



NEWSLETTER

St John's Girls' School

20 October 2023



Greetings from
the Principal

Malo, Bonjour,
Kia ora whanau

**Whakatauki -
Māori Proverb**

**Whāia te
mātauranga
hei oranga mō
koutou**

*Seek learning for the
sake of your
wellbeing*

Term Four is well-upon us and we are delighted to welcome back refreshed happy girls who look very smart in their summer dresses. I do hope you all enjoyed a slower pace over the holiday break and found time to appreciate the small things. I know our rural families were kept incredibly busy with stock and excess water!

The planning for 2024 is well underway and has been for some time. A new year brings exciting new opportunities and we look forward to growing and developing; both girls and staff. The refreshed New Zealand Curriculum is rolling out and it is a time of great learning for the staff. It is also a great time for us to refresh, challenge ourselves and thrust ourselves into new experiences. We have some exciting changes and additions afoot!

2024 Class Structure

Classroom	Classroom was previously known as:	Year[s]	Teacher[s]
Room1		NE - Year 1	Mrs Jagoutz
Room 2		Year 2 and Year 3	Mrs Kelly and Mrs King
Room 3		Year 4	Mrs Raines and Mrs McIlwrick
Room 4		Year 5	Miss McSoriley
Room 6	Room 5	Year 6	Ms Gill
Room 7	Room 6	Year 7	Mrs Stewart
Room 8	Room 7	Year 8	Mrs Taylor and Mrs Bradshaw

2024 Senior Learning Packages

We are excited to announce the introduction of our Year 7 and 8 Learning Packages next year.

Our Year 7 and 8 girls have wonderful teaching and learning in dance, speech and music and this will continue in 2024, while also making way for an exciting new learning opportunity for each girl.

Dance, Speech and Music will continue in Terms One and Two for these girls, timetabled weekly like normal. Dance and speech exams will be scheduled for the end of Term Two.

Towards the end of second term the Year 7 and 8 girls will be given a choice of four Learning Packages to choose from; one package for Term three and another for Term Four. We are offering four exciting packages each term so that two classes are split four ways, in order to make for intensive and concentrated learning with a small number of girls.





We want to offer four packages that are quite different in content and delivery, so that the girls can tailor their learning towards their areas of passion, skill and/or curiosity. We recommend choosing two quite different packages in order to make the most of curriculum diversity.

Examples of packages could be:

- The Body and its Performance - Physical Education, Health, Mathematics
- Global Minds in the Community - Social Sciences, Science, Literacy
- Performance Showcase - The Arts (Dance, Music, Drama), Technology
- Design Creativity - Technology, Visual Arts, Mathematics

The girls will be asked to carefully read through the information provided to them in Term Two, along with parents, in order to make the right individual choice.

Each girl will be required to rank the options in order of preference. Every endeavour will be made to provide either the first or second choice.

This is an exciting new initiative and we very much look forward to seeing what our girls take from such fantastic opportunities!

Year 5-6 Camp 2024

We are excited to let you know that from next year we will have a combined Year 5-6 camp! The venues will alternate each year between Camp Columba and another location, yet to be advised. This is a fantastic outdoor adventure experience and we are thrilled to be able to have more girls experience it. More information will come home towards the end of the year.

Administration Block Upgrade

The administration area is having an extensive upgrade beginning straight after school finishes at the end of term. The main entrance to the school is changing location, being moved to the west facing wall looking out to the tennis courts. It is going to be so much better! Whilst it has been indicated that the work will be completed by the time school goes back next year, I am dubious! If you discover the admin block in chaos when you visit towards the end of term, it's because we are moving out!

I wish you all a relaxing weekend. Let's find some glorious weather and make memories with those that are close to us.

God Bless

Nathan Hughes
Tumuaki - Principal





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

- **23** Labour Day [school closed]
- **26** BoT Meeting [5.30 pm]
- **27** Mufti Day
- **30** Choir performance at Rose Lodge

DECEMBER

- **1** Stripes Awarded
- **4** Tabloids [1.00 pm]
- **7** PA Christmas Social [7pm Buster Crabb]
- **8** Bonus Points Awarded Reports Out
- **11** Prizegiving / Christmas Service Practice
- **12** Christmas Service [6.30 pm First Church]
- **14** Last School Day Prizegiving [1.30pm First Church] Leavers' Ceremony [3.15 pm School Hall]

