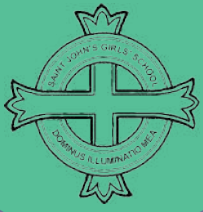




NEWSLETTER

St John's Girls' School

19 September 2025



Greetings from the Principal

Talofa lava,
Mālo le soifua

Whakatauki - Māori Proverb

E tohe e taa te purihi
Persistence has its rewards.

Values Cup Recipient



Eliece Goodwright
Room 2

This week, I have been reflecting on what a busy and rewarding term it has been for our students and staff.

Our girls' persistence and incredible mahi were on display this week with our school production. What a show! The energy, talent, and teamwork on that stage were outstanding.

As you can appreciate, creating a show of this magnitude is a massive effort, and it could not have happened without the countless hours of hard work from our dedicated staff behind the scenes.

A very special thank you must go to our dedicated director, Mrs Sharon Taylor, and our energetic choreographer, Miss Gina Stevens. The countless hours they poured into the production ensured it was polished and of a high standard. Their passion and commitment were evident in every scene. Thank you!

I also want to acknowledge the rest of our incredible staff. From sewing costumes and managing microphone changes to coordinating sound and lighting and ensuring a seamless show, their commitment was unwavering. Our girls are incredibly lucky to have such a supportive team behind them.

To our amazing St John's staff, thank you for everything you do for our kura!

SMAC Maths

Mahi pai to our Year 7 & 8 SMAC Maths teams! While many were getting ready for the production on Wednesday night, our girls were busy representing our school at the annual competition at James Hargest College.

They may not have finished in the top three, but they approached the competition with pride and enthusiasm, and they truly enjoyed the experience. Official placings will be shared with schools during the holidays.



Yr 7
SMAC Maths Team

Evie Erskine
Briar McKenzie
Willow Murray
Maya Preininger



Yr 8
SMAC Maths Team

Martina B
Willow Harper
Mia Reilly
Gwynedd Ryder

Summer Uniform

A reminder that the summer uniform is to be worn in Term 4. This is listed on our school website: <https://www.stjohnsgirls.school.nz/information-for-parents/uniform/>

A key part of our summer uniform is the navy blue sunhat, which is compulsory for all girls to wear when they are outside during Terms 1 and 4. The best options are bucket or wide-brimmed hats, as they offer the best sun protection. There is a great selection of appropriate hats for sale at The Warehouse.

Southland Science and Technology Fair

We are excited to celebrate the incredible success of our Year 5-8 girls at the recent NZAS Southland Science and Technology Fair. We are so proud of the mahi, creativity, and curiosity they poured into their projects.

A special congratulations to Mia Padgett for her Overall Excellence in Science Award. Congratulations to all participants and prizewinners. Full results are shared in the newsletter.

Enjoy this special 'production edition' of our school newsletter.

Have a relaxing and restful holiday break. Stay safe, and we will see you back next term.

Ma te wa!

Holly Bradshaw

Tumuaki | Principal



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 6 Day one of Term 4
- 10 Lego Build Day [school hall]
- 14 Parents' Association Mtg [7pm]
- 16 BoT Meeting [5.30pm]
- 27 **Labour Day [School Closed]**
- 28 **Staff Only Day [School Closed]**
- 31 Gymnastics Festival
 - Seniors in the morning
 - Juniors in the afternoon

2026

- 2 February **Staff Only Day**
- 3 February **First day of school for students**
- 6 February **Waitangi Day [school closed]**
- 19 February **School Photos**
- 24-27 February **Yr 7 Camp Stewart Island**
- 9-11 March **Yrs 5/6 Camp Columba**
- 2 April **Last day of Term 1**
- 20 April **First day of Term 2**
- 15 December **Last day of school for students**

NOVEMBER

- 5 Cultural Day [morning]
- 12 BoP Meeting [5.30pm]
- 14 Dance Sharing [TBC]
- 20 Greats and Grands
- 25 Familiarisation Day [9.00-12pm]
- 28 Disco [5.30-7.00pm]
- Singing at Rowena Jackson [Rms 1-3]
- 30 Choir Concert [2.00pm] First Church

DECEMBER

- 5 Tabloids
- 10 Father/Daughter Netball
- 11 BoT Meeting [5.30pm]
- 15 Prizegiving / Christmas Service Rehearsal
Christmas Service [6.00pm First Church]
- 16 Last Day for Students
Prizegiving [1.30pm First Church]
Leavers' Function [3.15pm School Hall]



