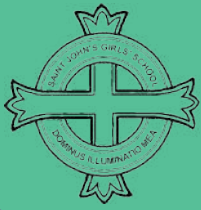




NEWSLETTER

St John's Girls' School

28 March 2024



Greetings from
the Principal

Ola, Namaste,
Kia ora

Whakatauki - Māori Proverb

**He aha te mea nui o
te ao? He tangata!
He tangata! He
tangata!**

*What is the most
important thing in the
world? It is people! It is
people! It is people!*

Thank you all for your attendance at our Parent-Teacher interviews. The triangulation and communication in the girls' learning is vital and I know you will have enjoyed hearing the feedback about your daughter's start to the year, and her progress so far.

Thank you also for your encouragement and feedback as we work towards helping your daughter to grow and spread her wings. This development comes about as a result of hard work, enriching opportunities and feedback. The hard work is carried out by the girls themselves, our fantastic staff and the whanau at home who ask questions about learning, provide educational experiences and hover whilst homework is completed!

Easter is a time for gratitude and humility. When we take time to contemplate and appreciate the sacrifices that were made for us on that cross, it is grounding. It provides a time to reflect on the small things that matter; our family, our health and love.

Enjoy the extended Easter break and talk to your children. Find the time to share your favourite memories from when you were young. Talk about what mattered to you when you were 10, and what that taught you as an adult. You never know, your daughter might just enjoy it!

Camps

After two incredible camps in the last fortnight our Year 8 girls look forward to their venture into Deep Cove on Wednesday. There is an extraordinary amount of planning that goes into taking a class to camp and the paperwork is mind boggling. Our teachers never complain, however, because the joy in the girls' faces as they push their boundaries and try new things, really makes up for it!

Easter Service

Thank you to Mrs Taylor for the huge effort that goes into our Easter Service. This is part of our special character and is a cherished event on our school calendar. Thank you for your attendance and support.

Chat Bus

Next week there will be a Chat Bus information letter and a consent form coming home. You can give consent for your daughter to attend as a client, a support person or both. Girls can self-refer, and teachers and parents can make referrals for girls also. Our counselor, Mrs Lea, will be onsite all day on Tuesday 9 April meeting the classes and taking them through the van so that they can see what it's like. She will meet with the staff after school to talk about the service in depth. We are so grateful to have this service available. Thank you to the Board for your support also.





Values Cup Recipients

Southland Athletics

Mahi pai (great work) to our athletes who competed at the Southland Athletics on Sunday! You did our school, and the zone, proud. Thank you to Ms Coatsworth and Mrs Dennis for the work that goes into seeing our girls compete so admirably.

Have a lovely Easter break and we look forward to seeing you back on Wednesday.

God bless.

Nathan Hughes

Tumuaki - Principal



Briar Nicholl



Liliana Clinckett





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

- 29 Easter Friday **[school closed]**

APRIL

- 1-2 Easter - Monday/Tuesday **[school closed]**
- 3-7 Yr 8 Deep Cove Camp
- 4 BoT Meeting [5.30pm]
- 8 Grip Leadership [Yr 8 + Yr 7 Kaiarahai]
Swimming [1pm]
- 11 Yr 7 Vision Screening [9.30am]
Problem Challenge
- 12 **Last day of Term**
Bonus Points Awarded
PA Sausage Sizzle and Ice blocks
Mufti-day [SPCA]
- 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]
- 19 BoP Meeting [5.30pm]
- 20 Problem Challenge
- 24 Road Safety - NZ Police [Rooms 1 & 2]
- 25 BoT Meeting
- 27 Matariki Feast
Reports Out
- 28 Mataiki Observation **[school closed]**



