

NEWSLETTER

St John's Girls' School

30 June 2023

It has been a calm and temperate week; the perfect way to end what has been a wonderful term. I have taken time this week to look at our everyday practices, the jobs people do, what we offer and our routines. Having taken the time to stop and observe, my lasting feeling was that of pride and admiration. We have so very much to be thankful for.

This week we saw the vast majority of families coming to their daughter's parent/teacher interviews. This is always a valuable opportunity to talk in depth about your daughter's achievements, growth and areas for development. Often when I speak with the girls about how their interview went, they tell me what they considered to be the 'bad part'; often something as simple as making sure she is prepared with what she needs for the day ahead. Yet when I ask the parents, they find all of the good in what was talked about.

We need to work collaboratively on the notion of perfectionism, and when I say work on it, I mean to remove it. It's not healthy. We cannot foster a growth mindset among our girls if they can't see feedback, or being reminded to sharpen up, as opportunities to improve or grow.

This week there have been conversations happening in classes about speech results. There have been disappointed girls as a result of achieving a 'highly commended' result, which is in fact the second highest available score. Mrs Kelly spoke to her speech class about this and asked the girls to think of their exams as the Speech Olympics. If at the Speech Olympics you won a silver medal, would you see that as failure? There was a shift in thinking as a result of this analogy.

We must all be mindful of expectations vs ability. We are all born differently and we all have different skills and levels of potential across a myriad of fields. Hopefully we all have things that we can admit we are good at, and we should be able to freely admit this to ourselves and others. Equally we need to be at peace with areas we find difficult. If I have given my 100% effort to what I have set out to achieve, then I must allow myself to be happy with this, regardless of the outcome.

It's in our nature as humans to feel disappointed if an outcome isn't what we had hoped for. Dr Judith Locke talks about how we must also allow ourselves to feel disappointment, or upset, as we then process the situation and the resulting feelings. As adults we cannot try to fix this feeling of upset for a child. We are tempted to offer something to cheer them up; perhaps a treat or a special something to look forward to. This can send the wrong message. It can suggest that being upset isn't OK, and that something needs to be offered to change the emotion. It can also teach a child to expect something to make them feel better when they are disappointed. We need to allow the emotions to process because as adults we know that we are able to process disappointment, and move on. Depending on the situation it may take moments, or days. As adults our experiences have taught us this and we need to allow our young people to discover the same.



Greetings from the Principal

Konichiwa, Guten abend, Tena koutou

Whakatauki - Māori Proverb

Waiho i te toipoto, kaua i te toiroa

Let us keep close together, not wide apart





Next time you realise your daughter has left her PE shoes in the middle of the bedroom floor, leave them there! By rescuing her and bringing them into school, she has learnt nothing. By allowing her to potentially get a cross, a learning opportunity may occur.

Mahi pai to the following girls who were presented with Stripes at assembly this morning:

Green Work Stripes - Maximum effort and application across every curriculum area

Year 7 Nicole Carnie, Leah McEwan, Ingrid Fleming, Amelia Frew, Libby Hamilton, Alysha Jennings, Greer Macpherson

Year 8 Sophie Baron, Lilly Giles, Isabella McNamara, Lucy Middlemass, Ana Packham, Nieve Peddie, Camryn Shepherd, Amaya Swale-Jones

Red Work Stripes - Academic strength and maximum effort and application across every curriculum area:

Year 7 Kiran Gilmete

Year 8 Christabel Billcliff, Isabella Moore, Claire Morris, Shanna-Beth Smith, Chloe Taylor

White Sport Stripes - Active participation and consistent display of fair play across four or more sports for the school:

Year 7 Amelia Frew, Zoe Laughton

Year 8 Sophie Baron, Lucy Middlemass, Isabella Moore, Ana Packham, Amaya Swale-Jones

Congratulations to the Term 2 Bonus Point Trophy winners:

- Room 1 Heidi Lawson
- Room 2 Ava Davies
- Room 3 Lexie Nicholl
- Room 4 Emily Laughton
- Room 7 Drew Peddie
- Room 6 Amelia Frew
- Room 5 Camryn Shepherd

House Order:

- 1st Alabaster
- 2nd Lester
- 3rd Marchant
- 4th Enderby





Mahi pai to both Shanna-Beth and Chloe who have been appointed as the Kapa Haka kaea [callers] this year.

Congratulations!

Education Review Office

Under the new ERO framework schools work with a nominated person (an evaluation partner) for a 3 year period receiving assistance in strengthening practice and achieving the school's goals. Recently Mrs Kelly and I met with our school's partner after she had spent a year monitoring how St John's is progressing. We received incredible feedback and as a result are not receiving support from ERO. They will simply check in each year to see how we are doing. This demonstrates that we constantly evaluate the effectiveness of our teaching and the girls' achievement in order to provide the best outcomes for our learners. We are all very proud of this result.

