



NEWSLETTER

St John's Girls' School

8 September 2023



Greetings from
the Principal

Talofa Iava,
Kia orana, Ata marie

**Whakatauki -
Māori Proverb**

**Kia mate
ururoa, kei
mate wheke**

This whakatauki encourages us to not give up. When fishing, a shark will fight the whole time it is on the line. In comparison, an octopus will surrender once it's been hooked. No matter how hard things get, let us fight like a shark.

What a stunning week we have had. I've managed a walk each evening and the warmth in the air and Spring's visual signs are really quite uplifting. Long may the sunshine last.

This week we are breathing, and relishing in classroom routines. We had exhausted girls at the end of last week, but with full hearts and a huge amount of pride. The production was stunning, but more about that later!

This term in assemblies we have talking about the 'mountains' that are ahead of each of us, and about how we can become overwhelmed when we have so many projects, deadlines, exams etc ahead. We are encouraging the girls to spend less time looking up towards the summit and the distance yet to climb, and to take the time to stop, look back and admire how far they have come. This helps to reduce anxiety and to feel satisfaction.

Invoices

There are a large amount of overdue invoices that need to be paid promptly please. These are across both Boards. Please make the payment or contact school directly if you are having difficulties. This avoids the awkwardness of school having to contact you.

Production

What an absolute showcase of talent, dedication, hard work and a whole lot of fun our show was. We have had such wonderful feedback from our parents and the wider community, and we couldn't be prouder of what our team of over 170 people has produced. Every staff member played a considerable part in bringing the show to the stage and I am incredibly grateful.

The girls shone on stage and some discovered a passion that they perhaps didn't know they had.

This year we made the decision, albeit an expensive one, to stage the production in the theatre. The experience this gives the girls is so rich, and there is a lot of learning involved. We also know how much our audiences loved being at the theatre in comfort and with a greater view!

Thank you for the contributions you made towards hair, make up, costuming, deliveries and pickups! Would you believe we are already talking about our next show?

Father vs Daughter Netball

Last Friday our somewhat weary Year 8 girls played a fierce game of netball against significant males in their lives. Ms Gill and Mrs Dennis refereed the very close game! The weather wasn't looking promising for the afternoon game so we moved it to the stadium in order to make sure it went ahead. The score was 11-8 to the girls; the first win the girls have taken out in five years!



Polyfest

St John's was very proud of our Pasifika and Kapa haka groups when they took to the Polyfest stage a fortnight ago. The polish the girls' performances demonstrated was quite remarkable and we loved having girls accompany the Pasifika girls alongside Miss McSoriley and Whaea Toni. We farewelled our Kapa haka teacher Toni Biddle after two incredible years. She has brought the most out of our girls and we are so thankful for the gift of waiata that she gave us. We presented her with a stunning carved leather guitar strap with her named etched into it. She and her family have relocated to Christchurch.

Sing Out

Next Wednesday evening our choir is performing in the ILT Sing Out at the Civic Theatre. This is always a magical evening of beautiful singing. Our choir, led by Mrs Taylor, will perform their two solo items; Dave Dobbyn's 'Welcome Home', and 'Now is the Hour'. If you've not yet got tickets, I recommend you do! Search ILT Sing Out on Ticketek.co.nz I am giving my time to stage manage each of the three zone's technical, dress and evening performances. I'm very much looking forward to it!

Cultural Day

Last year our Kaiarahi led our first whole school Cultural Day. They did such a wonderful job of it that we have put it into the calendar this year. On Friday 15 September the house groups will rotate around four different rooms where they will be immersed in cultures that are represented in our school. The activities and experiences will teach them a lot about four quite different cultures. We love it when our girls lead and inspire us!

I wish you all a fantastic weekend ahead of achieving, relaxing, exploring or whatever it is you're needing to fill your bucket right now!

Take care and God bless.

Nathan Hughes
Tumuaki - Principal



MEET YOUR BOARD



Sandy Gilmete
Presiding Member



St John's Girls' School - Board 2023

Front Row: Sandy Gilmete [*Presiding Member*], Tony Miles [*Board of Proprietors Rep*], Kate Brady, Mark Billcliff, Nathan Hughes [*Principal*]

Back Row: Anna Reilly, Nic Roberts [*Board Secretary*], Sarah Jagoutz [*Staff Representative*]



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- **12** Sing Out Rehearsal [Civic Theatre]
- **13** Sing Out Rehearsal [Civic Theatre]
Sing Out Performance [Civic Theatre]
7pm - 8.30 pm
- **14** BoT Meeting [5.30 pm]
- **15** Cultural Day
- **18** **Gymnastics Festival Rooms 3-7 [am]**
- **19-21** Dance Exams
- **22** **Gymnastics Festival Rooms 1 & 2 [pm]**
Last Day of Term 3

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 [1.30 pm First Church]
Leavers' Ceremony [3.15 pm School Hall]