NOVEMBER

- **2** Christian Education Speeches [1.00 pm]
- **3** PA Family Portrait Photo Session PA Sausage Sizzle and Chill
- **9** Greats and Grands morning
- **10** Science Road Show PA Family Portrait Photo Session
- **13** Staff Only Day
- **15** BoP Meeting [5.30 pm]
- **16** Lip Sync Competition [lunchtime]
- **17** High School New Entrant Morning Waste Free Wanda show
- **21** Dance Sharing [2.00 pm] Last day of Dance
- **23** Disco [6-8.00 pm]
- **29** Familiarisation Morning
- **30** BoT Meeting [5.30 pm]

JANUARY 2024

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



WEEKLY AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS

ROOM 1

Imogen Dixon-Calder, Isabelle Miskimmin, Amaia van Westrenen, Saffron Smith

ROOM 2

Charlie Visser, Sophia Risk, Ava Davies, Millie Dobbie

ROOM 3

Ashlyn Shepherd, Lexie Nicholl, Charlee Miles, Eloise Smith

ROOM 4

Samantha Parry, Peyton Cornish, Bailey Cooper, Eilidh Gordon

ROOM 5

Neeka Stewart, Camryn Shepherd, Ana Packham, Claire Morris

ROOM 6

Amelia Reijnen, Amelia Frew, Lucia Erskine, Alysha Jennings

ROOM 7

Maisie Korteweg, Meila Iosefo, Tayla Nel, Nakaysha Fraser

VALUES CUP

Catlin Brady
Kate McEwan

Room 5
Room 1



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Lola Rutledge

Room 2

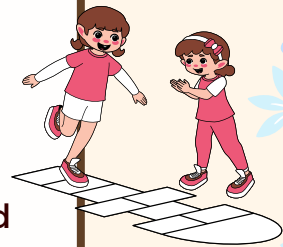


FROM THE KAIARAHĪ



Welcome to term 4! We hope everyone had a great holiday and that you are all enjoying the warm and sunny weather we are getting every now and then. For this week's newsletter we thought it would be nice if we listed a few things you can do on the sunny weekends. These ideas encourage outdoor activities so that you can soak up the warm sun.

- Go for a bike ride
- Go for a nice bush walk
- Do some baking and enjoy it outside in the sun
- Go to the park
- Have a picnic with your family
- Do some gardening and plant your favourite flowers or plants [you could even start your own vegetable garden]
- Have a nature scavenger hunt outside
- Have a bug hunt and see what unique creepy insects you can find
- Draw a hopscotch game on the concrete with chalk and have fun playing it
- Fill up some balloons with water and have a water balloon fight or if you have a slip n slide you could go on that [good for hot days]
- You could take some paint and a canvas outside and try and paint a landscape from your garden
- Go to the beach and have a swim
- If you have a pet you could play with it.



Have fun outside this spring and summer!

Kiran, Greer, Amelia, Libby, Nieve,
Bonnie, Lilly and Hannah



Room 1



The rather lovely Room 1 at the beginning of Term 4 and with just two more students to start with us, we are ready for a busy term ahead.

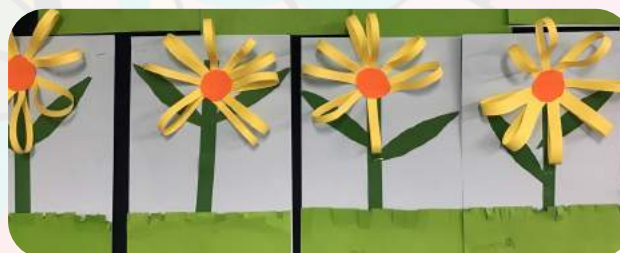
We have started with great energy and have been learning about Position and Orientation by programming the Bee Bots. We have learnt about how to write code and then to programme the correct commands to help our Bee Bots make it home to their hives.



We are so very lucky to have beautiful trees at school to inspire our Spring blossom art. We cut out the trunks and the branches, then used cotton wool balls to dab the blossom onto the trees.



Room 1 have also made some bright Spring flowers to match the beautiful blooms in the garden.



Room 2

Room 2 has had a new member join our class this term. Welcome to Edward Tulane. He is a much-loved character from last term's novel, a toy rabbit who has had many adventures and is looking for more. He surprised us with his appearance when we arrived back at school. Edward had a lovely letter of introduction to explain his presence and we are excited to have him in our classroom. The girls have all written fantastic letters to Edward telling him about their families and their holiday adventures.



Edward has been very busy since he joined us: He has been to the library.



He has been to dance.



He has met his cousin Edwina and read her his book.

We have created some beautiful images of spring using crayon, dye and paper. We are also writing poetry to express our feelings about spring.



Our masks are mostly finished and we are thrilled with the way they have turned out! Our next step is to make props and sort costumes for our plays.



