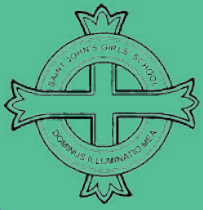




NEWSLETTER

St John's Girls' School

24 May 2024



Greetings from the Principal

Talofa lava,
Konichiwa, Ata
marie koutou katoa

Whakatauki - Māori Proverb

**He aha te mea
nui o te ao? He
tangata! He
tangata! He
tangata!**

*What is the most
important thing in the
world? It is people! It
is people! It is people!*



The chilly season has certainly arrived upon us in the last fortnight. Glistening grass, rosy noses and clear blue skies have been the flavour of the day at St John's. We've had lovely calm days. I much prefer a frost and the day that follows, to the wind and rain!

Outside Play

I spoke to the girls in assembly this week about the staff being regimental around outside play at interval and lunchtimes. Our girls need a change of environment, the fresh air, the exercise and the social interaction that outside play provides. When it isn't raining, the girls will be outside playing. We are lucky to have a stunning winter uniform that keeps our girls warm. Please ensure your daughter has her school regulation coat at school every day. She needs it as she will be outside doing what kids do best - playing and using their imaginations.

Scarves and Gloves

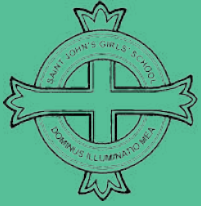
Girls are permitted to wear plain navy blue or black scarves and gloves to school, at interval and at lunchtime if they are feeling cold. No other colours are to be worn. Again, every girl needs her plain black jacket at school, every day.

School Lunches

We've noticed that the girls are eating a lot of the food that has been provided for the day, at morning tea time. This then leaves little for lunch. I spoke to the girls about choosing just one or two things from their lunchboxes to eat at morning tea time, therefore leaving plenty for lunch just 70 minutes later. Some girls told me that they really aren't allowing enough time to prepare and eat breakfast, hence their hunger at interval. Please make breakfast a priority every day. Hungry girls don't learn.

Staff Absences and Illness

Like any workplace, we too have unexpected illness, planned surgeries etc to deal with and as good employers and supportive colleagues, the Board and staff wrap around these people so that they can get better, and properly. Timing is never ideal when illnesses present and sometimes we are stretched to find the teachers required to cover these periods. Occasionally girls and families may experience a change in routine or something being late. We appreciate your patience and understanding in these instances. We are so truly blessed to have amazing part time teachers and support staff who step up and give more of themselves for your daughters. I am grateful that our school can provide this, because most others cannot in the same way. Let's never take it for granted.



Values Cup Recipients



Evie Bradshaw
Room 1



Samantha Parry
Room 6

Social Sciences Fair

Mahi pai to Room 6 for their wonderful projects on the theme 'What's in a Name' that were entered into the Southland Social Science Fair this week. I spent an afternoon with Room 6 learning a great deal about Invercargill and Southland, from the girls' quality research. Well done girls; a job well done!

Cross Country

We were lucky that the Southland weather played ball for our annual Cross Country. A lot of work went into the event and we were delighted with how it ran. We spoke a lot in assembly about how to approach Cross Country mentally, and it made a considerable difference. We were so very proud of the effort our girls put into their race; for many a real challenge. Ka pai to those girls who have made this a goal of theirs. There was some incredible running on the day and we know our girls who compete at the All Saints and Southland events will represent themselves and our school admirably.

Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing the girls rested and refreshed on Monday.

God Bless.

Nathan Hughes

Tumuaki - Principal



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



MAY

- 27 Swimming [1pm]
- 31 Mufti Day [Food Bank]

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 Matariki Kite Celebration - Oreti Beach
- 28 Reports Out
Mataiki 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
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]
Problem Challenge
- 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]
- 19 BoT Meeting [5.30pm]
- 25 Aerobics Festival
- 26 Bonus Points Awarded
- 27 Gymnastics Festival
Last day of Term 3