Aerobics

A huge congratulations to Ingrid Fleming on being placed 2nd in Australasia at the recent Aerobics Competition in Australia! We look forward to Ingrid's assembly display.

Speech Exams

We are all very proud of the outstanding results our Year 3-8 girls produced in their speech exams last week. It was a very intense five days with hundreds of hours of work going in. Thank you to Mrs McIlwrick, Miss McSoriley and Mrs Kelly for all of the quality teaching and extra time put into the girls and their programmes.

Porridge

Next term we take the biennial school production to CentreStage on the nights of 29, 30 and 31 August. The show is called Porridge, and you are in an almighty night of laughing. The cast has been announced and the whole school numbers are being learnt. We will let you know when tickets are on sale. Due to the theatre being registered with iTicket, we cannot sell tickets at school. They will be available to purchase online which is convenient for everyone. Because we are taking the show to the theatre (a fantastic learning experience for the girls) the tickets will be more expensive than in past years, but we promise it will be worth it! Watch this space!

Have a wonderful fortnight with your girls. They have had a huge term, and have achieved many things. They are tired and a few sleep-ins are in order. Do take time for yourselves too. We will see you all on Monday 17 July.

God bless

Nathan Hughes
Tumuaki - Principal





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

- 17 **Day one of Term 3**
- 19 Matariki Feast
- 25 Parents' Association Meeting [7.00 pm]

AUGUST

- 4 School Speech Competition
- 10 BoT Meeting [5.30 pm]
- 16 Sing Out Rehearsal [Donovan School]
- 23 Polyfest Performance [1.40 pm]
BoP Meeting [5.30 pm]
- 28 Production Dress Rehearsal
- 29 Production Performance [CentreStage]
- 30 Production Performance [CentreStage]
- 31 Production Performance [CentreStage]

SEPTEMBER

- 8 Mufti Day
- 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
- 19-21 Dance Exams
- 22 Gymnastics Festival
Last Day of Term 3

OCTOBER

- 9 **Day one of Term 4**
- 23 Labour Day [school closed]
- 26 Christian Education Speeches [1.00 pm]
BoT Meeting [5.30 pm]
- 27 Mufti Day
Father/Daughter Netball

NOVEMBER

- 9 Greats and Grands morning
- 10 Science Road Show
- 13 Staff Only Day
- 15 BoP Meeting [5.30 pm]
- 22 Dance Sharing [2.00 pm]
- 29 Familiarisation Morning
- 30 BoT Meeting [5.30 pm]



WEEKLY AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS

ROOM 1

Georgia Cochrane, Saffron Smith

ROOM 2

Ava Davies, Beau McRae-Bothamley, Lara Preininger, Charlie Visser

ROOM 3

Eloise Smith, Sophia Lillo-Dockerty, Kyla-Rose Jarvis-Patterson, Aoife Gordon

ROOM 4

Rosie Laughton, Maya Preininger, Samantha Parry, Eilidh Gordon

ROOM 5

Lucy Middlemass, Isabella McNamara, Neeka Stewart, Anna Amar

ROOM 6

Leah McEwan, Libby Hamilton, Lucia Erskine, Greer Macpherson

ROOM 7

Neveah Roughan, Martina Bosma, Mia Reilly, Emma Visser

VALUES CUP

Lexie Nicholl
Martina Bosma

Room 3
Room 10



CELEBRATING OUR SUPPORT STAFF

This week, we have taken time to celebrate our dedicated team of support staff. We are incredibly lucky here at St John's to have such an incredible team of people working closely with students and teachers. The Kaiarahi would love to tell everyone about how wonderful these people are. We certainly couldn't do what we do without them!



MRS ROBERTS

Mrs Roberts is our office manager extraordinaire! We are so lucky to have Mrs Roberts in our school community; she does so much for us! Mrs Roberts is always there to help us when we need it, nothing is ever a problem and she does everything with a smile. She answers all the phone calls that come into the school, and there is a lot of them! Mrs Roberts also creates our amazing newsletters every week. Mrs Roberts makes everything happen in the front office! We are super grateful to have you at our school Mrs Roberts.



MRS SMITH

Mrs Smith is a wonderful member of our school community. She is our awesome librarian and is also a teacher aide in the classrooms. She keeps our library tidy and the books are always in the right place. The displays she creates are amazing! We also love the new garden out by the office that she has worked so hard on. We love having you in our school community Mrs Smith. You are a lovely person to be around and you always make us smile.