Room 3



We've been loving watching the tulips grow that were donated to us by the van Westrenen family. We used it as a maths activity and created a pattern with colours and measured them out to plant evenly.



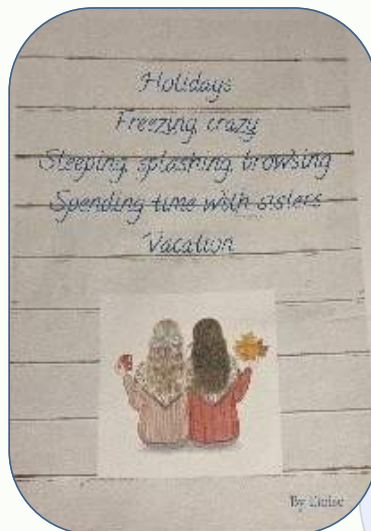
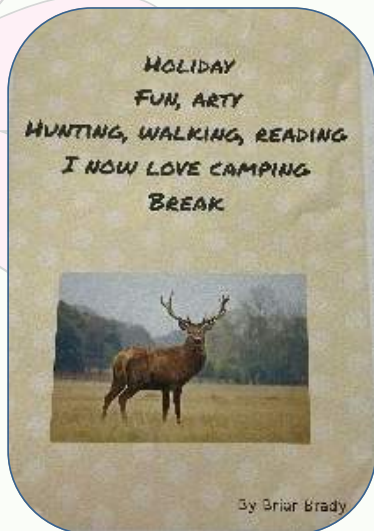
Having fun learning cricket skills with Jack and Kurt from Southland Cricket.



Some of our holiday Cinquain poems.

They follow a set of rules for each line.

1. Title, a noun
 2. Two adjectives to describe the title
 3. Three verbs about the title
 4. A four letter phrase about your feelings about the title
1. A synonym.



St. John's Girls' School Parent Teacher Association



Term 4: October 2023

It's hard to believe that we are almost at the end of another school year and once again we have a jam-packed term of events. And for parents, come and join us for a drink at the PA Christmas social at the end of the year.....

SJGS Parents' Association

FAMILY
PORTRAIT
MINI SESSIONS



The Parents' Association is proud to offer family portrait mini-sessions with local photographer Jenna-Lee Shave this term.

FRIDAY 3 NOVEMBER
FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER
3:30PM-7:30PM

ST JOHN'S GIRLS'
SCHOOL GARDENS

10 MINUTE SESSIONS
FIVE DIGITAL IMAGES
\$75

BOOKINGS AVAILABLE
VIA SKOOL LOOP
(Click 'Bookings' tab)

PAYMENT IS REQUIRED AT THE TIME OF BOOKING
Account Name: St John's Girls' School Parent Association
Account Number: 03 1750 0091815 00

PA Christmas Social

Come and join us for an
end of year drink!

Date: Thursday 7th December

Time: 7pm

Place: Buster Crabb

Nominal charge to cover food platters

RSVP: stjohns-pta@stjohnsgirls.school.nz



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Fundraising
Shop
NZ

The School Fundraising Shop provides Eco-friendly, NZ made products to help parents and teachers raise funds for their schools. 10% of each purchase is donated to the school, simply by entering St. John's Girls' School at the checkout. Go to www.schoolfundraisingshop.org.nz and check out the great products! Thank you for your continued support of the SJGS Parents' Association.



The production Dropbox link has been sent out to those who ordered a copy. Please check your inboxes and Email if you haven't received your link.

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Next Meeting: 13th February 2024



SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMME

LUNCH MENU

All subs are made freshly baked white or wheat bread

WWW.SUBWAYEXPRESS.CO.NZ



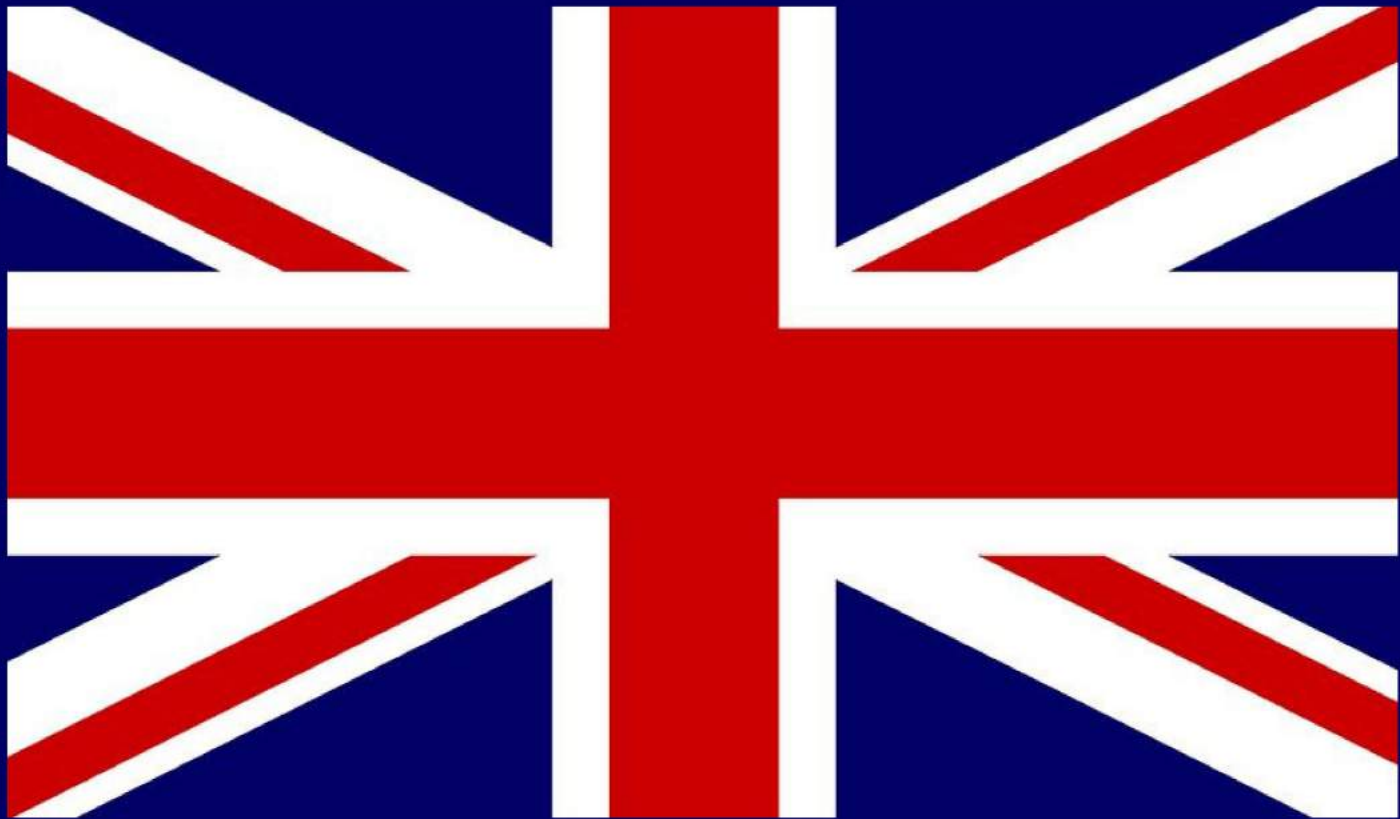
BE IN TO WIN A FREE 6-INCH SUB WITH YOUR NEXT SCHOOL LUNCH ORDER!

MOST RECENT WINNERS - **ISABELLA [RM 5] & ELEANOR [RM 2]**



SUMMER THEMED MUFTI DAY

On Friday the 27th of October we will be having a Mufti day. The theme is Summer (no togs). Feel free to bring beach accessories i.e. pool floaty. This mufti day we will be donating to Hospice Southland to carry on the amazing fundraising that Mrs McIlwrick and the school have already done. Please bring a gold coin donation. We are looking forward to all your summertime outfits!



LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS

CIVIC THEATRE
28 OCTOBER 2023
7.30PM

ARTISTS

Rebecca Ryan
Cleo McNaught
100+ Voice Choir

Libby Fraser
Ascot Park Hotel Brass Band

Nathan Hughes
Invercargill Symphonia
Sheryl Walker

TICKETS

ADULT: \$40
SENIOR / STUDENT WITH ID: \$35

Presented by
Inner Wheel Club of Invercargill North

AVAILABLE FROM

TICKETEK <https://premier.ticketek.co.nz>

OR

ICC Administration Building
Phone 03 211 1777
Ticket fee may apply



A fundraiser for
Hospice Southland and
Southland Charity Hospital

The Southland Society of Model Engineers

Proudly Present our 2023

The Great Little Train Show

Model & Hobby Displays
Including
Trains, Boats, RC Buggy's & Retailers!

SSME Club Grounds &
Badminton Halls
Surrey Park, Invercargill

Labour Weekend
21st & 22nd October
10am - 4pm each day



Outdoor Train Rides
only \$2!

Entry Price

Children (up to 14yo)	\$2.00
Adults (15yo +)	\$8.00
2 Adults or a Family (2 Adults + Up to 3 Children)	\$15.00

Eftpos Available for Entry



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