



NEWSLETTER

St John's Girls' School

30 August 2024

What a joyful fortnight we have had. There have been some truly lovely celebrations of learning and community giving. On top of that we have enjoyed sunshine and warm Spring winds! The girls' imaginations are full as they run and tag, laugh and chase. There is a great energy in the playground and many smiles.

Polyfest

The Kapa haka and Pasifika girls did themselves and the school proud on the Polyfest stage on Wednesday. We have received a great deal of positive feedback from people outside of the school who have commented on the standard of singing, uniformity and passion. A considerable amount of time and effort goes into these performance groups and I acknowledge and thank the many staff who have contributed in helping our girls shine.

You are still able to watch the livestream of the performance on the Miharo website.
<https://www.miharo.co.nz/murihiku-polyfest-livestream-2024>

Active Southland

For the past few weeks we have enjoyed the company and skillset of Stu Brown from Active Southland. Stu has been teaching the classes the strategy game of Ki o Rahi. This fast paced game uses the skills from many different sports and stems from the Maori legend of Rahitutakahina and Tiarakurapakewai. It is wonderful to have providers from outside agencies coming in to teach and upskill both the girls, and the teachers!

Arts Extravaganza

We are excited to launch the sales of the Arts Extravaganza tickets next week! Look out for the notice that is coming home. The tickets are strictly limited in numbers, and we won't be able to exceed the number sold. We aren't able to reserve tickets and cash will be required on the day.

We have 18 stunning acts that will include more than 70 girls, so we hope to see you all there!

Invercargill Schools' Speech Competition

Mahi pai to Gracie Dennis and Briar Brady who were selected to compete at the Invercargill Area Final of the Invercargill Schools' Speech Competition. Briar's speech tells us about the pitfalls of technology use and Gracie's comedic tales of stagefright had us all in stitches! Good luck, girls.

Sing Out

For many of the senior girls, their attention turns to Sing Out. Our girls are performing on the evening of Wednesday 11 September at the Civic Theatre at 7.00pm. If you've not attended a Sing Out performance, take yourselves along. This year's theme of Stage and Screen has a great lineup of songs, and the St John's choir is always a highlight! Tickets are available at <https://premier.ticketek.co.nz/shows/show.aspx?sh=ILTSING24>. See the poster at the back of the newsletter for further details!

God Bless

Nathan Hughes
Tumuaki - Principal

Values Cup Recipients

Olive
Reilly
Room 1



Briar
Brady
Room 2



Greetings from
the Principal

Aloha, Namaste,
Ahihi Marie

Whakatauki -
Māori Proverb

*Kia mate ururoa,
kei mate wheke*

Fight like a shark,
don't give in like an
octopus





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- **3** Invercargill Area Final Speech Competition
- **10** Sing Out Rehearsal [Choir]
- **11** BoP Meeting [5.30pm]
Sing Out Rehearsal [Choir]
Sing Out Performance [Choir 7pm]
- **17** Cyber Safety [Yr 7/8]
- **18** Arts Extravaganza [evening]
- **25** Aerobics Festival
SMAC Maths Competition
- **26** Bonus Points Awarded
- **27** Gymnastics Festival [Junior]
Last day of Term 3

OCTOBER

- **14** **Day 1 of Term 4**
- **15** Parents' Association Meeting [7pm]
- **24** Science Road Show [Yrs 5-8]
Shake Out [9.30am]
- **28** **Labour Day [school closed]**
- **31** Christian Education Speeches [9.10am]
BoT Meeting [5.30pm]

NOVEMBER

- **1** KIPRRR Day
- **11** **Staff Only Day [school closed]**
- **13** BoP Meeting [5.30pm]
- **14** Greats and Grands morning [Rms 1-3]
- **20** Dance Sharing
- **21** Lip Sync Competition
- **26** Familiarisation Morning
- **28** BoT Meeting [5.30 pm]
Maori Consultation Evening [6pm Staffroom]
Disco [6-7.30 pm Whole School]

