



NEWSLETTER

St John's Girls' School

25 July 2025



Greetings from the
Principal

Kia Ora kouotu,
Kam na bane ni
mauri

**Whakatauki -
Māori Proverb**

**Tūngia te ururua
kia tupu
whakaritorito te
tupu o te
harakeke**

*Clear away the
undergrowth so the
new shoots of the
harakeke can spring up*

Nau mai, harere mai. Welcome back for Term 3.

It is wonderful to see our girls back, refreshed and ready for a busy term of learning! Our school calendar is already brimming with exciting events for the rest of the year. As a busy kura, we rely on our ākonga to develop strong self-management skills to make the most of every opportunity. This is a learning journey, and I am consistently impressed by how our girls rise to the challenge when given the chance.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you for coming along to have an open and honest discussion about your daughter's achievements, growth and areas for development. We received favourable feedback about scheduling interviews after the holidays and for the format of our reports. I enjoyed reading all of the reports before they went home last term.

Staff Only Day - Thursday 31 July

A reminder that we have a Staff Only Day next week on Thursday, 31 July. We will be working with three other schools [Windsor North, Salford, and Waikaia] alongside Rob Proffitt-White and Sue Pine from The Learner First. This marks the start of a three-year journey to embed our mathematics philosophy within Te Mātaiao [refreshed New Zealand Curriculum]. This significant investment in our staff's professional development will ultimately benefit our girls. I look forward to sharing our learning journey with you!

Uniform

This week at assembly, I talked with the girls about haepapa [responsibility], specifically when it comes to their school uniform. It is essential that every student wears the full, correct uniform daily, and this includes their PE gear.

Wearing our uniform correctly is a clear way to show pride in our kura. I have challenged the girls to be effective self-managers by ensuring they are organised with their PE gear for dance, sport, and PE on the days they need it.

To help foster this growth in self-management, there may be a consequence for not being prepared with the correct gear. This is seen as an opportunity for growth and a valuable reminder to be better prepared next time. I am confident the girls will rise to this challenge!

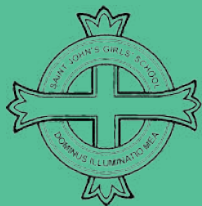
Changes to Year 7 & 8 Learning Languages Curriculum

We have made some exciting updates to our Learning Languages curriculum for our Year 7 and 8 ākonga. These changes are designed to better align with the language options available at local high schools from Year 9 and to expose our girls to a wider variety of languages.

Our Year 7 and 8 students will continue to learn Te Reo Māori for two terms each year.

Beginning this year, students will explore a new language each term, following a two-year rotation. The four languages in this exciting cycle are Japanese, New Zealand Sign Language, Spanish, and French.





Values Cup Recipient



Mia Padgett
Room 8

2025 Languages Programme

- Terms 1 & 2: Te Reo Māori
- Term 3: Japanese
- Term 4: New Zealand Sign Language

2026 Languages Programme

- Terms 1 & 2: Te Reo Māori
- Term 3: Spanish
- Term 4: French

We are thrilled to offer these expanded learning opportunities in our kura. The girls have already shown great enthusiasm for their Japanese lessons!

Polyfest

Miss McSoriley, Mrs Jagoutz and I are working hard with the girls to deliver polished performances at this year's Polyfest. Our kura is performing at 2:10pm on Tuesday 19 August, and we would love to see our school community and whānau there to cheer our girls on. We have close to 100 girls on stage this year! For those whānau members who live away from Murihiku or are unable to make it, the performance is live-streamed on the Miharo website.

Polyfest Livestream: www.miharo.co.nz

Jump Jam

Our Jump Jam girls are working hard to be ready for their debut in the Southland Competition on Saturday, 16 August. Tickets are now on sale for this event. Get in quick, as numbers are strictly limited!

[Book your Jump Jam tickets here](#)

Invoices

Please ensure any overdue invoices are paid immediately. It is important to make sure payments are going to the correct Board, as the Board of Proprietors and Board of Trustees have separate accounts.

A reminder that from this term, there will be three separate invoices for fees.

- Board of Trustees Activity Donation
- Board of Proprietors Donation
- Attendance Dues [also for the Board of Proprietors]

Please note, there has been no increase in overall fees. This change simply separates the Board of Proprietors fees into two invoices.

Road Safety

With these dark, frosty mornings, ensuring the safety of our girls at both the Avenal and Dee Street entrances is our absolute top priority. We are asking all drivers to be extra considerate and patient, and to always follow road rules.

Please do not park on yellow lines or in designated bus stop/no parking zones. Also, be mindful of how your stopping and parking affects the flow of traffic behind you. Your cooperation keeps everyone safe and traffic moving smoothly.

We have also received notification from Waka Kotahi NZTA about upcoming changes to the speed limit and signage outside our Dee Street entrance. We will share more details with you as soon as they are finalised.

Have a safe and relaxing weekend.

