

24 MARCH 2023

NEWSLETTER

St John's Girls' School

Te Kura Kōtiro ō Hato Hoani



Greetings from the Deputy Principal



I hope your week has been a happy and productive one. It feels like the last of the summer days have gone and cooler autumn weather is well and truly upon us. Our girls have been enjoying the fruits of autumn with the hunt for conkers and other treasures a popular pastime.

As this term draws to a close I have been reflecting on our theme for the year - 'Rise Up'. This has never been more evident around the school as in the past week. With our year 8 girls away on an exciting expedition into Fiordland, our year 7 girls have found themselves in positions of leadership. They have all risen to the challenge and have shown themselves to be truly capable and innovative leaders. We have seen girls stepping up to lead assemblies, write their own readings and show wonderful initiative organising their houses. They have had a real presence in the playground and have looked out for the younger members of the school. It gives all the teachers a sense of pride to see this level of confidence, responsibility, and caring coming from our students.

Preparations for our two end of term events are in full swing. The singing for the Easter Service is joyful to listen to. Some of you may have had a preview of this with the girls practicing at home. Teachers' families have also been treated to the odd verse being hummed at home and they have all commented on how much they are enjoying the music. We look forward to sharing this with you and lighting up First Church with this beautiful service on April 4th.

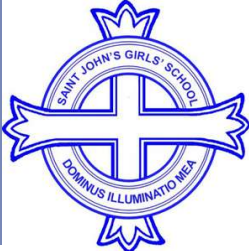
The girls have also been seen working hard at break times practicing their routines for the aerobics festival. This is a highlight of the term and showcases girls of all abilities working together for their houses. You are very welcome to join us for this event. Please note the change of date to Wednesday 29th April at 2:00 pm.

Enjoy your last weeks of the term and the lovely autumn colours around our town.

Nga mihi

Mary Kelly
Deputy Principal





Coming Events

TERM 1

March

- **29th*** Aerobics Festival [2.00 pm]
*change of date
2.00 pm - School Hall
- **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

April continued

- **24th** Staff Only Day
- **25th** ANZAC Day
- **26th** Day one of term 2 for students
- **26th-28th** Rm 6 Camp - Dunedin

May

- **2nd** Parents' Association Meeting [7.00 pm]
- **3rd** School Photos
- **18th** Swimming Sports
BoT Meeting [5.30 pm]
- **22nd** Attitude Presentation
- **23rd** School Cross Country
- **25th** Playhouse Theatre Performance
- **31st** BoP Meeting [5.30 pm]

June

- **5th** King's Birthday [School closed]
- **16th** Mufti Day
- **22nd** BoT Meeting [5.30 pm]
- **23rd** 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

Awards

Congratulations to the following girls who have received awards recently

Room 1 Saffron Smith, Georgia Cochrane,
Oriana Smith

Room 2 Grace McLeod-Young, Madeline Davison,
Lucy Dixon-Calder, Lorelai Stirling,
Mahya Gilmete, Sophia Risk, Charlee Miles,
Eloise Smith

Room 3 Kyla Rose Jarvis-Patterson, Hannah Sloan,
Simone Paganelli, Agnes Russell

Room 4 Briar McKenzie, Danielle King,
Maya Preininger, Indi Howden, Meila Greiving

Room 5 Catlin Brady, Stella Lal

Room 6 Leah McEwan, Esmé Middlebrook,
Liliana Clinckett, Zoe Laughton,
Meila Spain, Sofia Peters

Room 7 Ava Moore, Neveah Roughan,
Sophie Crosbie, Gracie Dennis,
Drew Peddie, Mia Reilly

Values Neeka Stewart Room 5
Cup Zoe Laughton Room 6
Maggie Mulqueen Room 3

Principal's Award Mackenzie Smithies Room 1

FROM YOUR KAIARAHĪ

A couple of weeks ago we had our house team bonding day! All the houses ventured off to the beach and we all had fun participating in the games and activities that our year eights set up.