WEEKLY AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS

ROOM 1

Olive Reilly, Aggie McKenzie, Isabelle Miskimmin,
Addison Findlater

ROOM 2

Oriana Smith, Lorelai Stirling, Beau McRae-Bothamely, Sophia Risk

ROOM 3

Portia Smith, Briar Brady, Aoife Gordon, Kyla-Rose Jarvis-Patterson

ROOM 4

Aaliyah Solly, Simone Paganelli

ROOM 6

Aliviah Giles, Indi Howden, Emily Bulling, Ella Calvert

ROOM 7

Drew Peddie, Aida Chamberlain, Gwynedd Ryder, Nakaysha Fraser

ROOM 8

Sofia Peters, Amelia Reijnen, Alysha Jennings, Matilda Moody

VALUES CUP

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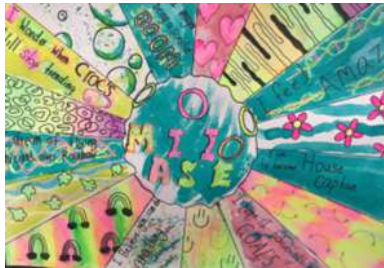
PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Eden Dawson
Hannah Sloan
Elise Davison
Nina Russell

Room 1
Room 4
Room 4
Room 2

FROM THE KAIARAHĪ

what's happening?



Wow! Maisie, what beautiful art you have. Room 7 has been doing 'All About Me' art.

Room 4 have been reading a very cool novel: The Hobbit. Danielle has made her very own hobbit home. Isn't it cool?



In Rhyming Room 2, Georgia has made a super cool rhyme - 'Pig in a Wig'.

Eden and Charlotte have been busy bees in Room 1. These artistic girls have made very cute bumble bees.



The pretty little dancers, jumping and leaping around Room 7 with Luna's amazing piece of art.

Martina, Gracie, Leah, Raine, Sofia P, Gwynedd, Abby, Star

Room 1

Room 1 have launched into our learning about kites by making paper bag kites. We flew them outside and learned that we needed to wait for a good gust of wind to fill the paper bag for them to fly. We had a great time testing them out.



We have also been looking at shapes, so we put together triangles to make a kite shape. Some of us even coloured them in with lovely patterns.



For 'h' week, Room 1 wrote about hibernating hedgehogs.

Charlotte wrote:-

"Once upon a time there was a hedgehog and it was Winter. It made a bed under a tree because he was cold. He hibernated under a pile of leaves."



After Cross Country this week we wrote about the race.

Kate wrote:-

"I was proud of myself. I ran the whole way and didn't stop at all. I came fourth. I ran at Queen's Park for Cross Country."



Room 2



Autumn Air

Autumn air, Autumn air
What do you see?
I see leaves blowing in the breeze
and falling on me.
Autumn air, Autumn air
what do you hear?
I hear children shout and cheer!
Autumn air, Autumn air
What do you smell?
I smell steaming apple pie
that keeps me well.

by Ava Davies

Room 2 have made a great start to Term 2.

Although it seems winter has come early, we have been enjoying some lovely Autumn activities. We have written beautiful poems using our senses to describe Autumn. There has been lots of imagination telling about the life of a beautiful leaf.

*Autumn Leaf

Autumn leaf, Autumn leaf
What do you see?
I see people stepping on me!
Autumn leaf, Autumn leaf
What do you hear?
I hear bird's wings flapping
in the air.

by Maeve Devlin

Our Inquiry topic is 'Kites' and we look forward to launching these at Matariki.

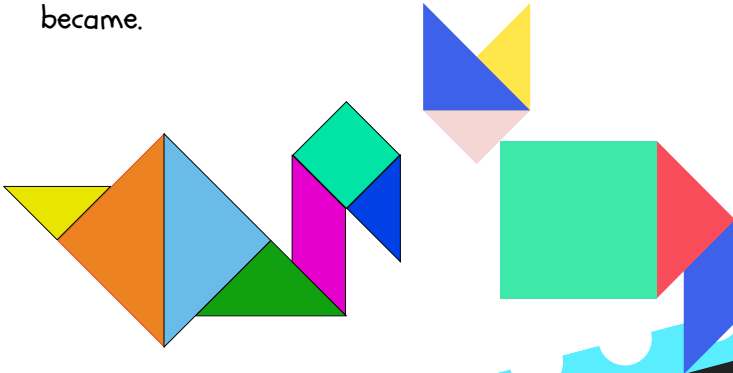
We have looked at what a kite needs to fly and how its structure can assist with this.

