



Meri Kirihimete, Feliz Natal, Merry Christmas

It's almost surreal that we are approaching the very last week of the 2024 school year. It seems that the older you get, the faster the years go! I know our girls are exhausted, yet proud of all that they have achieved. The heat in the past week or so has really taken its toll on their energy levels, and tolerance! They are all trying very hard to smile and show kindness!

For several people in our community, this festive season will bring loved ones to the forefront of their minds; those who have been lost, others who have battled with poor health and those far away. Treasure those people who mean the most to you, and take time to say it aloud. Take photos of one another and quit worrying about unflattering angles for it's the memory you are capturing that's important. Embrace one another, laugh and celebrate at this special time of year.

I will be in the highlands of Scotland on Christmas Day this year and as beautiful as it will be, my head and my heart will be at home. It's where it should always be at Christmas time.

Finally, thank you for trusting me to lead your incredible school. It has been a very special 13 years and I'm so proud to have taught and led here. St John's is like no other, and until you've had another school to compare it to, you don't realise. I'm excited about my new journey and exploring new territory, yet the closer next Thursday inches, the more the emotions about leaving this incredible place surface. It will be a special but challenging week for those girls leaving, and I. We'll do it together!

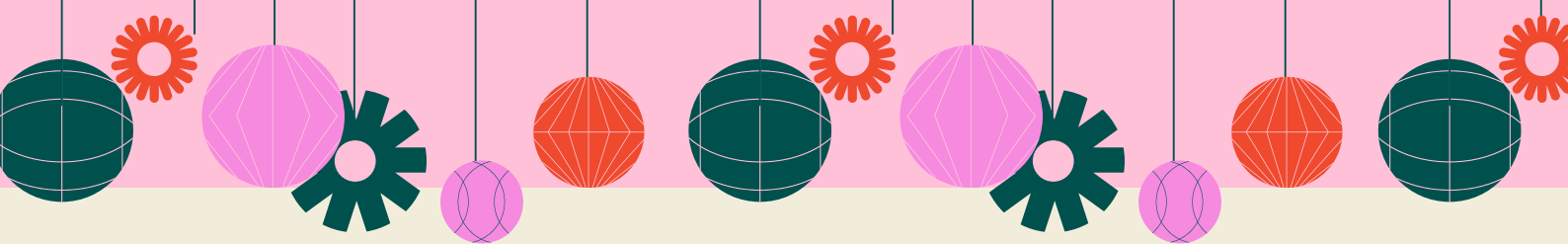
Have an enjoyable weekend and be safe.

God Bless

Nathan Hughes

Tumuaki - Principal





Recent Awards..

- Room 1** Indy Frost, Gussie Affleck, Alora Bosma, Aggie McKenzie
- Room 2** Grace McLeod-Young, Penny Sloan, Nina Russell, Mahya Gilmete
- Room 3** Lola Rutledge, Mia Hitchcok, Mackenzie Brown, Madeleine Davison
- Room 4** Ava Amar, Amelia Kemna, Danielle King, Leah Hamilton
- Room 6** Greer Pine, Ella Calvert
- Room 7** Willow Harper, Mia Reilly, Meila Iosefo, Paige Robertson
- Room 8** Star Welsh, Leah McEwan, Greer Macpherson, Lucia Erskine

Values Cup Esmé McCleery [Rm 8]
Emily Laughton [Rm 6]

Principal's Award Indy Frost [Rm 1]

Bonus Points Trophy Evie Bradshaw, Millie Dobbie, Eloise Smith, Lexie Nicholl, Briar Nicholl, Willow Harper, Zoe Laughton

Green Work Stripe Nicole Carnie, Lucia Erskine, Alysha Jennings, Greer Macpherson, Ameila Reijnen, Meila Spain

Red Work Stripe Alyssa Hamilton, Ingrid Fleming, Leah McEwan, Matilda Moody

White Sports Stripe Maisie Korteweg, Drew Peddie, Gracie Dennis, Ava Moore, Sophie Crosbie, Libby Hamilton, Nicole Carnie, Evie Arthur

Gold Sports Stripe Isla Patterson, Amelia Frew

Lilac Cultural Stripe Gracie Dennis, Mia Padgett, Isla Patterson, Evie Arthur, Alysha Jennings, Zoe Laughton, Raine Murphy, Leah McEwan, Libby Hamilton, Amelia Frew, Kiran Gilmete, Ingrid Fleming, Meila Spain

