

24 FEBRUARY 2023

NEWSLETTER

St John's Girls' School

Te Kura Kōtiro ō Hato Hoani



Greetings from the Principal

Boa tarde, Tena koutou, Konichiwa



The 2023 school year has started wonderfully, and the glorious weather has certainly helped. There is something about pulling back the curtains each morning and finding sunshine that puts a bounce in your step!

Our new girls have transitioned well and it is so nice seeing them laughing and joking with their new friends when on playground duty. The staff are enjoying getting to know our new parents too. We look forward to the upcoming events where we can better acquaint ourselves and introduce you all to our community.

This year we have an overarching theme of 'Rise Up'. We are sharing this message through learning, assemblies and everyday conversation. Every day we face challenges, whether they be exciting and rewarding, or difficult and challenging to overcome. Through our assemblies we will be placing a large focus on demonstrating resilience and perseverance when the going gets tough. We are also looking at 'Rise Up' in the sense of responsibility; following through on our promises and responsibilities, and getting stuck in when we see that we can lighten the loads of others. In a community like St John's we have so much to give.

Welcome

Nau mae, haere mai to our new kotiro (girls):

- Room 1 - Georgia Cochrane and Amaia van Westrenen
- Room 2 - Maeve Devlin
- Room 3 - Lexie Nicholl, Simone Paganelli and Aaliyah Solly
- Room 4 - Briar McKenzie, Briar Nicholl and Samantha Parry
- Room 7 - Maisie Korteweg
- Room 6 - Evie Arthur, Raine Murphy and Star Welsh
- Room 5 - Hanatia Mainland

Family Fun Night

We look forward to seeing you all at our family night, on Monday evening at school. Please see the Parents' Association newsletter (attached) for more information. For girls attending After School Care on that day, Noeleen will be here until 5.30pm. Please ensure you collect your daughter no later.

Mufti Day - date change

Our Term One Mufti Day was initially planned for later in the term. We have decided to bring the date forward to Friday 3 March (next week) so that we can make a contribution to the Red Cross efforts in the North Island for those affected by Cyclone Gabrielle. Please have your daughter bring along a donation that day. A notice will be coming out.

Camps

Camp is always such an exciting time and we are about to see our first class head off! Invoices are in the process of being sent out. These are required to be paid before the camp departs. A huge thank you to those parents who have volunteered to come along.

Room 7	6 - 8 March	Camp Columba
Room 5	20 - 24 March	Deep Cove
Room 6	26 - 28 April	Dunedin

Term Invoices

You will have received your daughter's invoices for both the BOT and BOP. The Boards decided to keep their respective amounts the same this year, even though we are facing a significant increase in costs here at school. Please ensure your invoices are paid by the due date. The contributions you make to St John's are necessary for us to continue to provide all that we do, and to a high standard; small class sizes, dance and speech classes and exams, significant teacher aide resource, free sports registrations, etc. Essentially, all the reasons you chose St John's.

Cyber Safety

All classes are having Cyber Safety classes with Jason Whyte from Interact@ILT later in the term. This is important education. Please take the time to chat with your daughter about what she has learnt, and why it is valuable.

House Team Bonding Day

The House Captains and Deputies are busy planning a very exciting day out - watch this space! A notice will be coming home soon.

Sunhats

Thank you all for supplying your daughter with a sunhat to keep at school. We don't have a lot of shade here at St John's, so being sun smart is vital. The girls are all aware that they can access sunscreen during break times from Rooms 1 and 5. Girls who do not have their hats at school are required to spend interval and lunchtime under the verandah. I would say we have been hitting 95% everyday, a great result for a new routine! Ka pai, girls!

Early Finish - Wednesday 1 March

A reminder that the teachers have a Union meeting they are required to attend that afternoon. We would appreciate you collecting your daughters at 1pm. Supervision will be provided for anyone who cannot. The girls won't need lunch that day as they will be in class until 1pm. A good sized morning tea will suffice.

Whakatauki - Māori Proverb

In each newsletter I will add a whakatauki. It's often a great conversation topic for families, and classrooms.

Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi
With your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive

Have a joyful and productive weekend. We look forward to seeing you all next week.

