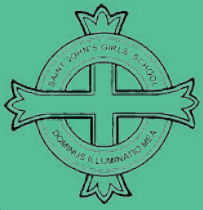




# NEWSLETTER

St John's Girls' School

25 October 2024



Welcome back to Term 4 and the excitement that builds! We have so much to look forward to this term and many, many boxes to tick. It is important to keep a close eye on the school calendar this term as there is so much happening, and changes may occur.

I hope you all had a nice break with your girls, and that they had time to rest and play.

### 2025 Camps

Three of our senior classes already have the camp dates locked in. We are waiting on the Year 8 Deep Cove date to be confirmed. In order for us to process Police vetting forms and have the results back in time, we will be calling for parent nominations to attend, in the upcoming weeks. Please look out for the paper notice coming home with your girls.

### Staff Only Day

Please remember to mark Monday 11 November in your calendars as a staff only day. School will not be open on this day.

### Summer Uniforms

The girls look fantastic in their summer dresses and they are loving how light they are when playing outside. There are many dresses that are too short, and need the hem taken down please. The dresses should be at knee length. If you require a new dress, or perhaps a second hand one, please contact Mrs Lang directly and she will arrange this for you. [mlang@stjohnsgirls.school.nz](mailto:mlang@stjohnsgirls.school.nz)

### Invoices

Your term invoices have been sent and are due mid-term. There are many outstanding Term 3 invoices. Payment for these is due immediately.

I wish you all a great long weekend. If you are traveling somewhere, please be safe. Let's hope that some unexpected warmth hits Southland for the holiday weekend.

God bless

Nathan Hughes  
**Tumuaki - Principal**

Greetings from  
the Principal

Sawatdee Khrap,  
Konichiwa,  
Ata marie

Whakatauki -  
Māori Proverb

*Ehara taku toa, he  
takitahi, he toa  
takitini*

My success should not  
be bestowed onto me  
alone, as it was not  
individual success but  
success of a collective



**Gracie Dennis**  
Room 7

*Values Cup  
Recipients*

**Charlotte Risk**  
Room 1





# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## OCTOBER

- 28 **Labour Day [school closed]**
- 29 Parents' Association Meeting [7pm]
- 31 Christian Education Speeches [9.10am]  
BoT Meeting [4.30pm]

## NOVEMBER

- 1 KIPRRR Day
- 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  
Rowena Jackson visit [Rms 1-3]
- 26 Familiarisation Morning
- 28 More FM Pack the Bus  
Maori Consultation Evening [6pm Staffroom]  
Disco [6-7.30 pm Whole School]
- 29 Aviary shared pizza lunch

## 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]

## 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**



# WEEKLY AWARDS

## CONGRATULATIONS

### ROOM 1

Annabel Flannery, Amelia Veint, Abby Moore, Aggie McKenzie

### ROOM 2

Amaia van Westrenen, Heidi Lawson, Millie Dobbie, Charlie Visser

### ROOM 3

Harper Peters, Lucy Jenkins, Kyla Howden, Eloise Smith

### ROOM 4

Lydia O'Brien, Greer Valli, Amelia Kemna, Laura Maxwell

### ROOM 6

Maya Preiningger, Evie Erskine, Indi Howden, Peyton Cornish

### ROOM 7

Maisie Korteweg, Meila Iosefo, Mia Reilly, Drew Peddie

### ROOM 8

Libby Hamilton, Liliana Clinckett, Amelia Reijnen, Alysha Jennings

### VALUES CUP

Gracie Dennis  
Charlotte Risk

Room 7  
Room 1

### PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Eloise Smith  
Charlotte Risk

Room 3  
Room 1



# SOUTHLAND & NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES FROM SJGS



BEAU MCRAE-BOTHAMLEY 

Beau has represented Southland in motor cross! She has put a lot of mahi into training for her big competition, all her training gave her a fabulous outcome as she placed 1st out of over 100 people! She received a trophy and we are all so proud of this impeccable achievement.



