

NEWSLETTER

St John's Girls' School

28 July 2023

I'm not sure where the last month has disappeared to. It has been four weeks since our last newsletter. The winter days are certainly leaving their mark on the country and I feel for those, particularly in the North, who are impacted upon so greatly as a result of flooding. I am feeling grateful for the moderation of conditions Mother Nature has shown us so far this year.

Term Three is overwhelmingly full this year and we are carefully mapping out the lead up to every event to ensure that our girls are as polished as they can be! Please do keep a close eye on the events calendar and help your daughter to stay on top of her commitments so that she is well-prepared for what each week is bringing. There is a lot to be excited about!

Sport Coaches and Managers

I would like to reiterate just how grateful we all are to our wonderful coaches and managers. The girls would not have the opportunities that they have in sport if you didn't put in the time that you do. We know that life is busy for everyone yet you still find the time to invest in our tamariki (children). In your role you teach sports skills, build on teamwork, increase self-esteem and become a role-model yourself. On behalf of all parents whose girls have been coached so far this year, thank you!

Invoices

The term's invoices have been sent out for both the BOT and BOP. Please make these payments promptly. If you have an outstanding balance and would like to discuss this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Production

This year's production is 'Porridge'. It is written by the same company who wrote our previous two shows, 'Rock Bottom' and 'Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits'. You are in for quite the evening of laughs! Work is well and truly underway and it is a huge team effort, as you will appreciate. This year the show is being led by Miss McSoriley and Mrs Taylor. There may be some costume items that you are asked to help source for your daughter. Your assistance with this is hugely appreciated as it is a huge task costuming the entire school. The tickets should be available for sale in the next fortnight. As iTicket has the contract with CentreStage, tickets will be purchased through them online. They will be more expensive this year but no more than going to watch a movie. This is a very exciting time and we cannot wait to bring this spectacle to the stage!

Keep an eye out for more information about show times, ticketing etc.



Greetings from
the Principal

Pryvit, Ola,
Ata marie

Whakatauki - Māori Proverb

**Kua haehae ngā
hihi o Matariki**

*The rays of
Matariki are
spread*

This whakataukī is spoken when Matariki is seen bright in the night sky. The rays of the Matariki stars are thought to carry messages for the people. Matariki is a time to share stories, reflect on the past.



Uniform

Please take time over the next week to ensure that your daughter's uniform is immaculate. Look for missing buttons, loose hems, short stockings etc. Please also polish school shoes regularly. St John's is renowned for our presentation and we need to ensure our standards remain high. Should your daughter require a uniform item, please email Mrs Lang - mlang@stjohnsgirls.school.nz.

Matariki Feast

The school enjoyed a wonderful celebration last week that truly encompassed the spirit of Matariki; we came together, shared kai, spoke of what we were grateful for and we made wishes for the upcoming year. The Year 8 girls, led by the House Captains and Deputies, did a wonderful job of planning and carrying out an engaging morning that was quite captivating. We learnt about each of the stars in the cluster and what their significance is. We cannot wait for next year's celebration!

Parking, Dropping Off and Pick Up Girls

Please do not pull into the school grounds to drop off or collect your daughter before or after school. This creates hazards and we are vigilant about this.

If you are popping into the office briefly and it is not at the beginning or end of the day, please feel free to park in the carpark.

For safety reasons, please:

- **Only** use the driveway off Dee Street when dropping off or picking up a sick child or when popping into the office as explained above.
- Don't pull up on the yellow lines at either entrance to drop girls off or to collect them. This is particularly dangerous on Avenal Street as it obscures the duty teacher's vision.
- Use the footpath on Dee Street, not the driveway, when walking in or out of the grounds with your girls.
- Do not park over neighbours' driveways, even for a short time.

Please don't be offended if you are approached by myself or another staff member about a breach of the above. Remember, your girls' safety is our priority.

Thank you all for the support you provide with homework, projects, speeches etc at home. We know that all households are busy but because we all work together your daughter achieves more.

Have a fantastic weekend and go the Football Ferns!

