



# NEWSLETTER

St John's Girls' School

1 May 2026



Greetings from the Principal

Kia Ora koutou, Ola, Bonjour

Welcome back to Term 2! The girls are excited to be back and are focused on their learning. They look smart and warm in their winter uniforms. Thank you for ensuring they look their best every day. We are proud of our uniform at St John's. Our house captains help the girls at line-up each day to ensure they all look their best before assembly. An immaculate uniform showcases the pride we have in our school.

Thank you also for ensuring your daughters are organised for swimming on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon. School swimming is a huge logistical undertaking at school, and your help is greatly appreciated.

We have received positive feedback from the pool staff about our girls; their effort, manners and their encouragement of others in their swimming groups. It was lovely to share this feedback with the girls in assembly this week.

## Education Review Office [ERO] Report

Late last term, we received our annual visit from the Education Review Office. Our last ERO review was in 2021, and there have been many changes in our school since then!

The Education Review Office is an independent government agency that checks the quality of education in all New Zealand schools. Their goal is simple: to make sure your children are getting the best possible outcomes. They provide us with evidence-based feedback so we can keep improving and stay focused on what matters most - our girls.

We were pleased to welcome our on-site reviewer, Michelle, who spent three days immersed in our school life. Her visit was comprehensive and covered every level of our operations to ensure we are delivering the best for our girls. Michelle's time with us was a deep dive into every corner of our school life. She spent a lot of her time meeting with me to walk through our strategic direction, reviewing everything from our assessment data to our long-term teaching and learning programmes. She also met with our School Board to discuss the governance and policies that keep our school safe, well-resourced, and focused on the future.

The review then moved into the heart of the school. Michelle met with our teaching staff to discuss their professional growth, classroom programmes and how they care for the well-being of every student. She spent time observing in classrooms, seeing firsthand how our girls engage with their learning. Most importantly, she spent time with some of our Year 7 and 8 girls, listening to their stories and hearing what makes them most proud to belong to the St John's community.

Our report has now been confirmed, and I am thrilled to say it is excellent. It is truly reflective of who we are as a school, what makes us special, and our mission to empower our girls to be confident, capable young women of the future. The report identifies some areas for growth, many of which we had already considered ourselves, and it gives us the mandate to work through those changes in a way that is perfect for St John's. Our special character and ethos are at the heart of all we do, and this has certainly come through in the report.

## Whakatauki - Māori Proverb

He aroha whakatō, he aroha puta mai

*If kindness is sown, then kindness is received.*

## KIPRRR





Thank you for the part you play in ensuring we can do what we do: teaching and supporting your wonderful daughters.

I have identified two very important parts of our ERO report and outlined them below.

The ERO evaluation identified the following as areas of strength in our school:

- Students are engaged, enthusiastic learners who benefit from a supportive school with many leadership opportunities; they take pride in their school and have a strong sense of belonging.
- The school's special character is underpinned by embedded values; leaders and staff know the students well and foster a caring, trusting, family-like ethos that sustain strong community relationships.
- Strong leadership and a supportive board provide vision and direction; strategic planning is well-informed, with regular reviews that sustain excellent student outcomes and drive added improvement.
- The principal grows a shared understanding and ownership of the school vision and strategic priorities, across the school, implements cohesive systems, initiatives and actions that enhance wellbeing and learning.
- Leaders foster staff professional growth focus on equity and excellence through data-driven planning and practice; Māori and Pacific students achieve highly.
- High-quality teaching approaches are established across the school; regular collaboration to improve practice and explicit training for teachers and teacher-aides supports schoolwide consistency.
- A supportive community, Board of Proprietors, school Board, and Parent Association work closely with leaders and staff to promote a positive, safe and well-resourced environment for learning.

ERO works with us to identify key priorities that will help us continue to grow. These are priorities we had already identified ourselves and then refined with ERO. Our focus moving forward includes:

- Improve rates of regular attendance using the school's Attendance Management Plan.
- Embed professional learning from the new mathematics programme [The Learner First].
- Implement Te Pōhā with iwi, to connect students' learning experiences with local stories and knowledge that are significant to mana whenua.
- Refine the teacher professional growth cycle approach to building staff capability to include being responsive to student voice.

