



NEWSLETTER

St John's Girls' School

16 February 2024



Greetings from
the Principal

Guten abend, Talofa
lava, Ata marie

Whakatauki -
Māori Proverb

Whatungarongar
o te tangata,
toitū te whenua

As people disappear
from sight, the land
remains

2024, we're into it! It has been the most wonderful time at school over the past three weeks. There is a feeling of joy and positivity. The girls have really grown (in both height and maturity) over the summer and they are facing the year ahead with confidence!

Our new girls have become St John's girls right away. Many of the staff have commented on just how quickly our new students have assimilated with the St John's routines, and also how they have become part of wonderful friendship circles. This is testament to the kindness of our girls, and how they wrap around their peers.

Meet the Teacher Evening

Thanks to the many parents who came along on Meet the Teacher evening. It is a great forum for sharing information with you all at a school level, and then for you to learn about the routines of your daughter's classroom. It was a lovely relaxed evening with great connections being formed.

Family Fun Night

On Tuesday evening we have our annual Family Fun Night. Beginning at 5.30pm, families arrive with their dinner and find a space on what I hope will be our sunny back field. The Parents' Association kindly provide entertainment, best dressed competitions and ice-block treats. Our wonderful Year 8 girls will help with the running races for both girls and boys!

Camps

We are beyond excited to have our entire senior syndicate heading to their respective camps this term. There is so much learning that takes place at camp; outdoor pursuits, friendship building, resilience and practical skills. When classes come back from camp, their team dynamic is stronger. This is the reason we hold our camps at the beginning of the year.

Look out for your daughter's camp invoice. Payment is required the week prior to departure.

Welcome

We are delighted to have Ms Emma Coatsworth join the St John's whanau. Ms Coatsworth comes to us with vast experience and great enthusiasm - particularly in the field of PE and health. Thank you to those who have made themselves known and welcomed Ms Coatsworth.





Attendance and Punctuality

We are placing a strong emphasis on high attendance rates and punctual drop offs and pick ups. It is so important that your daughter is at school on time, and every day. One day off each fortnight equates to 20 school days off a year. This makes for a considerable lack of consistency in learning. Please don't be offended if your daughter's attendance rate is discussed with you by her teacher, or myself. We want the very best for every one of our girls.

Invoices

The Term 1 invoices will be arriving with you shortly. These are due by the mid-term date. Please act on these promptly. Your contribution is what allows our school to provide what it does - the reason you chose us!

Have the most wonderful weekend! Mrs Stewart and I are off to Rakiura to plan camp activities!

Nga mihi nui

Nathan Hughes
Tumuaki - Principal





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- **20** Family Fun Night [5.30pm]
- **21** Family Fun Night [postponement day]
- **26** Swimming [1pm]
- **28** Ride Well Programme [Rms 3 and 4]
- **29** First Aid [Yr 8] 9.30am-12pm
BoT Meeting [5.30pm]

MARCH

- **4** 8yr old running [Sacred Heart]
Swimming [1pm]
- **5** School Photos
- **6** Ride Well Programme [Rms 3 and 4]
- **7** First Aid [Yr 7] 9.30am-12pm
- **8** House Team Bonding Day
- **11** All Saints Athletics
- **12** All Saints Athletics [postponement day]
- **13-15** Camp Columba [Rooms 5 & 6]
- **18** Kids Lit Quiz
Swimming
- **19-22** Stewart Island Camp [Room 7]
- **20** BoP AGM and General Meeting [5.30pm]
- **24** Southland Athletics
- **25** Swimming
- **26** Interviews [2.15pm - school closes at 2pm]
- **27** Easter Service Practice
Interviews [3.15pm - school closes at 3pm]
- **28** Easter Service
- **29** Easter Friday [school closed]

APRIL

- **1-2** Easter - Monday/Tuesday [School Closed]
- **3-7** Yr 8 Deep Cove Camp
- **4** BoT Meeting [5pm]
- **8** Grip Leadership [Yr 8 + Yr 7 Kaiarahai]
- **12** Last day of term
Bonus Points Awarded
PA Sausage Sizzle and Iceblocks
Mufti-day [SPCA]

MAY

- **1-2** Easter - Monday/Tuesday [School Closed]
- **3-7** Yr 8 Deep Cove Camp
- **4** BoT Meeting [5pm]
- **8** Grip Leadership [Yr 8 + Yr 7 Kaiarahai]
- **12** Last day of term
Mufti-day [SPCA]
- **29** Day 1 of Term 2