God bless

Nathan Hughes
Tumuaki - Principal



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

- **1** Parents' Association Meeting and AGM [7.00 pm - Staffroom]
- **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]
- **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]

SEPTEMBER

- **1** **Father/Daughter Netball** [Change of Date]
- **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
- **18** **Gymnastics Festival** [Change of Date]
- **19-21** Dance Exams
- **22** Last Day of Term 3

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

- **9** Greats and Grands morning
- **10** Science Road Show
- **13** **Staff Only Day**
- **15** BoP Meeting [5.30 pm]
- **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]



WEEKLY AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS

ROOM 1

Addison Findlater, Oriana Smith

ROOM 2

Sophia Risk, Millie Dobbie, Beau McRae-Bothamley, Lucy Jenkins

ROOM 3

Harper Peters, Maggie Mulqueen, Laura Maxwell, Leah Hamilton

ROOM 4

Danielle King, Emily Bulling, Ava Amar, Briar McKenzie

ROOM 5

Catlin Brady, Hannah Marriott Wilkes, Nieve Peddie, Christabel Billcliff

ROOM 6

Greer Macpherson, Alysha Jennings, Ingrid Fleming, Raine Murphy

ROOM 7

Isla Patterson, Gracie Dennis, Aida Chamberlain, Paige Robertson



From the Kaiarahi



Last week on Wednesday we had a Matariki feast. Matariki is the Maori new year and on Matariki there are 9 stars that shine brightly at night. Matariki is all about reflecting on the past year, celebrating the present and planning for the year ahead of us. Every year Queens Park also celebrates Matariki by putting lights all throughout the park.

We all enjoyed and loved the Matariki feast. We used to have a Matariki breakfast but found that the girls enjoyed the feast more. For the feast we had nice fresh fruit and a piece of delicious carrot cake.

The year 8's also made up some crafts and activities for all of us to do. We made wishing stars and coloured in little symbols. Each house had a different symbol and once they were coloured in, the year 8's attached them to a giant kite.

We would just like to thank all the year 8's and the staff for arranging this amazing feast.



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

Room 4



MONDAY SPORT

Room 4 is enjoying their badminton training on Monday afternoons. Wayne McEwan (the magic guy) has been a great coach and we have improved in only three weeks. We were fortunate to meet Teller this week. Briar was the queen of the table, so she got to hold Teller.



SCIENCE FAIR

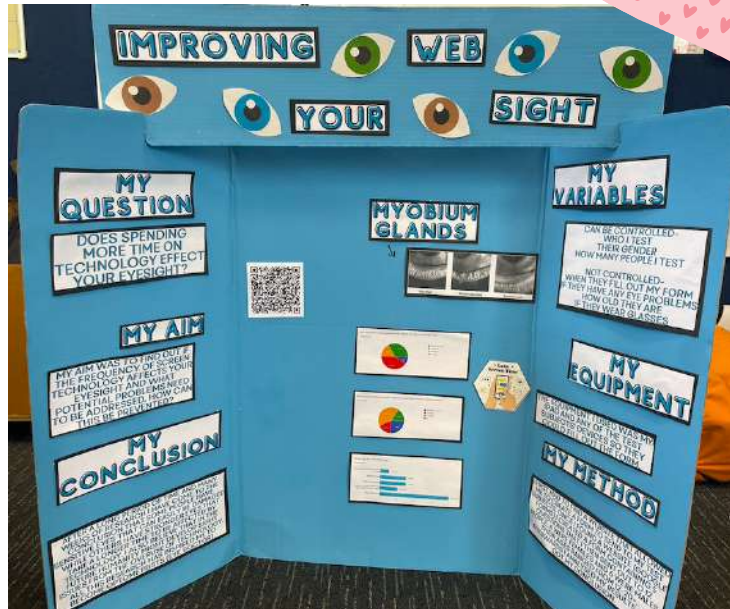
The girls are adding their final touches to their Science Fair boards. If their board is selected to be entered in the Southland Science Fair, they will be set up at the Invercargill Workingmen's Club on 8th August for judging. The boards will be on display to view at the Workingmens' Club from the 9th-11th August. We have a great range of topics covered and have learnt many new skills in writing, maths, IT and science.



