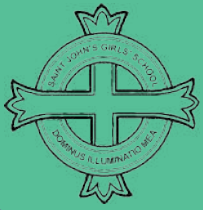




NEWSLETTER

St John's Girls' School

28 February 2025



Greetings from the
Acting Principal

Greeting; Kia Ora
koutou, Ola, Bonjour

Whakatauki - Māori Proverb

Whakatauki:
Whāia te iti
kahurangi, ki te
tuohu koe, me he
maunga teitei

Seek the treasure that
you value most dearly,
if you bow your head,
let it be to a lofty
mountain.



We have had another productive and busy fortnight at school. There has been plenty of warm weather and sunshine sprinkled throughout. As I was on duty this week, a group of junior girls showed me their collection of autumn leaves and conkers. It is a sign that cooler weather is just around the corner!

It was lovely to see many of you at our Meet the Teacher evening last week. It seems the air of positivity around the school is stretching out into our community. We have happy ākonga and happy whānau! While preparing to speak last Wednesday night, it gave me a chance to reflect upon our kura; what it means to us and why it is so special. I asked a few of our students to share what makes them proud to be a St John's girl:

- *'I love our playground, I am really good on the monkey bars. Everyone here is my friend.'* - Gypsee
- *'The teachers here are kind and make my learning fun!'* - Mackenzie S
- *'Everyone is so kind. I love all of the different things I get to do.'* - Pippa
- *'This is a school with good vibes! I feel like I am part of a giant family where I am welcomed by everyone. It feels like home.'* - Kyla-Rose
- *'We have lots of amazing opportunities here. My sister who is at high school told me that she was more prepared for Year 9 than others in her class because of how well St John's challenged and pushed her. It prepared her well!'* - Rosie
- *'We have so many opportunities! Everyone is kind and friendly.'* - Bailey
- *'We may be small but we are lucky to have opportunities that many other schools do not have.'* - Mia P

Ask your daughters to tell you what they are proud of at St John's. I am sure there will be plenty of answers just like those above!

High Expectations

As a kura, we have high expectations of our ākonga. I have a mantra I use with the girls and staff of 'keep the small things in check'. When small things are left unaddressed, they can develop into big things. We will discuss a lot of things in relation to our expectations and standards in assembly and in the classroom. You can help us by talking these over at home too.

- I will show pride in my school by having correct and tidy uniform.
- I will use my manners with my peers and with staff.
- I will greet others positively, and take time to ask how they are.
- I will be responsible for my belongings, ensuring they are in the right place.
- I will make way for others, particularly adults, when in a tight space. I will hold doors open and step aside to let others through when I am out and about.
- I will complete my homework requirements and if I am finding it challenging, I will talk to my teacher about it.
- I will show responsibility by being organised with my PE, dance and swimming gear.

As the adults in a young person's life, we have a responsibility to empower them to take ownership of their actions and foster their independence. While it can be challenging to step back and let this growth unfold, it is crucial to help our tamariki become confident, capable members of their community. They will make mistakes along the way, and as much as we may want to intervene and protect them, allowing them to learn from these experiences can be far more impactful in their development. We are in the business of fostering strong, courageous and independent young women. This is one way we can achieve this together!



Values Cup Recipients



Nina Russell
Room 3



Scarlett Anderson
Room 6

Sports

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents who are managing or coaching sports teams this term. Your dedication to our girls is truly appreciated, and without you, these opportunities would not be possible.

Mrs Netty Dennis, our sports coordinator, does an outstanding job of ensuring that every girl who wants to participate in a sport has the chance to be part of a team. This can be a challenge, but she manages to pull it off! Mrs Dennis is your main point of contact for any questions regarding sports at St John's. Her email address is: sports@stjohnsgirls.school.nz

Whānau can support our parent coaches and managers by encouraging their daughters to take responsibility for attending practices and meetings. We also expect positive support from families on the sidelines, in line with the values of our St John's community.

Invoices

Thank you again for your quick attention to ensuring these are paid on time. Your contributions ensure we can provide the environment we do for your daughters. We do accept regular automatic payments. Instructions on how to set this up are available on our school website or on the payment schedule.

