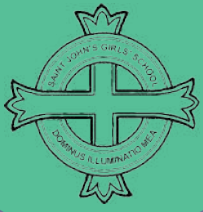




NEWSLETTER

St John's Girls' School

3 July 2026



Greetings from the Principal

Kia Ora koutou, Ola, Bonjour

It is hard to believe we are officially halfway through the school year!

This term, as we celebrate the many successes across our kura, the whakatauki to the left perfectly captures our journey. One of our Year 8 rangitahi, Evie, shared this in assembly on Thursday. It is a powerful reminder that our achievements are not just about individual mahi, but the incredible collective hard work and dedication of everyone in our school community. Each success story, big or small, highlights the combined efforts of our tamariki, kaiako, support staff, and whānau. This shared commitment is truly the foundation for how we continue to grow, learn, and thrive together.

Dance Exams

Miss Gina was very impressed with the way our girls were prepared for their dance exams this week. The girls were excited [particularly our Year 3 group!] and proud of their achievements too. Thank you for your support with ensuring the girls were prepared with the required gear on the day; it is always a mammoth task!

Speech Exams

The girls are well-prepped for their exams, thanks to Mrs Mcllwick and Mrs Dawkins. The holidays provide a wonderful opportunity for the girls to practice and refine their content, ready for their exam early next term. The exam dates are on the school calendar.

The Period Project

Thank you to everyone for your support of The Period Project Parent and Daughter evening. I have received plenty of positive feedback from parents and the girls about the evening, and the classroom sessions.

Thank you to our facilitator, Anna, for sharing your knowledge with our girls and whānau.

Learning Celebration Evening

We had a wonderful evening last night celebrating the learning that has been taking place across the school this term. Thank you for joining us!

Interschools Speech Competition

This annual event showcases the best speakers from Years 5-8 across Southland. The competition progresses through five rounds: a classroom competition, the school competition, the cluster schools competition, the Invercargill Area Final, and finally, the Southland Grand Final.

Our entire senior syndicate is entering this competition. This is a wonderful opportunity for our girls to further their public speaking skills. Our class competition will be held in Week 4 next term, with the school competition taking place in Week 5. Four girls will be selected to represent St John's at the cluster competition: two from Year 7-8 and two from Year 5-6.

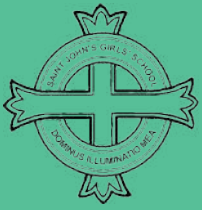
Whakatauki - Māori Proverb

**Ehara taku toa
i te toa
takitahi,
engari he toa
takitini**

*Success is not the
work of an
individual, but the
work of many.*

KIPRRR





Reminder - Drop Off and Pick Up Times

A reminder that girls may arrive on site from 8:20am. We recommend arriving by 8:30am to allow ample time for organisation before the morning assembly. We are noticing girls being dropped off earlier, and we cannot guarantee adequate supervision before 8:20am.

All students must be picked up promptly at the end of the school day. Back gate duty [Avenal Street] concludes at 3:10pm. Any students not collected by this time will be brought back to the senior cloakroom steps.

Girls still on site at 3:15pm will be taken to After School Care.

Reports

Your daughter's school report will be emailed to you this Friday afternoon, as well as published to the school.kiwi portal. As outlined in our previous newsletters, our reports reflect current curriculum changes. You will find a brief outline of these changes included in the report email.

Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday 21 July and Wednesday 22 July. These interviews will be focused on your daughter's report, offering a valuable opportunity to discuss this with her classroom teacher/s. I encourage you to book a time to meet with your daughter's teacher. These conversations are always incredibly valuable. Your daughter is encouraged to attend the interview too.

Please note: School will finish at 2pm on Tuesday 21 July. After School Care with Noeleen Wilson will be available from 2:15pm.

Thank you for your continued support throughout this term. We look forward to welcoming the girls back well-rested and safe after the break.

