



NEWSLETTER

St John's Girls' School

31 July 2026



Greetings from the
Principal

Kia Ora kouotu,
Kam na bane ni mauri

**Whakatauki - Māori
Proverb**

**Tūngia te
ururua kia
tupu
whakaritorito
te tupu o te
harakeke**

*Clear away the
undergrowth so the
new shoots of the
harakeke can spring
up.*

Nau mai, harere mai. Welcome back for Term 3.

It is wonderful to see our girls back, refreshed and ready for a busy term of learning! Our school calendar is already brimming with exciting events for the rest of the year. As a busy kura, we rely on our girls to develop strong self-management skills to make the most of every opportunity. This is a learning journey, and I am consistently impressed by how our girls rise to the challenge when given the chance.

Parent / Teacher Interviews

Thank you for coming along to have an open and honest discussion about your daughter's achievements, growth and areas for development. We received favourable feedback about scheduling interviews after the holidays and for the format of our reports. I enjoyed reading all of the reports before they went home last term.

Speech Exams

Speech exams kicked off this week, with three classes completing their assessments alongside Mrs Dawkins. The girls have truly impressed us with their confidence, knowledge, and preparation. Thank you so much for your support at home; it makes a world of difference!

Our new speech badges arrived this week! These will be presented later in the term to all students who pass their exam.

Staff Only Day - Monday 24 August

A reminder that we have a Staff Only Day on Monday 24 August. We will be working with our cluster schools [Windsor North and Salford] and Sue Pine from The Learner First. Our school will be closed for instruction on this date.

Polyfest

Our girls are working hard to refine their performance bracket for Polyfest this year. Our kura will be taking the stage at 2:10pm on Tuesday, 25 August [the day after our Staff Only Day]. We would love to see our school community and whānau there to cheer them on!

For whānau who live outside Murihiku or are unable to attend, the performance will be live-streamed on the Mīharo website.

Polyfest Livestream: www.miharo.co.nz

Property News

We have received wonderful feedback about the new fencing along the main driveway; it looks fantastic! Most importantly, it ensures the safety of all our girls, particularly our junior students who love playing on the hill during break times.

Looking ahead, we plan to extend the fencing partway up the hill adjacent to the slide during the Term 3 holidays. A new walkway gate will also be installed later this term.

Our resource consent for the new library build has officially been approved. We are currently awaiting the final structural reports before going to tender. We can't wait for the incredible potential and opportunities this new space will bring to our kura.





Values Cup Recipients



**Mrs Bradshaw
Principal
&
Morrigan Parsons
Room 8**



Invoices

Please ensure any overdue invoices are paid immediately. It is important to make sure payments are going to the correct Board, as the Board of Proprietors and Board of Trustees have separate accounts.

Road Safety

You may have noticed that our speed limit signs on Dee Street are now much more visible, complete with flashing signals. Please follow these limits closely; they are there to keep all our girls safe.

Additionally, local Police were monitoring traffic on Avenal Street at the end of last term, and this presence will continue over the next few weeks. Thank you for driving safely and taking extra care around our school, especially on these dark winter mornings.

Have a safe and relaxing weekend.

Ma te wa!

Holly Bradshaw
Tumuaki | Principal

To help cover the increased cost of producing and replacing school badges, we will be adjusting the cost to students from \$5 to \$7. We have worked to keep this increase as small as possible while ensuring we can continue to provide quality badges for our girls. Thank you for your understanding and support.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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]
- **17** School Speech Final [am]
- **19** Cluster Speech Final [9-10.30am] SJGS Hall
- **20** School Board Meeting [5.30pm]
- **21** PA Sausage Sizzle & Chill
- **24** **Staff Only Day [School closed]**
- **25** Polyfest Performance [2.10pm] ILT Stadium
- **27** William Pike Hospice Volunteering [3.30-5.30pm]
- **28** William Pike Hospice Volunteering [3.30-5.30pm]

