

5 MAY 2023

NEWSLETTER

St John's Girls' School

Te Kura Kōtiro ō Hato Hoani



Greetings from the Principal

Namaste, Bonjour, Ata marie



This morning as I write the newsletter, I am watching out my office window as your girls parade past on the way to have their school photographs taken. There are joyous happy faces and bounces in steps. The hair is beautifully groomed and many have immaculate braids. The uniforms are sharp, the shoes shiny and black. It's a sight to behold; one that fills me with pride. Our school is special, and we all play a part in that; staff, girls and their whanau.

I do hope you had an enjoyable and restful Easter break, and that you managed to find some time to enjoy with your daughter(s) over the school holidays. With the Southland-wide teacher only days and ANZAC day, it was a particularly long break for the girls. I did feel they needed it at the end of term.

Autumn is most definitely upon us. It's really quite magical. These warm calm days are a treat. We shouldn't become too accustomed to them!

Term Invoices

You will have received your term invoices this week. These are due mid-term. There are many outstanding invoices from last term. Please check these via Xero. If you have any questions, contact Mrs Roberts.

School Photos

Remember to look carefully at the ordering instructions for your daughter's photos. School does not manage the ordering, it is all done online via Photolife. A photo keycode will be emailed home in a couple of weeks which will enable you to view the photos. I am impressed with what I am seeing during the photography this morning. I cannot wait to see the outcome!

Year 7 Camp

Ka pai to the girls, parents and staff who had a fabulous time at the Dunedin cultural camp last week. The weather played ball and I'm told that the girls were treated to a few special experiences that don't often occur. I won't say too much as I'm sure Room 6 will want to showcase their adventures in the next newsletter.

Attendance

As you will be aware from the recent media coverage, school attendance rates across New Zealand are in a dire situation. Covid saw us becoming more flexible with how we learnt, however for primary aged children onsite learning is by far the best way. We, like every other school in New Zealand, are having our attendance monitored. The Ministry of Education are keeping a very close eye on it. They receive our attendance information daily, via KAMAR, our student management system. If your daughter has a day off a fortnight, that is 10 percent of the time that she is not here. The learning she misses out on is essentially more than that, as tasks and concepts roll on over many days. Continuity is vital.

Absences

A timely reminder to always inform the office if your daughter is going to be late, or absent. We do need a reason please as this information is reported to the Ministry. Please telephone, email or Skool Loop prior to 8.30am.

We need to know where your daughter is, so we can ensure nothing happened to her on the way to school.

Staffing

We are delighted to have Mrs King and Mrs Dawkins filling Mrs Packham's position. We are so very lucky to have such dedicated staff who know our girls, our expectations and routines so well.

Spreading Elm Tree

On the off chance you have an established spreading elm tree just lying around, or you know of someone who is planning on having one removed, I would very much like to hear from you!

Swimming Sports

Our annual swimming sports house competition is coming up on Thursday 18 May. All girls in Years 5-8 will attend the event in the morning, busing to and from the venue. Girls who have passed the 200m will compete for their houses, with other girls cheering on! Family are more than welcome to spectate. Please sit in the stands closest to the changing rooms. The annual Parent vs. Year 8 relay will need a good turn out of parents (hint hint).

Enjoy the Autumnal magic this weekend and find time to get out and explore somewhere new.

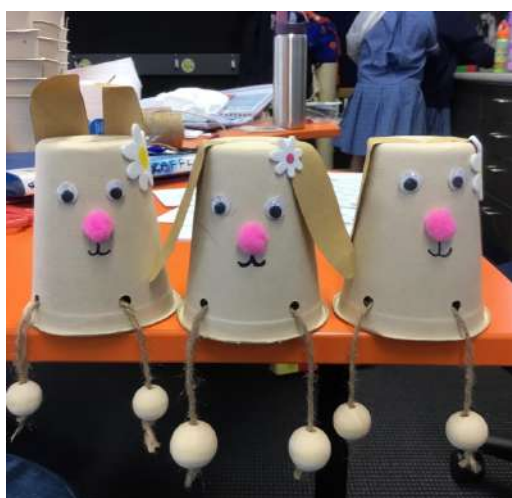
Whakatauki - Māori Proverb

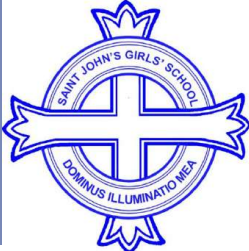
Whāia e koe te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe, me he maunga teitei

