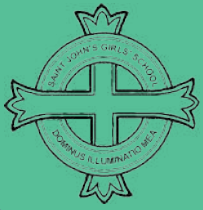




NEWSLETTER

St John's Girls' School

9 May 2025



Greetings from the
Acting Principal

Kia Ora koutou, Ola,
Bonjour

**Whakatauki -
Māori Proverb**

**He aroha
whakatō, he
aroha puta mai**

*If kindness is sown,
then kindness is
received.*

Welcome back to Term 2! The girls are excited to be back and are focused on their learning. They look smart and warm in their winter uniforms. Thank you for ensuring they look their best every day. We're proud of our uniform at St John's. Our house captains help the girls at line-up each day to ensure they all look their best before assembly. An immaculate uniform showcases the pride we have in our school.

We have many new uniform items around the school. Please ensure your daughter's uniform is named so any lost items can be returned to the rightful owner.

Term 2 is exceptionally busy and one week shorter than usual! The girls have a lot to work towards, requiring excellent self-management and perseverance. Our speech and dance exams are in the final two weeks of the term. For some girls, this is their first judged exam setting, which can be daunting. We remind the girls to focus on doing their best, be proud of their preparation, and accept feedback with a growth mindset. In assembly, we have discussed working 'bit by bit' now to prepare for the future. This approach will make a difference come exam day. Thank you for supporting our girls at home in meeting their preparation deadlines.

Parents' Association

Thank you to Mrs Kelly Jennings for her commitment, hard work, and enthusiasm as Treasurer of our Parents' Association. Kelly has stepped down as her daughter has finished at St John's. We welcome Mrs Rachel Devlin to the role. Rachel has been a dedicated contributor since her eldest daughter Maeve, started at St John's. Thank you, Rachel - we are excited to have you on board.

Staff Only Day - Advance Notice

We have a planned Staff Only Day early in Term 3 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!

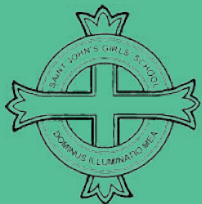
Support Staff - What a team!

Next Friday, 16 May is Support Staff Day, and I want to acknowledge the tireless efforts of our incredible support staff. Our kura wouldn't function without them! I'm so grateful for the effort, care, and love they give our kura.

Mrs Roberts runs the front office like a well-oiled machine! She is known for her secret lolly jar and 'magic' ice packs, which fix any bump or injury. Mrs Roberts puts together our beautiful newsletters and ensures important messages reach their destination. A fountain of knowledge, she has wonderful ideas to make our school the best it can be.

Mrs Dennis is our sports coordinator extraordinaire! She ensures our sports teams are registered, organises coaches and equipment, and offers amazing sporting opportunities for our girls, such as training sessions with the Southern Steel. She works hard behind the scenes of school sporting events, matching her positive energy with her air horn to keep us on our toes!





Values Cup Recipients



McKenzie Kyle
Room 2

Mrs Smith keeps our library updated with new books and beautiful displays. She tirelessly supports our girls' learning in classrooms, engaging them with creative ideas like skip counting games with kinetic sand! Sometimes, you can find Mrs. Smith in our gardens, ensuring they are beautifully maintained.

Mrs Lang ensures our girls are dressed immaculately in our school uniform. She handles stock ordering, sizing, and invoicing. If a shirt suddenly doesn't fit, a new one appears in a flash! She supports the girls' learning in classrooms, helping them progress towards their goals. She loves going on school camp, accompanying Mrs Stewart and Room 7 to Rakiura this year.

Mr Hamilton, our wonderful caretaker, maintains our school and ensures it's safe for our girls. Whether fixing swings, ensuring playground safety, painting during holidays, or tidying autumn leaves, no job is too big for Mr Hamilton. He loves participating in KIPRRR Day celebrations, dressing up whenever he can!

Mrs Wilson runs the After School Care programme and has done so for over thirty years! The girls love her afternoon tea treats, especially fairy bread or fresh pikelets. She supervises our girls with their homework and listens to the junior girls read. A big believer in outside play, she ensures the girls enjoy their afternoon on the playground, no matter the weather.