WEEKLY AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS

ROOM 1

Eden Dawson, Evie Bradshaw, Olive Reilly, Kate McEwan,
Charlotte Risk

ROOM 2

Penny Sloan, Lucy Dixon-Calder, Maeve Devlin, Naomi Hamilton

ROOM 3

Nikita Zeestraten, Eloise Smith, Aiofe Gordon, Lola Rutledge

ROOM 4

Simone Paganelli, Rosie Laughton, Leah Hamilton, Ashlyn Shepherd

ROOM 6

Bailey Cooper, Willow Murray, Greer Pine, Samantha Parry

ROOM 7

Willow Harper, Maisie Korteweg, Neveah Roughan, Meila Iosefo

ROOM 8

Star Welsh, Sofia Peters, Amelia Reijnen, Libby Hamilton

VALUES CUP

Amelia Bosma
Addison Findlater

Room 4
Room 1



It's time for the Kaiarahi

Quiz



What is a party that we hold in Term 4?

A Disco

B Christmas

C Easter



Who was the Principal before Mr Hughes?

A Mrs Taylor

B Mrs Mackay

C Mrs Robertson



How many girls are in the school?

A 151

B 146

C 134



How long has Mr Hughes been Principal?

A 5 years

B 2 years

C 3 years



What class is Ms Coatsworth in?

A Room 6

B Room 2

C Room 3

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Quiz



What colours are the Houses?

A red, green, pink, blue

B purple, pink, blue, green

C red, green, blue, yellow



How many years has St John's been open?

A since 1321

B since 1657

C since 1917



What was Rm 8 before it came to St John's

A The Boys' High Science room

B The Girls' High Library

C A James' Hargest classroom



How many Houses are there?

A 6

B 5

C 4



Who worked in the office before Mrs Roberts?

A Mrs Mackay

B Mrs McEntyre

C Mrs Lang

The answers will be in the next newsletter.

Raine, Abby, Sofia, Gwynedd, Martina, Leah, Gracie & Star

ROOM 1 NEWS

Room 1 2024

What an amazing group we are. Welcome to Evie, Olive and Eden who are new to school this year.



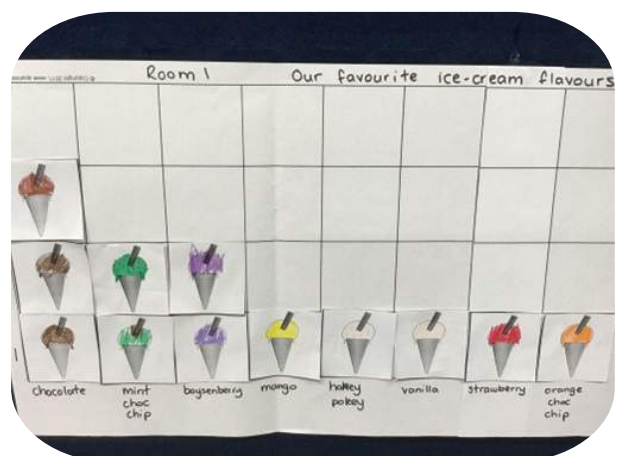
Room 1 Treaty

We worked together to make a Room Treaty and everyone signed it. We are all working together to make sure that Room 1 are showing their KIPRRR values.



Statistics

We have been learning all about Room 1 and statistics. The graph here shows all of our favourite ice cream flavours



Firewise

We have also started the year learning about being "Firewise" and the fire fighters came to visit. We saw what they have to wear when they go in to fight a fire and we all got to squirt the fire hose. The fire engine was hard to climb into, but we were allowed to sound the siren and put on the flashing lights.



ROOM 2 NEWS

Leaping into our learning

This year's theme for our school is 'Leaping in'. To start the new year we all took turns and leaped into our classroom.



Dear Parents and Whanau

What a lovely start to the year we have had building up a great new learning team. We have had so many happy experiences together already and are excited about our learning journey ahead. We have been very busy establishing routines and getting to know each other. As part of that, we have been working hard to fill our classroom with art and writing to make it feel like our own space. We look forward to a great year filled with fun and learning.

Enjoy the lovely warm weather.

