



# NEWSLETTER

St John's Girls' School

21 June 2024



Greetings from  
the Principal

Ata marie, Bonjour,  
Boa tarde

## Whakatauki - Māori Proverb

Whāia e koe te iti  
kahurangi ki te  
tūohu koe, me he  
maunga teitei

Pursue excellence –  
should you stumble,  
let it be to a lofty  
mountain



What a week it has been at St John's. We have seen a huge amount of planning, excitement and hard work come to fruition. There has been a lovely atmosphere of teamwork in the school and everyone has really given extra to allow such a full and eventful week to be carried out successfully.

### Dance Exams

Miss Gina was very impressed with the way our girls were prepared for their dance exams, and as I saw the groups coming and going from the hall, I smiled with pride; each girl a fine and shining example of St John's standards and expectations. Thank you for your work in braiding hair - a huge task! We do look forward to the results.

### Swimming Sports

It was a competitive atmosphere at the pool on Monday morning as our competing Year 5-8 swimmers represented their houses in our annual swimming sports. The house leaders, along with the support of Mrs Dennis, did a fine job in registering their girls for the various events. The most contested race of the day is of course the house relay. We await the results with huge anticipation! There is stiff competition on the house points board this term!

### Speech Exams

We have had five days of speech exams this week, assessed by Mrs Annette Dalziel. Six of our classes have been involved and that has taken a great deal of teaching, guidance and support. Thank you to our wonderful speech teachers who have provided our girls with the confidence and articulation to deliver their programmes. The girls have been receiving their reports and feedback; valuable for going into next year's exams.

### Kite Technology Unit

There is a buzz around the school this term, and kites everywhere! A huge amount of learning about flight, resistance, construction etc has happened as the girls work together to make kites that will fly. This is easier said than done! Lots of trial and error has taken place, but this is the learning! On Thursday afternoon we will all head to Oreti Beach to see if our final constructions will lift... and fly! "What better place to find wind", we thought! A notice will go out early next week.



## Values Cup Recipients



**Mia Reilly**  
**Room 7**



**Lydia O'Brien**  
**Room 4**

### Keeping Our Standards High

From time to time we have a real push on the small things; punctuality, organisation, uniform, tidying up the classroom etc. It's because of our constant focus on the small things, and keeping them tight, that we don't ever have them turn into big things. We make no apologies for our high expectations. This is why our school operates as well as it does, and essentially a large part of why you chose St John's for your daughter. If your daughter comes home moaning about a stern class chat or a growl about these things, it was needed. Support us in keeping our expectations high.

### School Buses

The buses that arrive at, and leave from St John's each day are only for students who live rurally. These buses are funded by the Ministry of Education for girls who live outside the city. They are not to be used by city girls to hop off at an exchange point which is closer to their homes, or to make their way to the stadium after school for sport.

### Parent Teacher Interviews

You were notified via Skool Loop on Wednesday morning that the interviews are now available for booking in the app. The dates are Wednesday 4th July and Thursday 5th July. Please note down that school finishes at 2pm on Wednesday 4th to allow the interviews to begin early. Afterschool Care will be available from 2.15pm that day.

You will have tired girls this weekend. They have had a big week and we are proud of them all. They deserve a pat on the back, as do their whanau who have helped them to manage all that has been asked of them.

Have a restful weekend.

God Bless

Nathan Hughes  
**Tumuaki - Principal**



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## JUNE

- **24** Road Safety - NZ Police [Rooms 1 & 2]  
Rm 6 Bake Sale [lunchtime]
- **25** BoT Meeting
- **27** Matariki Kite Celebration - Oreti Beach
- **28** Reports Out  
**Matariki Observation [School closed]**

## JULY

- **1** Road Safety - NZ Police [Rooms 1 & 2]
- **2-5** Life Education Bus
- **3** Interviews - 2.15pm **[School closed at 2pm]**
- **4** Interviews - 3.15pm [School closed at 3pm]
- **5** **Last day of Term 2**  
Stripes and Bonus Points awarded
- **22** **Day 1 of Term 3**
- **30** Parents' Association Meeting [7pm]

## AUGUST

- **15** Cultural Day
- **21** Sing Out Rehearsal [Choir]
- **22** BoT Meeting [5.30pm]
- **23** Mufti-Day - Daffodil Day
- **28** Polyfest Performance [1.40pm]

## SEPTEMBER

- **10** Sing Out Rehearsal [Choir]
- **11** BoP Meeting [5.30pm]
- **12** Sing Out Rehearsal [Choir]  
Sing Out Performance [Choir 7pm Civic Theatre]
- **19** BoT Meeting [5.30pm]
- **25** Aerobics Festival
- **26** Bonus Points Awarded
- **27** Gymnastics Festival [Junior]  
**Last day of Term 3**