COURTNEY MACKIE 

Courtney has had an outstanding year with her dance competitions! Recently she moved and grooved her way to 2nd place with her aerobics team in the under 14 Southlands category. She has put lots of time and effort into this one competition! All of her practising was worth it. Congratulations Courtney, how cool is that?



MARTINA BOSMA 

Martina played football at Christchurch in the holidays as part of a southland team! She played in the under fourteen's and placed 7th out of 16 teams. What an achievement, you should be very proud of yourself Martina!



EILIDH GORDON 

Eilidh competed in Southlands for swimming in the holidays called the Spring Sprints. She placed first in backstroke and freestyle! She is really swimming her way to victory. We really admire all of your swimming competitions over the years and that's another medal to add to the collection!



INGRID FLEMING & GREER MACPHERSON 

Ingrid and Greer competed in NZCF Aerobics Nationals 2024! They practised 24/7 for that moment and placed first! Great job Ingrid and Greer. Getting first in nationals is not an everyday thing!

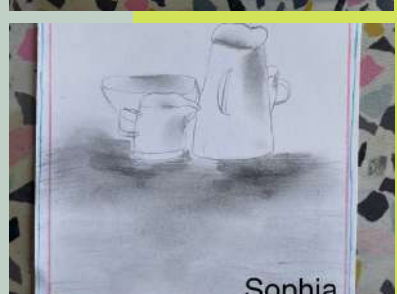


FROM THE YR 7 KAIARAHU  
Gracie, Gwynedd, Abby, Martina

# ROOM 4 NEWS

## Art/Ngā Toi – Superb Still Life[s]

We have been observing how light and shadow sits on still life objects. We had to choose where we sat and stick to that angle. In this case, the jug and cups were all different shapes. It was challenging drawing the lip of the jug, the tapered edges and the handles of mugs. Next week we are going to attempt succulents and reflections.



**Earthquakes - Nga Ru Whenua**  
 Earthquakes are the shaking of the surface of the earth. This sudden energy creates seismic waves.

**Tectonic plates** large slabs of rock that divide Earth's crust, move constantly to reshape the Earth's landscape. Earth's outer shell (lithosphere) is divided into several plates that glide over the Earth's rocky inner layer. Underneath that layer is the soft core (asthenosphere).

**Questions/Wonderings:**  
 How big are earthquakes?  
 How often do earthquakes happen?  
 How do earthquakes happen?  
 How do earthquakes affect the world?

**THE LAYERS OF EARTH**

## Reading/Panui – Shake Out

This week in reading we read about tectonic plates in preparation for Thursday's Shake Out. Did you know New Zealand is sitting on two separate plates? This means we have earthquakes all the time. Do you know what to do in an earthquake? Ask us to see if we remember.



# ROOM 6 NEWS Science Roadshow

## Ella

My favourite part was when they put you in the dark booth and you put your hands on the white screen. Your handprints show up from the flash of light which shows a shadow of your hands on the white wall.



## Greer

My favourite part was when they made the elephant toothpaste by putting a chemical into the water making a chemical reaction. It made a huge amount of foam that was orange.



## Morrigan

I enjoyed going around with my friends making hypotheses about what the experiments were going to show us.



## Samantha

I liked when she put the dry ice in the soapy water. It made lots of bubbles and foam.



## Willow

I loved going around and seeing all the different experiments. I especially liked the one where you could watch food being digested. The noises it made were weird.



# ROOM 7 NEWS

## Learning Packages



### Sports Academy

We are engaged to jump into active sessions with Ms Coatsworth. We are energetic sports lovers, who want to learn how to improve our strength, fitness and skills.

This sports academy is right up our alley, as we get to meet people with different sporting backgrounds.

We are excited to continue journaling what we learn so we remember after our sessions. We are keen to start our vision boards as we look forward to setting our goals for the term.