God Bless

Nathan Hughes

Tumuaki - Principal





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Coming Events

TERM 1

February

- **27th** Family Fun Night [5.30 pm]

March

- **1st** School closing at 1.00pm [Union Meeting]
Jnr School Aviary Trip
Rippa Rugby Tournament
- **3rd** Mufti-Day
7yr old running race at Sacred Heart
- **6th-8th** Rm 7 Camp Columba
- **7th** Cyber Safety
- **8th** BoP Meeting [5.30pm]
- **9th** Zone Athletics [8-10yr olds]
- **10th** House Bonding Day
- **13th** Interviews [school closing at 2pm]
- **14th** Interviews [school closing at 3pm]
- **15th** Zone Athletics postponement day
- **17th** Cyber Safety
Earthquake Simulator Programme

March [continued]

- **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
- **4th** Easter Service Practice [9.00am]
Easter Service [1.30pm First Church]
- **6th** Last day of term
Bonus Points Awarded

TERM 2 2023

April

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

Awards

Congratulations to the following girls who have received awards recently

Room 1	Georgia Cochrane, Amaia van Westrenen, Amelia Gladwin, Oriana Smith	Room 5	Ana Packham, Amaya Swale-Jones, Bonnie McIntosh, Lilly Giles, Neeka Stewart, Hanatia Mainland
Room 2	Lola Rutledge, Maeve Devlin, Charlie Visser, Millie Dobbie, Amelia Maxwell, Kyla Howden	Room 6	Evie Arthur, Star Welsh, Amelia Frew, Libby Hamilton, Kiran Gilmete, Raine Murphy
Room 3	Maggie Mulqueen, Amelia Bosma, Laura Maxwell, Lexie Nicholl, Sophia Lillo-Dockerty, Portia Smith	Room 7	Maisie Korteweg, Willow Harper, Paige Robertson, Tayla Nel
Room 4	Indi Howden, Ella Calvert, Emily Bulling, Emily Laughton	Values Cup	Mackenzie Smithies Room 1 Camryn Shepherd Room 5 Leah Hamilton Room 3

Principal's Award Maeve Devlin Room 2

FROM YOUR KAIARAHĪ

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

Hi! Today we thought we would do a 'Did you know?' article about the school history! Hopefully this will help everyone to get to know the school a lot more!

DID YOU KNOW?



- Mr Hughes is the first ever male principal and teacher at St John's Girls' School.
- Before the school was established, all the grounds and the old boarding house used to belong to a wealthy family who then sold the house and land to the St John's Anglican Church. They then established our school.
- St John's Girls' School was established in 1917 by the St John's Anglican Church. Soon the church could no longer support the school, and so a new school board was formed and St John's became independent.
- St John's used to have boys at school as well. This was to lift up numbers of students as there wasn't enough girls or income.
- Gilmour House, the old boarding hostel, used to be the actual school. This is because there were not a lot of students so Gilmour House was all they needed.
- Our 120 year old school boarding hostel, Gilmour house, was demolished because of safety reasons. Gilmour House was a lovely 2 storey brick house with 4 dorm rooms called Oreti, Waiau, Aparima and Clutha.
- Our school hall is named after Sylvia Broad, an ex St John's student. When Sylvia passed away she left a huge sum of money in her will for the school and so the hall was named after her out of respect.
- Our school houses, Marchant, Lester, Enderby and Alabaster are all named after past principals.
- We have had nine past principals. Miss Marchant from 1917 to 1919. Miss Lester from 1920 to 1932. Miss Enderby from 1933 to 1938. Miss Nicholson from 1939 to 1968. Mrs Alabaster from 1968 to 1978. Miss O'Donnell from 1979 to 1989. Mrs Lesley Mason from 1989 to 1995. Mrs Trish Boyle from 1996 to 2006. Mrs Brenda Mackay from 2007 to 2021.



St. John's Girls' School Parents' Association

Term 1: February 2023



We hope you all had a great summer holiday and made the most of the amazing weather. Hard to believe that we are already at the end of week 4! We had a great turn out at the first PA meeting of the year and would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members. It's always good to see new faces and hear new ideas, so do get in contact if you are interested in joining.

We would like to thank you for your support last year with our events and fundraisers and look forward to seeing many of you at the Family Fun Night next week.

FOOD WRAP FUNDRAISER

Needing a pantry restock after Christmas? The ever-popular PA food-wrap fundraiser is back THIS TERM.

Keep an eye on Facebook/Skool Loop and check the depths of those Schoolbags for notices!

Family Fun Night

27th February 5.30-7PM

Back Field (School Hall if wet)

Come along with a picnic tea, for an evening of fun and games and a chance to meet new families. Come dressed in your House colours with prizes for the best dressed and most imaginative outfits!



St John's Girls' School PA
We are raising money for St John's Girls School Parents Association. Money raised will help us to buy items from the school's wish list.

For those of you who missed the pre-Christmas order, we have re-opened the Stuck On You fundraiser. Personalised clothing stamps, stationary, bag tags, lunch boxes, drink bottles and more. Simply enter the link, start shopping and help support the school. Link can be shared with family and friends

Support our fundraiser

Personalisation is fun, functional and safe



stuck on you | putting the fun back into fundraising

<https://www.stuckonyou.nz/affiliate/fundraiser/SJGS>

stjohns-pta@stjohnsgirls.school.nz

Next Meeting: 2nd May 2023

ROOM 1 NEWS

WELCOME

Happy new year and Haere Mai to the Room 1 class of 2023.