Have a wonderful weekend. I am sure to see many of you at the annual Surf to City on Sunday. Stay safe.

Ma te wa!

Holly Bradshaw
Tumuaki Whakakapi | Acting Principal





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

- 3 Swimming [1-3pm]
- 4-7 Yr 7 Stewart Island Camp
- 10 Swimming [1-3pm]
- 12 BoP Meeting - Staffroom [5.30pm]
- 14 House Bonding Day [Queens Park]
- 17 Swimming [1-3pm]
- 18 Rocky Shore Bluff Visit - Rooms 1-3
- 19 Interviews [2.15 - 6pm]
[School finishes at 2pm]
- 20 Interviews [3.15 - 6pm]
- 21 Aquavan Visit - Stadium [selected students]
- 24 Swimming [1-3pm]
- 26 Omaui Camp Parent Meeting [5.30pm]
- 27 Lit Quiz [Gore]
BoT Meeting - Staffroom [5.30pm]
- 28 KIPRRR Day [non-uniform]
Sausage Sizzle & Chill
- 31 Swimming [1-3pm]
- 31-2 Yr 5 Camp [31 March to 2 April]
- 31-4 Yr 8 Deep Cove Camp [31 March to 4 April]

APRIL

- 2-4 Yr 6 Camp
- 4 Junior Athletics Day [Rms 1-3]
- 7 Swimming [1-3pm]
- 8 Grip Leadership - Gore
- 9 Passover Feast
- 10 Easter Service Rehearsal [9am]
Easter Service - First Church [1.30 - 2.30pm]
- 11 Last Day of Term 1
- 28 First Day of Term 2

MAY

- 8 BoT Meeting - Staffroom [5.30pm]
- 19 Swimming Sports [Splash Palace]
- 28 School Cross Country

JUNE

- 2 King's Birthday [School Closed]
- 16-19 Speech Exams
- 18 BoP Meeting - Staffroom [5.30pm]
- 20 Matariki [School Closed]
- 24-25 Dance Exams
- 24-27 Life Education Bus
- 27 Last Day of Term 2



WEEKLY AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS

ROOM 1

Lara Valli, Gypsee Stephens, Amelia Veint, Harriet Telfer

ROOM 2

Charlotte Risk, Imogen Dixon-Calder, Saffron Smith

ROOM 3

Emily Sewpersad, Charlie Visser, Lilly Stalker, Maeve Devlin

ROOM 4

Katie Milne, Georgia Mead, Kyla Howden, Lara Preininger

ROOM 6

Agnes Russell, Elise Davison, Laura van Westrenen, Ashlyn Shepherd

ROOM 7

Briar Nicholl, Indi Howden, Willow Murray, Bailey Cooper

ROOM 8

Abby Unahi, Gracie Dennis, Mia Padgett, Sophie Crosbie

VALUES CUP

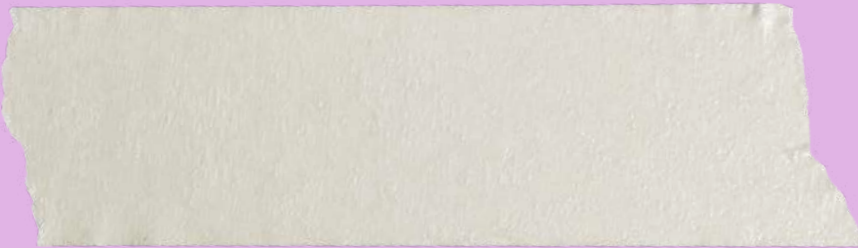
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PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

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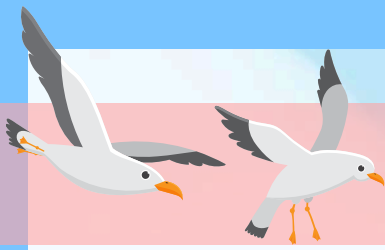
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Room 1 News



School Life

Room 1 have settled back into school life and have been keen to fill up our class waka. We all fit in and are all involved in paddling the waka together along our learning journey. We have been learning about our brains and how it gets stronger when we face challenges.