Nga mihi
Mrs Kelly and Mrs King

Classroom puzzle "We Fit Right In"



We have created this beautiful puzzle with our names as a border and our puzzle pieces all about us in the middle

Art

We have loved seeing the girls' creations with their 'Happy Town' art. The girls drew beautiful circular patterns with pastel colours and overlaid these with their own happy town impressions.



New Visitors to Room 2

We have had an exciting addition to our science table this week. We have a tank with several tadpoles all busy growing legs. We can't wait to see their amazing transformation into frogs. We have a question about why tadpoles can breathe in water and frogs can breathe out of water?



ROOM 3 NEWS

Aren't we a good looking bunch leaping into 2024! What a wonderful start we have had in Room 3! We have all leapt into learning with a positive attitude and friendly smiles. We have welcomed 5 new families to Room 3 and to St John's Girls School. Everyone has settled really well and we know Room 3 is going to be a fabulous place to be!

LEAP



FRIENDS

We have been unpacking what a great classroom environment looks like by thinking about key words such as; teamwork, being a good friend and classmate, and working as a group. This has helped set the positive tone for the start of the year and what we want our year ahead to look and feel like. We brainstormed in groups what being a good friend means and then together we wrote an A-Z guide to being a good friend.



A-Z of Being a Friend By Room 3

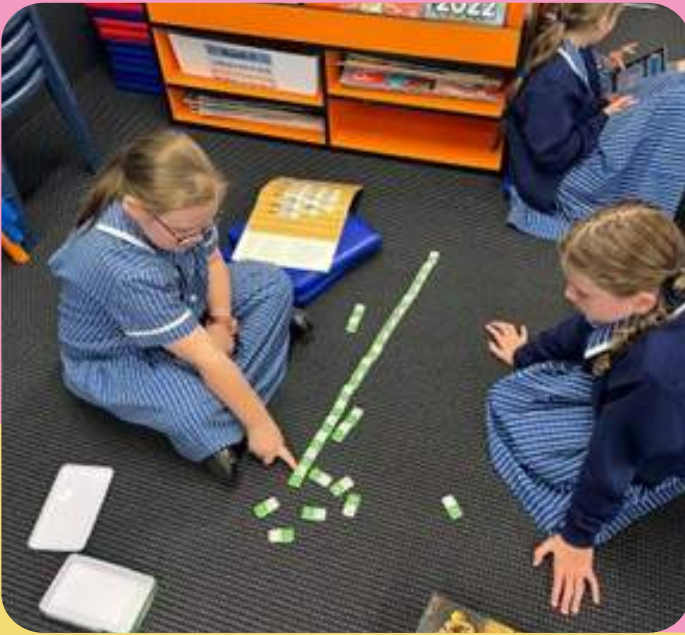
- A CCEPTS YOU AS YOU ARE
- B EING KIND
- C ELEBRATES DIFFERENCE
- D OESN'T GIVE UP ON YOU
- E VERYONE ACHIEVES MORE
- F ORGIVES MISTAKES
- G ETS YOU UP AGAIN
- H ELPS YOU
- I NCLUSIVE
- J UST IS KIND
- K EEPS YOU CLOSE AT HEART
- L OVELY
- M OVES YOU OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE
- N EVER JUDGES
- O PEN MINDED
- P ASSIONATE
- Q UIETS YOUR FEARS
- R ELIABLE
- S TICKS BY YOU
- T ELLS THE TRUTH
- U NDERSTANDS YOU
- V ALUES YOU
- W ORKS TOGETHER
- X PLAINS THINGS YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND
- Y OU LIKE THEM JUST THE WAY THEY ARE
- Z APS YOU BACK TO REALITY





MATHS IN ACTION

We have also been exploring maths through interactive online learning tools and fun maths games on offer. The girls put their new team work and group work skills into action.



We can't wait to see what the year has in store for us, but from what we know so far, we are going to be a great class that works together making Room 3 a wonderful place to be!



Just a reminder that if you are ordering a kilt this year, orders should now be in as the kilts take about 8 weeks to make. If you need another form we have some available at the office.



Also we stock winter tights for the junior girls [sizes 5-6 and 7-8] and over the knee socks for the senior girls.



SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMME

LUNCH MENU

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12 & 13
14 to 16



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2024!!!**



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- MUSICAL THEATRE
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- PERFORMANCE
- BAND CLASSES
- HOLIDAY CAMPS
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