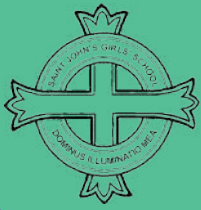




# NEWSLETTER

St John's Girls' School

10 May 2024



Greetings from  
the Principal

Ni hao, Hola,  
Tena koe

## Whakatauki - Māori Proverb

**Tē tōia,  
tē haumatia**

*Nothing can be  
achieved without a  
plan, workforce and a  
way of doing things*

Welcome back to Term 2! We are a fortnight in and the girls are engrossed in their learning.

The girls look smart and warm in their winter uniforms. Thank you for the effort you put into having your girls looking their best every day. We are proud of our uniform at St John's. In wearing it immaculately our girls showcase their self-respect, strong work ethic, values and pride in their school.

Term 2 is exceptionally busy and the girls have a lot to work towards; much of it requiring excellent self-management and perseverance. Our speech and dance exams are being held in Week 8 of the term. For some of our girls this is their first experience in a judged exam setting and the thought of it can be somewhat intimidating. We must remind the girls to focus on doing their best, to be proud of the work they have put in throughout the lead up, and to accept feedback positively with a growth mindset. A little practice and work every day makes a huge difference come exam day!

### Sport

It is exciting to see so many of our girls wanting to represent the school in sport. We are grateful to the many coaches who volunteer their time and knowledge to help our girls grow on the field or court. Please reiterate that being part of a team is about reliability, punctuality, sportsmanship and having great fun. If we model this to our tamariki, then we are sending the right messages to back up the conversations we have with them.

### Parents' Association

Thank you to Mrs Jen Gordon for her commitment, tireless work and her enthusiasm in leading our Parents' Association over the past two years. Jen has chosen to step down from the role but will of course always be a keen supporter of the work the P.A does. We welcome Mrs Shae Risk to the role of Chairperson. Shae has been a hard-working contributor since her eldest daughter Sophia started at St John's. We very much look forward to working under Shae's leadership.

### Care Committee

I want to acknowledge the outstanding work that our very busy Care Committee does in supporting St John's families who are having a difficult time. This dedicated bunch of parents, and those who send in meals, baking etc, really do help to ease the load of those experiencing challenges.





## Values Cup Recipients

### Staff Only Day

A reminder that we have a Staff Only Day on Tuesday 4 June. This is the Tuesday directly following King's Birthday weekend.

Have a wonderful weekend ahead. Pack your beanie and brollies for the sideline sports games.

Take care and enjoy your family.

God bless.

Nathan Hughes  
**Tumuaki - Principal**

### Admin Block Upgrade

A term and a bit late the administration block upgrade is 99% completed and looking amazing. We are very fortunate to have had the work done by some excellent tradespeople, including site manager, Jess.

The signage went up outside this week where the old office entrance was and we are quite delighted at how fantastic it looks.

Feel free to pop in some time and have a look at our welcoming new space.



**Penny Sloan**  
**Room 2**





# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## MAY

- **13** Swimming [1pm]
- **20** Swimming [1pm]
- **21** Cross Country [1pm]
- **22** Cross Country [postponement day]
- **23** Playhouse Theatre  
BoT Meeting [5.30pm]
- **27** Swimming [1pm]
- **31** Mufti Day [Food Bank]

## 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  
Stripes and Bonus Points awarded
- **22** **Day 1 of Term 3**
- **30** Parents' Association Meeting [7pm]

## JUNE

- **3** King's Birthday **[school closed]**
- **4** Staff Only Day **[school closed]**
- **5** All Saints Cross Country
- **10** Swimming [1pm]
- **14** Southland Cross Country
- **17** Swimming [1pm]  
Yr 7 Speech Exams
- **18** Yr 5 Speech Exams  
Dance Exams
- **19** Yrs 3/4 Speech Exams  
Dance Exams  
Sing Out Zone Rehearsal [Choir]  
BoP Meeting [5.30pm]
- **20** Problem Challenge  
Yr 8 Speech Exams
- **21** Yr 6 Speech Exams
- **24** Road Safety - NZ Police [Rooms 1 & 2]
- **25** BoT Meeting
- **27** Reports Out
- **28** Mataiki Observation **[school closed]**

## AUGUST

- **15** Cultural Day
- **22** BoT Meeting [5.30pm]  
Problem Challenge
- **23** Mufti-Day - Daffodil Day



