



NEWSLETTER

St John's Girls' School

21 September 2023

It has most certainly been a week of Spring time extremes! Today I'm bathed in sunshine at my desk, yet on Monday I was desperately trying to walk in a straight line without being blown over!

What a term of wonderful achievements we have had. There have been some very big projects undertaken this term and our girls have learnt a great deal. I think it's important that as the adults who see the final product, and sometimes only this, we appreciate the learning that took place in the preparation and lead up.

The many countless hours that have gone into production, Polyfest, speech competitions, dance exams, SMAC maths, sports tournaments, ILT Sing Out, cultural day, Matariki feast, gym festival... (I could go on), create opportunities for your daughters. These are learning opportunities; self-esteem building opportunities; leadership opportunities. Thank you to the staff and the parents who contribute many hours to grow our girls. You are appreciated.



Greetings from the Principal

Sà-wàt dee khráp,
Malo e le lei, Kia ora

Whakatauki -
Māori Proverb

He oranga
ngākau, he
pikinga
waiora.

Positive feelings in
your heart will raise
your sense of self-
worth

Vacancies in 2024

Some of our composite classes will be single level in 2024 so we have a small number of vacancies at both Years 4 and 6. If you know someone who might have considered St John's as an option for their daughter, now is the time for them to contact us.

Summer Uniform

Next term the girls are back into summer uniform. This consists of the summer dress, white school socks, cardigan and sunhat. A reminder that the sunhat is compulsory in Term 4. Please see the information in the newsletter about the new St John's sports socks.

Dance Exams

Our girls showcased their hard work and polish this week in the annual dance exams. We welcomed Mrs Foster, from Hamilton, who examined the Year 3-8 girls over a two day period. Her feedback was wonderful. She enjoyed her time at St John's, the manners and etiquette of our girls, and the dancing. Hard work sure does pay off!

Badges

We absolutely delight in the pride that our girls show when they earn badges for their achievements. School gladly funds these. If your daughter loses her badge and requires a replacement, we can accommodate this but at a charge of \$5.00, like the school logo and house badges. Unfortunately we are unable to supply additional dance or speech badges.

ILT Sing Out

The St John's girls shone in the ILT Sing Out this year and we were incredibly proud of their finesse and polish. They have worked hard all year and this dedication certainly showed on the Civic stage last week. Those harmonies, wow!

Take some time to rest over the holiday break; both for your daughter and yourself. Being a parent juggling the many balls that you do is a busy and rewarding job. Take the time to just stop, and be. Walk, cook, read and sleep-in!

We look forward to welcoming the girls back refreshed on Monday 9 October.

God Bless

Nathan Hughes
Tumuaki - Principal





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- **22** **Gymnastics Festival Rooms 1 & 2 [pm]**
Last Day of Term 3

OCTOBER

- **9** **Day one of Term 4**
- **10** Special PA Meeting [7.00 pm]
- **13** JHC Band visit
- **19** ShakeOut
- **23** Labour Day [school closed]
- **26** BoT Meeting [5.30 pm]
- **27** Mufti Day
- **30** Choir performance at Rose Lodge

NOVEMBER

- **2** Christian Education Speeches [1.00 pm]
- **9** Greats and Grands morning
- **10** Science Road Show
- **13** **Staff Only Day**
- **15** BoP Meeting [5.30 pm]
- **16** **Lip Sync Competition [lunchtime]***
- **17** High School New Entrant Morning
- **21** **Dance Sharing [2.00 pm]***
- **23** **Disco [6-8.00 pm]***
- **29** Familiarisation Morning
- **30** BoT Meeting [5.30 pm]

- *Denotes change of date*

DECEMBER

- **1** Stripes Awarded
- **4** Tabloids [1.00 pm]
- **11** Prizegiving / Christmas Service Practice
- **12** Christmas Service [1.30 pm First Church]
- **14** Last School Day
Prizegiving [6.30 pm First Church]
Leavers' Ceremony [3.15 pm School Hall]