We have welcomed Georgia, Amaia and 'Charlie the caterpillar' to the class.



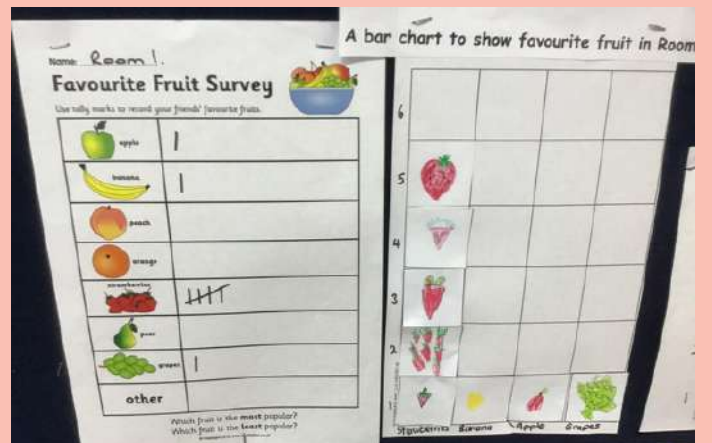
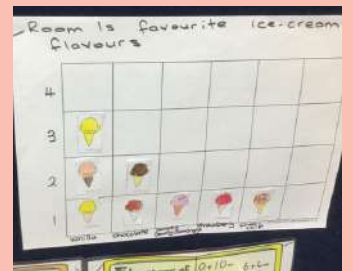
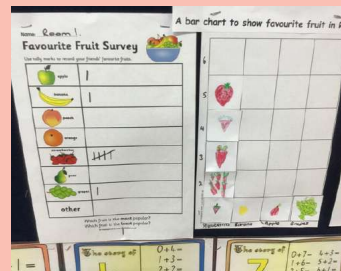
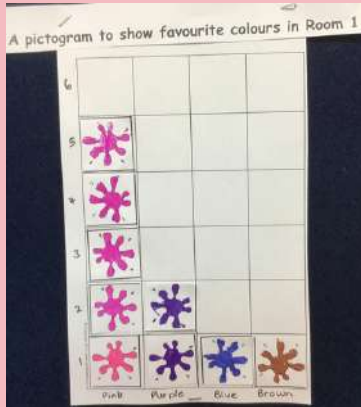
MACKENZIE WROTE:-



At the weekend the caterpillar made its cocoon. The cocoon is green. It is oval. The cocoon is on the swan plant. It is caterpillar soup.

STATISTICS

We have been learning about statistics. We have gathered information about the class and displayed it on bar charts. This has been part of getting to know one another.



RISE UP

We have written our goals for the year on balloons to remember our theme this year of 'Rise Up'. The girls have thought very carefully about their goals and how they want to challenge themselves.



ROOM 2 NEWS

BUSY, BUSY!

What busy bees we have been in Room 2, getting to know each other and setting up our class routines.

We have had a great start to the year producing beautiful artwork and wonderful writing for our walls to make our classroom a lovely bright place to learn.

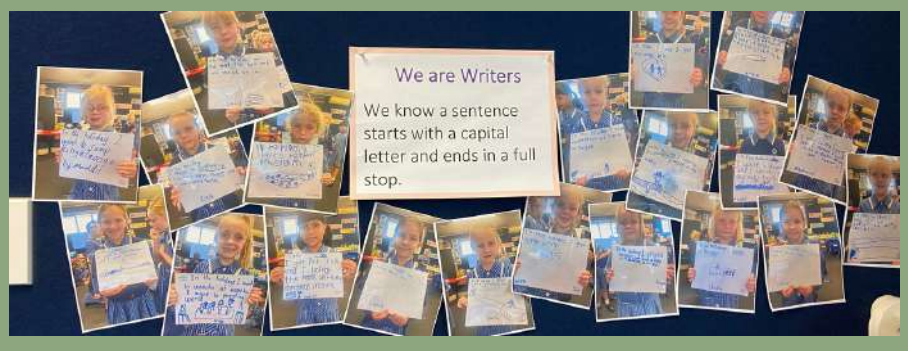
Basic facts, spelling, writing, and reading are all well underway.

We are enjoying our morning fitness programme on the way back from assembly. This is something we set out every fine morning on the green space outside the junior block.

Our swimming programme is going well and we are proud that we have all remembered our swimming gear so far.