MRS ROBINSON

Mrs Robinson is an amazing person and we are so lucky to have her in our school community. Mrs Robinson supports many of us throughout the school by helping us with our reading, maths and many other things in the classroom. When Mrs Robinson walks into the room we're all filled with joy. We love her cheerful smile and we enjoy chatting with her. She is always interested in what we have to say.

"She is so helpful and kind when I needed help with my reading. She has had such a big impact in my life and I will always be forever thankful for her generosity in helping me. Thank you so much Mrs Robinson."



MRS DENNIS

Mrs Dennis is our amazing sports coordinator. We want to thank Mrs Dennis for all that she does for our school. Having chats and just hanging out with you is so much fun. Thank you for sorting out all of the sports registration, making teams up and dealing with all things sport! You are always there to help and organise us, reminding us about practices and game times. Going on the harriers runs with you is always a blast and we can't wait to see you out there again. All of the girls at St John's are so blessed to have you as part of our school community.

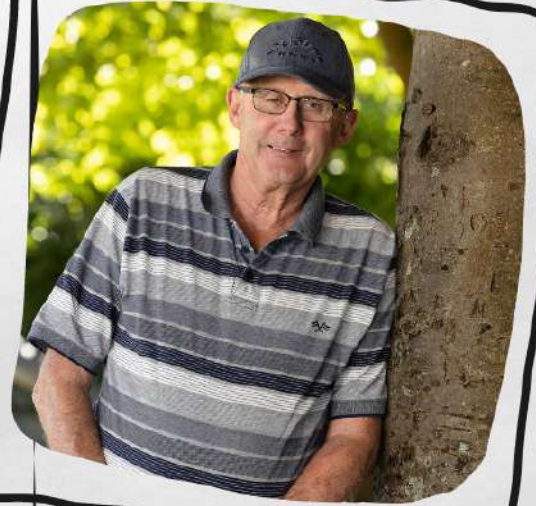




MR HAMILTON

We want to take a moment to share with you about someone special in our school community - Mr Hamilton. He is truly a gem! Mr Hamilton is always on hand to help with anything that needs fixing, and his kindness and generosity are felt by all. Without him, our school would not be the same. We all appreciate the hard work and dedication he puts into making our school a better place. It is also heartwarming to see how he involves and empowers us to help too.

Thank you, Mr Hamilton, for being such a wonderful helper and friend to us all.



MRS LANG

Mrs Lang works in our classrooms as a teacher aide and she is also in charge of uniform here at St John's. Mrs Lang does so much to help around the school. When she works with students, she encourages them to persevere even if the work is challenging. She helps us to believe in ourselves! Mrs Lang is always available to help out with uniform; nothing is ever a problem. Thanks to Mrs Lang we have hot lunches; she makes sure our heat ups are ready for us to eat at lunchtime. She always has a smile on her face and is always so bright and cheerful. Thank you for everything you do for us Mrs Lang!



NOELEEN WILSON

Noeleen has the very important job of coordinating the after-school care programme at St John's. She always works with us to get our homework done and we are also lucky enough to play some great games with her. All the girls at after-school care love having the positive vibes that Noeleen brings to the afternoon. We know that parents appreciate her too; she keeps us safe and sound until pick-up time. We all love Noeleen being a part of our school community. Thank you Noeleen for everything you do!



THANK YOU!

These wonderful people are such valued members of our school community. They all do an incredible job of supporting the students and the staff at St John's. They are always behind the scenes, working tirelessly to ensure everyone can do the job they need to do. We know they support parents too; whether it be answering a question when you ring, sorting a new piece of uniform, or answering questions about sports practices. Our school wouldn't function without our support staff. We truly appreciate everything they do for us!

WRITTEN BY THE KAIARAHU
KIRAN, GREER, AMELIA, LIBBY, NIEVE, BONNIE, LILLY & HANNAH





ROOM 1

News



Volume and Capacity

Room 1 have been learning about volume and capacity. We have looked at empty, half full (or half empty - depending on how you look at it) and full. We have also estimated how much we can put into cups when we fill them with beads or blocks. We have also been learning about weight and we have looked for items to compare which is heavier and lighter.



Kakapo

The Juniors all learnt so much from our visitors from SIT and DOC about the Kakapo. This was a cute photo opportunity with the cuddly Kakapo.



Kereru

Using water colour paints, metallic paints and oil pastels we have created pictures featuring Kereru. We have learnt all about the trees that the Kereru love to visit and what they like to eat. We have enjoyed learning all about our native birds and insects in New Zealand as part of our animals that fly inquiry.





