, Shanna-Beth Smith, Lilly Giles, Chloe Taylor

ROOM 6

Evie Arthur, Lucia Erskine, Zoe Laughton, Esmé Middlebrook

ROOM 7

Zoe McMillan, Ava Moore, Nakaysha Fraser, Tayla Nel

VALUES CUP

Oriana Smith
Leah McEwan

Room 1
Room 6



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Heidi Lawson

Room 1

FROM THE KAIARAHĪ

KIRAN, GREER, AMELIA,
LIBBY, NIEVE, BONNIE,
LILLY & HANNAH

PINK DAY

On Thursday we dressed up in pink. We all looked stunning in our pink and we were also quite excited to be in our mufti too! We all brought in a donation which went towards the Pink Ribbon Foundation also known as the Breast Cancer Foundation. The Pink Ribbon Foundation is a charity who raises money for people who are having trouble with breast cancer. They spread awareness about it as well and support those who have it. We raised a whopping \$529.60. We hope this will help many who need it and hope they will get better. We all really enjoyed pink day and can't wait for the next mufti day!



Thank you



PLAYHOUSE THEATRE

We were all bubbling with excitement because on Thursday morning we were going to watch the Playhouse Theatre! We all poured into the hall and the performers introduced themselves. They then performed a play about pirates called Treasure Island. They sang sea shanties, danced and made very funny jokes that made us all giggle, (even the teachers did). Their singing was amazing and we liked the lyrics because they had funny words in them. One thing they did really well was their transitions. They went from one scene to another just by adding little things that changed the whole atmosphere. We finished off with some questions and learnt a bit more about the actors and their careers. The Playhouse Theatre was a success and we can't wait to see them again next year!



ROOM 1

Room 1 have been reading 'The Hole in the King's Sock'. The Queen taught the king how to knit himself some new socks, so Room 1 have been learning how to do some finger knitting. We made them into necklaces to wear on our pink mufti day.



We have continued looking at our native birds and have printed a Pīwakawaka at sunset. The girls used a stencil for the Fantail, but learnt about the technique of blending water colours to create the sunset.



We imagined being a bird and here are some samples of our writing:

Heidi wrote "If I was a bird, I would tweet and eat worms from the ground. I would eat worms all day. I am a Pīwakawaka and I would fly and make a nest. My tail looks like a fan."

Saffron wrote

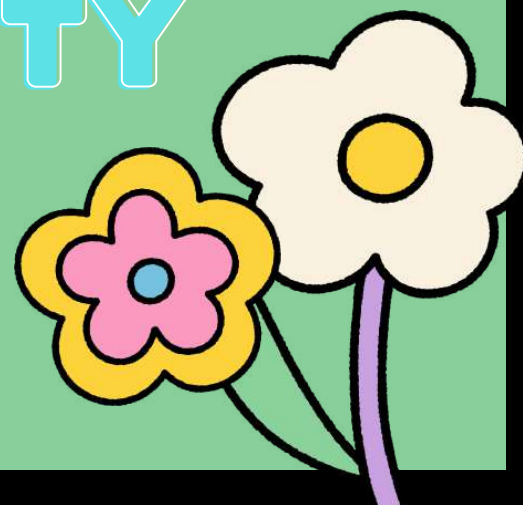
"If I was a bird I would be a fantail. I would eat a worm and bugs and fly. I would live in a tree and have a nest. I have a long tail and I like singing."

Oriana wrote

"If I was a bird I would be a seagull. I would peck and eat and I eat fish. I would fly to my nest. I am safe in my nest. I would go to the beach and eat fish and chips."



PRETTY
IN
PINK



ROOM 2 NEWS

Room 2 has been a busy, busy, busy place in the last couple of weeks. We have been enjoying all the autumn colours and taking the opportunity to write about them. We have experimented with these haiku and acrostic poetry structures. We have also been exploring colour and design with our crayon leaf rubbings in autumn colours.