As a class we have trialed some paper planes to see how shape and design contributed to its flight. We could see how the thrust and the wind direction helped it to move through the air.

So far our kites have sticks to form the shape of our sail and next week we will add the plastic, exciting!!



In maths we have been looking at patterns in the 100's board and repetitive counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. We are also looking at fractions. We have looked at shapes and have used tangrams to consider the relationship between large, medium and small triangles. We have looked at folding shapes. We noticed that the more pieces we folded, the smaller each piece became.



Well done to all our little runners in the cross country. We were so lucky with the sunshine!



Room 3



What a fantastic and busy start to the term in Room 3. We have loved getting out and active training for Cross Country, preparing for our speech exams, and seeing where our Inquiry topic might lead us this term as we fly high and tune into learning about kites!



In Maths we continue to build on our knowledge around number, place value and applying mathematical concepts. We are also learning about classifying and organising 2D and 3D shapes. In groups we designed these shape creatures and identified their properties.

We have also embraced the season of change 'Autumn' and produced some wonderful haiku poetry and autumn art.



In Room 3 we have been learning about descriptive writing. We are excited to share with you our Mother's Day writing as we were really proud of the mahi that went into it.

Dear mama....

I love you because you're strong and sturdy you're like a very bright lion.

I love you mama from the grass below to the stars up above.

I love you because you're always there for me when I'm sad.

I love I love you mama as much as all the golden leaves cold autumn breeze.

I love you because because you are bright and beautiful like shining gems and a hidden cave with a shining light in it.

I love your mama as much as the sun sitting on the glittering sea and beyond.

I love you because your warm hugs warm up my day.

I love you mama from your heart necklace that all three of us gave you to the emerald heart in the middle.

I love you because you are as wise as an owl with rainbow wings.

I love you just the way you are.

From Lara



MUM

I love you the way you that you dance like leaves swaying in the wind.

I love you because you read to like a super star.

I love you the way you sing like an amazing angel.

I love you the because you cuddle me like a koala.

I love you to the moon and back forever.

I love you the way that you protect me like a soldier

I love you more than football because you're so kind

I love you because your prettier than shining sunset

I love you mum because you are as strong and sturdy as a oak tree

I love you because you give me yummy treats and food

Thank you for raising me



By Madeleine Davison

MUM

I love you mum because you are as strong as a tough lion.

I love you mum the way you shine like the stars in the night sky.

I love you mum more than all the stars in the sky.

I love you mum the way you look at me with your shining sparkling eyes.

I love you mum the way the evening birds sing.

I love you mum as the autumn leaves fall to the snowy frozen ground.

I love your hugs and kisses as we snuggle in bed.

I love you mum the way the wind blows gently across the earth.

I love you just the way you are!

By Nikita



Mothers day

I love you because you are the most amazing mum in the whole wondrous wonderful world.

I love you the way the wind blows calmly through the trees as I jump up and down on the trampoline like a graceful angel in the clouds.

I love you because you get the most amazing hugs and kisses every night in our wonderful big home.

I love you the way the water ruts quietly like a feather floating down the calm sea.

You are perfect just the way you are.

You always look like a beautiful diamond in the night sky shining as bright as sunshine.

I love you more than ice cream.

I love you the way the sun shines bright in the beautiful blue sky.

I love you because you always say good night even after a fight.


You are the best mum because you give the most amazing hugs.



Love Briar

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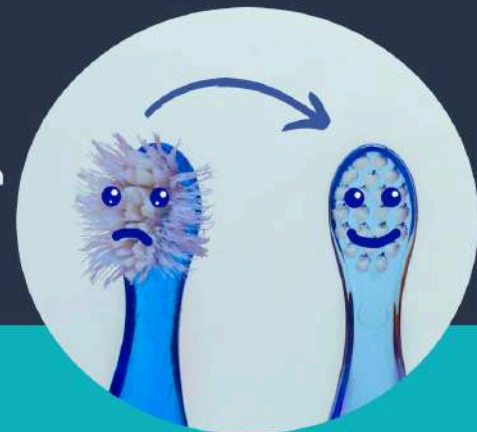


Change of season... Change of toothbrush!



It's time for a new toothbrush...

- If the bristles are scruffy, bent or splayed
- After being sick with a cold, flu, or infection
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