Thank you to these wonderful people. Our kura is incredibly lucky to have them as part of our team. Their work benefits your daughters immensely. Please take the time to thank them when you see them at school.

Have a wonderful weekend with your whānau.

Ngā manaakitanga

Holly Bradshaw

Tumuaki Whakakapi | Acting Principal





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- **12** Jumping Day
BoT Meeting [rescheduled]
- **14** Southern Steel Visit
- **15** Playhouse Theatre
- **19** Swimming Sports [Splash Palace]
- **27** SGHS/SBHS Legally Blonde
Production - Yrs 7 & 8 to attend
- **28** School Cross Country

JUNE

- **2** King's Birthday **[School Closed]**
- **4** All Saints Cross Country 12.30 pm
- **6** All Saints Cross Country -
postponement day
- **16-19** Speech Exams
- **18** BoP Meeting - Staffroom [5.30pm]
- **20** Matariki **[School Closed]**
- **24-25** Dance Exams
- **24-27** Life Education Bus
- **26** BoT Meeting
- **27** Last Day of Term 2
Stripes and Bonus Trophies Awarded
Reports Out

JULY

- **14** First Day of Term 3
- **22** Parents ' Association Mtg [7pm]
- **23** Parent/Teacher Interviews **[2.15pm -
School finishes at 2pm]**
- **24** Parent/Teacher Interviews **[3.15pm -
School finishes at 3pm]**
- **31** Staff Only Day **[School Closed]**

AUGUST

- **21** BoT Meeting - Staffroom [5.30pm]

SEPTEMBER

- **2** Science Fair
- **10** BoP Meeting - Staffroom [5.30pm]
- **16** Production - Dress Rehearsal
- **17** Production Performance - 6.30pm
[CentreStage]
- **18** Production Performance - 6.30pm
[CentreStage]
- **19** Last Day of Term 3



WEEKLY AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS

ROOM 1

Jasmine McEwan, Lola Devlin

ROOM 2

Eden Dawson, Mackenzie Smithies, Olive Reilly, Madeleine McKenzie

ROOM 3

Millie Dobbie, Sophia Risk, Eleanor Anstice-Shirley

ROOM 4

Portia Smith, Georgia Mead, Amelia Goodwright, Eloise Smith

ROOM 6

Aaliyah Solly, Laura Maxwell, Danielle King, Ashlyn Shepherd

ROOM 7

Willow Murray, Aliviah Giles, Bailey Cooper, Peyton Cornish

ROOM 8

Gwynedd Ryder, Maisie Korteweg, Luna Welsh, Drew Peddie

VALUES CUP

McKenzie Kyle

Room 2

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Hannah Sloan

Room 6





From your Kaiarahi

Zoe, Mia, Drew, Nevaeh

ANZAC Day Memorial

On Thursday May 1st, the Kaiarahi and Mrs Bradshaw worked hard on presenting an ANZAC assembly for the school to remember the importance of the sacrifices made on our behalf.

We recited the Ode of Remembrance and shared some poems. Following the assembly the whole school went outside to see our 'Flanders Field' in remembrance of fallen soldiers. We held a minute's silence to reflect.

Gwynedd from Room 8 said; "I really liked the drums, trumpets and moment of silence outside by the crosses."



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- Boosts brain development – improves memory, focus, and problem-solving
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- Builds confidence and creativity
- Strengthens coordination and listening skills



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TERM 2 - 2025

Craft Drop In

Mondays (3-5pm)

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Colouring Drop In

Wednesdays (3-5pm)

Explore the world of colouring. Multiple books and colouring materials to choose from.

Digi Drop In

Tuesdays (3-5pm)

Come in and try out some of our digital tech including robots and tablets.

Lego Drop In

Thursdays (3-5pm)

What can you build? Create amazing structures using the Library's lego collection.

3D Printing Club

Wednesdays (3:45-4:45pm)

Over 5 weeks learn to design and create one small item using TinkerCAD. \$10 per person.

Ages 10-15.
Registrations required.

Minecraft Club

Thursdays (3:45-4:45pm)

Play Minecraft on PC. All levels of experience are welcome. Grab your pickaxe and have a go.

Ages 8-11.
Registrations required.

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