Word Families

We are always up for a challenge in room 1 and we played our musical word families with 5 different word endings. It really warms the heart to see the girls supporting and helping one another. They really demonstrate our KIPRRR values with showing kindness to new students or older students being a big buddy to younger students.





ROOM 2

News

Well, here we are at the end of a jam-packed term! We have had so many wonderful experiences. Here are a few of our latest adventures.

Maths

We have been having a lot of fun learning about fractions in maths. We have looked at different ways to make halves and quarters by folding rectangles. Here we are covering $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{2}{4}$, and $\frac{3}{4}$ of a rectangle with our hands, feet, ears, and ponytail ... We think we learnt something in between the giggles. We also used our knowledge of shapes and fractions to make fabulous snowflakes. We folded an octagon in half, then quarters, and cut shapes along all the edges to come up with these beautiful creations. We did make rather a mess along the way!





Inquiry

Our inquiry into NZ birds has led us to make some bird feeders to see which birds we can attract to our school. Mr Hamilton was a great help getting our ideas built and out in the garden. So far we have attracted a lot of little waxeyes.



Tree Planting

Thank you to all the parents who joined us on our tree planting at Seaward Bush. We managed to plant 140 plants for future generations to enjoy.





Other Happenings

Well done to the year 3s with their speech exams. We are so proud of the work you all put in.

Life education bus is something we always look forward to. It was the perfect way to end our term 2 health unit on healthy eating.

It was fantastic to see so many of you at parent interviews. It is so valuable having the time to talk about your daughter's learning.

Putting on an assembly was a highlight for us this week. Our theme was growing good people. We each had a value to share with the school and grew into a beautiful flower once it was shared.

We are all looking forward to our holiday and some winter fun.



ROOM 3

News

The Code

Our spelling programme is based on 'The Code' by Liz Cane and it is a structured way to learn spelling sounds and patterns. The girls are in groups and have a teacher session, learning about their set of words. They then have a practice session where they have a follow up task to complete based on their learning.

Finally and possibly their favourite they have a multisensory session where they use Lego, chalk, playdoh, stamps, felts, whiteboards and letters to practise their words. We also have a load of spelling games to play when they are finished which they love - Spelligator, Hangman, Shoot, Quiddler, Dominoes, Word Families and many more.

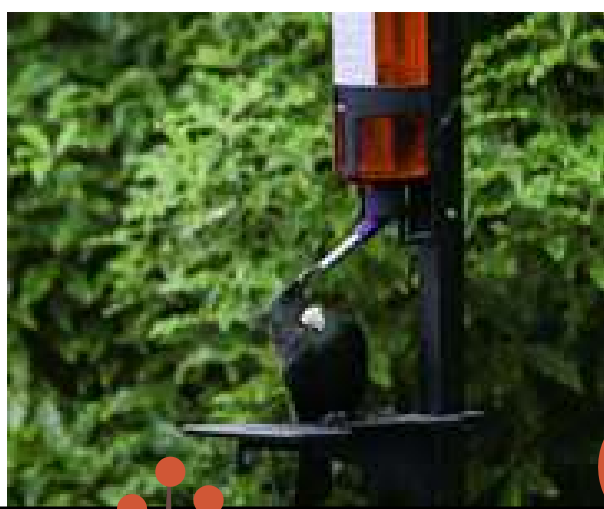


Inquiry

As part of our 'Rise Up' inquiry we have been learning about birds. Our class decided to research native birds and find a way to attract more to our school. We came up with a great idea that we could plant a garden with some of the delicious native trees and bushes they love to nibble. Jonny from 'The Plant Store' visited and shared his expertise on what would be suitable and brought with him some possible ideas. He was very clever and drew us up a plan and a costing. We then wrote a letter to Mr Hughes asking him to support our idea and possibly fund our native garden to attract native birds to our school. We are currently waiting for his response and our fingers and toes are crossed.

As we were researching we also found out that native birds find it difficult to find enough food during our Winter months so we looked into bird feeders. We're looking at one that has a bottle we can put sugar syrup in, which they love and a ledge that we can put some fruit on for them.

Ashlyn's family have also leant us a beautiful bird house that they built for us to hang outside our room to see if any other little birds would come to visit.





Speech Exams

Preparation for Speech exams has been keeping us very busy. There has been a huge amount of passion, effort and hard work put in by all. Year 3's had to choose a special item and talk about it for 2 minutes as well as present a poem with a group. Year 4 made a speech board about their pet/something they love/an activity/an achievement and they talked about it for 3 minutes. They also presented a poem with a group. All the girls were pleased with their exams and are looking forward to their results.



SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMME

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MATARIKI

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
3-13 July 2023

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

	MON 3 JULY	TUE 4 JULY	WED 5 JULY	THU 6 JULY	FRI 7 JULY
MORNING	WĀ KORERO STORYTIME Exciting stories in the Learning Space with a wee activity to follow. 10.30-11am • All ages	WĀ KORERO STORYTIME Fun stories in the Learning Space with a wee activity to follow. 10.30-11am • All ages	MR YIPADEE SHOW The Library is hosting Mr Yipadee at the Scottish Hall. He has a new book, new songs and is always loads of laughs. 10am • All ages • Scottish Hall Tickets from Ticketek	WĀ PĒPI BABYTIME/ WRIGGLE AND RHYME Bring your pēpi to this fun half hour of songs, rhymes, movement and bubbles. 10.30-11am • 0-2 years	RĀ HANGA BUILDING DAY Today we are putting out all our building toys like magnetic tiles, Lego, Duplo, and blocks so you can build and play all day. 9am-6pm • All ages
AFTERNOON	KĒMU MATAHIKO DIGI DROP IN A time to play the digi games on our tablets like Minecraft, Thinkrolls or coding using Scratch. 2-4pm • All ages	MAHI TOI CRAFT Come get crafty by weaving with wool. 2-4pm • 5-12 years	WĀ MAHI TOI CRAFTY TIME Calling all crafty types. The Library this afternoon will be a place for you to create and craft. All materials supplied. 2-4pm • All ages	TOI MURA GLO ART Paint your heart out using UV and glow in the dark materials. 2-4pm • All ages	MINECRAFT I RUNGA I TE PC MINECRAFT ON PC Book a two-hour Minecraft session on our computers for up to eight tamariki. Email learning@library.co.nz to book, include names of tamariki and date. 2-4pm • 8-12 years
	MON 10 JULY	TUE 11 JULY	WED 12 JULY	THU 13 JULY	FRI 14 JULY
MORNING	WĀ KORERO PIKINIKI TEDDY BEAR TEDDY BEARS PICNIC STORYTIME Bring your teddy, blanket and snacks for a teddy bears picnic in the Library. Some snacks provided. 10.30-11am • All ages	WĀ KORERO MATARIKI MATARIKI STORYTIME A Matariki storytime with legends, stories and waiata. 10.30-11am • All ages	WĀ KORERO STORYTIME Amazing stories in the Learning Space with a wee activity to follow. 10.30-11am • All ages	WĀ PĒPI BABYTIME Bring your pēpi to this fun half hour of songs, rhymes, movement and bubbles. 10.30-11am • 0-2 years	TE RĀ ARO KI A MATARIKI MATARIKI OBSERVANCE DAY BLUFF DAY 12 July
AFTERNOON	KĒMU WHANAU FAMILY BOARD GAMES Bring your family and play some of our board games, there will be heaps to choose from. 2-4pm • All ages	HANGA POI MAKE POI Come and make poi with us and then try out some actions and waiata. All materials supplied. 2-4pm • All ages	MAHI MANGŌ SHARK ACTIVITY Celebrate shark week with us and get involved with a jaw-some activity. 2-4pm • 5-12 years	WHETU MATARIKI MATARIKI STAR Learn to weave a Matariki star or two, or three, or nine. All materials supplied. 2-4pm • All ages	



NGĀ MEA MAHI OTHER ACTIVITIES

MATARIKI SCAVENGER HUNT Find the nine Matariki stars hidden around the library and fill in the scavenger hunt form. Hand in the form to go in the draw to win a sparkly prize.
FIND FINN Finn is hiding in the Library. Can you find her? Fill in the form telling us where she is and go in the draw to win!

FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN



July 2023

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	3 Ti Rākau LEARN TO MAKE AND USE IN GAMES 11AM - 1PM	4 PLAY CONTAINER OPEN 10AM - 4PM	5 SPORT & REC WITH ACTIVE SOUTHLAND 11AM - 1PM	6 NEIGHBOURHOOD NETBALL 10AM - 12PM	7 KIDS COOKING 11AM - 12PM <hr/> KIDS YOGA 1PM AND 2PM
	10 LEGO PLAY 10.30-12.30PM	11 ARTS & CRAFTS 10AM - 12PM	12 PLAY CONTAINER OPEN 10AM - 4PM	13 STRING STARS 9AM - 1PM <hr/> KIDS YOGA 1PM AND 4PM	14 MATARIKI (PUBLIC HOLIDAY)



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- GROUNDED IN NATURE 5-13 year olds

Gareth and Katie Oliver at: GarethandKatie@trueinnature.com
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12th August 2023
12pm till 3pm



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