The full ERO report is available on our school website for you to read at your convenience. You can also find it on the official ERO website, where it will be updated every four years.

### Staffing News

We welcome back Mrs Emma Jamieson to St John's Girls' School. Mrs Jamieson will be teaching in Room 1 from Monday to Thursday until Week 3, Term 3, while Mrs Jagoutz is on leave. Mrs Rachael Devlin will be covering Room 1 on a Friday. Our Room 1 girls are in very capable and caring hands.

Have a wonderful weekend with your whānau.

Ngā manaakitanga

Holly Bradshaw  
**Tumuaki | Principal**

# WEEKLY AWARDS

## CONGRATULATIONS

### ROOM 1

Jasmine McEwan, Ellie McCallum, Ivy Dickens, Quinn Botting

### ROOM 2

Addison Findlater, Lara Valli, Amelia Veint, Abby Moore

### ROOM 3

McKenzie Kyle, Amaia van Westrenen, Mackenzie Smithies, Mia Mojica

### ROOM 5

Beau McRae-Bothamley, Mahya Gilmete, Ava Davies, Amelia Maxwell

### ROOM 6

Lola Rutledge, Phoebe Hobson, Briar Brady, Madeleine Davison

### ROOM 7

Simone Paganelli, Lydia O'Brien, Rosie Laughton, Hannah Sloan

### ROOM 8

Aliviah Giles, Briar McKenzie, Morrigan Parsons, Emily Bulling

### PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Rm 2 Darcy Beer, Kate McEwan, Lara Valli  
Rm 3 Elliece Goodwright  
Rm 6 Harper Peters, Madeliene Davison,  
Phoebe Hodson, Amélie Crossley

### VALUES CUP



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## MAY

- 4-27 Swimming [Monday and Wednesdays pm]
- 6-8 Mother's Day Market [10.30am each day - **students only**]
- 7 School Board Meeting [5.30pm]
- 21 Playhouse Theatre Performance
- 22 PA Sausage sizzle
- 27 Swimming Sports
- 29 School Cross Country [pm]

## JUNE

- 1 **King's Birthday [school closed]**
- 3 Cross Country [Zones]
- 5 Cross Country [Zones] - Postponement day
- 17 BoP Meeting [5.30pm]
- 19 KIPRRR Day  
PA Sausage Sizzle
- 25 School Board Meeting [5.30pm]

## JULY

- 3 **Last day of Term 2**
- 20 **First day of Term 3**
- 21 **School Finishes at 2pm**  
Parent / Teacher Interviews [2.15-7pm]
- 22 Circus Challenge Performance  
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- 27 Speech Exam [Yr 5]
- 28 Speech Exam [Yr 6]  
Parents' Association Meeting [7pm]
- 29 Speech Exam [Yr 4]
- 30 Speech Exam [Yrs 2/3]
- 31 Speech Exam [Yr 8]

## AUGUST

- 20 School Board Meeting [5.30pm]
- 24-28 Polyfest Week
- 24 **Staff Only Day [School closed]**

## SEPTEMBER

- 9 BoP Meeting [5.30pm]
- 17 Sing Out [evening]
- 25 **Last day of Term 3**

## OCTOBER

- 12 **First day of Term 4**
- 15 School Board Meeting [5.30pm]
- 20 Parents' Association Meeting [7pm]
- 26 **Labour Day [School Closed]**

## NOVEMBER

- 11 BoP Meeting [5.30pm]

# 2026

# Room 6 Annual Mother's Day Market for St John's Girls.

Profit will go to the amazing Care Committee!

Add a Personal Touch



**\$4**



**\$3**



**\$2**

Making Mother's day made easy.

## What you need to know:

- ✓ Room 6
- ✓ Morning Tea
- ✓ Wed 6<sup>th</sup> - Fri 8<sup>th</sup> of May
- ✓ Girls will need to bring cash to purchase.

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