Ngā mihi nui

Holly Bradshaw
Tumuaki | Principal



WEEKLY AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS

ROOM 1

Jasmine McEwan, Athena Parsons, Ivy Dickens, Lola Devlin, Elli Pekamu, Olive Johnstone

ROOM 2

Indy Frost, Annabel Flannery, Evie Bradshaw, Gussie Affleck, Harriet Telfer, Imogen Dixon-Calder

ROOM 3

Navy Sloane, Mia Mojica, Isla Dackers, Saffron Smith, McKenzie Kyle, Oriana Smith

ROOM 5

Lucy Dixon-Calder, Mahya Gilmete, Amelia Maxwell, Ivy Manera, Ava Davies, Eleanor Anstice-Shirley

ROOM 6

Charlotte Dowling, Victoria Duncan, Harper Peters, Mia Hitchcock, Kyla Howden, Charlotte Dowling

ROOM 7

Bethany Mehrtens, Sophia Lillo-Dockerty, Rosie Laughton, Simone Paganelli, Amelia Bosma, Lydia O'Brien

ROOM 8

Greer Pine, Maya Preininger, Morrigan Parsons, Briar McKenzie, Peyton Cornish, Samantha Parry

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Rm 1 Lola Devlin, Ellie McCallum
Rm 2 Cambrie PortiaJames Carman-Oneroa,
 Lara Valli
Rm 5 Amaia van Westrenen
Rm 6 Charlie Miles, Amélie Crossley,
 Lola Rutledge
Rm 7 Rosie Laughton, Sophia Lillo-Dockerty

VALUES CUP

Rm 2 Isabelle Miskimmin



Bonus Points Trophies

Term 2, 2026

At St John's, we love to celebrate "deeds well done". Bonus Points are a positive way to recognise and encourage behaviours such as showing good manners, including others, working diligently, and producing high-quality work. The following girls have earned Bonus Points Trophies this term – **congratulations** to them for consistently demonstrating the values of St John's Girls' School.

Ivy Dickens Room 1

Charlotte Risk Room 2

Mia Mojica Room 3

Lucy Dixon-Calder Room 5

Amélie Crossley Room 6

Ava Amar Room 7

Morrigan Parsons Room 8

Alabaster 1st

Marchant 2nd

Enderby 3rd

Lester 4th



Work & Sports Stripes

Term 2, 2026

Stripes are awarded to Year 7 and 8 pupils at the end of Terms 2 and 4 and recognise effort, participation, and achievement across a range of areas. Green work stripes are based on consistent effort across all areas rather than academic ability. Light green work stripes are awarded at the end of Term 2 and dark green work stripes are awarded at the end of Term 4. Red work stripes are awarded at the end of the year and are for girls who demonstrate consistent effort across all areas, as well as academic ability in English and Maths. Girls can earn two work stripes a year; either two green stripes, or one green and one red stripe. Sports stripes are awarded based on set participation criteria, with white stripes recognising effort and fair play, and gold stripes awarded for outstanding ability—such as representing Southland or receiving a sports cup—alongside continued effort and fair play. Cultural stripes recognise dedication and achievement in cultural activities, with a purple stripe awarded for committed participation in areas such as choir, kapa haka, Christian Education speeches, assembly performances, and production. **Congratulations** to the following girls who have earned stripes for their hard work, commitment, and positive attitude.



Green Work Stripe

Year 7

Amelia Bosma
Isabella Johns
Danielle King
Rosie Laughton
Sophia Lillo-Dockerty
Bethany Mehrtens
Lexie Nicholl
Lydia O'Brien

Year 8

Bailey Cooper
Briar McKenzie
Willow Murray
Morrigan Parsons
Greer Pine
Maya Preininger



White Sports Stripe

Year 7

Elise Davison

FROM YOUR KAIARAHĪ

DANCE

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, the every Year 3 to Year 8 participated in dance exams. These exams are important to St John's history; a highlight of our amazing curriculum that makes our school unique in every way. In the exam week, we have a wonderful examiner, Mrs Foster, come down each year to grade the exams. The examiner marks each girl for their posture, poise, and poses. These exams include leaps, high kicks, and attitude with their dances, and will receive a badge and a certificate, with their grade, early next term.



LIFE EDUCATION

This week, Teresa from the Life Education bus came to our school to educate us. Every class had two sessions throughout the week. The junior syndicate girls learnt about showing kindness and how to stay healthy. Our senior girls learnt about growing up, the challenges they may face as they become adults, as well as taking responsibility for their choices. Our Year 8 girls got the chance to take some photos with Harold, as it was their last visit with him.