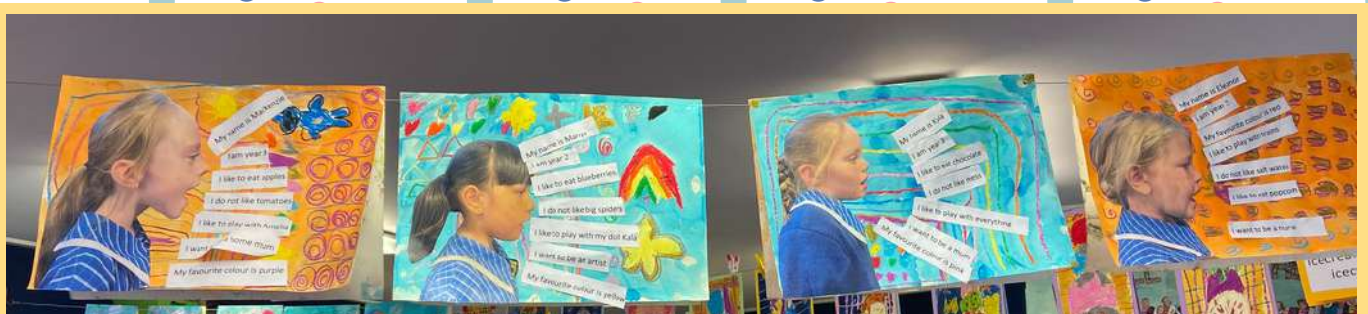
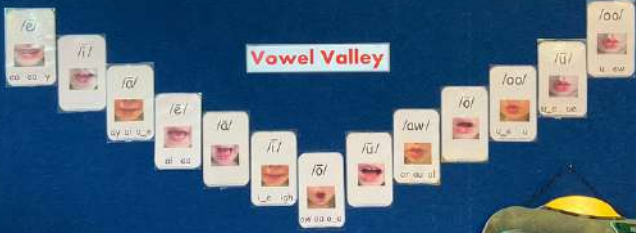
Next week we will have a trip to Queens Park aviary to start our inquiry topic on animals that fly.

We can't believe we have had four weeks at school already. Time is flying by.



Sound Wall

Vowel Valley



ROOM 3 NEWS

Room 3 have made a fantastic start to the year! The girls have settled in well and are enjoying getting into the routine of their timetable.

We started with our 'All About Me' topic and have completed a variety of activities to share with each other about ourselves. Below we have included all the wonderful things we have created.



GRAFFITI ART
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WE ARE



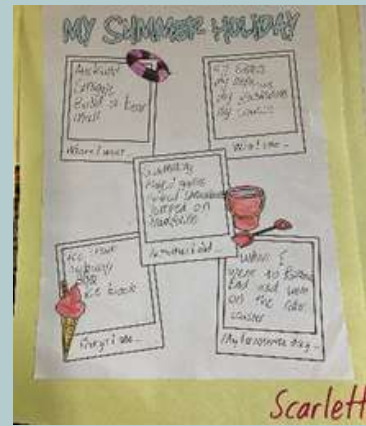
HIDDEN NAMES



SUMMER HOLIDAY WRITING



Laura M



Scarlett



Ashlyn



Aoife




Maggie



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NEWS / NOTICES



Term	1	1 February to 6 April
Term	2	26 April to 30 June
Term	3	17 July to 22 September
Term	4	9 October to 15 December



TIME TO UPDATE!

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!



Kylie McGinnis

BDL PRODUCTIONS
SOUTH alive
262 NESS STREET

PICNIC AT THE POD

FREE MUSIC CONCERT

SUNDAY 19 MARCH 1-4PM

Bring your whānau and friends down for a great afternoon of FREE music from Kylie McGinnis, El Scratcho band and more on the day.

Bring along your own picnic blanket, food and enjoy the afternoon.

We will also have Southland based groups showcasing rangatahi (youth) opportunities onsite.





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Featuring Matt Chisholm - a dad, journo, mental health advocate & all round good guy!



SOUTHLAND A&P SHOW

**SATURDAY
4TH MARCH**
9.00AM - 4.00PM
DONOVAN PARK

ADMISSION \$10 ADULT,
CHILDREN FREE

FOR MORE INFO SEE
SOUTHLANDAPSHOW.CO.NZ



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...AND LOTS MORE!

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**SOUTHLAND
A&P SHOW**

**FRIDAY NIGHT
MARKET**

**FRIDAY 3RD MARCH
FROM 5.30PM
DONOVAN PARK
GOLD COIN ENTRY**

**CELEBRATE
SOUTHLAND**

**FOOD TRUCKS
CRAFT STALLS
XO CARNIVAL
KIDS ENTERTAINMENT
LIVE MUSIC**

**LIVE MUSIC FROM
'KNOW WAY'
BAND**

**Ronald
McDonald
Family Room**

**PROUDLY SUPPORTING THE RONALD MCDONALD FAMILY
ROOM, SOUTHLAND HOSPITAL**