



NEWSLETTER

St John's Girls' School

12 April 2024



Greetings from
the Principal

Bonjour, Bula,
Kia ora

Whakatauki - Māori Proverb

Mauri tū, mauri ora

*An active soul is a
healthy soul*

I hope you have all had a productive and rewarding week, with a relaxing weekend ahead.

Term 1 has been a really busy and eventful time across the whole school. We have seen so much growth in the girls; in their achievement and their ability to self-manage and lead. This is important to us at St John's. We provide a rich education for the girls, but we also work hard on hauora (health). Your daughter's sense of self, her ability to face adversity and the solidarity of her values are essentially the vehicle that carry her into success. The most intelligent people in the world not only have knowledge and skill, but the drive, determination and resilience to stride forward while taking care of their own hearts and heads. It's important that we see growth from all the different viewpoints.

ChatBus

This week we hosted Sandra, our school's ChatBus counsellor. Sandra visited each class and talked about what the ChatBus is, what her role is and how she can help in lots of different ways. All of the girls got the opportunity to see inside a ChatBus van, and they were pretty impressed with what they saw.

Thank you to the parents who attended the hui on Tuesday after school. The discussion was rich and your questions were really valuable. It was also encouraging to hear your feedback about the difference the service will provide for so many girls over the years ahead.

Sandra will start at St John's on Thursday in the first week of Term 2. She will spend more time in classrooms on the first day, learning more about our school and getting to know the girls.

Please ensure that you return the permission slip that came home yesterday, to school. In order for a girl to be able to see Sandra, she will need your generic permission.

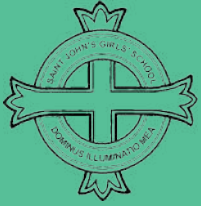
Upset Girls

From time to time there are incidents that happen at school that cause the girls to become quite upset. This often comes about as a result of a consequence after a poor choice.

We are receiving more emails from worried parents whose daughters have just broken down and shared their version of events. It is important that parents:

- Acknowledge the upset feelings
- Give several hours for your daughter to become focused on something else and remove it from the forefront of her thoughts
- Ask her to explain, with only facts, what happened, and why
- Check to see if anybody else in the situation might have a different opinion





Values Cup Recipients

- Decide if the problem
 - * is resolved, and a consequence is a good reminder
 - * can be resolved by the child through them having a discussion with someone
 - * requires a parent to make contact with school

I know it isn't nice to see your daughter upset and as parents you want to stop this, and defend her. You're her parent, it's your job! It is important however to remember that the situation, and the retell of events are through the eyes of a child. Rationalise it, talk about it and decide if anything further is actually necessary.

GRIP Leadership Course

I had the absolute privilege of attending the GRIP (Generosity, Responsibility, Integrity, People) course in Gore on Monday with the Year 8 girls and the Kaiarahi leaders. Along with Mrs Smith and Mrs Dennis we witnessed our young leaders immerse themselves in an engaging, educational and thought-provoking day of learning and fun. We love being able to provide these opportunities for our girls. Given how tired the Year 8 girls were having only returned from camp the previous afternoon, they were fabulous ambassadors for the school.

I wish you all an enjoyable school holiday break. While many of you will have to work, I hope there is reprieve from the timetabled events, drop offs, lunch boxes etc. We look forward to seeing the girls back rested and relaxed on Monday 29 April.

Term 2 is big, and we have so much to look forward to. Let's charge our batteries!

God bless

Nathan Hughes

Tumuaki - Principal



Meila Iosefo
Room 6



Mia Hitchcock
Room 3



FROM YOUR SCHOOL BOARD



Sandy Gilmete
Presiding Member

Kia ora koutou

Week 11 and the end of Term 1 already. It has been a very busy term for staff and children with Easter service and camp. We are very impressed with the vocal ability of the students. We have heard the three senior camps went well and the girls enjoyed them. Thank you to all the parents and staff who helped out.

The Board has been busy with reviewing the current year and planning for the future of our school. We are looking forward to working with the school community and for another successful year for our girls.

Enjoy the school holiday and we will see you back for Term 2.

Nga mihi

Sandy Gilmete - Board of Trustees Presiding Member





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

- 29 Day 1 of Term 2

MAY

- 7 Parents' Association Meeting [7.00pm]
- 13 Swimming [1pm]
- 16 Problem Challenge
- 17 Mufti-Day [Pink Shirt]
- 20 Swimming [1pm]
- 21 Cross Country [1pm]
- 22 Cross Country [postponement day]
- 23 Playhouse Theatre
BoT Meeting [5.30pm]
- 27 Swimming [1pm]

JUNE

- 3 King's Birthday [school closed]
- 4 Staff Only Day [school closed]
- 10 Swimming [1pm]
- 14 Southland Cross Country
- 17 Swimming [1pm]
Yr 7 Speech Exams
- 18 Yr 5 Speech Exams
Dance Exams
- 19 Yrs 3/4 Speech Exams
Dance Exams
BoP Meeting [5.30pm]
- 20 Problem Challenge
Year 8 Speech Exams
- 21 Yr 6 Speech Exams
- 24 Road Safety - NZ Police [Rooms 1 & 2]
- 25 BoT Meeting
- 27 Matariki Celebration
- 28 Reports Out
Mataiki Observation [school closed]