JANUARY 2024

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



WEEKLY AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS

ROOM 1

Charlotte Risk, Kate McEwan, Georgia Cochrane, Naomi Hamilton

ROOM 2

Penny Sloan, Lola Rutledge, Eleanor Anstice-Shirley,
Madeleine Davison

ROOM 3

Scarlett Anderson, Aoife Gordon, Amelia Bosma, Eloise Smith

ROOM 4

Ella Calvert, Aliviah Giles, Courtney Mackie, Elise Davison

ROOM 5

Jhordaya Shaw, Anna Amar, Catlin Brady, Hannah Marriott Wilkes

ROOM 6

Evie Arthur, Greer Macpherson, Kiran Gilmete, Leah McEwan

ROOM 7

Ava Moore, Drew Peddie, Willow Harper, Martina Bosma

VALUES CUP

Maya Preininger
Ana Packham

Room 4
Room 5



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Mackenzie Brown Room2

FROM THE KAIARAHİ

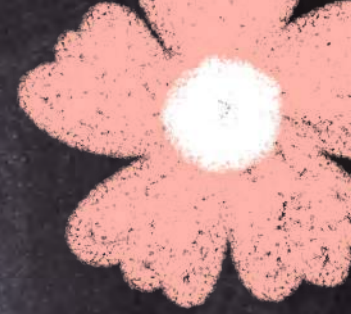
CULTURAL DAY



Last Friday we had a cultural day for the school. The Kaiarahi chose four different cultures; Australian, American, Italian and South African. With their houses the girls rotated around and participated in fun activities whilst learning lots about the different cultures. It was also a great experience for the Kaiarahi as we learnt how to teach, set up a classroom and to be prepared. We all really enjoyed ourselves and everyone was extremely well behaved. The Kaiarahi started the tradition of having a cultural day last year and we did it again this year because it's a really good opportunity for everyone to learn more about different cultures in an exciting way.



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



Room 4 News

TECHNOLOGY

We have had loads of fun selecting recipes, gaining knowledge of safety in the kitchen and developing practical skills such as measuring, grating, slicing and dicing. We created samples to test and we are cooking again on the last day of term.



STATISTICS

For the past three weeks we have been creating surveys, collecting and organising data to form conclusions. We have learned about the x-axis and the y-axis on a bar graph and how these are important to ensure we represent our data correctly.



TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI

To celebrate te reo Māori week we have been learning a new waiata called 'Wairaka'.



FROM MISS O'CONNELL
Ngā mihi nui Ruma 4, it has been a pleasure being in your class. Ka kite ano!



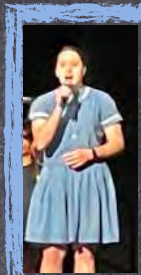


ROOM 5

FABRIC TECHNOLOGY *by Isabella Mc*

For the past two weeks, Room 5 have been working hard on their teddy bear cushions. We started off by cutting out our adhesive paper. Then we picked our fabrics and also cut them out. This part was very tricky as the glue side of the adhesive kept falling off for some people! We took our square piece of calico fabric and stuck all of our pieces onto it. We have now picked out our fabrics we want for our border, and our next step will be to sew on the border and finish off our pillow. We are all very excited to see the end result.

ILT SING OUT *by Anna*



On the 13th of September at 6:30 the school choir went to the Sing Out. There were 6 other schools. It was very nerve-wracking as we were singing with a bunch of schools. People were staring. When it was our turn to sing Welcome Home and Now Is The Hour, I was one of the lower parts. Some people were crying while listening to our songs. It sounded like we had loud applause. After our turn Shanna-Beth had a solo in Pepeha. She had a very captivating, strong and magnificent voice.

GYM FESTIVAL *by Amaya*

It was Monday the 18 of September. As soon as I stepped into the hall a rush of adrenaline filled me because today was the Gymnastics Festival. Everyone had to warm up with 3 jump jam songs; the first one was Coconuts then Fast Food and last, but not least the Macarena. Stretching was next in line.

My first apparatus was bar. I was so nervous. Would I be able to get my double back hip circle? Yes I did it. I was so pleased with my result from the bar. Next up was beam. I was ready and worried about my handstand and split. I nailed my handstand but with my split on the other hand, I fell off the beam multiple times. Then I finally got it. Next was the vault. I had a debate going on in my head. Do I do front handsprings or one front handspring and a round off the vault? Two front handsprings won. I did them but they looked ugly in my opinion. After a short morning tea break I was back on the floor.

After doing my very hard routine with 3 backbend kick overs in a row I was really dizzy afterwards. I got an amazing score. Last but not least it was my favourite apparatus, trampoline. I was excited. Okay, last trick time for my ten backhand springs in a row. I was so dizzy afterwards. After everyone was done the judges got to choose one outstanding girl. I was chosen for floor but I couldn't demonstrate because I was still dizzy. That was the end of an amazing day of Gymnastics.



ROOM 6

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Room 6 have been working hard on creating their routines and developing their skills and techniques in gymnastics. The Senior Gymnastics Festival was held on Monday and it was lovely to see the girls challenging themselves and stepping outside their comfort zones. The girls performed their routines in floor, beam, vault, trampoline and bar and should feel extremely proud of their improvements, achievements and successes.



FOOD TECH

Room 6 has completed their first food technology session where they looked closely at good hygiene and equipment used in the kitchen. The girls then made savoury scones and are looking forward to future cooking and food technology sessions in Term Four.



MATHEMATICS

In mathematics, Room 6 have been looking closely at finding base units, unit rates and solving 'what is the best deal?' They have also been working on their problem-solving strategies at the beginning of each session. Some of the students have also been preparing for the Southland SMAC Maths Competition in their lunch hours. In this competition, the girls are required to use their knowledge and understanding of mathematics to problem solve 40 questions within a 30 minute time frame.