Pursue excellence – should you stumble, let it be to a lofty mountain

God bless

Nathan Hughes
Tumuaki - Principal





Coming Events

TERM 2

May

- **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]
- **9th** PA sausage sizzle
- **16th** Mufti Day
Southland Cross Country
- **19th** Speech Exam - Yr 5 [Rm 4]
- **20th** Speech Exam - Yr 8 [Rm 5]
- **21st** Speech Exam - Yr 7 [Rm 6]
- **22nd** Speech Exam - Yr 6 [Rm 7]
- **23rd** Speech Exam - Yrs 3 and 4

June

- **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

TERM 3

July

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

August

- **10th** BoT Meeting [5.30 pm]
- **21st-25th** Polyfest Week
- **23rd** BoP Meeting [5.30 pm]

Awards

Congratulations to the following girls who have received awards recently

Room 1	Amaia van Westrenen, Naomi Hamilton	Room 5	Nieve Peddie, Hannah Marriott Wilkes
Room 2	Mackenzie Brown, Lucy Jenkins, Nina Russell, Maeve Devlin	Room 6	Esmé McCleery, Sofia Peters, Raine Murphy
Room 3	Laura van Westrenen, Harper Peters, Aaliyah Solly, Charlee Miles	Room 7	Gracie Dennis, Isla Patterson, Meila Iosefo, Mia Padgett
Room 4	Evie Erskine, Isla Ward, Peyton Cornish, Ava Amar	Values Cup	Not Awarded

Lest we forget



ANZAC Day



April 25

Last week it was ANZAC day! The reason why we have ANZAC day is so we can remember all the people that fought in the war for us. World War 1 was 105 years ago it started in 1914 till 1918 meaning it lasted for four years. World War 2 lasted for 6 years, from 1939 till 1945, it lasted 2 years longer. ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. The soldiers in those forces became known as ANZACs. Anzac Day is a commemoration of the anniversary of the landing of Australian and New Zealand troops at Gallipoli, Turkey on 25 April in 1915. They came there as part of the Allies invasion. Australians also commemorate Anzac Day on 25 April every year. Anzac Day always draws large crowds of people to the dawn services that they hold in the early mornings. Marches are also held around the country as respect. Every Anzac Day everyone wears poppies on their shirts. This is because poppies were the only flower that grew on the battlefields. It helps to remember those who fought for us.

From your Kaiarahi

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



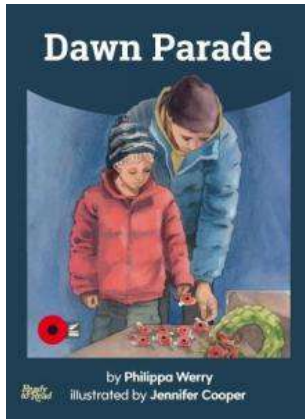


Room 1 News

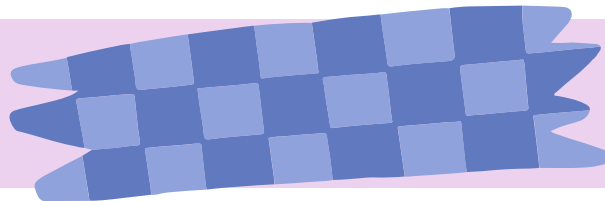


ANZAC

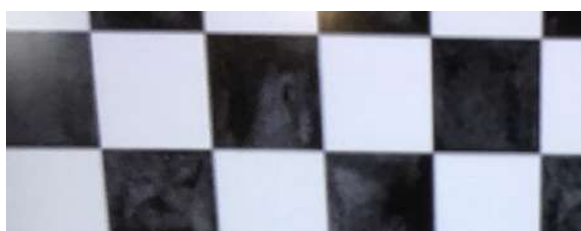
Room 1 read the *Dawn Parade* and talked about why we have ANZAC Day. We made poppies to remember all of the brave people who keep us safe.