SEPTEMBER

- **3** Invercargill Area Speech Final [Evening] -
SJGS Hall
- **9** Rm 7 Weaving Wellness programme
BoP Meeting [5.30pm]
- **14-20** Māori Language Week
- **16** Rm 7 Weaving Wellness programme
Sing Out Technical Rehearsal [pm]
- **17** Sing Out Dress Rehearsal [am]
Sing Out Performance [7-8.30pm]
- **18** Virtual Parliament Tour [Rms 6/8]
PA Sausage Sizzle & Chill
- **21-24** Book Fair
- **22** Snr Gymnastics Festival [1.00-3.00pm]
- **23** Rm 7 Weaving Wellness programme
KIPRRR Day
SMAC Maths
- Yr 7 5.00-5.30pm
- Yr 8 5.45-6.30pm
- **24** Arts Extravaganza [evening]
- **25** **Last day of Term 3**
Virtual Parliament Tour [Rms 5/7]

OCTOBER

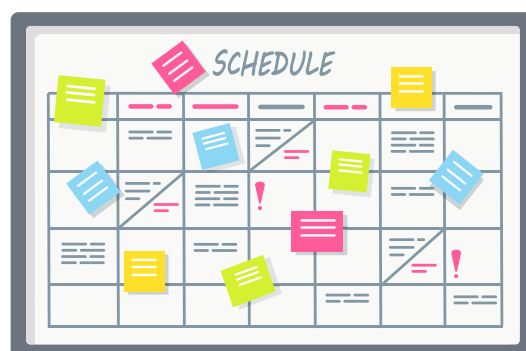
- **12** **First day of Term 4**
- **14** Rm 7 Weaving Wellness programme
- **15** School Board Meeting [5.30pm]
- **17-18** William Pike - Dolamore Park trip
- **20** Parents' Association Meeting [7pm]
- **21** Rm 7 Weaving Wellness programme
- **26** **Labour Day [School Closed]**
- **28** Rm 7 Weaving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



WEEKLY AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS

ROOM 1

Marnie Hughes, Freya Burns, Lola Devlin, Ellen Arnold

ROOM 2

Lara Valli, Cambrie PortiaJames Carman-Oneroa,
Addison Findlater, Imogen Dixon-Calder

ROOM 3

Georgia Cochrane, Heidi Lawson, Navy Sloane, Eva Welsh

ROOM 5

Beau McRae-Bothamley, Penny Sloan, Pippa Vaughan, Charlotte Farley

ROOM 6

Georgia Mead, Lucy Jenkins, Harper Peters, Lola Rutledge

ROOM 7

Simone Paganelli, Ava Amar, Laura Maxwell, Bethany Mehrtens

ROOM 8

Greer Pine, Emily Bulling, Emily Loughton, Aliviah Giles

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Rm 1 Ellie McCallum
Rm 2 Amelia Veint, Charlotte Risk
Rm 5 Ivy Manera, Amelia Maxwell
Rm 6 Amelia Goodwright, Harper Peters,
Portia Smith
Rm 7 Amelia Bosma

VALUES CUP

Principal Mrs Bradshaw
Rm 8 Morrigan Parsons



PRINCIPAL

APPRECIATION

WEEK

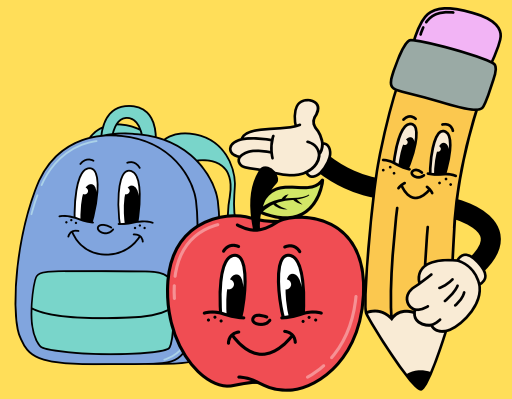
Thank You

FOR YOUR
LEADERSHIP,
SUPPORT &
DEDICATION!



Mrs Holly Bradshaw

SJGS Parents' Association



Term 3 Meeting

Hello all

2026 has been another great year so far and we thank you all for your continued support.

The Grocery Raffle was another great success and had five very happy winners.