On Thursday, we even had Harold come to visit the school!



Amelia B, Avery, Elise D, Danielle, Emily L, Rosie, Lydia, Simone





Harold
the Giraffe

LIFE
EDUCATION
TRUST

Wear Yellow For Harold - KIPRRR Day



On Friday, the 19th of June schools across the country took part in a school-wide dress up day where tamariki and staff wore yellow or giraffe-themed outfits to celebrate Harold and support the important work of Life Education.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

- **1** Dance Exams
- **1/2** Life Education Bus
- **2** Learning Celebration [5.00-6.30pm]
- **3** **Last day of Term 2**
- **20** **First day of Term 3**
- **21** **School Finishes at 2pm**
Parent / Teacher Interviews [2.15-7pm]
- **22** Parent / Teacher Interviews [3.15-7pm]
- **27** Speech Exam [Yr 5]
- **28** Speech Exam [Yr 6]
Parents' Association Meeting [7pm]
- **29** Speech Exam [Yr 7]

AUGUST

- **6** Speech Exam [Yrs 2/3]
- **7** Speech Exam [Yr 4]
- **10** Speech Exam [Yr 8]
- **12** Jnr Syndicate - Commonwealth Games Day
- Stadium Southland [afternoon]
- **13** Sing Out - Rehearsal [am]
- **14** Brett Fairweather [Jump Jam session]
- **19** Cluster Speech Final [9-10.30am] SJGS Hall
- **20** School Board Meeting [5.30pm]
- **24** **Staff Only Day [School closed]**
- **25** Polyfest Performance [2.10pm] ILT Stadium

SEPTEMBER

- **3** Invercargill Area Speech Final [Evening] -
SJGS Hall
- **9** Rm 7 Weaving Wellness programme
BoP Meeting [5.30pm]
- **16** Rm 7 Weaving Wellness programme
Sing Out Technical Rehearsal [pm]
- **17** Sing Out Dress Rehearsal [am]
Sing Out Performance [7-8.30pm]
- **21-24** Book Fair
- **23** Rm 7 Weaving Wellness programme
SMAC Maths
- Yr 7 5.00-5.30pm
- Yr 8 5.45-6.30pm
- **25** **Last day of Term 3**

OCTOBER

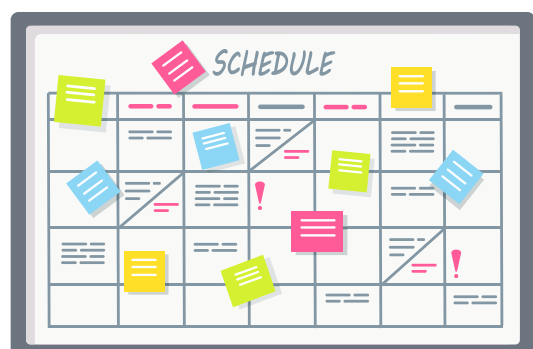
- **12** **First day of Term 4**
- **14** Rm 7 Weaving Wellness programme
- **15** School Board Meeting [5.30pm]
- **17-18** William Pike - Dolamore Park trip
- **20** Parents' Association Meeting [7pm]
- **21** Rm 7 Weaving Wellness programme
- **26** **Labour Day [School Closed]**
- **28** Rm 7 Weaving Wellness programme

NOVEMBER

- **10** Cultural Day
- **11** BoP Meeting [5.30pm]
- **19** Greats & Grands [am]
Christian Education Speeches [pm]
- **24** New Entrant Morning [Yrs 2-8 for 2027]

DECEMBER

- **1** School Board Meeting [5.30pm]
- **4** Tabloids [1-3pm]
- **7** Tabloids [postponement day]
- **9** Father / Daughter Netball [2pm]
- **14** Christmas Service & Prizegiving Practice
Christmas Service [First Church 6pm]
- **15** **Last day for students**
Prizegiving [First Church 1.30pm]
Leavers' Farewell [3.15pm School Hall]





Thursday 9th July
Sunday 12th July
FREE ENTRY
Effices Available For Food And Activities
Badminton Hall
 beside the IIT Stadium