JULY

- 1 Road Safety - NZ Police [Rooms 1 & 2]
- 2 Interviews - 2.15pm [School closed at 2pm]
- 3 Interviews - 3.15pm [School closed at 3pm]
- 4 Last day of Term
Stripes and Bonus Points awarded
- 22 Day 1 of Term 3
- 25 Problem Challenge
- 30 Parents' Association Meeting [7pm]

AUGUST

- 15 Cultural Day
- 22 BoT Meeting [5.30pm]
Problem Challenge
- 23 Mufti-Day



WEEKLY AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS

ROOM 1

Kate McEwan, Imogen Dixon-Calder, Eden Dawson, Addison Findlater

ROOM 2

Sophia Risk, Beau McRae-Bothamely, Charlie Visser, Millie Dobbie

ROOM 3

Lucy Jenkins, Harper Peters, Kyla-Rose Jarvis-Patterson, Mackenzie Brown

ROOM 4

Ava Amar, Lexie Nicholl, Sophia Lillo-Dockerty, Elise Davison

ROOM 6

Emily Bulling, Ella Calvert, Bailey Cooper, Willow Murray

ROOM 7

Ava Moore, Mia Padgett, Isla Patterson, Luna Welsh

ROOM 8

Kiran Gilmete, Greer Macpherson

VALUES CUP

Meila Iosefo
Mia Hitchcock

Room 7
Room 3



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Ashlyn Shepherd

Room 4

CAMPS

FROM THE KAIARAHĪ

Over the term we have had four classes go to camp.

- Year 5 & 6 went to Camp Columba.
- Year 7 went to Stewart Island
- Year 8 went to Deep Cove.

Camps are an important part of our life at school because it allows us to bond as a class and we get to learn many new skills. It is also important because it helps us to step outside of our comfort zone and do things that we may never have done before. We are all so thankful for all of the parent helpers and the teachers because without them camps would not happen.

Here are some quotes and favourite things from some students who had a class camp experience this term.

Room 6 said "Try everything." Another common thing they said was "Push yourself." Some girls also said that you should do things you're afraid of because you might not get that opportunity again. One of their favourite activities at camp Columba were the flying kiwi. Overall they said it was an amazing experience and that you shouldn't pass up any opportunities.

Room 5 said that you should push yourself and that you should not give in to your fears and that one of the best experiences there in their opinion is the concrete slide.

Room 8 really enjoyed Deep Cove and said that it was one of the best camps and there were so many opportunities. They also said that they will never experience something like that again. While these girls were on camp they came up with a quote #When in doubt dab it out. This means that when things get hard don't give up and just dab your way into life.

Room 7 who went to Stewart Island said "Don't miss anything or you will regret it as painful as the walking was it was worth it and so fun to do."





Room 1 News



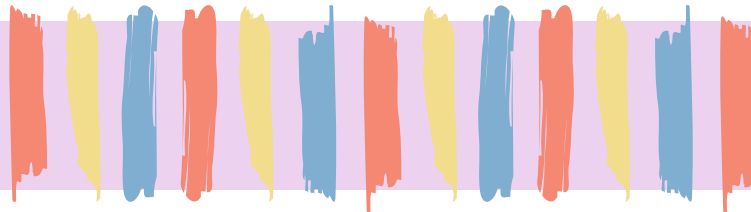
ANZAC

Room 1 have been learning about ANZAC Day. We have been reading stories about ANZAC biscuits and ANZAC Ted. We have thought about the stories told by people who have special memories that have been made into books. Violet's Scarf is a story about a little girl from Riverton who knitted a scarf to be sent to the troops and by sheer chance it was received by her brother in France.

We have made poppies and learnt a poem that helps us to remember why we wear a poppy each year for ANZAC Day.



Maths



Our Big Idea for maths learning is all about patterns. We have been making repeating patterns and searching for patterns all around us.





Room 2 News



ANZAC

Room 2 have had a lot of fun learning about the meaning behind ANZAC day this week.



We have talked about our ancestors and gathered up all the toys in our room to make a family tree.

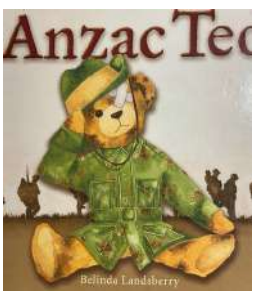
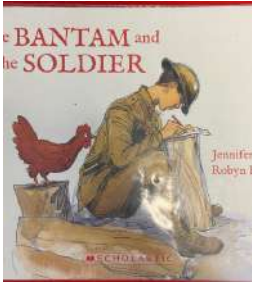
We have read books and poems.

We have created beautiful stained glass poppies.

We made ourselves into a living wreath out in the grounds.

And we designed some cool clothes for our ANZAC Ted from the story book of the same name.

We also made. BIG MESS!