DECEMBER

- **2** Tabloids
- **5** BoT Meeting [5.30pm]
- **6** Father/Daughter Netball [2.00pm]
Reports Out
- **9** Prizegiving/Christmas Service Practice
- **10** Christmas Service - First Church [6.30pm]
- **12** **Last Day of Term 4**
Prizegiving - First Church [1.30pm]
Leavers' Function - School Hall [3.15pm]

2025

- **3 February** **Staff only day**
- **4 February** **First day of school for students**
- **6 February** **Waitangi Day [school closed]**
- **27 February** **School Photos**
- **16 December** **Last day of school for students**



WEEKLY AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS

ROOM 1

Charlotte Risk, Abby Moore, Alora Bosma, Madeleine McKenzie

ROOM 2

Mackenzie Smithies, Amelia Maxwell, Saffron Smith,
Grace McLeod-Young

ROOM 3

Nikita Zeestraten, Lara Preininger, Fern Graham, Aoife Gordon

ROOM 4

Avery Botting, Jaynee Holms-Johnston, Agnes Russell, Aaliyah Solly

ROOM 6

Evie Erskine, Peyton Cornish, Briar Nicholl, Bailey Cooper,
Isla Ward

ROOM 7

Tayla Nel, Emma Visser, Abby Unahi, Alyssa Hamilton

ROOM 8

Evie Arthur, Lucia Erskine, Alysha Jennings, Star Welsh

VALUES CUP

Olive Reilly
Briar Brady

Room 1
Room 3



Cultural Day

On the 15th of August our school celebrated cultural day. Cultural day is where the Kaiarahi set up cool activities in different rooms based on a series of countries that make up our school. The cultures we chose to do this year were, India, America, Chile and UK.

India did chalk painting from the Holly festival and made cool pictures for the Kids to have for their own!

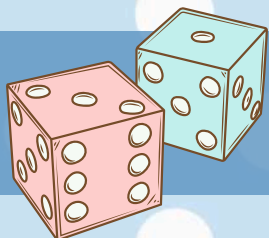
America learnt about the Native American culture and did a Native American dance.

Chile did a traditional game called Corre, Corre la Guaraca and the UK did a Kahoot on Britain and colouring in!

The overall experience was awesome and all of the girls did an outstanding job of representing all these amazing cultures! We can't wait to see what the next Kaiarahi bring to the coming cultural days!

FROM YOUR KAIARAH!





ROOM 1 NEWS



ROLL AND ADD

Room 1 have been working on a game called roll and add. We have 2 dice and we have been recording and adding the numbers together. This week we will be trying roll and take away.



MUSIC

During our music lessons, we have been looking at the sounds we can make using recycled items. We had fun filling up some glass bottles to hear the different notes they played when we hit them.



PICTURE MATCHING

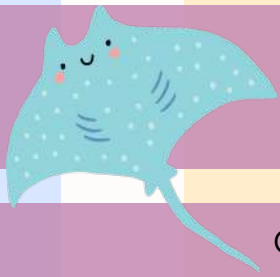
We have a new game to play where we have materials to use to make the pictures that are shown on the cards. Charlotte and Gussie had fun matching the pictures.



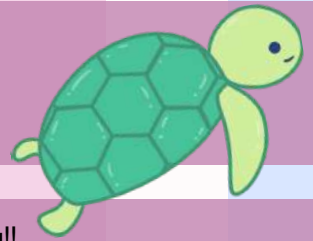
Room 1 and the Year 2s had an amazing time at Polyfest this year. They learnt our 2 Pasifika songs so thoroughly that they all looked and sounded amazing. The first song was from Nuie and was a bout a crab. The second song was all about Samoa.

POLYFEST





ROOM 2 NEWS



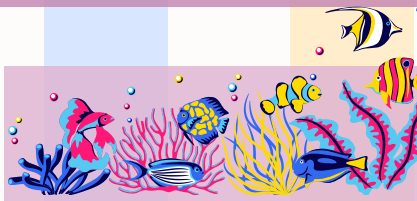
Goodness me time flies when you are having fun and learning!!

INQUIRY- RECYCLING AND REUSING

Our Inquiry has been a load of old rubbish! Actually, we have learnt so much about recycling and reusing.

Our recycled bottle birds are in stage one of their creation and look fantastic!