Donut Dude <small>Donuts - Slushies - Smoothies - Celebrations</small>	Southland Mini Jeeps #43
Inflatable Animals & Aliens	Bouncy Castles Various sizes From \$40 a day
Food Canteen NERF Guns Face painting Plus Lots More	Bumper Balls #5

Present this voucher and receive **FREE** sm Donuts AND **1 paid activity FREE**
ADULT ONE NOTE 1 PER PERSON

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Some activities are free

Southland Owned & Operated
Wayne
 027 479 4432
 wayne@funandfood.co.nz
 WayneFunFood

Free Incredible Years Parent Programmes



Ngā Tau Miharo
The Incredible Years Aotearoa

Incredible Years is particularly for parents and caregivers who are struggling with tricky behaviours at home, such as your kids being disruptive, acting out or showing anxiety or developmental delays.

The Incredible Years programme has been around for over 30 years, so we know it works.

Cost: Free
Time: 2.5 hour session
Length: 14 weeks, one session per week

Evening	Daytime
Beginning 11th August	Beginning 13th August
Tuesdays	Thursdays
6 pm – 8.30pm	10am – 12.30pm

Register today or for more information phone, text or email

Contact: 03 211 8272 or 027 223 1417,
 email ly@familyworkslltd.nz



SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMME

LUNCH MENU

All subs are made freshly baked white or wheat bread

WWW.SUBWAYEXPRESS.CO.NZ



BE IN TO WIN A FREE 6-INCH SUB WITH YOUR NEXT SCHOOL LUNCH ORDER!

Helping To Brush?

'It's best to wait until they turn 8...'
 ...before you stop helping your child to brush their teeth

Until about age 8, your child is likely to miss brushing areas such as their back teeth and their gums



Health New Zealand
 Te Whatu Ora

Community Oral Health Service

Talkteeth Southern

Invercargill City Libraries & Archives
 TE HAEATA

Try a Language, Learn a Culture – for FREE!

Join Larrauri Translations and Cultural Consulting at the Invercargill Public Library for a series of FREE language learning sessions. Running every third Saturday of the month from 1:30pm-3:30pm. Each session is a beginner friendly and engaging 2 hour introduction to a new language.

- 📍 Spanish - 20 June
- 📍 Chinese - 18 July
- 📍 Punjabi - 15 August
- 📍 French - 19 September

TERM 3 ICE SKATING

CHECKOUT FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM: @icesportssouthland

KIWISKATE

Monday & Saturday
(During school terms. No Kiwiskate on Public Holidays)

Monday: 4pm - 5pm
Saturday: 10am - 11am

Please make sure your Kiwiskater has warm clothes, thick socks, skates tied up tight and we encourage gloves.

1 DAY \$130
2 DAY \$200

PLEASE PAY AT THE MULTISPORTS COMPLEX RECEPTION ON WEEK 1.

REGISTER: WWW.TINYURL.COM/KIWISKATE

TEEN KIWISKATE

Saturday Morning
(During school terms. No Kiwiskate on Public Holidays)

Saturday: 11am - 12pm

Teenager specific timeslot to learn to skate. Teens - 12yo and over. They can also join Monday Kiwiskate if wanting to skate twice/week.

1 DAY \$130
2 DAY \$200

PLEASE PAY AT THE MULTISPORTS COMPLEX RECEPTION ON WEEK 1.

REGISTER: WWW.TINYURL.COM/KIWISKATE

CUBS LEARN TO PLAY ICE HOCKEY

TUESDAY 4.30PM - 5.30PM

4 - 16 YEAR OLDS **\$130**
STARTS: 21ST JULY
10 WEEKS

PLAYERS WILL LEARN THE BASICS OF SKATING AND STICK HANDLING AND BUILD CONFIDENCE ON THE ICE ALL THE WHILE FEELING SAFE WRAPPED UP IN A FULL SET OF HOCKEY PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT.

ALL SKATES, STICKS, HELMETS AND COACHING INCLUDED.

REGISTER: WWW.TINYURL.COM/JUNIOR-IHT

Gore Multisports Complex
off Robertson Street, Gore
www.icesportssouthland.com

PRESCHOOLER & PARENT

Thursday: 1.00pm - 1.30pm

INCLUDES PENGUIN/SEAL SKATE HIRE FOR PARENT/PRESCHOOLER, AND COACHING.