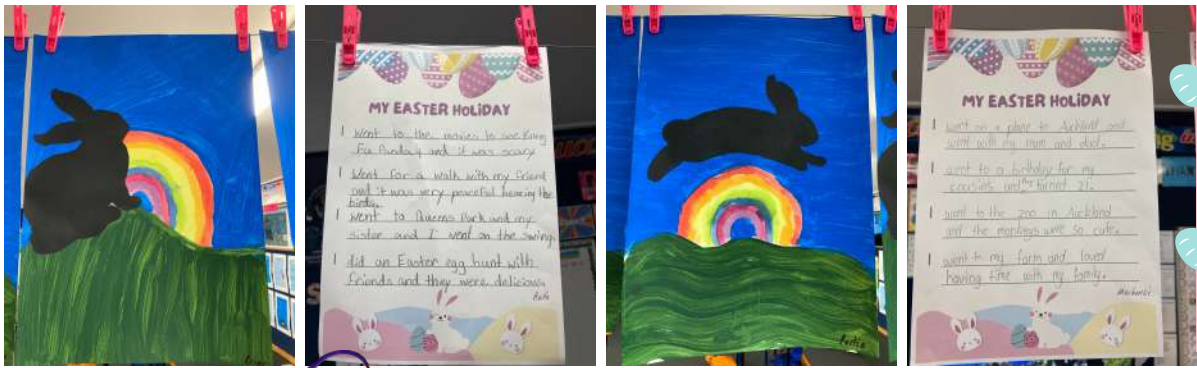
Room 3 News



Easter



Everyone loved their Easter break with many stories shared of lovely adventures with family and friends. Room 3 enjoyed writing 'I' statements about their Easter holiday happenings and painting these cute Easter bunny silhouettes.



Sea Week



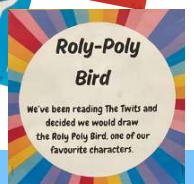
Seaweeek 2024 was all go in Room 3. The girls have learnt a lot about why it is important to care for our sea, what plastics can do to our sealife and the role we play in keeping our oceans beautiful and safe. Everyone enjoyed researching a chosen sea creature and writing about their diet, appearance, habitat, survival and an interesting fact. We also created these sea creature art pieces.



Reading



We have just finished reading our class novel 'The Twits'. We loved this story and had many giggles at silly old Mr and Mrs Twit. One of our favourite characters was the Roly-Poly bird. These are our drawings of him.





HOME

THINGS TO DO IN INVERCARGILL WITH KIDS

SURVIVE THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS WITH ACTIVITIES IN INVERCARGILL CBD

Not sure how you're going to keep the kids entertained these holidays? Don't worry, Invercargill has got you covered! From exploring new activities, playing fun games, or visiting the city centre's galleries and museums, we've got plenty of ideas to make this break memorable for your family.

OUTDOOR FUN & GAMES



Kidzart

April 15-17
2024

For more info go to <https://bookwhen.com/pfoohk#focus=ev-sbax-20240415100000>

All classes \$16 per child except Cake Decorating which is \$20 per child as they bring a small decorated cake home

MONDAY 15 APRIL	TUESDAY 16 APRIL	WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL
<p>10am-12 pm</p> <p>Flexagon fun (Origami) AGES 5-7</p> <p>Cake Decorating AGES 8+</p>	<p>10am-12 pm</p> <p>Smooch Painting AGES 8+</p> <p>Under Sea Adventures AGES 5-7</p>	<p>10am-12 pm</p> <p>Animal Antics AGES 5-7</p> <p>Cake Decorating AGES 8+</p>
<p>1-3 pm</p> <p>Cake Decorating AGES 5-7</p> <p>Imagination Location AGES 5-7</p>	<p>1-3 pm</p> <p>Bird Feeders AGES 8+</p> <p>Finger Print Trees AGES 5-7</p>	<p>1-3 pm</p> <p>Get Wired! AGES 8+</p> <p>Cake Decorating AGES 5-7</p>

Southland Education – 100 Esk Street, INV
Ph 03 2188 180 wea.south@xtra.co.nz

CHILLZONE -- 12 noon - 1pm -- \$5 per child BYO Lunch and hang out in the supervised Chillzone till your next class starts numbers limited – registration essential.



NETBALL READY

\$50

HOLIDAY SESSION

Wednesday 24th April

Year 3 - 6: 9:am - 3pm

Register on the INC website



Fun skills based program to help with netball for the season

- Fun games
- 6V6 games
- Ball skills

2024

Girls Rugby

Club Competition



WHO? Grades: Year 3 and 4
Year 5 and 6
Year 7 and 8

WHEN? Competition will be on a Monday night, starting May 20, 2024.

MUSTER DAY on Sunday 12th May 10:30am at Waikiwi Rugby Club.

WHERE? Invercargill

HOW? Register through your local clubs

Any queries touch base with your local clubs or:
Josh Hall 027 472 6409
Callum Rutledge 021 214 4136

Term 2 starts May 6th



LEARN TO RIDE

Come along and learn how to ride a track bike on New Zealand's first indoor velodrome

Monday's 4-5pm

\$100 per term
Includes track and bike hire, coach & certificate

Now taking registrations for Term 2
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