WEEKLY AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS

ROOM 1

Gypsee Stephens, Gussie Affleck, Alora Bosma, Maisie Freiberg

ROOM 2

Amelia Gladwin, Cambrie Portia James Carman-Oneroa, Charlotte Dore, Aggie McKenzie

ROOM 3

Charlotte Farley, Sophia Risk, Charlie Visser, Nina Russell

ROOM 4

Nikita Zeestraten, Mia Hitchcock, Maggie Mulqueen, Georgia Mead

ROOM 6

Lydia O'Brien, Danielle King, Ava Amar, Rosie Laughton

ROOM 7

Evie Erskine, Peyton Cornish, Emily Laughton, Morrigan Parsons

ROOM 8

Martina Bosma, Mia Padgett, Willow Harper, Paige Robertson

VALUES CUP

Rm 2 Elliece Goodwright

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

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Pirates of the Curry Bean

Ahoy Mateys! Production is done and dusted. This year it was all about a famous pirate who went missing then another member of their family went missing too. Were they able to find the missing Mother and the booty before time ran out? Hopefully you were able to see the show to know the answer!



Characters

Redbeard - Meila Iosefo
Louie - Aida Chamberlain
Jack Perriwinkle - Gracie Dennis
Liza Perriwinkle - Mia Reilly
Pearl Perriwinkle - Briar Nicholl

Captain Cod - Martina Bosma
DeadEye Dinghy - Morigan Parsons
Admiral Horacio Hornhonker - Maya Preiningen
Fiddlesticks - Emily Bulling
Squawk - Aliviah Giles
Pirates and Sailors - Rooms 7 & 8
Monkeys and Rats - Rooms 1 & 2
Pirates in Training - Room 6
Sailors in Training - Room 4



Pirate Jokes

- Q1. What is the best time for a pirate to buy a ship?
A1. When it's on sail.
- Q2. Why don't pirates shower before they walk the plank?
A2. Because they can just wash up on shore later.
- Q3. Why does it take a Pirate so long to learn the alphabet?
A3. Because they always get stuck at sea.





Pirate Words

Jolly Rodger = flag flown by pirates
Shiver Me Timbers = Exclamation [WOW!!!]
Aye = Yes
Ahoy = Hello
Savvy = Question
Avast Ye = Stop, listen





Thank Ye

The lads of the school would like to thank Captain Mrs Taylor for leading this ship across the Sea of Production. Also, thank you to Second Mate Mrs Stewart for designing the set. Thank you to Ship Mate, Mrs Bradshaw for organizing things. A big thank you to Ship Mate Miss Gina for the choreography and costumes. Also thank you to Evie Erskine's Lola for making all the sailor's pants. We were so excited to find the treasure in the end.

From your
Yr 7 Kaiarahi

Briar Nicholl, Bailey Cooper,
Evie Erskine & Greer Pine

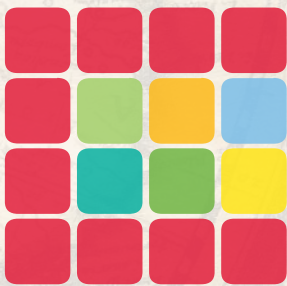
Thank you Sponsors

Pirates of the



Curry Bean

We are incredibly grateful to the following sponsors for their support of our Production "The Pirates of the Curry Bean". Their contributions have made this production possible! We thank them for believing in the power of the arts and our students.



Choices

Flooring



SCIENCE FAIR

Results

NZAS Excellence in Science [Year 7 & 8]