WEEKLY AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS

ROOM 1

Olive Reilly, Indy Frost, Isabelle Miskimmin, Aggie McKenzie

ROOM 2

Amelia Maxwell, Amelia Gladwin, Georgia Cochrane, Nina Russell

ROOM 3

Amaira Mahal, Lara Preininger, Fern Graham, Kyla Howden

ROOM 4

Courtney Mackie, Greer Valli, Amelia Kemna, Agnes Russell

ROOM 6

Briar McKenzie, Maya Preininger, Evie Erskine, Peyton Cornish

ROOM 7

Emma Visser, Zoe McMillan

ROOM 8

Liliana Clinckett, Zoe Laughton, Alysha Jennings, Nicole Carnie

VALUES CUP

Briar Nicholl
Liliana Clinckett

Room 6
Room 8



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Kate McEwan
Charlotte Risk

Room 1
Room 1

WHOLE SCHOOL Art

All around the school there has been lots of art going on in each class room. The Kaiarahi went around each classroom looking at the art and taking a photo of the ones we thought were unique and were worked really hard on. All the work we saw was amazing so it was very hard but we chose the ones we saw and thought "Wow!"



Peyton Cornish
Room 6



Rosie Laughton
Room 4



Madeleine Mackenzie
Room 1



Gwynedd Ryder
Room 7



Sophia Risk
Room 2



Briar Brady
Room 3



Meila Spain
Room 8

FROM YOUR KAIARAHİ – RAINE & LEAH



ROOM 4 NEWS



Camp Columba - Student Poetry

Danielle

Remember not sleeping the night before?
Remember convincing you to leave early?
That was Camp Columba.



Ava

Remember going to the park?
Remember swinging so high, like a bird?
That was Camp Columba.



Simone

Remember riding in the car to camp?
Remember being relieved that we were there?
That was Camp Columba.



Aaliyah

Remember going down the concrete slide?
Remember screaming like a crazy parrot?
That was Camp Columba.





Camp Columba

More Student Poetry



Lydia

Remember playing Spotlight?
Remember slipping over in the mud?
That was Camp Columba.



Amelia K

Remember getting ready for bed?
Remember having a ball?
That was Camp Columba.

Scarlett

Remember trying to go to sleep?
Remember us talking at night?
That was Camp Columba.

