



# NEWSLETTER

St John's Girls' School

2 August 2024



Greetings from  
the Principal

Bonjour, Konichiwa,  
Ata marie

Whakatauki -  
Māori Proverb

I orea te tuatara  
ka patu ki waho

A problem is solved  
by continuing to find  
solutions.



The girls have returned to school full of enthusiasm and energy; the best way to be! I hear many tales of travels and adventures that happened during the holidays. So many girls had good old kiwi fun and experience, with no money involved. I have been told about hut building, mud slides and beach combing!

## Parents' Association Donation

Thank you to our wonderful Parents' Association who work tirelessly in order to raise funds for the girls to have outstanding teaching, learning and play. This week we are receiving a huge donation that will see Promethean ActivPanels in every classroom of the school. We currently have five of these interactive tools in our classrooms and thanks to the support of the Parents' Association, we will have seven by the end of the term. One in every classroom! We are both fortunate and grateful!

## Learning Packages

What an incredible time we are having already with the Year 7 and 8 girls. We have passed the immersive stage of the learning and it is time for each package to dig deep and pour their focus into end products whether they be gas powered race cars, eccentric and elaborate costumes, or a performance that steps through the eras!

## Senior Winter Kilts

Sadly, like many other schools, we are no longer able to source the woolen tartan that has been used to make our senior winter kilts. This supply issue is affecting many schools across New Zealand.

We turned to our designers and asked them to create an alternative with the same sharp look, added comfort and durability, and at a more affordable price. We are thrilled with the skirt, including pleats, that will be available for purchase from the beginning of 2025. This replaces the senior kilts. The junior pinafore remains the same.

Next year all Year 5 girls will be required to wear the new skirt with the winter uniform. Those girls in Years 6, 7 and 8 may continue wearing their kilt, as we are aware that some families have only recently purchased them and at a considerable cost. Any senior girls may purchase the next skirt, should they wish. The cost will be somewhere between \$80 - \$90 and will be confirmed in time.



Raine modelling the new skirt

## 2025 Classes

I am in the process of planning the classes for next year. We never like to see our girls leave but we also understand that families relocate or your circumstances change. If your daughter won't be with us in 2025, please let me know as soon as possible.

Have a wonderful weekend. If you're anything like me, your attention will be turned to the New Zealand athletes in Paris!

God Bless

Nathan Hughes  
Tumuaki - Principal



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## AUGUST

- **12** Yr 5-8 School Speech Competition
- **15** Cultural Day
- **19** Jnr Syndicate - Estuary View Point Visit
- **21** Sing Out Rehearsal [Choir]
- **22** BoT Meeting [5.30pm]
- **23** KIPRRR Day - Daffodil Day
- **28** Polyfest Performance [1.40pm]

## 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]
- **18** Arts Extravaganza [evening]
- **25** Aerobics Festival
- **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
- **28** BoT Meeting [5.30 pm]  
Maori Consultation Evening [6pm -  
Staffroom]  
Disco [6-7.30 pm Whole School]

## DECEMBER

- **2** Tabloids
- **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]





## Values Cup Recipient

# WEEKLY AWARDS CONGRATULATIONS

## ROOM 1

Kate McEwan, Evie Bradshaw, Gypsee Stephens,  
Addison Findlater

## ROOM 2

Sophia Risk, Penny Sloan, Lucy Dixon-Calder,  
Eleanor Ansitce-Shirley

## ROOM 3

Portia Smith, Lucy Jenkins, Maggie Mulqueen,  
Charlie Miles

## ROOM 4

Amelia Bosma, Amelia Kemna

## ROOM 6

Briar McKenzie, Eilidh Gordon,  
Indi Howden

## ROOM 7

Drew Peddie, Mia Reilly, Gracie Dennis,  
Aida Chamberlain

## ROOM 8

Meila Spain, Greer Macpherson,  
Amelia Reijnen, Esmé Middlebrook



**Maya Preininger**  
Room 6



## Principal's Awards

**Evie Bradshaw**  
Room 1

**Esmé Middlebrook**  
Room 8



# FROM YOUR KAIARAHĪ

# SELF DEFENCE



On Tuesday and Wednesday 21 and 22 of July, year 7 and 8 completed a self defence course with Imogen. She had an effervescent personality that kept the lesson engaging and exciting for everyone. We learned a lot and she really built up our confidence. She also taught us to turn fear into anger because fear freezes and anger energises. We really hope her business grows so she can give others the confidence that we are now so lucky to have! Thank you Imogen for the courage you gave our girls and the skills that you taught us.







# Room 1 News



Last week in Room 1 the letter of the week was 'w'. We made wizard hats and wizard wands. Charlotte even brought in a live worm for our guessing time!



## Kiwis

Our Kiwis are from the Matariki story about a Kiwi using the stars to find his way home. The kiwi body is a collage made from bits from magazines. The girls had to look carefully to find the right colours.



## Maths

We have been learning about measurement and estimating. We guessed how many blocks long our shoes were, then measured using the blocks. We put the results together to read the data that we had collected. Room 1 are now measuring all sorts of things in the classroom.

## Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

This term we are learning all about the Rs - *Reduce, Reuse, Recycling, Rot, Refuse and Repair*. We looked at the left overs and rubbish in our lunch boxes and we started to think about how we can reduce how much rubbish we make each day.





# Room 2 News



## Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Room 2 have started learning about how our school and town are affected by rubbish and waste.