Mia Padgett

Soroptimists

Encouragement Award for Girls in Science

Mia Padgett

Isla Patterson

Conservation Junior Award

Mia Padgett

Fonterra - Dairy Excellence

Paige Robertson

SIT Award for Science

Drew Peddie

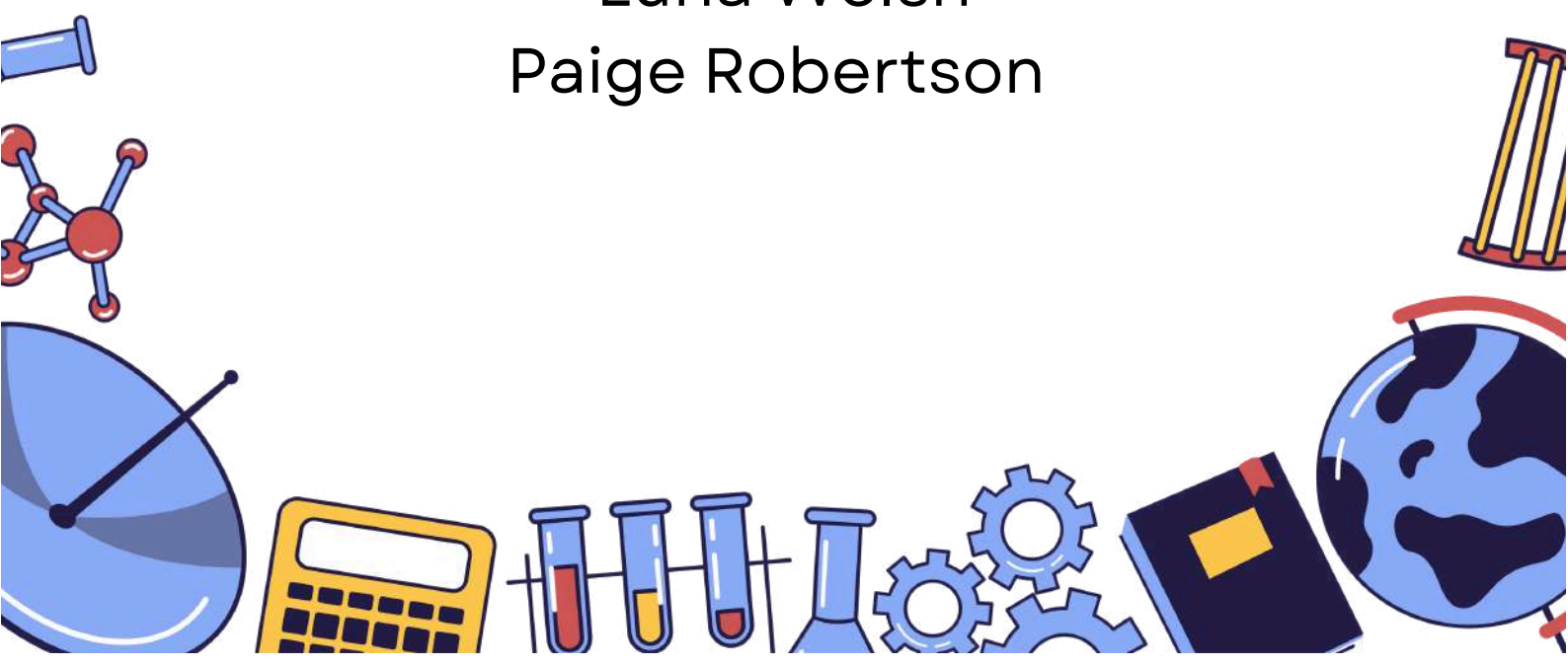


