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What a wonderful year 2023 has been at school. We have seen wonderful growth in our girls; both in academia and in self-esteem. This is our key business at school. As our mission statement says, we are here to 'educate each girl in a safe, supportive, Christian environment, to be a confident, lifelong learner'. We are succeeding.

Christmas Service

Our Christmas Service is at 6.30pm on Tuesday 12 December at First Church. The girls are to be delivered to the east facing door (Ythan St side) at 6.15pm sharp please. The girls will know the door after our Monday morning rehearsal. Please ensure your daughter has immaculate uniform with polished shoes, and groomed hair.

Christmas Service is a full school event and all girls are required to be in attendance.

We are rehearsing both our Christmas Service and Prize Giving on Monday morning. We are busing the girls to First Church at 8.50am, and returning prior to lunch. The girls will take their morning tea with them.

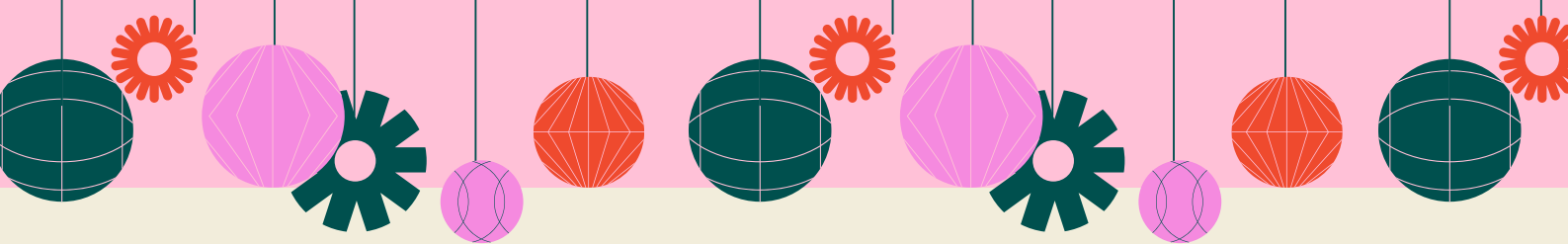
Prize Giving

Our Prize Giving is on Thursday 14 December at First Church beginning at 1.30pm sharp. Every girl receives an achievement certificate with all of her accomplishments for the year. The choir and the Year 8 girls perform. It is a very special occasion and we look forward to seeing you all there. We bus the girls to and from Prize Giving. Your daughter will need to be collected from school afterwards.

Leavers' Ceremony

This is a very special event to celebrate our Year 8 graduates. Parents and grandparents are invited. Please ensure you have sent your RSVP to Mrs Roberts. The ceremony begins at 3.15pm in the school hall.





Administration Block Refurbishment

The renovations of our office block begin straight after school finishes. We moved out of the office this week. Please forgive us for the mess if you call in! The school office will operate out of my office from now, and we anticipate for the first few weeks of next year also. The external door of my office will be the temporary office door. We have signage outside the building also.

Farewell

Sadly we farewell Mrs Robinson at the end of this year. She has decided to retire and spend more time with her family. Mrs Robinson started at St John's in 2018 as a house mistress in Gilmour House. Soon after she joined us in the classrooms as a teacher aide. We have all loved the kindness and warmth that Mrs Robinson has brought to our school and we are grateful for the wonderful work she has done with our girls. The stunning handmade nativity scene that Mrs Robinson made for us will be treasured forever.

Finally, thank you to you all for your support in the education of your daughter. The St John's team works tirelessly and your contribution at home makes all the difference. We also appreciate the feedback you give us. Your kindness is appreciated.

Have a wonderful festive season with those you love. Make memories, appreciate the small things and recharge your batteries. Be safe.

Merry Christmas and God bless.

Nathan Hughes
Tumuaki - Principal

Recent Awards..

- Room 1 Aggie McKenzie, Naomi Hamilton, Isabelle Miskimmin, Cambrie Portia James Carman-Oneroa, Addison Findlater, Oriana Smith
- Room 2 Grace McLeod-Young, Mahya Gilmete, Mackenzie Brown, Kyla Howden, Lorelai Stirling, Nina Russell
- Room 3 Portia Smith, Aaliyah Solly, Agnes Russell, Maggie Mulqueen, Simone Paganelli, Agnes Russell
- Room 4 Isla Ward, Evie Erskine, Eilidh Gordon, Briar McKenzie, Rosie Laughton, Danielle King
- Room 5 Jhordaya Shaw, Lilly Giles, Isabella McNamara, Camryn Shepherd, Bonnie McIntosh, Sophie Baron, Christabel Billcliff, Isabella Moore
- Room 6 Zoe Laughton, Amelia Reijnen, Leah McEwan, Libby Hamilton
- Room 7 Sophie Crosbie, Abby Unahi, Kadi Cantley, Emma Visser, Alyssa Hamilton, Zoe McMillan, Mia Reilly
- Values Cup Star Welsh [Rm 6], Anna Amar [Rm 5]





2024 Stationery..

An email went home last week with the 2024 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

- **11** Prizegiving & Christmas Service practices [am]
- **12** Christmas Service [6.30 pm First Church]
- **14** Last School Day
Prizegiving [1.30pm First Church]
Leavers' Ceremony [3.15 pm School Hall]

JANUARY 2024

- **30** Staff Only Day
- **31** Day one for students



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