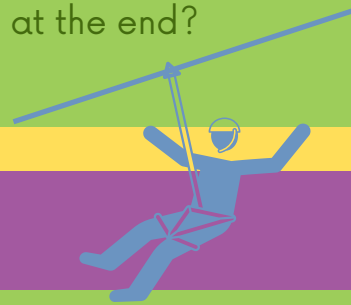
Elise

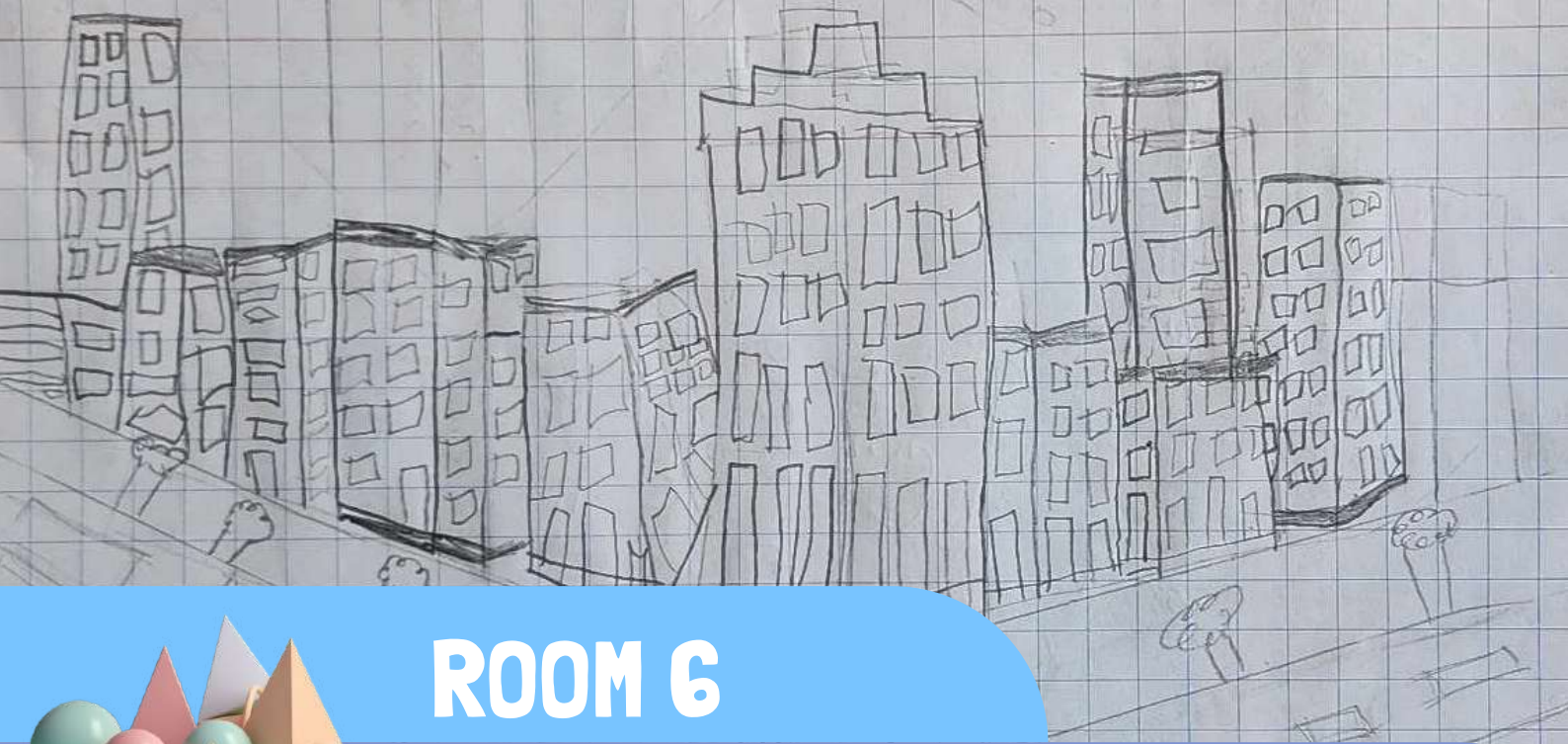
Remember sliding down the hill on the water slide?
Remember when I hurt my foot at the end?
That was Camp Columba.



Rosie

Remember pulling people up on the Flying Kiwi?
Remember feeling sick after spinning too fast?
That was Camp Columba.