The school houses [Alabaster, Enderby, Lester and Marchant] rotated around each activity letting everyone have a turn. We went down the sand dunes, built amazing sand sculptures, played fun games and dug up hidden painted rocks from a patch of sand.

We were so lucky because for lunch we had a sausage sizzle made by the staff! We all had lots of fun thanks to our year eights who made this all happen.



ROOM 1 NEWS



GREEDY CAT

We all love Greedy Cat in Room 1 and we love that he is always getting up to mischief. We wrote about all of the things that he ate from the shopping bag and we used water colour paints to paint our Greedy Cats.



Greedy cat went to eat the sticky buns. Greedy cat is cheeky. He ate chocolate and pepper "Yow!" said greedy cat.

Hedi

Greedy cat ate much food from the shopping bag. He ate bananas and he ate the pepper you said greedy cat.

Amelia

Greedy cat ate some sausages. He ate some sticky buns. Gobble gobble, Schule.

Mimi

Greedy cat ate very much food. He ate sausages and chocolate and bananas and potato chips from the shopping bag. Mimi got some pepper and sticky buns. Greedy cat went gobble gobble "Yow!"

Mackenzie

Greedy Cat Gobbled sticky buns, pot a to chips and choc. He ate pepper. He said Gobble Yow!

Sofia

Greedy cat ate some sticky buns. He ate a pot of pepper. He said "Yow!"

Sofia

Greedy cat ate sausages sticky buns, bananas, chocolate chips and pepper. He got them from the shopping bag. Greedy cat ate the pepper that is very spicy. Greedy cat said "Yow!"

Amalia

Greedy cat ate some sausages gobble gobble gobble.

Georgio



BUTTERFLY

Our butterfly hatched from the cocoon and Room 1 wrote about how it flew around the classroom before it flew out of the door. It was a beautiful butterfly and it had black and orange on it.





SCIENTISTS

We have been learning to be scientists and have been classifying animals. This will help us to identify which animals fly and which group they belong to. We have also been learning about animal habitats.



Room 1 on mufti day with Naomi, our new addition to our class.

Haere mai Naomi.





ROOM 2 NEWS



SELF PORTRAITS

We are thrilled with how our self portraits have turned out. We used Frida Kahlo as our inspiration, she was a strong woman role model that lived in Mexico and had a love for painting bright self portraits with flower crowns.

We used black paper and pastel to create these pictures. We have to carefully think about the position of our features on the page. We practised drawing flowers with bright pastels and then drew them on our portraits. Our parents loved seeing these at the interviews and we can't wait for them to be on our wall in the classroom.



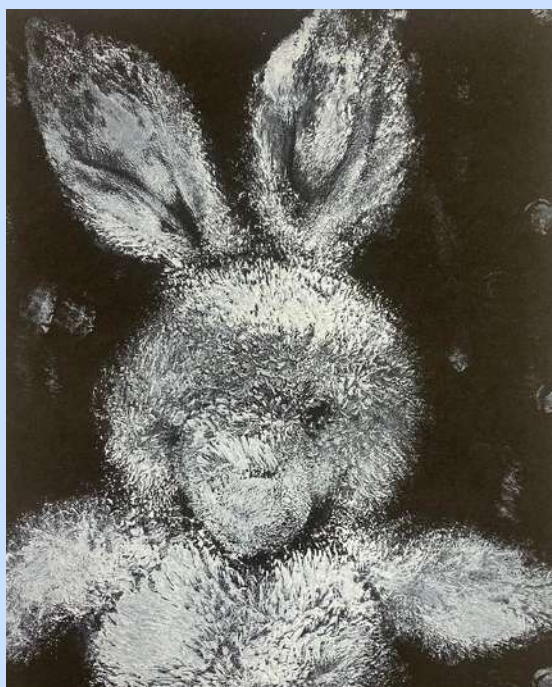
We are super excited to have our self-portraits on display at He Waka Tuia at 42 Kelvin St. A big thank you to Sarah Brown for organising this for us.