VISION BOARD



### Making Ends Meet



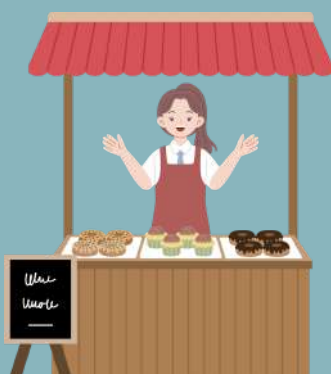
Ready, steady, cook! Bake it, cook it, stir it, plate it, garnish it, burn it - well maybe not that. We will be doing all that and more in this term's learning package: Making Ends 'Meat! A learning package consisting of basic recipes and cooking skills, which are then fancied up, with a bit of extra flare!! In the 8th week, we will be making a restaurant with our group and decorating it however we want. We will serve a room full of starving adults that haven't eaten in 2 hours!!



### Taking Care of Business



What an extraordinary journey this has been so far. With Mrs. Bradshaw's help, we are thinking outside of the box, imagining things we couldn't think of before. Creating juicy sour bombs to erupt in your mouth and melt on your tongue, this is truly quite the adventure itself! We can't wait to find out what's happening next.



# ROOM 8 NEWS

## Being a Year 8 at St John's Girls' School



### INGRID

I arrived in new entrants. I was 5, now I'm 13. We are all a team at St John's whether we are old or new. Every year I will never forget, especially Year 8. Remember in Room 2, we were having a dance party in dress ups when my tooth came flying across the room. That was eventful. Or when a mystery person broke the star of the day wand. Sorry, that was me. We lost a few friends in Year 6, including close ones, but it all turned out fine when we gained a couple the next year. It all went so quickly and now we're the leaders, oldest and stars of the school. I'll miss you guys.



### STAR

Life as a Year 8 isn't easy, it's harder than most years because of all of the extra work needed. You have little time to prepare big or small things. Every experience in year 8 is a new one, whether it be a stressful one or a joyful one. You worry about your leadership roles, how you do them and wonder whether you did them right or wrong.

Regular school work isn't all that you worry about, you have extra worries like what high school you will go to and how stressful that will be. Fun activities occur too, like going on camp with your classmates and laughing when Billy makes a mean, yet funny comment about something. Being in class doing a regular activity can quickly change to a hilarious moment. Like if someone is swinging a chair, breaks the chair, falls onto the floor and videos all of it. Every moment in Year 8 is fun, some more stressful than others, but you should enjoy every last piece of it.



### GREER

Being a Year 8 is so much fun with all of the memories we have made since we were 5 and all the opportunities we have had like leadership roles. Not all days are the same. Sometimes it is so busy that we all get stressed and just need to calm down, but that is all part of being a Year 8. Sometimes we get bombs dropped on us having to do something in assembly in a day's time or doing a tour around the school. You really have to be ready for anything in Year 8. We do have some pretty funny memories throughout the years we have been together, like having a teddy bear movie day because we filled up the marble jar, or when Sofia fell off her chair in class and we even got it on video! These are only some of the amazing memories we have and we all can't wait to make even more at high school!



### AMELIA F

Year 8, the year I have waited for my entire life, but it is a lot crazier than what I thought. Being a house captain is so much fun until you have to start planning all of the events for the school, like house team bonding day, lip sync, KIPRRR days and a lot more behind the scenes. The St John's 2024 Year 8 class is one of the most amazing classes I could have ever asked for. We have all had our ups and downs this year, but we all somehow manage to calm down in the end, surprisingly. Now that this year is slowly coming to an end and all of us are going to be moving on to our new schools I am going to cherish every last bit of this wonderful year.



### NICOLE

Being a year 8 isn't meant to be "easy". As the leaders of the school, many responsibilities are suddenly put in your hands and are left for you to take care of. Leadership roles are a great example. So is planning events with the class for the school. Busy enough working on these, there comes the time where high school is just around the corner. You'll have new friends. You'll have different teachers. You'll have a whole new role. As scary as it could sound, don't leave your excitement behind and forget about it. These are new opportunities. Don't be overwhelmed by all of these thoughts, just focus on the present. Take everything step by step. Be the best version of yourself. Most importantly, enjoy your last year at this school.