Room 7

Game on!

After a busy production season, Room 7 akonga have been working diligently on their 'Game On' inquiries, focusing on designing and creating our very own board games.

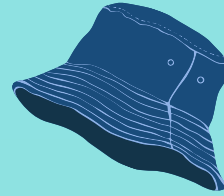
We started our inquiry by immersing ourselves in different board games, analysing different game features and generating ideas for our own games.



We then spent time planning different board game elements, before coming up with a final prototype. An exciting component of our designs is creating our game pieces on TinkerCad and using our 3D printers to bring our ideas to life. We are excited to test our games out with our peers this week. This has been an exciting inquiry that has tested design capabilities as well as refining problem-solving skills.



HELLO SUMMER!



SUMMER UNIFORM

Term 4 is fast approaching and the girls will be wearing their summer uniform. Now is the time to make sure you have everything you need. Also a reminder that sun hats are compulsory during terms 4 and 1.



SPORTS SOCKS



We are excited to introduce our very own St John's Girls' School sports socks to the uniform. These socks are to be worn for PE, dance and all school sports. They can be worn optionally in Term 4, and will then become compulsory in Term 1 next year.

They are fantastic quality and are much better suited to physical activity than the white socks.

\$15.95 for a pack of three pairs (not sold individually).

You can email Mrs Lang if you would like some for your daughter, and she will charge this to your account.

mlang@stjohnsgirls.school.nz

Spring is Sprung

Haere mai Kōanga



| | MON 25 SEPT | TUES 26 SEPT | WED 27 SEPT | THU 28 SEPT | FRI 29 SEPT |
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| MORNING | WĀ KŌRERO STORYTIME Haere mai to a half hour of your favourite stories and a wee activity. 10.30-11am • All ages | WĀ KŌRERO STORYTIME Haere mai to a half hour of your favourite stories and a wee activity. 10.30-11am • All ages | WĀ KŌRERO STORYTIME Haere mai to a half hour of your favourite stories and a wee activity. 10.30-11am • All ages | WĀ PĒPI BABYTIME Bring your pēpi to this fun half hour of songs, rhymes, books and bubbles. 10.30-11am • 0-2 years | THE MAGIC GUY Wayne McEwan the Magic Guy will entertain you with tricks and jokes. TWO SHOWS: 10.30am • 2pm FREE Book your place by emailing learning@library.co.nz and include the time you want and the number of people coming. All ages |
| | TUI WHAKANIKO EMBROIDERY Come along and let the ladies from the embroidery guild teach you how to embroider a simple picture on fabric. All materials supplied. 2-4pm • All ages | MAHI TOI COLOURING IN There will be felt pens, crayons and colouring in pictures out all afternoon for you to colour and enjoy. 2-4pm • All ages | KĒMU MATAHIKO DIGI DROP IN A time to play the digi games on our tablets and make a stop motion video. 2-4pm • All ages | WĀ TOI CRAFTY TIME Calling all crafty types. The Library this afternoon will be a place for you to create. All materials supplied. 2-4pm • All ages | |
| AFTERNOON | MON 2 OCT KĒMU NUI BIG GAMES Enjoy playing our big games all day. We have Snakes and Ladders, Chess and Connect 4 to name a few. All day • All ages | TUES 3 OCT WĀ KŌRERO STORYTIME Haere mai to a half hour of your favourite stories and a wee activity. 10.30-11am • All ages | WED 4 OCT WĀ KŌRERO STORYTIME Haere mai to a half hour of your favourite stories and a wee activity. 10.30-11am • All ages | THU 5 OCT WĀ PĒPI BABYTIME Bring your pēpi to this fun half hour of songs, rhymes, books and bubbles. 10.30-11am • 0-2 years | FRI 6 OCT RĀ HANGA BUILDING DAY Today we are putting out all our building toys like Magnetic Tiles, Lego, Duplo, blocks and big games. So you can build and play all day All day • All ages |
| | | NGĀ PIREPIRE HAMA BEADS Stimulate your creativity - with beads, patterns and pegboards. 2-4pm • 3-12 years | KĒMU MATAHIKO DIGI DROP IN A time to play the digi games on our tablets and make a stop motion video. 2-4pm • All ages | WĀ TOI CRAFTY TIME Calling all crafty types. The Library this afternoon will be a place for you to create. All materials supplied. 2-4pm • All ages | |

BLUFF DAY
4 Oct

NGĀ MEA MAHI OTHER ACTIVITIES | SCAVENGER HUNT
COLOURING COMPETITION

All afternoon activities are for two hours.
Drop in between 2-4pm.





Building strong families

Our next FREE Parenting Programme in Invercargill starts on Wednesday, October 18 (8 sessions)

- Learn strategies for managing your child's challenging behaviours;
- Improve your relationship with your child/young person;
- Gain confidence as a parent, and much more.

The programme is for parents/caregivers of children/tamariki from birth to 17 years of age.

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