TEDDY BEAR ART

On Friday we had a lovely morning in Room 2 celebrating our teddy bears!!

We have sung songs and read poems about teddies. We also created super cute prints using Mrs Packham's teddies [no teddies were hurt in the making of the art!]



ROOM 3 NEWS

HIVE OF ACTIVITY

Wow! We can hardly believe the end of term is fast approaching. Where has the time gone? Room 3 has been a busy hive of activity. There has been so much on both in and out of the classroom and we have loved tying all of it into our learning. The girls continue to dig deep, rise up to new challenges and put in hard mahi. Mrs Raines and Mrs McIlwrick are so impressed with the energy and enthusiasm from the girls, it has been such a fun fabulous term!



MATHS

We have been establishing great group and teamwork expectations while exploring number, problem solving, and statistics. Here we are working in teams problem solving.

ART

Room 3 has made these Visual Pephas. They represent our story, our family, where we belong and where we are from. We used magazine collage to create them and we think they look great! We are also learning to say our Pepha in Te Reo Maori.





WRITING

Didn't we have the most amazing summer! Room 3 wrote some 'Summer Sensory Poems' using our senses to describe summer. We are exploring what makes great writing through the use of descriptive writing, punctuation and grammar skills and proofreading and editing.

Here are Ashlyn's, Scarlett's and Harper's Summer Poems.



by Scarlett

Summer

I see people taking their wife walking through the Auckland zoo admiring all the amazing animals

I smell fresh fruit on hot summer days and a big bbq with hot sausages

I hear all my friends splash splash splashing in the deep big blue sea

I touch safety sunscreen that keeps you safe from the sun rays and I touch cold water from the sea.

I taste ice cold ice cream on hot summer days as the hot air goes bye.

I feel joyful, happy, excited from that incredible family holiday time.

Scarlett

by Ashlyn

Summer

I see people swimming like dolphins in cold water in the shining sun, and people walking on burnt crunchy grass.

I smell beautiful flowers on the beach as well as seaweed then I smell a BBQ.

I hear birds chirping as children laugh and I hear waves crashing like thunder on the beach.

I touch sunglasses as I put on sunscreen and I dip my feet in the water.

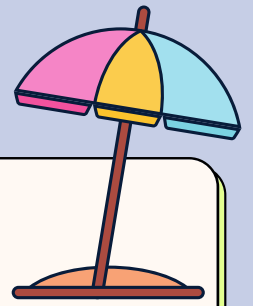
I taste delicious ice-cream and ice-blocks hot air of course chips on a hot day and sausages on the burning BBQ.

Summer makes me feel warm and tired, relaxed grateful and joyful.

Ashlyn

by Harper

SUMMER



HOUSE BONDING DAY & SEA WEEK

House Bonding Day was awesome! It was great to spend time together in our houses and explore the beach. We are grateful for our wonderful House Captains for their organisation in making this day so special for us all. House Bonding Day also tied nicely into National Sea Week. We learnt about different sea creatures and how and why we should look after our beaches and oceans.





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PARENTS' ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER

**CLOSED THIS WEEK - MAKE SURE YOU GET
YOUR FORMS TO THE OFFICE!**



NEWS / NOTICES

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 to see if you need to stock up winter uniform items.



Kidzart

APRIL 17-20
2023

For more info go to <https://bookwhen.com/pfoohkifocus=ev-szv0-20230417100000>

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

MONDAY 17 APRIL 2023	TUESDAY 18 APRIL 2023	WEDNESDAY 19 APRIL 2023	THURSDAY 20 APRIL 2023
10am-12 pm BIRD FEEDERS 8+ CAKE DECORATING AGES 5-8	10am-12 pm MINI PIÑATA AGES 8+ ORIGAMI ODDITIES AGES 5-8yrs	10am-12 pm AUTUMN CRITTERS AGES 5-8 CAKE DECORATING AGES 8+	10am-12 pm MOTHERS DAY CARDS AGES 5-8 SHAPELY SPECIES AGES 8+
1-3 pm CAKE DECORATING AGES 8+ ICE CREAM ART AGES 5-8	1-3 pm NATTY NAMES AGES 8+ PAPER MARBLING AGES 5-8	1-3 pm HANDY HOUSES AGES 8+ CAKE DECORATING AGES 5-8	1-3 pm BENDY BIRDS AGES 8+ PENCIL POTS AGES 5-8



