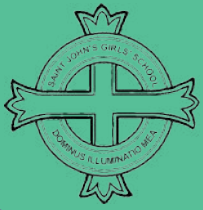




NEWSLETTER

St John's Girls' School

8 November 2024



Greetings from
the Principal

Boa dia, Guten
abend, Kia ora

Whakatauki -
Māori Proverb

He kai kei aku
ringa

There is food at the
end of my hands

Said by a person who can
use his/her basic abilities
and resources to create
success.

This morning I'm sat pondering the joy of today's assembly. We had a lengthy celebration this morning that showcased so much of what we hold dear at St John's. There was constant reference to our KIPRRR values; something of huge significance in our school.

We saw four beautiful plays from Rooms 1 and 4 that demonstrated a lot of teamwork, practice and learning. There was pride beaming on the faces of all our young performers, for their hard work had paid off. Their speech teacher was so proud.

Our Room 2 girls displayed their remarkable bottle birds. This recycled art project was work you would expect of much older students. They are amazing! The girls loved showing us the creations, each of them unique and reflecting their maker's personality. Beside them stood another very proud teacher.

Our Values Cup recipient, along with the school, sat and listened to an original song that had been written specifically about her, and her commitment to her learning and mana. As the tears of sheer pride and humility rolled down her face, they started to drip from the eyes of other girls and some staff. It was a special moment.

We expect so much of our girls at St John's, and it's intentional. If you expect little, you get little. The incredibly articulate and driven young women that emerge from our school at the end of Year 8 aren't a product of good luck nor does their confidence and values 'just happen'. What we do here at school, and the levels we operate at, has a huge effect and lifelong impact on our girls.

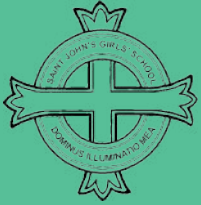
Just last week I had a long and beautifully crafted email from a past pupil who is now 21 and excelling in her studies. She wanted to reach out as she has been thinking about her eight years at St John's a lot in recent times, and she needed to tell us that she knows it was this school that gave her her confidence, her work ethic and her self-belief. When I shared that email with staff there were more tears.

This is why we teach.

Staff Only Day

A reminder that Monday 11 November is a Staff Only Day where we will focus on the new curriculum expectation for 2025. Please ensure you have made alternative arrangements for your daughter.





Values Cup Recipients

Invoices

All balances are required to be paid in full by the last week of term. This is vital as we wind up the year.

Socks

Please ensure that your daughter has school regulation white socks, and school supplied PE socks. White branded sports socks are not to be worn with the summer uniform.

End of Year Events

We have all of our special events to look forward to and they are not that far away! Please carefully note dates and times. Full attendance is required at Christmas Service, even though it is held in the evening.

I wish you all a safe and relaxing weekend ahead.

God bless

Nathan Hughes

Tumuaki - Principal



Beau McRae-Bothamley
Room 2



Evie Erskine
Room 6



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



NOVEMBER

- **11** **Staff Only Day [school closed]**
- **13** Lip Sync - Junior Heats [lunchtime]
BoP Meeting [5.30pm]
- **14** Lip Sync - Senior Heats [lunchtime]
Greats and Grands morning [Rms 1-3]
- **20** Dance Sharing
- **21** Lip Sync Competition [12pm]
Rowena Jackson visit [Rms 1-3]
- **26** Familiarisation Morning
SBHS/SGHS Production [CentreStage am]
- **28** More FM Pack the Bus
Maori Consultation Evening [6pm Staffroom]
Disco [6-7.30 pm Whole School]
- **29** Aviary shared pizza lunch

2025

- **3 February** **Staff only day**
- **4 February** **First day of school for students**
- **6 February** **Waitangi Day [school closed]**
- **27 February** **School Photos**
- **4-7 March** **Yr 7 Camp - Stewart Island**
- **6 March** **All Saints Athletics**
- **31 March - 2 April** **Yr 5 Camp**
- **2-4 April** **Yr 6 Camp**
- **16 December** **Last day of school for students**

DECEMBER

- **2** Tabloids
- **5** BoT Meeting [5.30pm]
- **6** Father/Daughter Netball [2.00pm]
Reports Out
- **9** Prizegiving/Christmas Service Practice
- **10** Christmas Service - First Church [6.30pm]
- **12** **Last Day of Term 4**
Prizegiving - First Church [1.30pm]
Leavers' Function - School Hall [3.15pm]