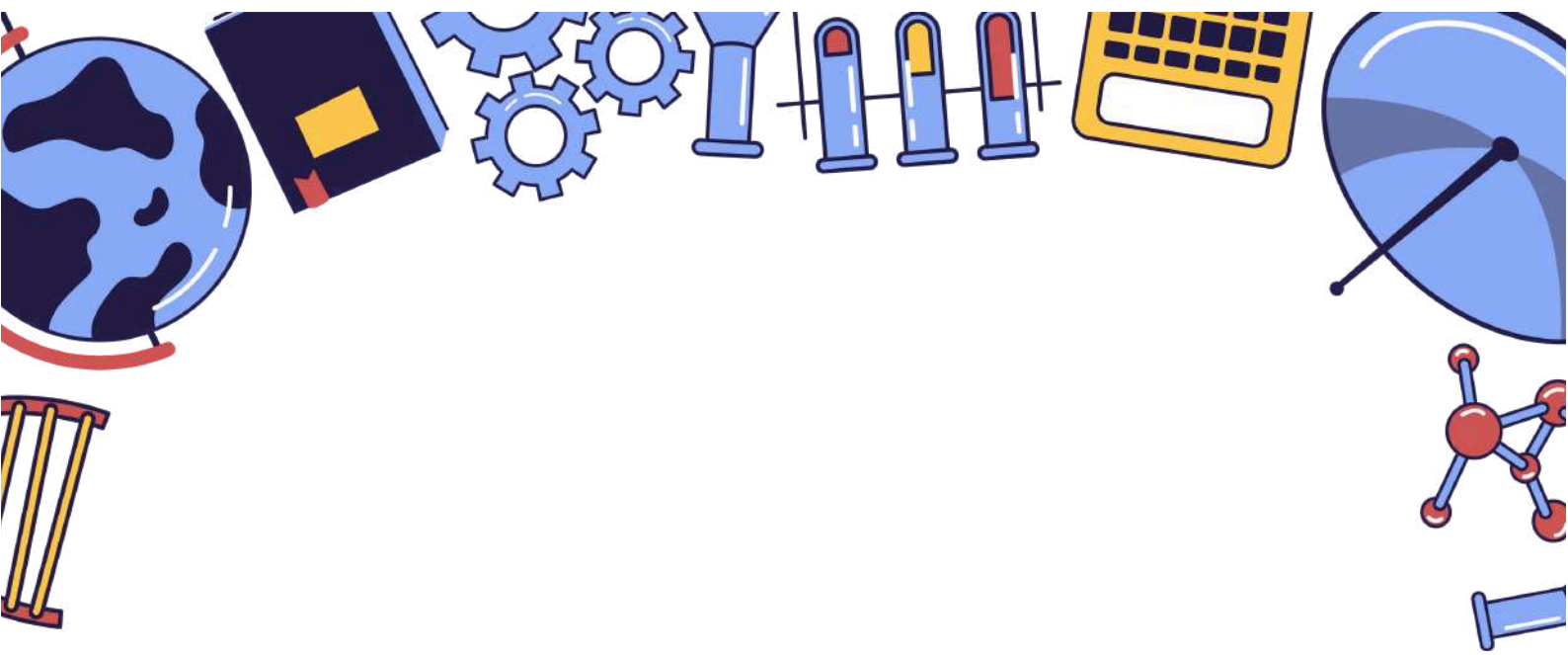
Science and Technology Award - Gold

Mia Padgett
Drew Peddie

Science and Technology Award - Silver

Zoe McMillian
Gracie Dennis
Gwynedd Ryder
Isla Patterson
Luna Welsh
Paige Robertson