Patterns



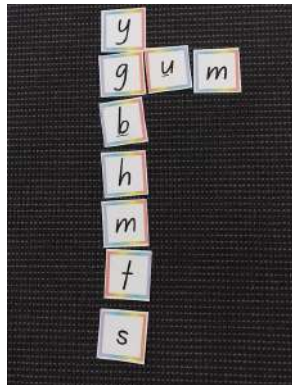
We have also been learning about patterns and repeating patterns. We went on a hunt for any chequered patterns that we could find in our classroom.



Word Families



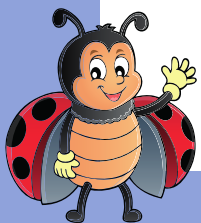
To learn our word families, Room 1 have been playing Musical Letters. We pop on some groovy music and when the music stops we use the sound to write down the words. Guess which word caused the most giggles this week?



Animals That Fly



This term we are continuing with our learning about animals that fly. We made some lovely, colourful ladybirds and over the weekend we recorded which birds visit our gardens at home.



Room 2 News



Farewell and Welcome

Last term we said a fond farewell to Mrs Packham who was such a creative force in our room. We know she will be creating lovely works of art and making learning fun in her new school.

Welcome to Mrs King. We are very excited to have her join our classroom.

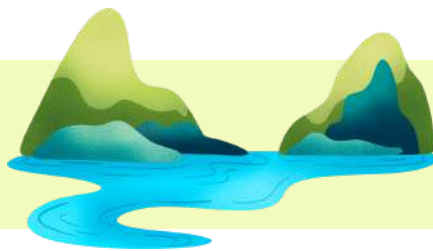
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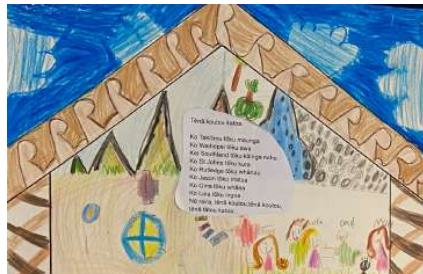
At the end of last term we enjoyed making our classroom look very festive for Easter with our Easter art projects. This term we are planning to create some beautiful autumn art pieces. If you are out and about over the week and spot some lovely autumn leaves, we would love to have variety for our art work.



Pepeha



Our Pepeha are well underway. Thank you for providing the information for these. We have worked hard to make an art piece that represents our family and our home. Most girls are in the finishing stages and looking forward to having them on display.



ANZAC Day



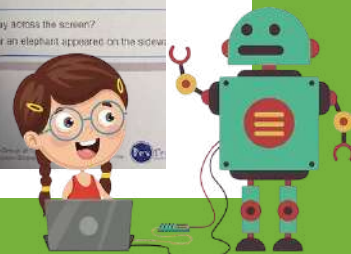
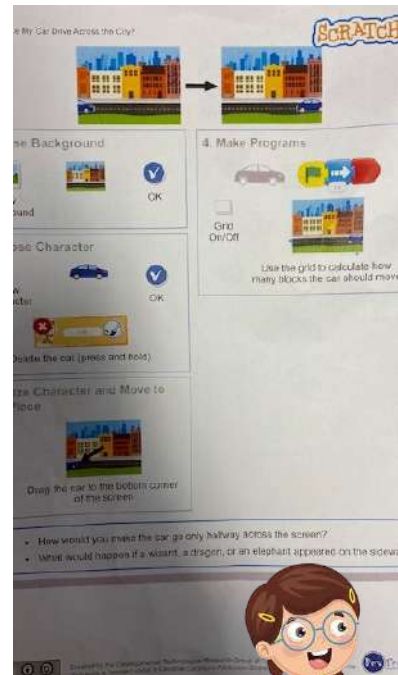
To celebrate ANZAC Day we read stories and created this beautiful wreath together. Each girl contributed their own Poppy.