Caterpillars



We have been lucky enough to have 3 caterpillars in Room 1 who are now in their cocoons. Room 1 are very excited to see the butterflies when they are ready to hatch.

Gussie wrote; **"We have caterpillars in Room 1. They are munching leaves. The caterpillars are black and yellow and white."**



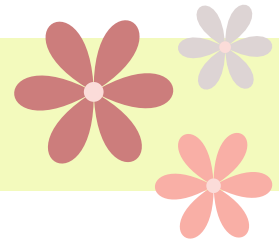
Letters and Sounds

We have had fun making letters into things that represent the sounds and they are beautiful!





Room 2 News



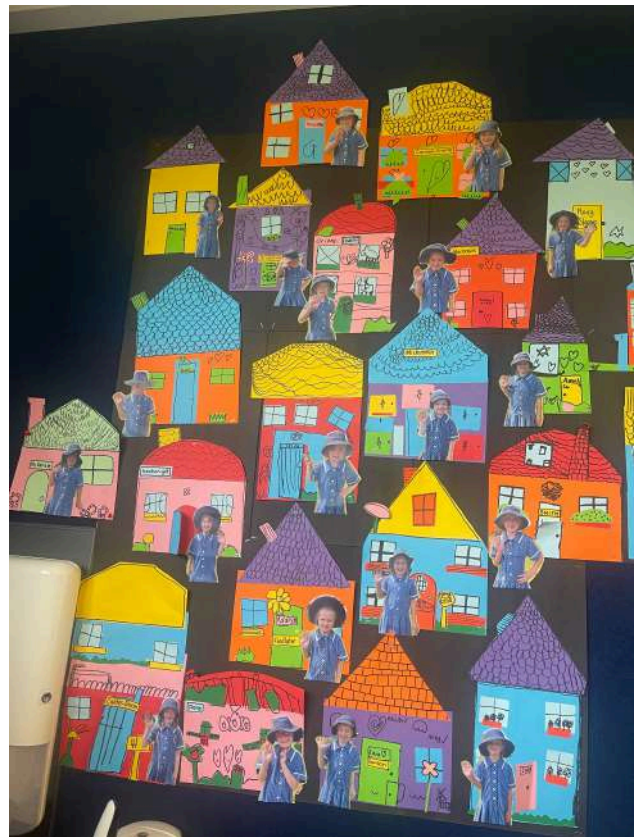
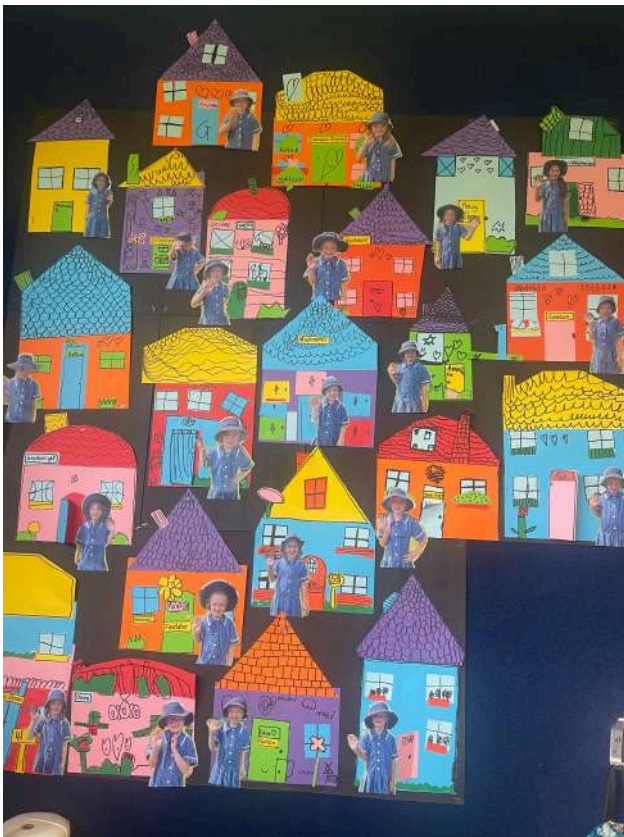
Leaping Into 2025

Room 2 has leapt into 2025 with all their might.