Science and Technology Award - Bronze

Emily Laughton

Greer Pine

Meila Iosefo

Mia Reilly

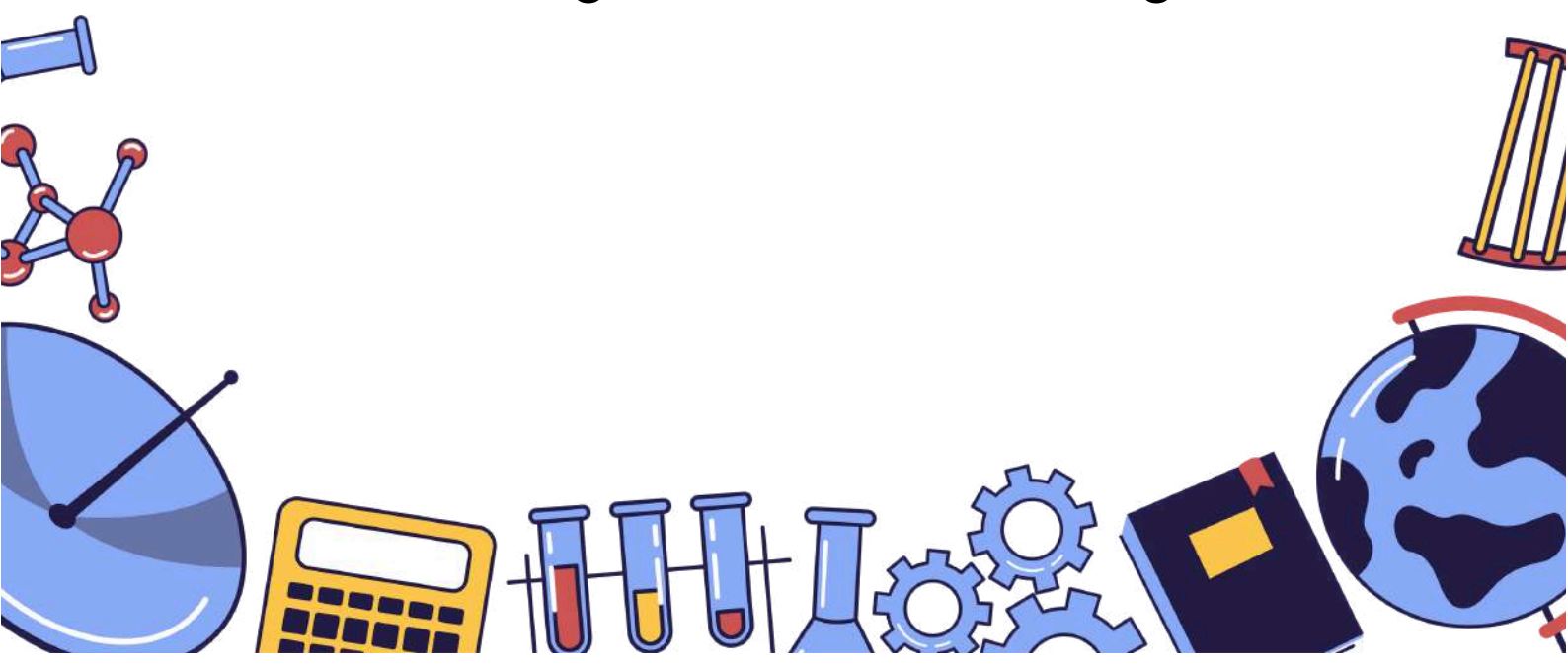
Aida Chamberlain

Sophie Crosbie

Nakaysha Fraser

Maggie Mulqueen & Madeleine Davison

Simone Paganelli & Rosie Laughton





Award of Commendation

Bailey Cooper

Maya Preininger

Briar McKenzie

Samantha Parry

Maisie Korteweg

Nevaeh Roughan

Willow Harper

Abby Unahi

Amelia Goodwright & Lara Preininger

Eloise Smith & Briar Brady

Hannah Sloan & Laura Maxwell

Courtney Mackie & Ashlyn Shepherd

Avery Botting & Greer Valli

Lexie Nicholl & Scarlett Anderson

Agnes Russell & Sophia Lillo-Dockerty

JOIN

Oreti Surf Life Saving Club



US!

We are looking for our next wave of Junior Surf Lifesavers!

Who: Anyone between the ages of 7-13.
Why: Learn to be confident and safe in the ocean, make new friends, play fun games, and be a hero on the beach one day!

Club Open Day: Sunday 23rd of November.
Time: 1-3pm



For more information:
 Email: oretislsc@gmail.com
 Web: oretislsc.org.nz
 Social: @oretisurf_life_saving



GIVE IT A GO TRACK CYCLING

Looking for an exciting and active way to spend the school holidays?

Come and learn to ride the velodrome! Improve your skills and confidence whilst having fun riding a bike!



Open to ages 10+

No experience needed, loan of a bike and helmet included

23RD + 24TH SEPT

11AM- 12PM

REGISTER NOW

\$15 PER SESSION



CSDEVELOPMENT@CYCLINGSOUTH.ORG.NZ



The South Coast Environment Society's

Bountiful Backyards

Riverton
4th & 5th
October



SCAN ME



Spring workshop weekend

www.sces.org.nz/bountifulbackyards

Cheap transport available!



MURIHIKU KAI COLLECTIVE





SPRING HOLIDAYS

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER



CHILD VS WILD (7-13)

A three day adventure quest

22nd September - 24th September Invercargill

29th September - 1st October Invercargill

BUSH KIDS (7-16)

One day of bushcraft and survival skills

Monday September 22nd - Invercargill

Tuesday September 23rd - Invercargill

Thursday September 25th - Gore

Friday September 26th - Gore

Monday September 29th - Invercargill

Tuesday September 30th - Invercargill



LIMITED TO
15 PLACES
EACH DAY!

A WILD DAY OUT (11-16)

A Wild and Game cooking experience

Friday October 3rd - Invercargill

BUSH, MAKE & BAKE (5-16)

Bushcraft, Crafting & Damper Making

Thursday October 2nd

WILD WOMEN

A wild evening for the ladies, mums and grandmums. A night around the fire and some fun night orienteering!

Friday October 10th 6pm-8pm

Gareth and Katie Oliver at: GarethandKatie@trueinnature.com
www.trueinnature.com Phone: 0226381497