Room 5

SCIENCE FAIR

This term has started off with a hiss and a roar. This week we have finished our science fair experiments. Our boards are polished and show our learning. This is Shanna-Beth's board. When asked what she's learned: "I've learned a lot about the myopic disease you can get in your eyes. I've learned about how your eyes work and about the different sensitivities in different people's eyes. This has inspired me to pursue a career in becoming an eye doctor." - Shanna-Beth Smith



SPORT

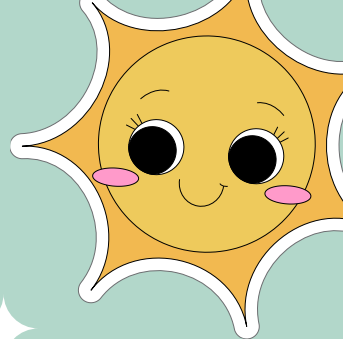
We have had two sessions at Adventure Southland for our winter sports module. Rock climbing has been both a highlight and a huge challenge.

PRODUCTION

We are also in the middle of our preparations for Porridge, our production coming up at the end of August. One thing we're working on is timing. The play is full of gags and slapstick humour and it's important to deliver these well. We've also delved into the background of our characters (some of which are unsavoury!) to help with the portrayals.



ROOM 6 NEWS



SCIENCE

Room 6 have been extremely busy completing their Science Fair projects this term. This has required the girls to investigate and explore a scientific question of great interest to them. They then conducted tests and experiments to find the answers to these questions. The girls have learnt how to table and graph their data digitally, and how to follow through and share their scientific knowledge and understanding in the write ups for this project. Room 6 are proud of their investigations and relieved to have them finished for the exhibition.

We have completed our pyjama pants/shorts in Fabric Technology and don't they look fabulous! We have learnt a lot of new sewing skills and are now feeling more confident on the sewing machine. These new skills may come in very handy for the creating of production props this term. We are very proud of our Pjs and shared these in assembly on Monday.



SPORT

Room 6 are enjoying the Ropes Course on Monday afternoons at Adventure Southland. The girls are challenging themselves and working hard to overcome their fears. It is lovely seeing the support and encouragement they are giving each other to help overcome some of the scary moments! The first week we split into two groups and completed the 'Flying weka' and the 'Flying Fox' activities. This week we learnt how to belay for one another while abseiling up the high wall.



ROOM 7 NEWS



MONDAY AFTERNOON SPORT

Room 7 has been enjoying learning to play squash. We have had 2 sessions so far. For such a small court you certainly need to do a fair bit of running.

SCIENCE FAIR

Preparing our boards for our Science Fair has been keeping us busy these last two weeks. This is the culmination in many weeks of science exploration and learning. We are rightly proud of all the work we have put into these. We are excited to share these with the other classes soon.



MATHS

For Maths we are using a variety of contexts to explore the attribute of area. Last week we tried different ways to measure area. We realised units needed to be the same size when we were comparing area, that they needed to fit together with no overlap and not too small or too big compared with what was being measured.



SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMME

LUNCH MENU

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MOST RECENT WINNERS - **CLAIRE [RM 5] & STAR [RM 6]**

ST. JOHN'S GIRLS' SCHOOL

term 3 Meeting & AGM
Tuesday 1st August 2023

7pm

School Staff Room

New members welcome - come along and find out more about our role within the school!

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

SOUTHLAND COMPETITIONS

The Southland Competitions are being held on 22-25 September 2023, the first weekend of the next school holidays. This is a wonderful opportunity to perform on stage with an audience.

You may enter online at www.southlandcomps.org.nz. The current syllabus is available to view. We encourage all areas and would be delighted to see increased involvement in the Speech and Drama. Numbers of entries determine whether they go ahead so please support our local society.



(In Affiliation with the Performing Arts Competitions Association of New Zealand Inc-PACANZ)
Southland Competitions Society comply with ARP regulations and forward fees on behalf of all Competitors

Annual Competitions Syllabus

22 September - 25 September 2023

Speech & Drama

Venue: Arts Murihiku, 34 Forth Street (The Rest Room)

Vocal - Junior & Senior

Venue: St John's School Auditorium

Instrumental

Venue: Lindisfarne Community Centre

Ballet & Modern Dance

Venue: Civic Theatre

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