Digital Technology



We are continuing with our digital technology programme this term. On Wednesday the girls were set two coding challenges and quickly problem-solved their way to success. This is a great way to develop our problem solving and cooperative working skills.



Room 3 News

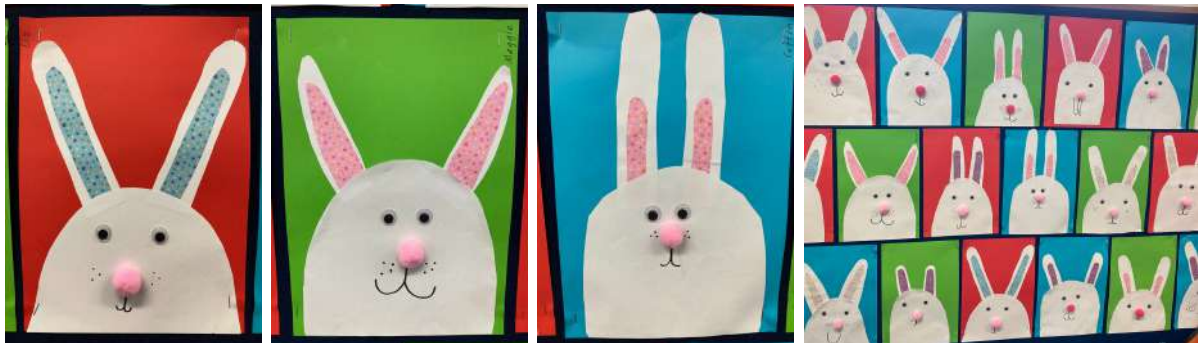


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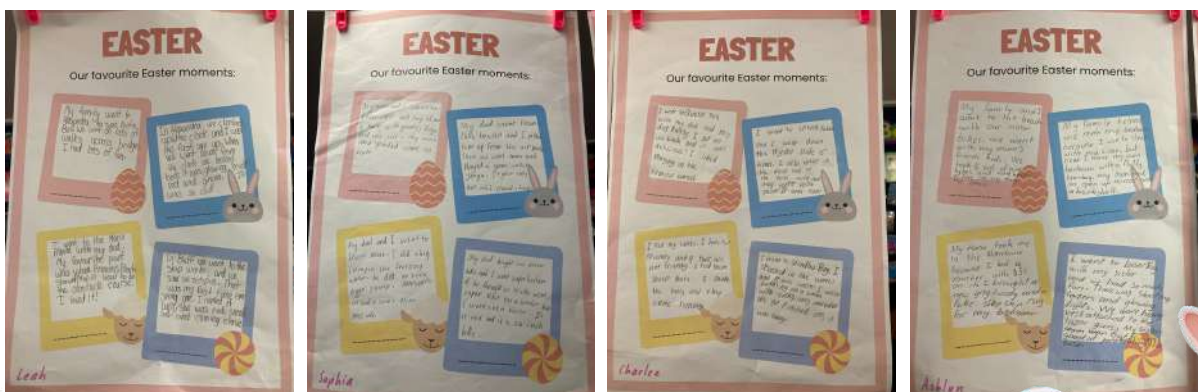
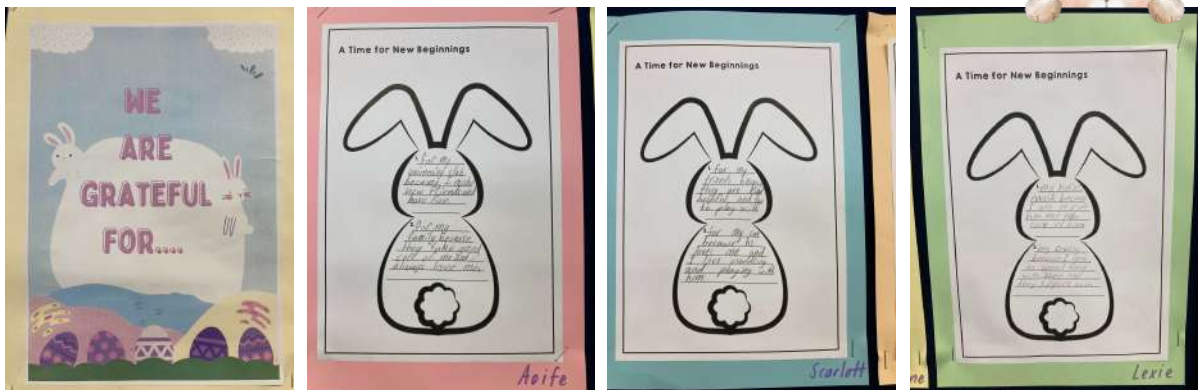