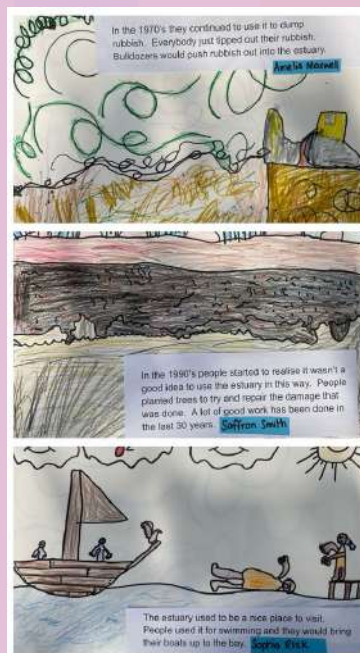
Following on from Lester and Clyde we have investigated the problems of plastics in our oceans. We were sad to learn about the damage plastic can do to our sea life. Our paintings show a positive perspective of what a health ocean should look like where sea life can flourish.



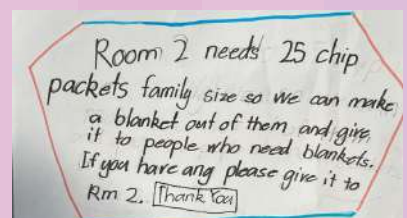
FACTS FROM OUR INQUIRY

We gained so much knowledge from Mr Rodway about the history of the Estuary. Did you know the lookout at the estuary is from rubbish!

- "Chip packets can last up to 500 years and hurt sea life!" Ava
- "In the 1960's they dumped rubbish in the estuary." Mackenzie



CHIP PACKET PROJECT

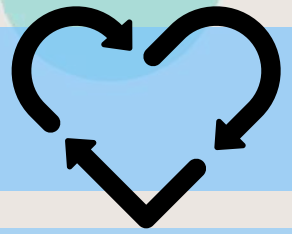


We have been reusing chip packets which may have become waste. A project called 'The Chip Packet' project reuse chip packets through a fusion process [ironing] to make survival blankets to distribute to the homeless. Next week we are having a zoom meeting to learn about this project.





ROOM 3 NEWS



It's hard to believe we are over half way through Term 3! Room 3 has been super busy and we are really lucky with all the great learning opportunities we are taking part in.

SPORT

On Monday's we bus to the ILT Stadium Southland to learn netball skills with Ariana from the Invercargill Netball Centre. We have had a lot of fun learning to pivot, land, pass, shoot, drills and the rules of the game. We have improved our overall skill level and we even played a game, we had a lot of fun!



RECYCLE

As part of our Reduce, Reuse and Recycle Inquiry we have had Mr Rodway visit us to tell us about the Invercargill Estuary. We all learnt a lot about how the land use to be a dumping site and what they have done to restore the land. We also learnt about the new landfill area near Winton and how they store our rubbish safely. We found it interesting looking at the old and new pictures of both areas.



WINTER ART

The Winter months are often a bit dreary and chilly so we decided to create some Winter art to brighten up our room. These are our 'Happy Winter Penguins' and 'Rain Day' art pieces.





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baked white or wheat bread



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THE GREAT



Saturday 31 August | 11:00am - 4:00pm

Ground Floor, Invercargill Central Mall

SHREK

DAFFODILS

MARY POPPINS



SMASH

FROZEN

NEWSIES

DEAR EVAN HANSEN

MAMMA MIA!

ILT SING OUT PRESENTS STAGE AND SCREEN



Featuring 500+ talented local children,
Musical Director Sarah Rae, Dr Mike and the Euphoric Kids

10, 11 & 12 SEPTEMBER 2024

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM



Adults \$15

Children \$10

Tickets available at ICC Booking Office or online at Ticketek.
Some fees may apply.

10 September

Southland Boys' High School
Southland Girls' High School
St Patrick's School
Verdon College
Waihopai School

11 September

Donovan Primary School
James Hargest Junior Campus
St John's Girls School
Salford School

12 September

Aurora College
New River Primary School
Otatara School
Windsor North School

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Civic Theatre, Invercargill



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Our experienced team of professional educators is offering over 50 different workshops on a wide range of topics, including:

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