Southland Education – 100 Esk Street, INV
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CHILLZONE – 12 noon - 1pm -- \$5 per child BVO Lunch and
hang out in the supervised Chillzone till your next class starts
numbers limited – registration essential.

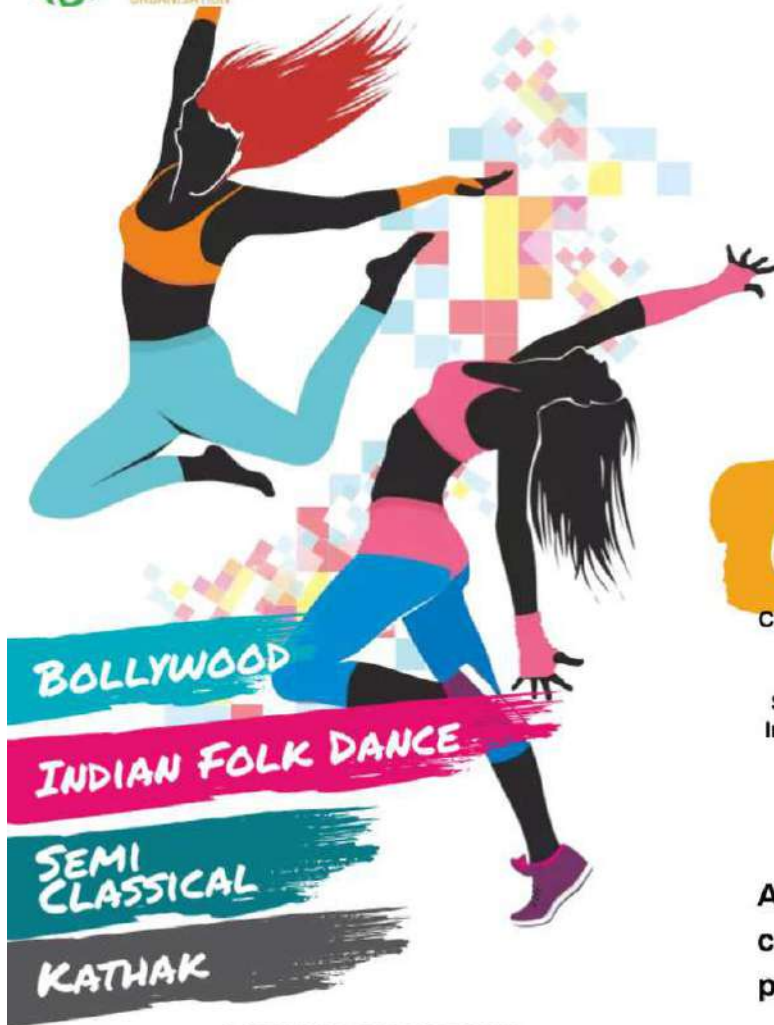


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School Holiday Dance Programme

Dates: 11/04- 15/04

Time: 8:30 am -5 pm

Cost: \$25 per day

Children and Teens

Come and experience different Indian folk-dance styles and semiclassical with SDANZ.

SDANZ is your premier Kathak, Bollywood and Indian dance school in Wellington run by Parita Pathak Bose.

They'll be coming to Invercargill to offer their services for one week.

Amy from CanBead will be also be conducting Art and Craft classes as part of the programme.

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Venue: Arts Murihiku, 34 Forth Street, Invercargill

Food will be sponsored by AR Indian Restaurant and Da Vinci Pizzeria.