OCTOBER

- **9** **Day one of Term 4**
- **10** Special PA Meeting [7.00 pm]
- **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** Disco [6.00 - 8.00 pm]
- **17** Lip Sync Competition [lunchtime]
- **24** Dance Sharing [2.00 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

Cambrie-Portia James Carman-Oneroa, Addison Findlater, Heidi Lawson, Amelia Gladwin, Madeleine McKenzie

ROOM 2

Amelia Maxwell, Mackenzie Brown, Mahya Gilmete, Lucy Dixon-Calder, Nina Russell

ROOM 3

Hannah Sloan, Sophia Lillo-Dockerty, Aaliyah Solly, Kyla-Rose Jarvis-Patterson, Simone Paganelli, Leah Hamilton

ROOM 4

Bailey Cooper, Indi Howden, Rosie Laughton, Maya Preininger, Greer Valli, Briar Nicholl

ROOM 5

Lily Giles, Isabella Moore, Shanna-Beth Smith, Stella Lal, Bonnie McIntosh, Amaya Swale-Jones

ROOM 6

Liliana Clinckett, Zoe Laughton, Sofia Peters, Amelia Reijnen, Meila Spain, Libby Hamilton

ROOM 7

Meila Isoefo, Mia Padgett, Gwynedd Ryder, Mia Reilly, Abby Unahi, Nevaeh Roughan

VALUES CUP

Maya Preininger
Isabella Moore

Room 4
Room 5

Maisie Korteweg

Room 7





PORRIDGE

Last week we performed our production, Porridge! We spent a long time practising the songs and dances. Some of us had lines as well which we had to practise daily so we could remember them. Our opening night was amazing and the energy was great! We all really enjoyed it because all our hard work had finally come together.

This year we have been focusing on rising up. The production is a great example of that because not everyone is confident performing on a big stage but we all did it exceptionally well. We also had to use our KIPRRR values as not everything went to plan but we were all resilient and carried on. This production was a hit and it wouldn't have been possible without our lovely teachers and staff members. So thank you for making this possible. We're sure everyone will treasure this experience.

But before you leave we have a quick joke. What's green and eats porridge? Mouldilocks!



FROM THE KAIARAHĪ

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

MURIHIKU
miharo
Polyfest
2023

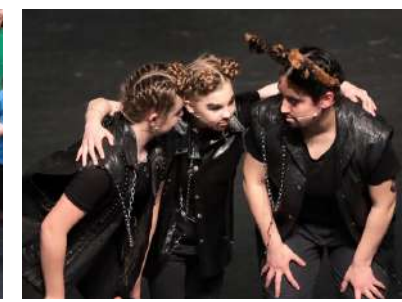


PORRIDGE

What an amazing success! Here are some photos of our wonderful production held last week. Feel free to follow this link to check out more images:
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/wWdA4oJp2CJrnyJ57>



The End.







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.



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] & PAIGE [RM 7]



KSOM
HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
FUNK

28 Sept & 5th Oct 2023
 9:30-12pm OR 1-4pm

AGES
 5-12

Register Here



INFO@KSOM.NZ - 25 DON STREET - 0211339799



KSOM
Guitar Heroes
HOLIDAY WORKSHOP!



SCAN HERE

FRIDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER Full details on the form

9:30AM - 12:00PM

\$35

25 DON STREET INVERCARGILL 021 133 9799 INFO@KSOM.NZ WWW.KSOM.NZ



KSOM
Drum Camp
HOLIDAY WORKSHOP!



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SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER Full details on the form

9:30AM - 12:30PM

\$35

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Pop Vox
HOLIDAY WORKSHOP!



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MONDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER Full details on the form

9:30AM - 12:00PM

\$35

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Old Skool Roller Disco

Free entry

ALL AGES

COME HAVE A

Boogie!

Skate with the Pro's

Learn
some
new
skills

Prizes

FOR BEST DRESSED!

BYO
SKATES
HELMET
SAFETY GEAR

AURORA
COLLEGE
GYM

TRAMWAY ROAD

3 - 5 pm

17th September



southernmostskaters@gmail.com
f Southernmostrollerderby

UNDER 16 YRS TO HAVE ADULT SUPERVISION



**NEW ZEALAND
MALE CHOIR**
Te Roopu Waiata Tira Tāne O Aotearoa

South Island Tour
September 2023



Experience the magic of male voices and the joy of an all female chorus

In concert with SGHS Femme and The Ensemble

Sunday 17th September 2023, 2.30pm

First Presbyterian Church, 155 Tay Street, Invercargill

Adult Tickets \$25, Tertiary Students \$15; Secondary & Primary Students free

Tickets through ticketing@eventfinda.co.nz;

Door sales available if not sold out [eft-pos available]

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2023/nz-male-choir-in-concert-with-southland-girls-high-school/invercargill>

www.newzealandmalechoir.co.nz