Autumn Haiku Poem

Brown leaves
Orange leaves, green leaves
No leaves on the trees

By Grace



Autumn Haiku Poem

Orange, brown, yellow
Colourful leaves on the ground
Branches and leaves fall

By Lara



Autumn Haiku Poem

The days are colder
Time for winter uniform
People wear jackets

By Sophia



Autumn Haiku Poem

Brown, red, orange leaves
The crunchy leaves on the ground
Bare branches around

By Lola



Autumn Haiku Poem

The leaves are orange
Pretty colourful leaves
Orange, brown, green, red

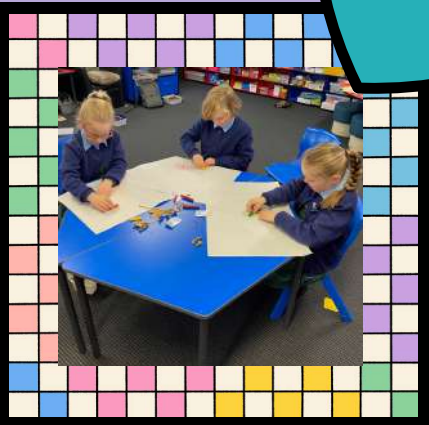
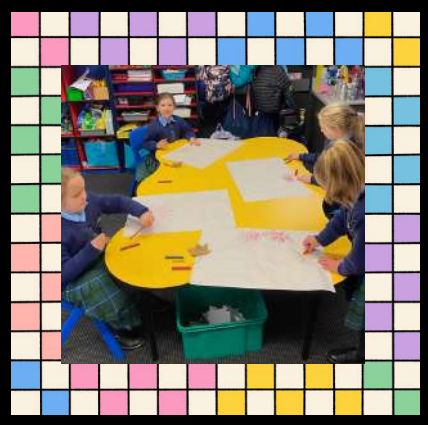
By Millie



Autumn Haiku Poem

The trees are mixed
Love the colour of the leaves
I love the trees

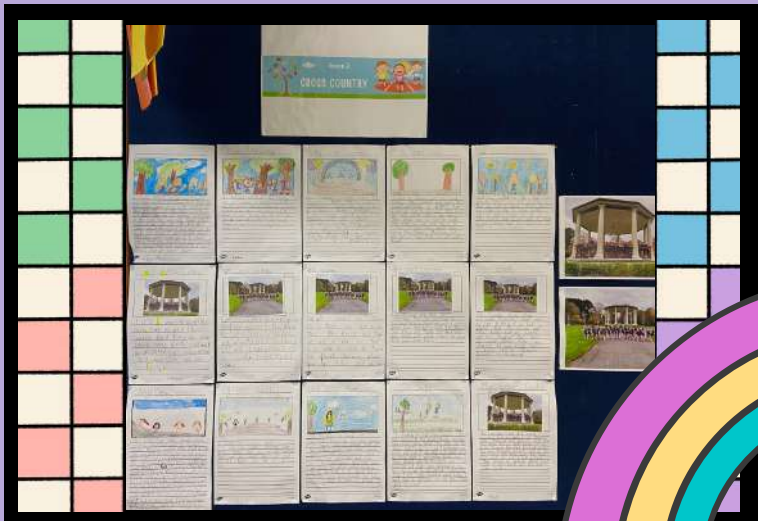
By Eleanor



In maths, we have been looking at different ways to group numbers on dice so that we can efficiently say how many dots we have altogether. We decided that making groups of tens and ones was a good way. We also discovered that we can make groups of 100s or 1000s or 10,000s using the same thinking.

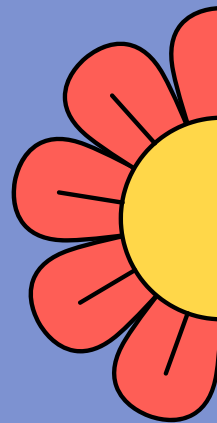


We have had a lot to write about recently. Our school cross country, Pink Ribbon mufti day and a visit from Playhouse Theatre. Our room is looking fit to burst with all our wonderful art and writing. Please pop in for a look at our colourful walls after school any day.





ROOM 3



Room 3 has been a fun and lively place over the past few weeks. With the many school wide events taking place such as Cross Country and speech exam preparations the girls have risen up to challenges and displayed awesome mahi.

Mrs McIlwrick and Mrs Raines are proud of how well the girls are living our school values and making Room 3 a fantastic place to be. Ka pai Room 3! Check out what we have been up to.



Looking fantastic on Pink Ribbon Day!



FRIENDSHIP



Friendship

We know that happy and healthy friendships are important. We have been learning about what makes a great friend and how to be a great friend. We wrote these friendship poem and quotes.



Friend
Kind, funny
Playing, laughing, striving
Always is really happy
Pal



Friend
Happy, kind
Playing, laughing, chatting
Always is very kind
Buddy

By Arnelia



Friend
Funny, gentle
Playing, talking, loving
Makes me really happy
Buddy



CURRENT EVENTS

Current Events continues to be a hit in Room 3. We love learning about each other's special places, different towns, cities and countries around the world. Here is Eloise sharing about India and Maggie talking about her home town of Bluff.



MATHS

In maths we have been exploring new and exciting online number knowledge and addition and subtraction sites. We have loved them! We work collaboratively together and love the challenges!
If you want to check them out at home, scan the QR codes below.



Eako Student Login



Times Tables Practice



Break Apart Maths Game



Hit the Button Maths Games.



Photo Exhibition



"Nature's Array"

Room 5
June 7th
2023

1–3pm



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