# WEEKLY AWARDS

## CONGRATULATIONS

### ROOM 1

Imogen Dixon-Calder, Charlotte Risk, Eden Dawson, Alora Bosma

### ROOM 2

Charlie Visser, Mahya Gilmete, Lucy Dixon-Calder, Heidi Lawson

### ROOM 3

Nikita Zeestraten, Maggie Mulqueen, Charlee Miles, Victoria Duncan

### ROOM 4

Amelia Bosma, Jaynee Holms-Johnston, Laura van Westrenen, Rosie Laughton

### ROOM 6

Bailey Cooper, Morrigan Parsons, Emily Laughton, Evie Erskine, Maya Preininger

### ROOM 7

Tayla Nel, Gracie Dennis, Alyssa Hamilton, Sophie Crosbie

### ROOM 8

Raine Murphy, Evie Arthur, Esmé McCleery, Ingrid Fleming

### VALUES CUP

Penny Sloan

Room 2



### PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Kate McEwan

Room 1

# From the Kaiarahi

## Leah & Raine

## Mrs Roberts



This week's article is about Mrs Roberts. Mrs Roberts, (as you may know) is the office manager at St John's Girls' School. In appreciation of Mrs Roberts, we interviewed her to ask questions about her and her life. Mrs Roberts does so much for our school including making these newsletters look pretty, so Mrs Roberts when you read this just know that we love you for all the hard work that you do to help make this school how it is!

Leah : "Where did you work before St John's?"

Mrs R: "I had been at Southland Boys' High School for 17 years and was the Principal's Secretary."

Leah : "What is your favourite class?"

Mrs R: "I love them all the same."

Raine: [It's definitely Room 8!]

Leah : "What would you do if you left St John's?"

Mrs R: "I would retire!"

Raine: "How long have you been working at SJGS?"

Mrs R: "This Friday I have been working here for 3 years."

Raine: "How many children and grandchildren do you have?"

Mrs R: "I have 4 children and 5 1/2 grandchildren because one is still cooking."

Raine: "What job would you have if you did your time over?"

Mrs R: "I would like to be a midwife."

Raine: "What are your hobbies?"

Mrs R: "I like baking and knitting."

Leah: [Cake baking skills are a 9.8/10; Dang it, now I feel like cakes!]

Saying this once again, thank you so much Mrs Roberts for being so amazing! We love you!



# ROOM 4



## Going For Gold Champion

Well done to Rosie who earned her gold Crunchie this week! She knows her times tables up to 12 and the related division facts. Go Rosie! He whetū koe! (You are a star!)

## The Hobbit

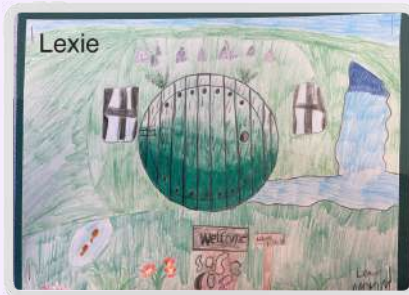
Tolkien fever has hit Room 4! We are enjoying our class novel 'The Hobbit'. We created hobbit doors in art this week. Can you see how we've tried to make them look wooden? Can you spot our names in Dwarvish?

We also had a story starter and looked at the inside and outside characteristics of Bilbo Baggins, the main character. Here's a snippet from Laura's writing:

*In an old little hole in the ground there lived a small hobbit. He loved to eat and have visitors. He had a cute green tie and a neat coat. He had the biggest feet in Hobbiton. He was always longing for adventure and one day his wish came true. One day when he was smoking a pipe there was a knock at the door. He was so excited he fell over while he ran to the door!*

*(To be continued).*

*By Laura van Westrenen*



# ROOM 6

This week, Room 6 have enjoyed sharing their booksnaps!! The girls presented a booksnap they had completed for homework, with the class. We got to see all the interesting books being read in Room 6. The presentation and quality was outstanding.

I wonder if earwax can really splurged from people's ears from high pitch screams

I can make quite a Connection my sister is just like tandy because she through lot's of tantrums

Thanks to this page I now no Tandy tantrums is not thankful for anything she has, she's selfish and rude.

I didn't really find anything on the web but i'm pretty sure it can't

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**?** Is the movie as good as the book? **L** I Learned that the Dursleys had no interest in Harry and if he asked any questions on how his parents died they would not answer.

**A?** Some people think that the movie is better and some think the book is better so it is really based on peoples opinio.

This is J.K. Rowling the author of the Harry Potter books.