WEEKLY AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS

ROOM 1

Evie Bradshaw, Kate McEwan, Lara Valli, Eden Dawson

ROOM 2

Eleanor Anstice-Shirley, Beau McRae-Bothamley, Sophia Risk, Maeve Devlin

ROOM 3

Victoria Duncan, Portia Smith, Briar Brady, Amelia Goodwright

ROOM 4

Laura van Westrenen, Avery Botting, Hannah Sloan, Jaynee Holms-Johnston

ROOM 6

Briar McKenzie, Emily Bulling, Emily Laughton, Bailey Cooper

ROOM 7

Luna Welsh, Abby Unahi, Martina Bosma, Nevaeh Roughan

ROOM 8

Amelia Frew, Esmé McCleery, Ingrid Fleming, Amelia Reijnen

VALUES CUP

Beau McRae-Bothamley Room 2
Evie Erskine Room 6

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Isla Ward Room 6





SADDLE UP! YOU'RE INVITED TO THE
 ST JOHN'S GIRLS'
 SCHOOL

DISCO

28 NOVEMBER | 6.00-7.30PM
 SJGS HALL



Howdy partners, it's time to party! The 2024 school disco is coming up in week 7, the 28th of November. The theme chosen this year is Country and Western. Tickets are \$8 each. The Year 8's have been working very hard to make and design all of the props and signs to create an amazing atmosphere. On Thursday morning the Year 8 girls did a wordle and a line dance to reveal the disco theme. We can say that all the girls are very excited to dress up and have a fun time! There will be some awesome, delicious and cool treats for the girls to have while they are partying their hearts out. The Country and Western theme comes with many costume varieties. A few places to find costumes are op shops, friends, online or find something at home (in Mum or Dad's wardrobe!). We hope you are as excited as we are! Yeehaw!



Tickets will be on sale in the next couple of weeks. Keep an eye out for this on Skool Loop and in the notices!



ROOM 1 NEWS

Inquiry: Kindness in Our Community

Room 1 have been thinking about kindness as we look at "Kindness in our Community" for our inquiry.

Mrs Raines shared the story Kindness is Magic where Wolf learnt about kind words and being encouraging. The girls have added their kind words to their wolf pictures.

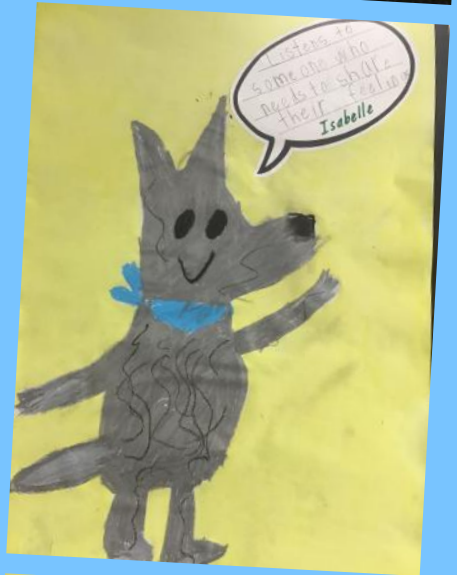


Charlotte Wrote:

"Kindness is helping someone on the monkey bars and if they need help, you help them get down. Someone could get up on the bar and you hold onto them so they don't fall off. I could show kindness to my sister when she has a sore tummy. I got her teddy and her pillow, I got her some milk to drink. I told her to have a sleep."

Olive Wrote:

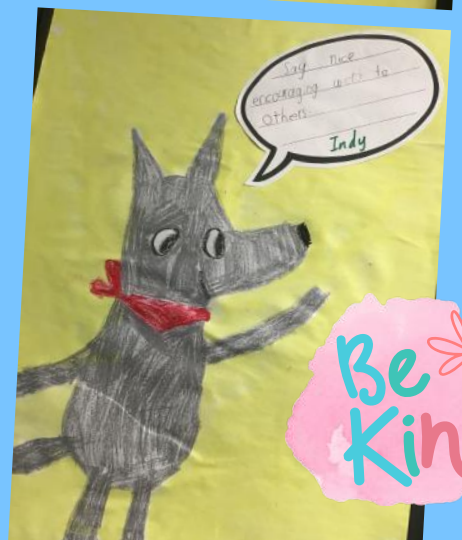
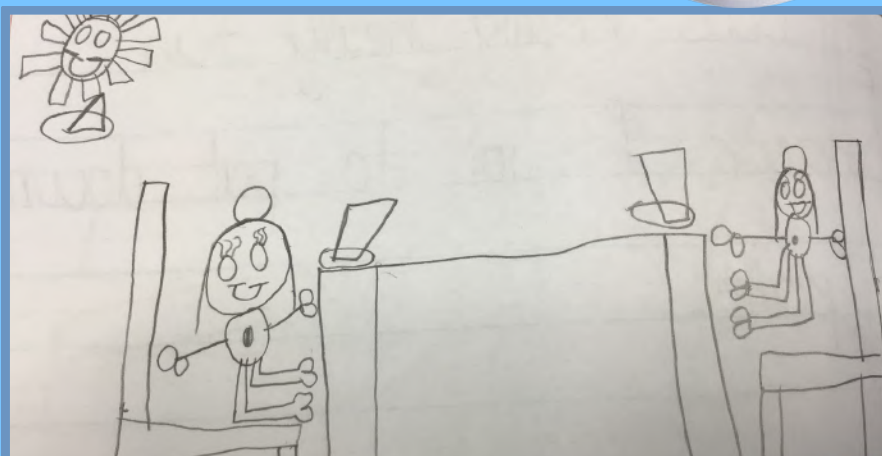
"Kindness is good because if you be kind, kindness might come back to you, so my kindness is a special story about kindness."



After thinking about kindness, Mrs Jagoutz wondered what the Room 1 girls would do if they could be the boss for a day. Most of the stories were about food, parties, doughnuts and movie nights!

Kate Wrote:

"If I was boss for the day I would give me and Olive some chocolate cake and also have a party."



Be Kind.

ALWAYS
CHOOSE
KINDNESS

ROOM 2 NEWS

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KINDNESS IN THE COMMUNITY

Room 2 are enjoying being back for term 4 and have launched into our Inquiry topic, 'Kindness'. We are looking out for each other, trying hard to "add a little sunshine to our buddy's day!" Our catch phrase is "If you can't be kind, be quiet!" It is important that we use kind words when speaking to each other.

As part of our Kindness Inquiry we are proud to support the Shoe Booth. Recently we had a visit from ex-pupil Maddison Booth who told us all about the wonderful work they are doing for people in need.

We have created art works inspired by the work of Keith Haring. His images promote kindness and spreading joy. Is there any better message?



GUMBOOT FRIDAY

We had an absolute blast playing gumboot games on Gumboot Friday. Check out our fun photo! We were able to work on our target throwing skills as well! Brilliant!



ROOM 3 NEWS



Term 4 is off to a flying start. It's hard to believe week 4 has just been ticked off!



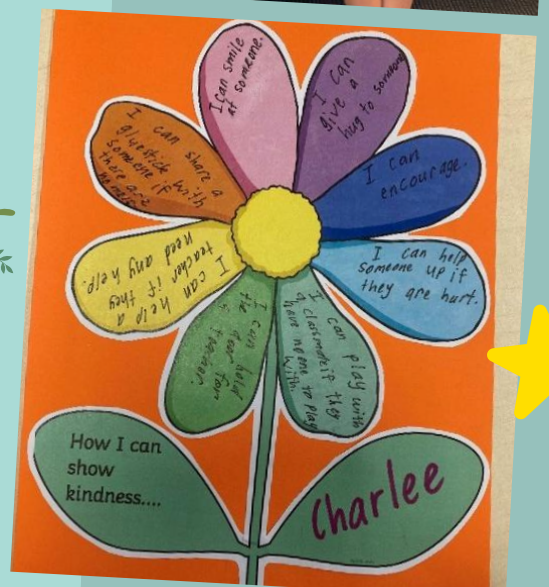
KINDNESS IN THE COMMUNITY

Room 3 has begun our learning around 'Kindness in the Community'. We started with looking at ourselves and how we can be kind to others. We shared ideas of how we can be kind at school and made these flowers to share our ideas. We have also had a lovely visit from Maddison Booth - 'The Shoe Booth' to share how she supports people in need in our community. We look forward to being able to support her by collecting old shoes so that she can pass them on to others in need.



SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

We completed a lot of pencil drawings of daffodils, looking at their shape, design and features. We then carefully drew our final designs and dyed them to create these gorgeous pieces of daffodil art.





All subs are made freshly baked white or wheat bread

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Be in to win a free 6-inch sub with your next school lunch order!

Most recent winners - **Matilda [Rm 8] & Eleanor [Rm 2]**

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2025



- Term **1** 4 February to 11 April
- Term **2** 28 April to 27 June
- Term **3** 14 July to 19 September
- Term **4** 6 October to 16 December

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