Since the beginning of the year, we have financially contributed \$9,500 to the school. This has assisted with costs associated to William Pike Challenge, games and replacement of the table and chairs in Room 2.

Term 3 looks to be a busy term with the Arts Extravaganza, Sausage Sizzle and Chill and fundraising opportunities.

At this year's Arts Extravaganza we will be selling burgers, sausages, raffles and holding a silent auction. Burgers and Sausages will need to be pre-ordered and details regarding this will be out closer to the time. We will soon be requesting attractive items for our Arts Extravaganza raffles so please keep an eye out on Skool Loop and Facebook for updates.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Regards

Shae [Chairperson of SJGS Parents' Association]

Fundraising Term 3 & 4

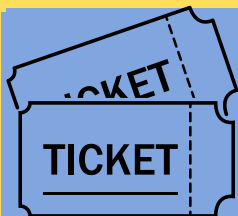
- Arts Extravaganza: Raffles, Silent Auction, Burgers and Sausages
- Pre-Christmas Raffle (Term 3 & 4)
- Precious Labels (on-going)
- Family photo sessions with Jenna-Lee Shave - date to be confirmed
- Spud in the bucket competition - Term 4



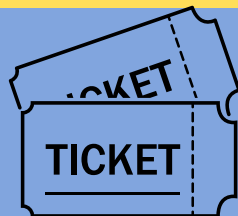
Sausage Sizzle \$2
and
Ice blocks \$1

21st August
&
18th September

Keep a look out on
Skool Loop for
ordering.



St John's Girls School Parents' Association Pre-Christmas Raffle 2026



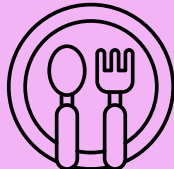
Towards the end of Term 3, we will be sending out raffle books. Funds raised from this raffle will assist with the cost in replacing desks and chairs in Room 1 and Room 3.

Each family will initially be allocated one raffle pack to sell, which contains 20 tickets.
There will be additional books available.

Raffle prizes are 10 \$350 vouchers of your choice (for example; supermarket, Kmart etc)



Care Committee



We would like to say a special thank you to all the families that provide assistance on request to help our community.

This year to date we have helped provide meals and baking to nine families.

Next Meeting

13th October
@ 7pm

SJGS staff room. New members welcome.



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GILBERT ENOKA

Mental Performance Coach



GALA EVENING

25TH
SEPT

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Gilbert Enoka is best known for his long-standing role with the All Blacks, where he has helped shape one of the most successful high-performance teams in sporting history. With a background in psychology, education, and performance science, Gilbert has spent decades supporting individuals and teams to build resilience, manage pressure, and develop a culture of excellence. His work extends beyond sport into education, business, and leadership, making his insights highly relevant for people from all walks of life. Come along to hear from one of New Zealand's leading thinkers in performance and wellbeing, and leave inspired with approaches that can make a meaningful difference in both your work or personal life!

TWO COURSE MEAL | AUCTION ITEMS
MUSIC BY D&M DUO

Doors open at 6pm, event starts at 6:30pm



Ascot Park Hotel

Cnr Tay & Racecourse Road,
Invercargill

Get your tickets at:

events.humanitix.com/chatbus-south



8th August 2026
12-3 pm

**Taking People of all ages with Special Needs
Or Life long Medical Conditions
For a ride in a Big Rig, Classic Car or Hot Rod**



**VENUE: Southern Field Days Site,
Waimumu**



Food and Drink provided on the day by
Rapid Relief Team,
Mad Cow Coffee and Bees Bites



Anyone wanting to Volunteer their Time, Truck or Car to help out on the day
please contact Dianne 027 7732700 or Ian on 0204 335500
Check out our Facebook Page : Southland Hug a Rig Day

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Ngā Tau Miharo
The Incredible Years Aotearoa

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Length: 14 weeks, one session per week

Evening
Beginning 11th August

Tuesdays
6 pm – 8.30pm

Daytime
Beginning 13th August

Thursdays
10am – 12.30pm

Register today or for more information phone, text or email:

Contact: 03 211 8272 or 027 223 1417,
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