We are all pleased to be back at school and into our learning programme. We had a fabulous Easter holidays and enjoyed sharing what we got up to with each other.

We have been working on a variety of Easter activities. On this page you can see some super cute Easter bunnies we have had fun making.



We also talked about how Easter is a time of new beginnings and discussed what we are grateful for and the girls chose two things in their life they are most grateful for. We wrote about our most memorable Easter moments.



ANZAC Biscuits



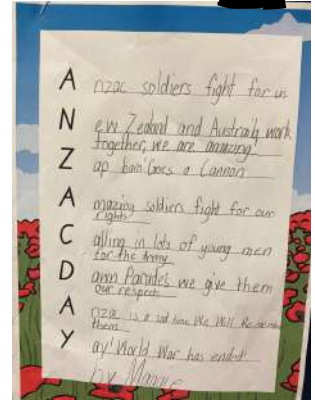
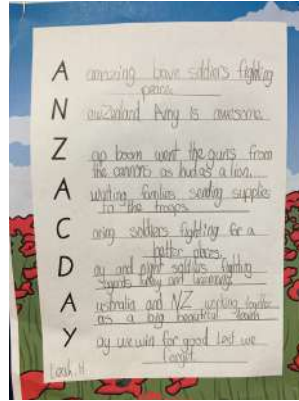
As part of our reading programme in Room 3 we read a story making the connection between crispy, crunchy biscuits and New Zealand soldiers in World War One. It was our first experience baking in the technology room which was very exciting. Everyone had a wee job in the process and we even had time to complete an ANZAC crossword while we waited for our biscuits to cook. After we tasted our biscuits we decided the soldiers would have looked forward to their food parcels arriving with yummy, sweet ANZAC biscuits from home.





ANZAC Art & Poems

As part of our learning about ANZAC day we also made these poppies for art and wrote ANZAC day acrostic poems.



Autumn

Autumn has most definitely arrived with all the colourful leaves scattered along our paths. We have painted these gorgeous Autumn leaf prints. We collected up a variety of Autumn leaves, painted them and pressed them onto our paper. Once they dried we sponged a variety of eight Autumn colours as the background. We are really pleased with our final products.



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St. John's Girls' School Parents' Association

Term 2: May 2023



Welcome back! Term 1 seems like a distant memory now that we are fast approaching Winter. It was great to see such a big turn-out at the Family Fun Night and once again, the weather was kind to us. A big thank you to all of the PA committee and teaching staff who helped out with the organisation for the event and also on the evening.

Thanks also to everyone who supported our Food Wrap Fundraiser last term. Every roll purchased helped, although there were a couple of super-sellers in the school who clearly spread the word to family and friends and deserve an extra BIG thank you!

Don't forget to keep an eye out on Skool Loop and Facebook for information on Term 2 events and fundraising.



SJGS 'Easy As' Pie (and Croissant) Fundraiser

What could be better than freshly baked croissants on a frosty morning and family pies for tasty winter meals?

Spread the word on social media, tell friends, family and colleagues and help support our school fundraiser.

More information and order forms coming soon....



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.