Meeting Goals and Exceeding Expectations

We have started our year with the beautiful houses we crafted on familiarisation day on display and we are looking forward to all the fun of meeting goals and exceeding expectations this school year. Our old girls have stepped up to be our leaders and are guiding our new girls. It is lovely to see KIPRRR in action!



Inquiry Focus - Rocky Shore



In our inquiry focus we are beginning to find connections to what we already know about the rocky shore. Has your family ever explored a rock pool?



Descriptive Poems



Mrs Dawkins has helped us to create descriptive poems about the seaside. We are using these to inspire some beautiful summertime art, these will be on display in the coming week.

My Senses At The Sea

I can smell the fresh salty air.
I can feel the breeze rushing past
me.
I can hear the waves crashing on
the shore line.
Seagulls are squawking all round
me.
I see oyster catchers diving for
food.
Boats are bobbing up and down
Whale watchers search for whales
I can taste the salty sea.

By Mackenzie Smithies



The Beautiful Beach

When I walk across the beach
I feel the sand squishing
under my feet.
It feels funny and tickles me.
When I go in the water I feel
seaweed tugging at me.
It feels funny too.

By Ellice Goodwright



Summer

Summer looks like waves crashing into each other.
Summer sounds like horses galloping.
Summer smells like salty waves, like salty tears.
Summer tastes like steaming fish and chips, hot and yummy.
Summer feels like gritty sand between my toes.

By Eden Dawson





Room 3 News



New Year

Room 3 are pleased to back at school, starting new routines and getting to know our classmates. It's exciting to be in Year 4, to think about our new goals for the year and settle back into school life. We have been very busy over the last few weeks working on producing some great work to brighten up our classroom, get to know each other and set the scene for a great 2025 together.

All About Me

Sunglasses Self Portraits

Class Korowai



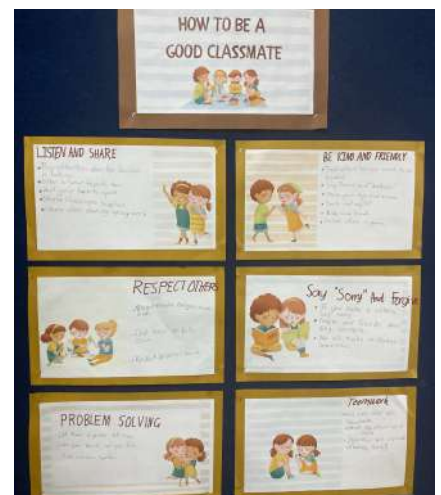
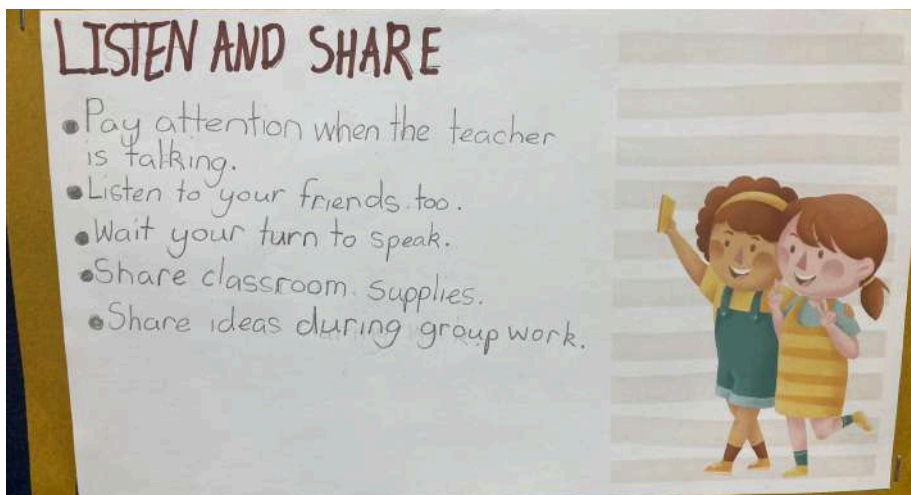
We made these 'All About Me' posters that include all our important details, likes and dislikes.