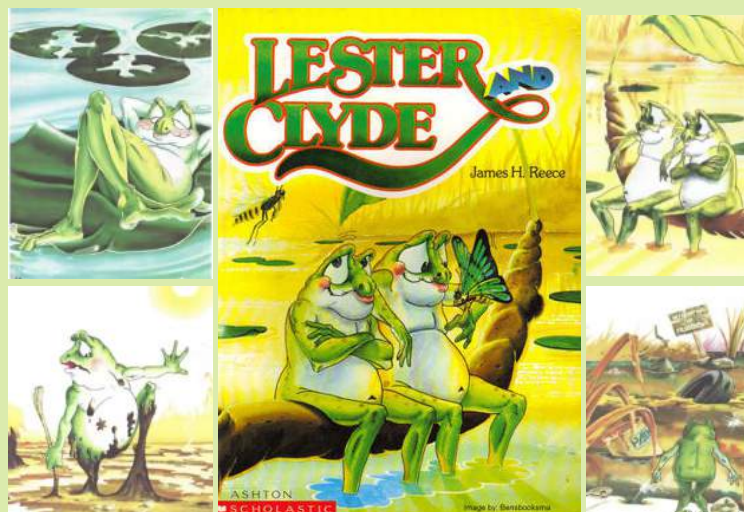
One of the R's we are learning about is 'reduce'. We are thinking about reducing our waste.

We did a quick survey of our lunchbox rubbish and this photo on the left shows what we found:

## This made us wonder...

**We wonder** about how much our pile would grow if we collected lunch rubbish everyday of the week. This was the rubbish we collected just from Room 2's lunch boxes. **We wonder** how much rubbish do Rm1, Rm3, Rm4, Rm6, Rm7 and Rm8 make?... **We wonder** how much rubbish do the teachers produce? **We wonder** would the rubbish pile be 7 times bigger? **We wonder** if we can do anything to reduce the amount of rubbish we make?

**Rubbish means things we won't use again and we are ready to throw away.**



## Lester and Clyde

The story about Lester and Clyde created lots of discussion about how man-made pollution can destroy our beautiful ponds and waterways.

Jane and Rob from Environment Southland taught us so much about sorting, reducing and reusing waste materials.

We are excited about how we are going to repurpose some household containers.



## Maths and Writing

In Maths we are learning about shapes through making 3-dimensional mini houses and are developing our addition and subtraction strategies.

In our writing we are working on writing narratives and in our reading we are looking at characters and plot features. This is such a fun term bursting with learning! We can't wait!







# Room 3 News



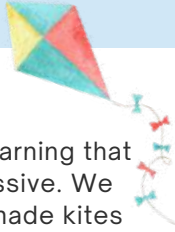
Welcome back to what we are sure is going to be a fun filled term! Room 3 is buzzing with energy and positivity and it has been great seeing the children settle back into class after the holidays.



## Kite Inquiry

The end of term 2 was jam packed and the learning that went in and around our "Kite Inquiry" was massive. We planned, designed, tested, evaluated and remade kites until we were happy with our designs.

The girls loved testing out their kites and visiting Oreti Beach on our school Kite Day. We also loved learning all about how kites are used to celebrate Matariki. We carefully made our own harakeke wishing kites that carried messages for the people we love.



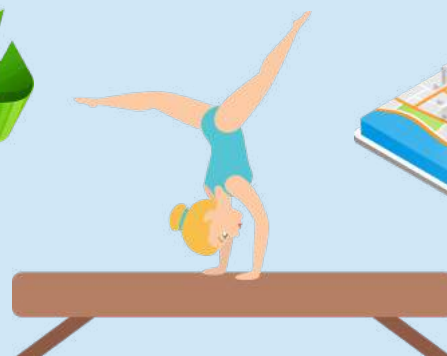
## Art

In art we made pastel and dye matariki night skies. We used contrasting colours and white outlines to make our silhouettes pop. Don't they look great!



## Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

This term we are getting stuck into our Inquiry "Reduce, reuse and recycle!" And we are so looking forward to PE with Mrs King, as we know how much the girls love gymnastics! We can't wait to share our new learning with you and if you get lost, don't worry we are learning how to read and create maps in maths, so Room 3 will be able to point you in the right direction!







INGRID LINDSAY-MCCARTHY

## VIOLIN LESSONS

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Contact: [ingridlindsay00@gmail.com](mailto:ingridlindsay00@gmail.com)  
 Mob: 0210469096

*Get In Touch*

**Fees: \$15 for 15 min lesson and group class.**

Curious about the benefits for your child then check out this youtube clip by Anita Collins - How playing an instrument benefits your brain  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RoJKCYZ8hng>

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## Tales of Early Invercargill

### Stories of Queens Park with Senga White



Sunday 4th, 11th and 18th August  
 2.00pm \$39.00 per ticket

Tickets or table bookings available  
 email: [functions@thelanglands.co.nz](mailto:functions@thelanglands.co.nz)  
 phone: 03 216 0385



## LOST PROPERTY



Our Lost Property container is nearly full with misplaced items, including a lot of unnamed uniform.

We'd love to reunite them with their owners. If your daughter has lost an item, please ask her to look through the lost property container during her break or lunchtime. We would be happy for parents to also come in and have a look to see if you can find anything that is missing.

Please note, if items aren't claimed they will be given to local charity shops or used as spare uniform in school.





## SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMME

### LUNCH MENU

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