## OCTOBER

- **14** **Day 1 of Term 4**
- **15** Parents' Association Meeting [7pm]
- **24** Science Road Show [Yrs 5-8]
- **28** **Labour Day [School closed]**
- **31** Christian Education Speeches [9.10am]  
BoT Meeting [5.30pm]



# WEEKLY AWARDS

## CONGRATULATIONS

### ROOM 1

Cambrie Portia, James Carman-Oneroa, Gypsee Stephens, Aggie McKenzie, Indy Frost

### ROOM 2

Ava Davies, Amelia Gladwin, Naomi Hamilton, Grace McLeod-Young

### ROOM 3

Mia Hitchcock, Lara Preininger, Madeleine Davison, Amaira Mahal, Eloise Smith

### ROOM 4

Avery Botting, Sophia Lillo-Dockerty, Lexie Nicholl, Courtney Mackie

### ROOM 6

Evie Erskine, Emily Laughton, Eilidh Gordon, Briar McKenzie

### ROOM 7

Paige Robertson, Ava Moore, Willow Harper, Isla Patterson

### ROOM 8

Liliana Clinckett, Star Welsh, Nicole Carnie, Meila Spain

### VALUES CUP

Mia Reilly  
Lydia O'Brien

Room 7  
Room 4





# Swimming SPORTS

From your Yr 7  
Kaiarahi

*Martina, Gracie, Gwynedd & Abby*



The girls who have swimming lessons had a fun last session on Monday. There were fun activities and games. Lots of fun was had! Thank you to everyone who organised these for us.

Also on Monday we had swimming sports. It was an absolute thriller for the parents who came along to watch and support. The girls were astonishing with the effort and passion they put in. At the end of the day, they were all very tired, which means they tried their hardest and gave it their all. All the girls on the sideline were very encouraging! Everyone had a great time. We are all so proud of the girls who participated in the swimming sports. We are all very curious about the number of points each house gained. We can't wait for next year's swimming sports! May the best house win!





# Room 1

Room 1 have been working hard exploring kites, their shapes, different ways to make them and how to fly them. We have made kites from cardboard, cellophane, wooden skewers and cellotape (lots of cellotape!). We have tested flying our kites at school and are looking forward to taking them to the beach to fly them.



To help with our learning about position and orientation, Room 1 have been learning about coding the Beebots and using the Beebot app. We give the Beebot instructions on how to get to the flowers by coding the directions into the Beebot.



After reading "The Hole in the King's Sock" we all learned how to do finger knitting. In the story, the King had to learn how to knit so he could knit himself a new pair of socks. Finger knitting was a bit fiddly, but we had fun trying.



# Room 2



Room 2 have been working on their Friday Doodles every Friday since the year began. We are documenting the highlights of our weeks: birthdays, learning experiences, sock fundraisers etc.

These are coming together as gorgeous art pieces that tell the tale of life in Room 2. We are very proud of our sketches as they are developing our skills with pencil line and colour. Each sketch is dated and we hope they will become a keepsake.

We look forward to adding to these throughout the year.... but we're too excited to keep the secret any longer.

On Monday, Mrs King surprised Room 2 with secret messages and magic pictures. We were all excited to mix up the potion and reveal what invisible wonders were hiding on our blank papers. After discovering what was hiding on our papers, we made our own secret pages. We followed Mrs King's instructions and then went about writing our own 'how to' procedure writing. Room 2 wrote the instructions below as a class:

## You will need:

- 1/2 cup of water
- Paper
- Paintbrush
- 1 Tbspoon baking soda
- Hand sanitiser
- Turmeric
- Paintshirt

## Steps:

1. Mix the water and baking soda together, it should look cloudy.
2. Use your paintbrush to paint a picture, symbol or message onto the paper.
3. Wait for your message to dry.
4. Clean your brush.
5. Mix approx. 10 squirts of hand sanitiser with 1tsp of turmeric. It should look like runny paint. (WARNING! Wear a paint shirt because turmeric can stain your clothes)
6. Paint the turmeric mixture over your invisible message. Your magic message will instantly be revealed.
7. Be amazed by the science!!!



# MAGIC PICTURES

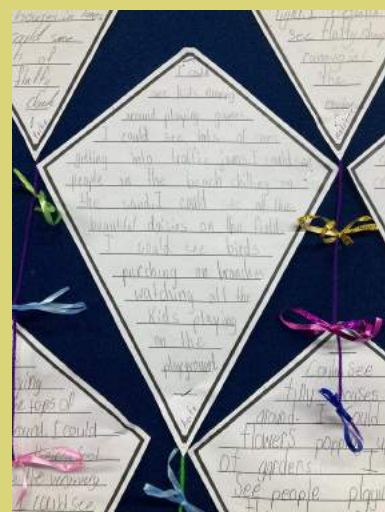




# Room 3

## Kites, Kites and More Kites

We are totally immersed in our learning about kites in Room 3. We are designing kites to fly, we are making Matariki kites and writing poems about kites. We are loving our learning and can't wait until our Matariki celebration at Oreti Beach to fly our kites!