These are our 'Sunglasses Self Portraits' and in our lenses are what we really love.

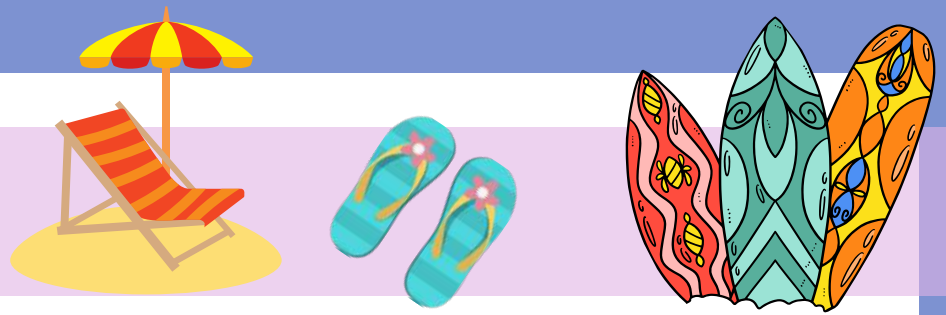
This is our 'Class Korowai' which has all our names and KIPRRR values on which we all agree to uphold throughout the year

Listen and Share

We've had great discussions about being a great classmate and what this looks like and how we can be supportive of each other.



Summer Holidays



We have written about our 'Holiday Best Bits'. We chose 3 holiday activities we loved and wanted to share with everyone. We all had some fantastic experiences to share.



The Magical YET

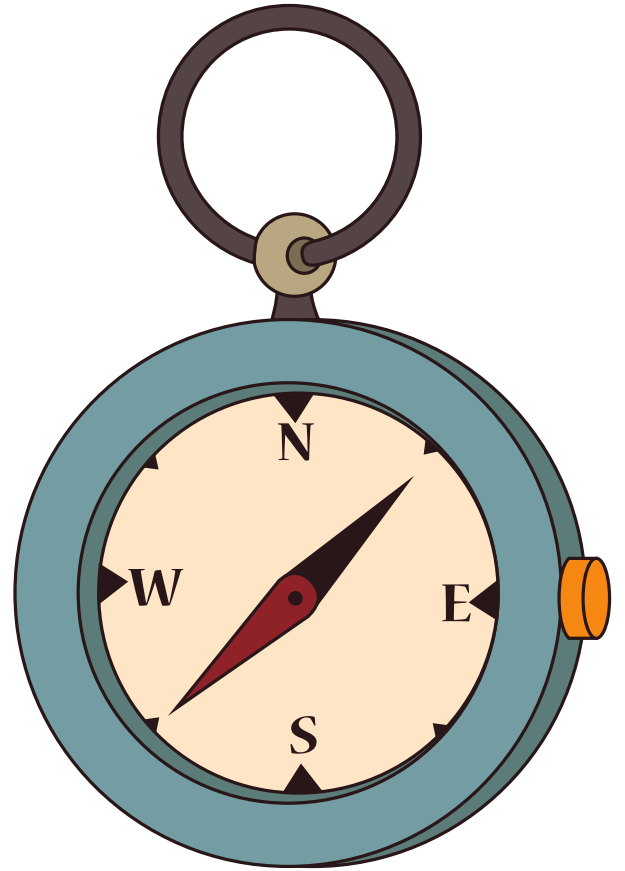


We read a wonderful story called 'The Magical YET'. It had a great message about how sometimes we can't quite do something yet. But with lots of effort, trying again, being resilient and plenty of practice we will get there and achieve our goals. Our magical 'YET' is stuck onto our TV to remind us of this message.



We are proud of what we have been working on, so feel free to pop into Room 3 and take a look at our work on display.





Friends of Thomsons Bush Open Day



- Saturday 1st March 2025
- 10am to 2pm
- Everyone will be given a bag to fill with Ivy
- On return enjoy a free BBQ
- Meet at the playground off Queens Drive

Everyone
Welcome