Ma te wa!

Holly Bradshaw

Tumuaki | Principal

After School Care

A reminder that After School Care runs from 3:15pm - 5:15pm. Girls must be picked up by 5:15pm. If you are running late, please ring Noeleen to let her know.

[021 210 1031]



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

- **31 July** **Staff Only Day [School Closed]**

AUGUST

- **1** School Speech Finals
- **6** BoT Nominations close [noon]
- **15** Sausage Sizzle & Chill
- **16** Jump Jam [James Hargest College Senior Campus]
- **19** Polyfest Performance [2.10pm Stadium Southland]
- **21** BoT Meeting [5.30pm]

SEPTEMBER

- **10** BoP Meeting [5.30pm]
- **12** KIPRRR Day [non-uniform]
Sausage Sizzle & Chill
- **15-16** Māori Language Week
- **16** Production Dress Rehearsal [all day]
SMAC Maths [JHC Snr Campus]
 - Yr 7 5.00-5.30pm
 - Yr 8 5.45-6.15pmProduction Performance [7pm - CentreStage]
- **18** Production Performance [7pm - CentreStage]
- **19** **Last day of Term 3**

OCTOBER

- **6** Day one of Term 4
- **10** Lego Build Day [school hall]
- **14** Parents' Association Mtg [7pm]
- **16** BoT Meeting [5.30pm]
- **27** **Labour Day [School Closed]**
- **28** **Staff Only Day [School Closed]**
- **29** Gymnastics Festival
 - Seniors in the morning
 - Juniors in the afternoon

NOVEMBER

- **5** Cultural Day [morning]
- **12** BoP Meeting [5.30pm]
- **14** Dance Sharing [TBC]
- **28** Disco [5.30-7.00pm]
- **30** Choir Concert [2.00pm] First Church

DECEMBER

- **11** BoT Meeting [5.30pm]
- **15** Prizegiving / Christmas Service Rehearsal
Christmas Service [6.00pm First Church]
- **16** Last Day for Students
Prizegiving [1.30pm First Church]
Leavers' Function [3.15pm School Hall]

WEEKLY AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS

ROOM 1

Ellen Arnold, Ellie McCallum, Lara Valli, Amelia Veint

ROOM 2

Kate McEwan, Charlotte Risk, Oriana Smith, Amaia van Westrenen

ROOM 3

Amelia Maxwell, Ivy Manera, Eleanor Anstice-Shirley,
Grace McLeod-Young

ROOM 4

Aoife Gordon, Mackenzie Brown, Lola Rutledge, Charlotte Dowling

ROOM 6

Avery Botting, Courtney Mackie, Laura van Westrenen, Amelia Bosma

ROOM 7

Maya Preininger, Bailey Cooper, Briar Nicholl, Morigan Parsons

ROOM 8

Drew Peddie, Isla Patterson, Tayla Nel, Luna Welsh

VALUES CUP

Rm 8 Mia Padgett



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Rm 1 Quinn Botting, Jasmine McEwan, Alora Bosma
Rm 3 Penny Sloan
Rm 4 Victoria Duncan, Amelia Goodwright, Lola Rutledge
Rm 8 Neveah Roughan

FROM YOUR KAIARAHİ

Zoe, Mia P, Drew, Neveah

SJGS STAFF

What makes St John's Girls' School is the awesome staff we have here. They are always working before school, after school, and even on weekends for us girls so we can learn and have fun at school. St John's staff are probably the most crucial part of the school, we are very fortunate to have them.... so let's put a spotlight on some of them and find out a couple things about them!



MR GAVAN HAMILTON

Mr Hamilton's favourite colour is tangerine [orange], His favourite meal is steak and chips on a Friday night, and his favourite song is *Kiss An Angel Good Morning* by Charley Pride.

Mr Hamilton's job at school is to look after our school grounds and keep them nice and tidy for us.



MRS SARAH JAGOUTZ

Mrs Jagoutz's favourite colour is Pink, Her favourite meal is chocolate cake, and her favourite song is anything from the 80s.

Mrs Jagoutz's jobs at school are the Acting Junior Syndicate Leader, the New Entrant and Year 1 teacher, the Junior Syndicate Music teacher and the teacher in charge of the Aviary.



MRS SHARON TAYLOR

Mrs Taylor's favourite colour is green. Her favourite meal is steak kebabs and boysenberry meringues with cream from when she was a child. She loves English folk music as well as choral music.

Mrs Taylor's jobs at school are teaching Year 8, teaching Music to the Senior Syndicate, and doing all the techy jobs around the school.