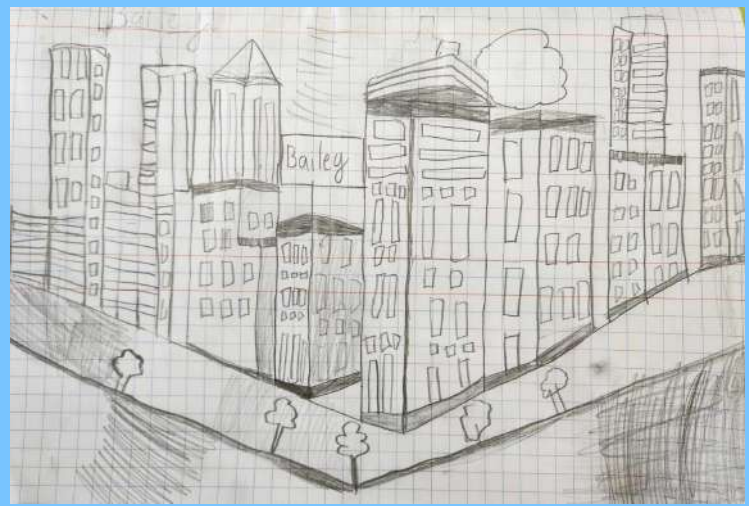
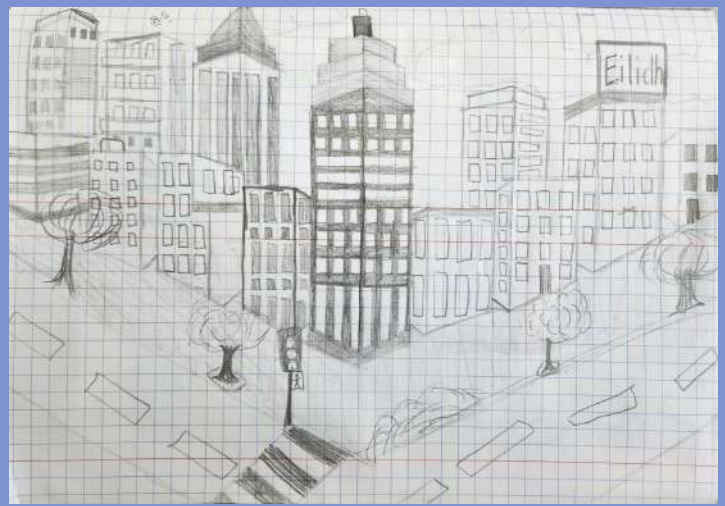
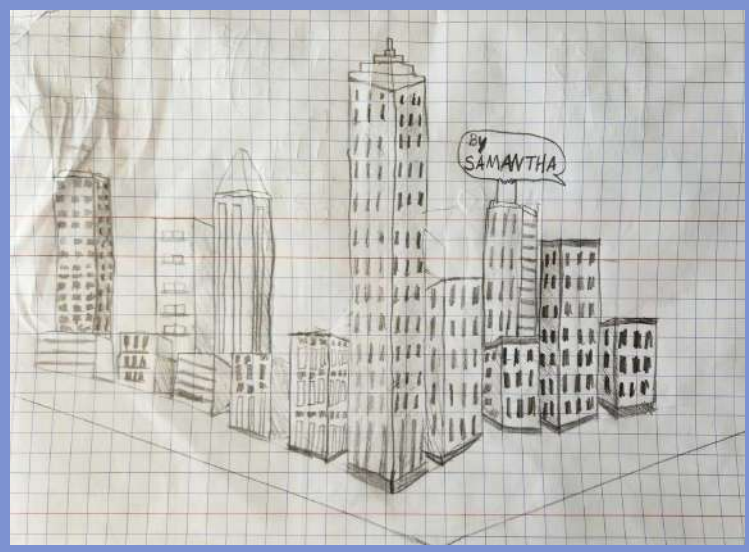
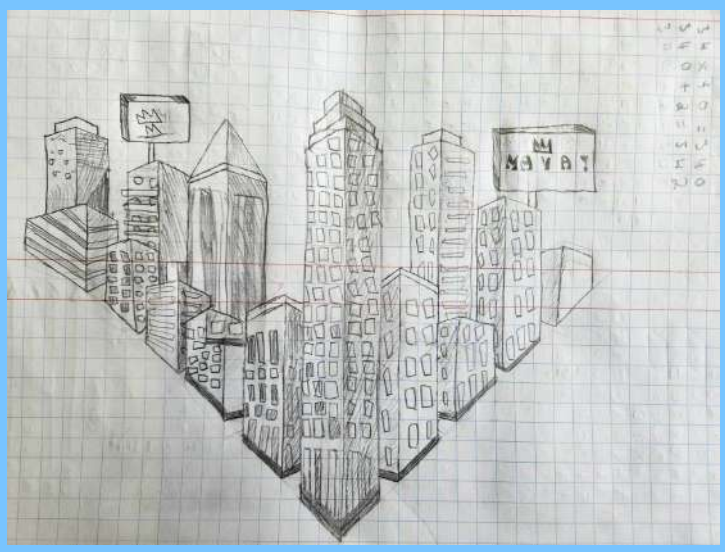




ROOM 6

2D and 3D Shapes

The girls in Room 6 have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We finished the unit by creating these 3D cityscape sketches looking at how 2D shapes, parallel lines and perspective are used in drawing.





ROOM 7

Stewart Island Camp

We're excited to share the highlights of our recent Year 7 camp on Stewart Island. The weather was on our side, with sunny skies and calm seas setting the scene for an unforgettable journey.