These are the Harry Potter books in the set

Evie

J.K. ROWLING  
Harry Potter  
and the Sorcerer's Stone

Evie



# Wings of Fire: Moon Rising BY TUI T. SUTHERLAND



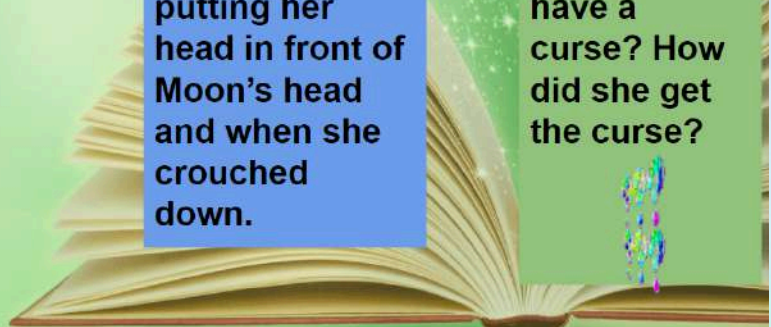
I made a connection with my step - aunt and the author, because my aunt's last name is Sutherland and so is the author's.

"I'm not a weird little diamond," Moon protested. Secretkeeper crouched and put her face right in front of Moon's. "You need to stop doing that, remember?" She whispered. "If you only hear it in your head, don't respond. No- one can know about your curse."



I could visualise Secretkeeper putting her head in front of Moon's head and when she crouched down.

What is the curse? Why does Moon have a curse? How did she get the curse?



The answer to my question is her mum doesn't want her to get her ears pierced so close to getting her braces because she is worried that she will hurt too much.

**C** This sentence shows that Raina is really over exaggerating a little bit.

I learnt that when something looks cool it isn't as fun as it continues with something in good you get something in return.

**I** I predict that she will get her ears pierced and will get a pair of lightning bolts like Melissa.

**Q** I wonder why Raina needs to wear headgear when she has braces? Also why doesn't her mum want her to get her ears pierced so close to her getting braces?

I know that it sucks to not get your ears pierced until your 18 because I'm not allowed to get mine done until I'm 13.

I love how Raina Telgemeier actually had this happen to her and she has made it more characteristic by making it a graphic novel.

**WC**

**L** I think this is amazing visualary and also funny.



The sentence " We'll have to take a new polaroid" surprised me because when my mum got braces she didn't have to take a new polaroid.

My Prediction was right because she did get lightning bolt earrings like Melissa. ✓

I like how they use ... because it leaves me in suspense.

From the #1 New York Times Bestselling Author  
Raina Telgemeier

Smile



# ROOM 7

Room 7 are leaping into learning this term.

We've been exploring shapes and delving into calculating the area and perimeter of triangles as we construct tetrahedron kites in our math lessons. Understanding the surface area of our kites will be invaluable as we analyse and compare different design structures.



## Time Capsules

The girls buried their time capsule this week. Inside the capsule they have written a letter to their future self as a year 8 leaver, created a bucket list of goals, hopes, aspirations and achievements they have over the next two years. They have also included memories, friendships and handprints and footprints to look back on. The girls will dig these up at the end of year 8 and reflect back on their year 7 & 8 journey.



# ROOM 8

At the end of last term, Room 8 embarked on our camp to Deep Cove. We all had an incredible time and shared in many new experiences. We would like to say an immense 'thank you' to our incredible parent helpers: Vanessa, Kelly, Meredith, Luke, Brendon and Cliff. We couldn't have done it without you!

The girls documented their Deep Cove camp experiences through poems once we returned to school.



Stunning waterfalls;  
Will they taste yummy?  
Fishing off the boat;  
Will the shark eat me?  
Sleepovers every night;  
Will I be tired tomorrow?  
Meeting nice people;  
Will they get my humour?  
Hearing the kiwis;  
Will I scare them?  
Leaving this place;  
Will I ever return?

*Zoe Laughton*

Deep Cove Camp  
a camp never forgotten  
fascinating walks  
peaceful for the mind  
Running waterfalls  
gushing with fresh water,  
Scary sharks  
hiding in the water, waiting for food  
Let's not forget the Weka  
trying to steal Sofia's bag!  
Deep Cove Camp, a once in a lifetime experience.

*Lucia Erskine*

A time that went so fast,  
Will be cherished forever.  
The happy feeling of memories,  
I do want to go back.  
All the things I've learnt,  
Will never leave my brain.  
I left my camera at home,  
I still have other photos!  
The feathery little beasts!  
Harmless and plain sweet.

Deep Cove Camp,  
Will I return?

*Raine Murphy*

Amazing views and beautiful scenery,  
But we're not there anymore.  
Fishing out on the open sea,  
Huge sharks threatening to steal our hooks.  
Making memories with brand new friends,  
Will I ever see them again?  
Beautiful and scenic tramps,  
Exhausted muscles and tired limbs.  
Hearing kiwis out in the open night!  
Darkness spreading, releasing fear.  
Being back home with all my family,  
Moments I will never forget.

*Kiran Gilmete*



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