# MORE FROM ROOM

# 8



ZOE

I've been to St John's for nearly eight years and it's coming to an end. I've known most of this class for longer than I haven't, and that hits hard. It's like we're one big family cheering each other on and celebrating our achievements. Feeling down, someone will be there for you to give you a hug or listen to what's going on in the background. Going into high school is going to be a scary, stressful and exciting change, for all of us but I know we will like the idea of it just not necessarily now. Without being able to have a big group hug when we're down, it's going to be tough.



LEAH

Being a year 8 is hard. But with all bad things come good things. In my opinion, the year 8 class of this year has... lots of flaws. But we always make it work. A few of us have been together for nearly 8 years and we have grown a lot from being new entrant students up until now. But even the people who joined just a couple years ago fit into our chaos right away. The class is so supportive of each other (even if we don't show it enough). Sometimes we fight like siblings... verbally and physically. But we always make a decision in the end. Making a conclusion is hard as we are all stubborn and we all get very defensive when our pride is on the line. Usually the teacher, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Bradshaw, (who act as our school mothers) calm us down. Being a year 8 is hard. But I am so sad that it is coming to an end.



LILIANA

Being a year 8 has always been my dream since Room 2. The way they take things in a carefree manner and know and understand everything. I now know they didn't know everything, but I was only seven at the time. Now that I'm a year 8, it's kinda weird to imagine the carefree and easy job of being and turning 13. We are tired and busy most of the time with leadership roles, but it is quite fun and I sometimes imagine the carefree mood in the class. Although it's hard, this year has benefited me the most and I can't wait to step into the new adventure of high school.



LIBBY

My hands shake and my legs quiver, as I walk through the big red doors of Girls' High School. I always think of the quote, "when one door closes, another opens". But how can I enter that second door when this is the only home I have ever known. All of these memories are just going to be left behind. I can't forget those memories because they reflect who I am. They keep me going to be a better person. Those memories make me, me.

When I think of high school, I think of people being bigger than me. But at St John's, everyone is the same height as me. I know that at St John's I can be the person that I want to be. St John's isn't just a school... It is home, it is love but most of all, it is family. And I will miss it, all of it. Whether it's the hugs when you're sad, the jokes when we're mad, All of that makes Room 8, and I can't imagine it any other way.



RAINE

The lipsync was tomorrow and we had no idea how we were going to pull this off. Moving so fast, many of us couldn't keep up when trying to finish the lip sync dance. "Hurry up guys, we need to finish this! It's tomorrow and we've barely started!" Getting through moments like that is what makes us a stronger class. Annoyingly every class has moments where they find it hard to bear with each other, especially ours... but when we come together and see what other people have to offer our ideas merge into something that always turns out great. Beyond all of the bad stuff which every class goes through, is a class that will support and have each other's backs no matter what happens. We laugh, we cry and we listen. At the end of the day nobody is left alone and we'll never find another class like this one. We love Room 8.



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## KIPRRR DAY

On Friday 1 November we are having our KIPRRR Day to support Gumboot Friday. This charity helps to provide free counselling services for young people under 25 years of age.

Wear your gumboots and clothes of your choice. Bring along a donation.



## Sausage Sizzle & Chill



As part of KIPRRR Day, there will be a sausage sizzle, with ice blocks available too! Orders can be placed outside Room 6 at morning tea on Tuesday 29 October and Wednesday 30 October. Gluten free option is available.

**Sausages \$2    Iceblocks \$1**

# World Kindness Day

Saturday 9 November 2024

262 Ness Street



FREE FUN  
11AM - 2PM

Celebrating 'Kindness  
to the planet & each other'

The Pantry BBQ

Cooked by Trev & the Pantry events team

Live Music  
&  
Outdoor  
Games



Learn about Food Rescue  
with Kiwiharvest

Bucket Gardening | 11am

Register with South Alive for this workshop

Learn some eco-tips

With our Sustainable Living Volunteer Action Team



Bring your non-perishable food items for our Pay it Forward Food Boxes

Volunteer Info Session | 12pm

Hear about volunteering opportunities with South Alive



Purchase a Pay It Forward coffee for someone else from The Pantry

Garden tools sharpening | 1pm

Bring your secateurs or hedge clippers to be sharpened

THE PANTRY



SOUTH alive