2025 Leadership Roles



Captain: Mia Reilly

ALABASTER



Deputy: Abby Unahi



Captain: Martina Bosma

LESTER



Deputy: Gwynedd Ryder



Captain: Gracie Dennis

ENDERBY



Deputy: Meila Iosefo



Captain: Maisie Korteweg

MARCHANT



Deputy: Sophie Crosbie

Kaiarahi

Year 7

Bailey Cooper
Greer Pine
Evie Erskine
Briar Nicholl

Year 8

Drew Peddie
Nevaeh Roughan
Zoe McMillan
Mia Padgett

Sports Equipment Monitors

Sophie Crosbie
Gracie Dennis
Emma Visser
Martina Bosma

Aviary Managers

Willow Harper
Isla Patterson

Librarians

Willow Harper
Aida Chamberlain
Mia Padgett
Gwynedd Ryder

Rec Shed Managers

Aida Chamberlain
Paige Robertson
Charlotte Beer

Photographer

Luna Welsh

PALS

Meila Iosefo
Isla Patterson
Drew Peddie
Maisie Korteweg
Tayla Nel
Charlotte Beer

Art Display Co-ordinators

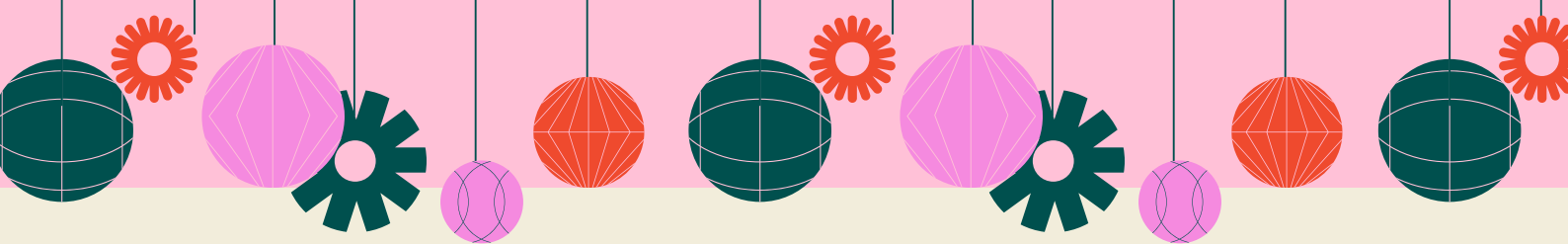
Zoe McMillan
Luna Welsh
Mia Reilly

Lunch Monitors

Nakaysha Fraser
Tayla Nel

Reliever

Abby Unahi



2025 Stationery..

An email went home recently with the 2025 stationery lists attached. We highly recommend purchasing the stationery through OfficeMax - click on the following link which will take you straight to their website for ordering <https://www.myschool.co.nz/stjohnsgirls> - If you place your order in December you go in the draw to win \$1,000. You can also find a copy of the stationery lists on our school website - <https://www.stjohnsgirls.school.nz/information-for-parents/stationery-lists/>

Important Dates..

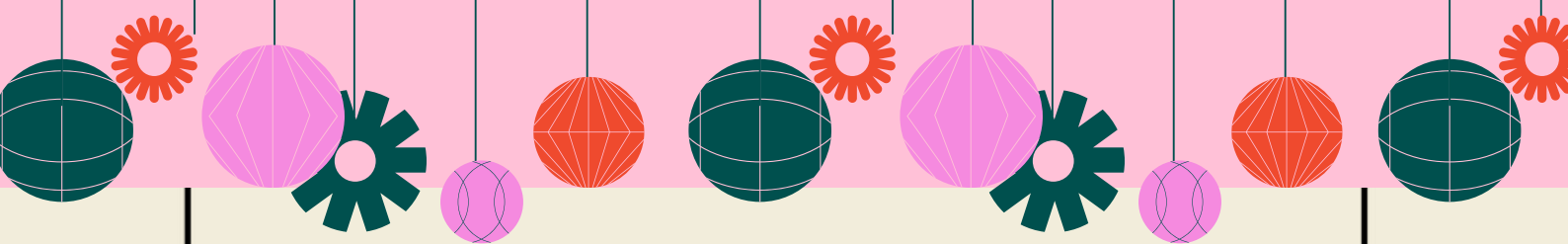
DECEMBER

- **9** Prizegiving & Christmas Service practices [am]
- **10** Christmas Service [6.30 pm First Church]
- **11** Farewell Assembly for Mr Hughes [2pm] School Hall
- **12** Last School Day
Prizegiving [1.30pm First Church]
Leavers' Ceremony [3.15 pm School Hall]

JANUARY 2025

- **3 February** Staff only day
- **4 February** First day of school for students
- **6 February** Waitangi Day [school closed]
- **27 February** School Photos
- **4-7 March** Yr 7 Camp
- **6 March** All Saints Athletics
- **31 March - 2 April** Yr 5 Camp
- **31 March - 4 April** Yr 8 Camp
- **2-4 April** Yr 6 Camp
- **11 April** Last day of Term 1
- **16 December** Last day of school for students





After School Care Accounts



It would be appreciated if all After School Care accounts are settled before the end of term [Thursday 12 December].

Thank you for your support throughout the year and have a happy and safe Christmas holidays.

Noeleen Wilson



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