Our ferry ride was smooth sailing, with some students experiencing their first boat trip. Arriving at Stewart Island, we wasted no time diving into our packed itinerary. From exploring Mamaku Point and Frenchman's Beach to building shelters in the bush, every moment was filled with excitement and teamwork. A visit to the DOC centre taught us about the island's wildlife, adding an educational twist to our adventure.



On day two, we trekked to Little River and then cooled off with a swim at Horseshoe Bay when we returned. Fishing off the wharf added a fun, competitive element to our fabulous day.



In Oban on day three, we took a ferry to Ulva Island for stunning views and amazing nature encounters. We had a scavenger hunt at the museum and learnt about the history of the Island. Hot chips by the waterfront and a visit to Ackers Cottage completed a very busy, but exciting day.





WILDLIFE

Stewart Island Camp

We were lucky to spot yellow-eyed penguins, wild brown kiwi, sea lions, and more during our time on Stewart Island. These encounters brought our lessons about wildlife conservation to life, leaving a lasting impact on our campers.



A big thank you to the parents who supported us during camp. Your help made the experience even more memorable for us.

Our Year 7 camp on Stewart Island was a fantastic adventure filled with learning, laughter and unforgettable memories.





ROOM 8

Fiordland National Park

As part of our inquiry this term, Room 8 has been participating in a 'Grej of the Day' about Fiordland National Park, and in particular Doubtful Sound. For each 'Grej' (which is Swedish for 'thing') Mrs Bradshaw chooses a topic to chat to the class about using pictures and photos as prompts. After the presentation, the girls write down everything they can remember about the topic. The following week, the girls use their notes for writing with Mrs Taylor. The following pieces of writing were created by the girls from their 'Grej of the Day' notes.

Fiordland's beautiful lush and untouched land has so many unique species. In fact, there are over 300 native species that live there such as dolphins, penguins, birds, seals and bats. Specifically, in Milford Sound there is a track that takes four days to walk and is New Zealand's most famous walk and it is known for being the world's finest, and most beautiful track. Fiordland is also home to New Zealand's largest hydro power station which was built for Tiwai. The land in Fiordland is also untouched and some places are even unexplored, creating the myth that there might be moose or even moa.

Star Welsh



Fiordland, a 1.2 million hectare National Park, is a World Heritage site. It first became a World Heritage site in 1986 giving it the same status as some of the Seven Wonders of the World. Since then, the southwest side of the South Island has drawn in tourists from all over the world. One of the wondrous treasures hiding in Fiordland is the southernmost pod of bottlenose dolphins. Dolphins tend to live in a warmer climate and salt water, but this particular pod lives in a colder climate and in a mix of fresh and saltwater, which for that breed is quite amazing. Another treasure in Fiordland National Park is the scenery and wild landscapes. There are so many steep mountains that line the fiords There are beautiful cascading waterfalls and gorgeous views from up high on mountain hike tracks. Some people even say that Fiordland is the same as it was 1000 years ago. With all the marine life and scenery, Fiordland is right to have World Heritage status.

Kiran Gilmeta



Fiordland, a beautiful part of Southland, is special because of its scenery. It is known for its twelve sounds but they are not sounds, they are technically fiords. Fiordland's trees and mountains are so amazing that it was named a World Heritage site in 1986. Fiordland National Park is made up of 1.2 million hectares of forest, mountains, wildlife and marine life. Some of the animals found in Fiordland are the Fiordland crested penguin, takahe, kakapo, kiwi, bottlenose dolphin and many more. Fiordland is so special and should be kept safe for future generations.

Evie Arthur

Fiordland, a 1.2 million hectare piece of New Zealand, is a beautiful place to visit. It has some very amazing scenery such as waterfalls and an awesome natural environment. When you go out tramping you just want to take hundreds of pictures because it is so breathtaking. Tramping in Fiordland is a good chance to 'just breathe' and take a break from everything. You can find 300 animal species in Fiordland National Park such as the Blue Duck, Takahē, Kākāpō, Kiwi, Tawaki and many many more. Fiordland National Park is an amazing place and so special to so many people.