## Kites

- K**ites flying in the beautiful blue sky.
- I**n the back yard kites are flying around.
- T**ails of the kites are so pretty.
- E**venings are the best for flying kites.
- S**ailing through the sky gracefully.





# Bake Sales

MAMAKU POINT CONSERVATION RESERVE, THE YEAR 7 CAMP VENUE, IS RAISING FUNDS TO PURCHASE A MINIVAN, AND ROOMS 6 AND 7 ARE EXCITED TO SUPPORT THIS CAUSE.


THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

LUNCHTIME MONDAY 24TH  
JUNE

\$2 PER ITEM



# MATARIKI PUAKA DISCO




**CALLING ALL TAMARIKI**

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF  
FUN, MUSIC, DANCING AND KAI


5PM-7PM AGES BELOW 10  
7PM-9PM AGES 10 AND UP  
FRIDAY 28TH, JUNE

KOHA ENTRY FOR RAFFLE TICKET  
**MURIHIKU MARAE**  
FOOD AVAILABLE  
408 TRAMWAY ROAD  
NAU MAI, HAERE MAI



WAIHŌPAI RŪNAKA INVITES YOU TO

# MATARIKI ME PUAKA



CELEBRATE MATARIKI AND PUAKA WITH US AT


**MURIHIKU MARAE**  
FRIDAY, JUNE 28TH

KICKING OFF AT 8AM

KŌRERO FOLLOWED BY  
BREAKFAST AND KAPA HAKA.


RSVP NECESSARY TO MEGA@WAIHOPAI.ORG.NZ  
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

**MURIHIKU MARAE**  
408 TRAMWAY ROAD, NAU MAI, HAERE MAI



## Keeping It COOL



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notifications  
and much  
more.



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choose our school once installed.

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## WANT TO WIN A PARTY WITH THE SOUTHLAND SHARKS?

Dive into the **Splash Palace Sports Competition** by telling  
us which sports team deserves to win a Sharks meet and  
greet, delicious catering, and swim pass.



Visit [splashpalace.co.nz](http://splashpalace.co.nz) for more information.  
Nominations close at 5pm Wednesday 26 June.







# RECRUITMENT DAY!

Phoenix Marching

**Saturday 29th June**  
**3-4:30pm**  
**Donovan School**  
**Invercargill**




Come and see what marching is all about and meet our wonderful team. We would love to welcome you into our ranks! Contact Sheree for more info 0272187588



**U13s**  
7-13yrs

**Otc/Intro Grade**  
4yrs-8yrs

## Sugar In Disguise


Learn to be a Sugar Sleuth!

Did you know sugar comes in many forms with different names? Be a sugar sleuth and see how many of these you can find on food and drink packets. Having sugary foods and drinks often, can weaken our tooth enamel and, overtime, lead to holes in our teeth.

Community Oral Health Service | Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora

Scan this code for more great tooth tips



Brought to you by Tūhura Otago Museum



# TE MANA O TE HĀ

Smokefree Science Showcase

Smoking is a pandemic that kills millions globally, including an average of 13 Kiwis each day.

Te Mana o te Hā is a hands-on science showcase that casts new light on the reality and risks of smoking and vaping. Learn how you can break this cycle of addiction and prevent a new nicotine-based pandemic.



Time **4pm till 10pm**  
 Date **Fri 28th & Sat 29th June 2024**  
 Place **ILT Stadium Southland**

**TŪHURA**  
Otago Museum

**KSOM** KENNEDY SCHOOL OF MUSIC

### Escape Room Piano Camp

**Time Escape**  
Tuesday 9th of July 9:30am - 12pm

**Chord Escape**  
Tuesday 16th of July 10:00am - 4pm

Unlock the Rhythms, Decode the Melody!

Join Our Escape Room Piano Camp for a Musical Adventure like never before!

# MONSTER ROCKERS

**THURSDAY 11TH & 18TH JULY**

**9:30-12PM**  
OR  
**1:30-4PM**



### GUITAR HEROES HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

**FRIDAY 19TH OF JULY**

**9:30 AM - 12:00 PM**

Acoustic  
Electric  
Bass  
Ukulele



### BAND IN A WEEK

JOIN A BAND FOR A WEEK!  
 YOU CHOOSE THE NAME! LEARN A SONG! PERFORM IT AT THE END OF THE WEEK!  
 FOR AGES 9-17  
 MONDAY 8TH - FRIDAY 12TH JULY 2024  
 AND/OR  
 MONDAY 15TH - FRIDAY 19TH JULY 2024



## And So Much More....

Join us for a Holiday Full of Music these July Holiday

**KENNEDY SCHOOL OF MUSIC**  
 25 Don St, Invercargill  
 info@ksom.nz

**Register Now**






## 40 Hours of...

No talking?

No devices?

Could you do it?