Needing to stock up on clothes labels for all of the winter uniform?

Look no further....

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.

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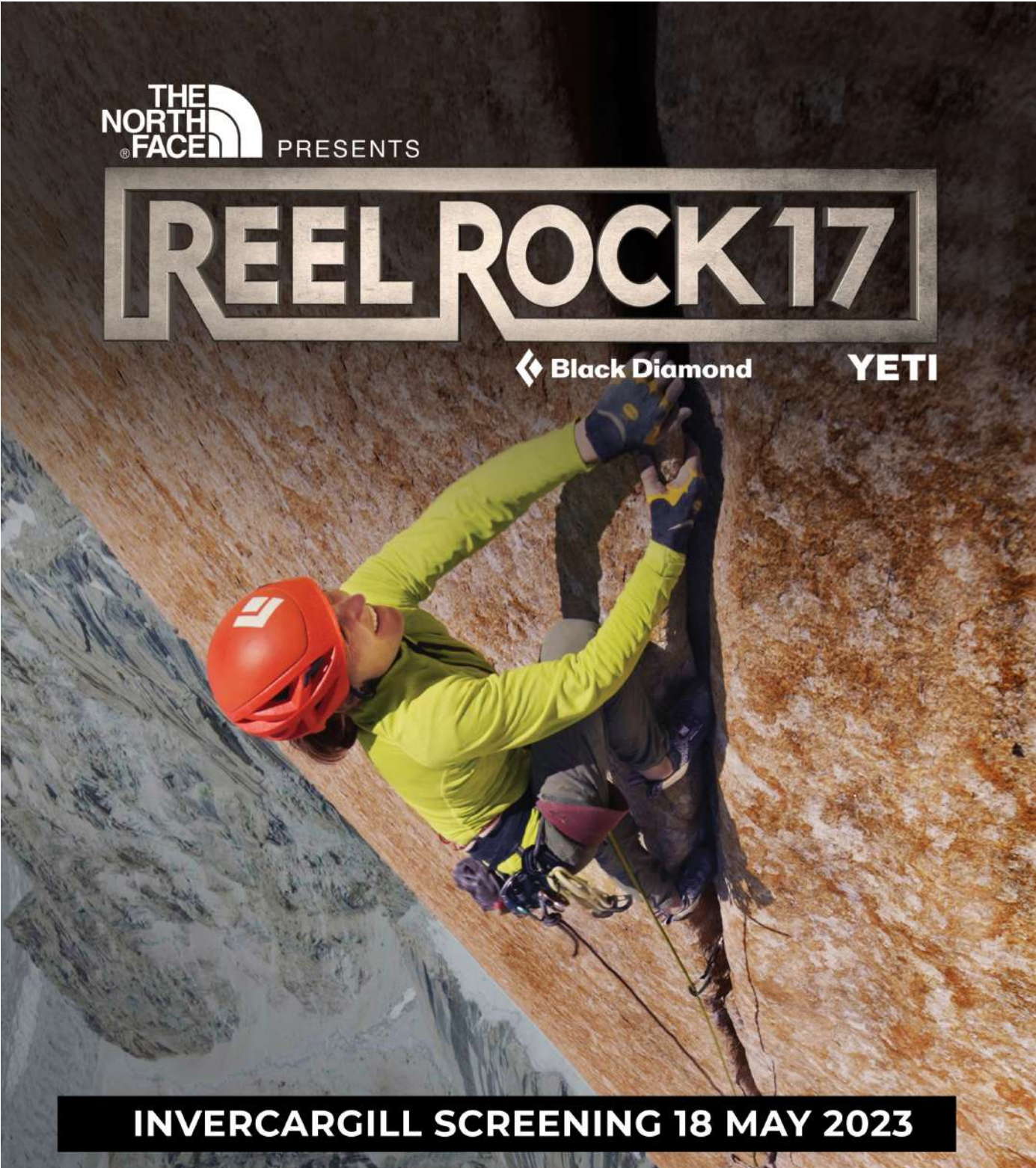
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