Amelia Frew



FIORDLAND CRESTED PENGUIN
JONATHAN HAREOD PHOTOGRAPHY



POEMS



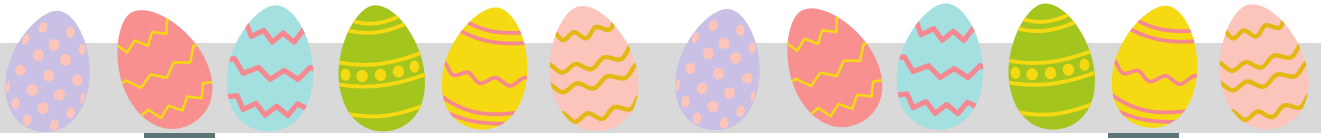
Getting Ready for Deep Cove

Going up the towering green mountains,
Staring at the gushing clear fountains,
My clothes are sticking to my bones,
I feel so out of my comfort zone.
My shivering hands hold the flashing device,
Will I turn into a bucket of ice?
I stare upon the wildlife,
The little midgets in their strife.
Manic mosquitos moving in,
Getting ready to feast on my skin.
Having fun with friends and foes,
Dreading the day when we'll we have to go.

Liliana Clinckett

Amazing opportunities sitting in front of me
But I don't want to get injured!
Cheeky kea watching from the trees,
But what if I lose something?
Cosy and warm, giggling in my cabin,
But sleep runs away!
Happy birthday Meila!
Oops, too much sugar,
Sailing away,
But now I'm seasick,
Happy memories,
But soon it will end

Ingrid Fleming



When is Easter?

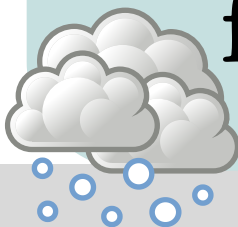


Children and adults alike often ask "why does the time of Easter change each year?" Easter is not like Christmas as it doesn't have a fixed date. Easter can fall anywhere between 22nd March and 25th of April, depending on when the full moon occurs. Easter Sunday takes place on the first Sunday after a full moon. If the full moon happens on a Sunday, Easter takes place the following Sunday. The week before Easter is called Holy Week. Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday. The most significant days in this week are Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Holy Sunday. You will have noticed these days feature in our Easter Service music.

Happy Easter Everyone!

WINTER UNIFORM

Now is the time to check your daughter's winter uniform as from next term all girls are required to be in full winter uniform.



Waihōpai Rūnaka welcomes you to
MURIHIKU MARAE
COMMUNITY DAY
 Sunday 7th April,
 12pm-4pm

KAPA HAKA WEAVING DIY POI

FOOD TRUCKS, BOUNCY CASTLES, TAONGA MĀORI and more

Performing Acts include:
 Ngā Hau e Whā Kapa Haka, Hamiora Tuari, Michael Kuresa, Secondary Schools Kapa Haka and more

RSVP is not necessary; this event is FREE and open to everyone. Money required for food trucks and stalls.

NAU MAI, HAERE MAI
 408 Tramway Road, Invercargill
 Weather dependent: Postponement date 13 April

Come and Support Scouts attending Australian Jamboree

Presenting

THE MAGIC GUY
 WAYNE McEWAN
FAMILY ENTERTAINER

"A WONDERFUL ENCHANTING SHOW FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY"

April, Sunday 21st
 James Hargest Senior, School Hall

**SHOW STARTS 2PM
 DOORS OPEN 1.30PM**

Tickets \$10, preorder via text
 0273700239

Food & Drinks for purchase possible door sales



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
10am-12 pm	10am-12 pm	10am-12 pm
Flexagon fun (Origami) AGES 5-7	Smooch Painting AGES 8+	Animal Antics AGES 5-7
Cake Decorating AGES 8+	Under Sea Adventures AGES 5-7	Cake Decorating AGES 8+
1-3 pm	1-3 pm	1-3 pm
Cake Decorating AGES 5-7	Bird Feeders AGES 8+	Get Wired! AGES 8+
Imagination Location AGES 5-7	Finger Print Trees AGES 5-7	Cake Decorating AGES 5-7

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.