1 DAY \$80
10 WEEKS

RUNS FROM 23RD JULY UNTIL 24TH SEPTEMBER.

REGISTER: WWW.TINYURL.COM/ISSPRESCHOOL

Gore Multisports Complex
off Robertson Street, Gore
www.icesportssouthland.com

HOME ED. LEARN TO SKATE

Tuesday: 1pm - 2pm

RUNS FOR 10 WEEKS (BEGINNING 21ST JULY)

INCLUDES ICE SKATE HIRE, PENGUIN/SEAL SKATE HIRE AND COACHING.

\$130

THIS SESSION IS SUITABLE FOR ANY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN.

REGISTER: WWW.TINYURL.COM/HOME-ED

Gore Multisports Complex
off Robertson Street, Gore
www.icesportssouthland.com

ADULT LEARN TO SKATE

Monday: 7pm - 8.30pm
Wednesday: 7pm - 8.30pm

(During school terms. Not on Public Holidays)

Adult Beginner Lesson First to 1st - Group Lesson Next 1st - Time to skate and connect with others. Space for more people to have 1 on 1 Private Lessons.

1 DAY \$15
2 DAY \$25

THESE SESSIONS ARE ONLY 1.5 HRS EACH 1st AND PAY AT RECEPTION

REGISTER: WWW.TINYURL.COM/ISSADULT

Gore Multisports Complex
off Robertson Street, Gore
www.icesportssouthland.com

PRIVATE LESSONS SKATE 1 ON 1

Do you want to increase your skating ability with 1 on 1 lessons?

1 DAY \$30

Lessons available with Hayley - Level 2 Coach

All abilities and age welcome

EMAIL: isscoachhayley@gmail.com

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off Robertson Street, Gore
www.icesportssouthland.com

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

CHECKOUT FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM: @icesportssouthland

LEARN TO SKATE HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Tues 7th, Wedns 8th, Thurs 9th July.

SKATERS ARE WELCOME TO STAY ON FOR PUBLIC SESSION AFTER THE LESSON AT NO EXTRA COST

1PM - 2PM

1 DAY \$18
2 DAY \$30
3 DAY \$40

4-16 YEARS
NO SKATING EXPERIENCE REQUIRED
HELMETS COMPULSORY

"A GREAT WAY TO FILL IN YOUR SCHOOL HOLIDAYS"

REGISTER: WWW.TINYURL.COM/LEARN-ISS

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

OPEN 2 - 4pm everyday
during the school holidays & weekends

PRICE

Adult (18 or over) - \$18
Student (Under 18) - \$15
Preschool (Under 5) - \$7.50
Family 4 Pass - \$59
(2 adults & 2 children OR 1 adult 3 children)

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off Robertson Street, Gore
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BUSHCRAFT & SURVIVAL SKILLS Holiday Experiences

CHILD VS WILD [3 Days]

7 to 13 year olds
Invercargill
8.45am to 3pm
6th July to 8th July
15th July to 17th July

An Adventure quest in different locations. Children spend two days learning and acquiring bushcraft and survival skills ready to be tested on the final day in a teamwork survival challenge.

BUSH KIDS [1 Day]

5 to 16 year olds
Invercargill & Gore
8.45am to 3pm

Thursday 9th July Invercargill
Monday 13th July Invercargill
Tuesday 14th July GORE

A one day bushcraft and survival skills experience

*Bushcraft and Survival Skills experiences include:

- Advanced fire starting skills
- Knife work, whittling, carving
- Bush exploration, navigating, orienteering
- Shelter building
- Cooking on gas stoves/ fires
- Survival first aid
- Herbal medicine
- Foraging
- Natural Crafts
- Nature Discovery

Our adventures explore the bush, estuary, beach and pine forests

*Every day brings a different adventure. Activities are weather, location and seasonally dependent.

WILD FAMILY DAY [1 Day]

All Ages - A Family Day Out
Invercargill
10am to 3pm

Matariki Public Holiday Friday 10th July

Join us for a Wild Family Day out where families come together to slow down, reconnect, and celebrate the season out in nature, learning new skills and sharing nourishing food