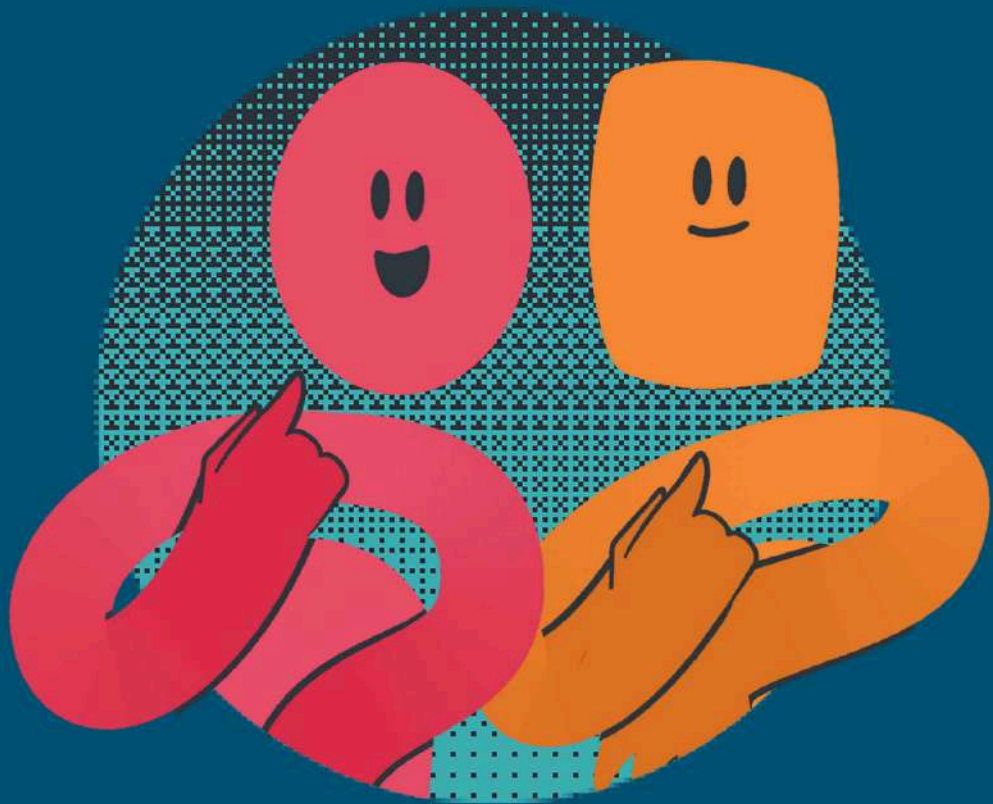


MRS HOLLY BRADSHAW

Mrs Bradshaw's favourite colour is green. Her favourite meal is any meal that she doesn't have to cook; but she also loves Thai and sushi. Her favourite song is *Say Hello To Heaven* by Temple of the Dog.

Mrs Bradshaw has a very important job at school; she is the principal of St John's Girls' School!





Get on board!

Nominate yourself or someone you know
to be a school board member.



Nomination forms available from the School Office.

Nominations close Wednesday 6 August, noon.



Nic Roberts
Returning Officer
St John's Girls' School

IN-CONFIDENCE

Become an Oranga Tamariki Foster Caregiver in Southland**Help make a Difference in a Child's Life!**

Are you ready to provide a safe, loving, and supportive home for a child in need? Oranga Tamariki is looking for caring individuals and families who can help children in care to grow, heal, and thrive.

We are currently seeking caregivers who can offer:

- A safe and nurturing environment
- Emotional and physical support to children in need
- A commitment to helping a child reach their full potential

As an Oranga Tamariki caregiver, you'll receive training, 24/7 support, and a financial allowance to assist with the care of the child. You'll also join a network of compassionate individuals dedicated to making a lasting, positive impact in the lives of children.

Who can become a caregiver?

- People with a genuine desire to care for children
- Families, singles, and couples
- People with different life experiences, backgrounds, and cultural connections



Every child deserves the chance to grow up in a loving, stable home. Could that home be with you?

Contact us today to learn more about joining the Southland caregiving whānau.

Call: **Isla Hardy**

Email: isla.hardy@ot.govt.nz

Website: orangatamariki.govt.nz

Together, we can make a brighter future for children in Southland!



Incredible Years



Incredible Years

Incredible Years is a free programme designed for parents/caregivers of child/children/tamariki aged 2½ to 8 years who would like to strengthen their parenting skills and learn how to manage challenging behaviour.

We acknowledge that parenting is one of the most important jobs adults can do and this programme aims to encourage positive and strong family relationships.

Incredible Years Evening will start Tuesday 12th August
6 pm – 8.30 pm

Incredible Years Daytime will start Thursday 14th August
10am – 12.30 pm

Both programmes run for 14 weeks with no class during the school holidays.

T 03 211 8272 T 0800 707 808 ext 272

M 027 223 1417

E ly@familyworkssld.nz



Invercargill Rock'N'Roll club Junior Lessons



Wednesday Nights

5:30 - 6:30 for 6 weeks

30th of July - 3rd of September

\$50 per person

157 Balmoral Drive



For more information or to enrol please contact
Wendy butler 0273797227

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