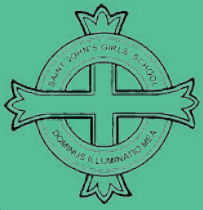




NEWSLETTER

St John's Girls' School

27 September 2024



Greetings from
the Principal

Nihao, Namaste,
Ata marie

I want to thank you for the kindness you have shared during a very challenging last week of term.

My decision to leave St John's was a very hard and emotional one to make. While I am seeking a new adventure in another part of New Zealand, I wasn't quite prepared for the impact that resigning from St John's would have on me. There isn't any other school that will ever compare to this school; it is entirely unique and incredibly special.

I am proud to have left a small mark on the school's incredible 107 year history, and I will leave confident about where the school is placed for a strong future providing only the best for our girls.

Trust in your dedicated Board to make the absolute right decision about the school's future leadership. They know the heart of St John's, why it's special and what kind of person it will take to embrace all of it's special character, big heart, high expectations and promising future. I know they will make the right choice when the time comes.

I really look forward to having a wonderful Term 4.

SMAC Maths

Mahi pai to our SMAC Maths girls who represented our school admirably on Wednesday at the annual competition. Willow Harper, Alyssa Hamilton, Mia Reilly, Abby Unahi, Amelia Frew, Liliana Clincket, Evie Arthur and Kiran Gilmete worked fabulously with their teams and did themselves proud. There was some fierce competition!

Aerobics Festival

Congratulations to all of the girls who took to the floor and showcased their hard work during Wednesday's Aerobics Festival. There was a great deal of collaboration and cooperation involved in working in house groups; most with varying levels of experience. This area of dance really requires a strong display of our values and they really shone through yesterday. Well done to everyone!

Learning Packages

Our Year 7 and 8 girls have all been placed into their Term 4 package subjects and there is much to look forward to! This afternoon the Performance Showcase and Wearable Arts Spectacular girls will share their fantastic learning with the school, and their whanau. What a treat for everyone to see, and a great chance to celebrate. The Need for Speed cars were on display for everyone to appreciate before being raced where they will very likely crash and be damaged. How exciting!

Board of Proprietors Lunch

A very big thank you to our wonderful BOP who provided a catered lunch for the entire staff yesterday. It was a fabulous treat and a time for the whole team to come together and share in the successes of the term, and talk about some obstacles we have overcome together. Again, like the BOT last term, a wonderful bunch of Board members took care of the playground duty and the office so that nobody missed out. From us all, thank you.

Gymnastics Festival

Our junior syndicate put their gymnastic skills and bravery to the test this morning as they showcased a term of hard work. It was wonderful to see so many parents there to support the girls. Thank you to Mrs King and our wonderful teacher aides who provided great teaching and a lot of confidence building.

Whakatauki - Māori Proverb

*Whāia e koe te iti
kahurangi ki te
tūohu koe, me he
maunga teitei*

**Pursue excellence –
should you stumble,
let it be to a lofty
mountain**





Values Cup Recipients

Invercargill Schools' Speech Competition

A huge congratulations to Gracie Dennis and Briar Nicholl who both made it through to the Southland Grand Final. This is a huge achievement and recognises the very best speakers in the girls' respective age categories. Well done girls. We are very proud of you.

Invercargill North Rotary Youth Merit Award

We are proud of Evie Arthur who is the St John's recipient of this very prestigious award. Evie's consistent display of our school values, her wonderful work ethic and willingness to give anything a go are a credit to her. She and her family will attend a very special awards night along with Mrs Taylor and Mrs Bradshaw on October 10th.

Southland Competitions Society Vocal Competitions

If you see cars and people about school this weekend, it's because St John's is hosting the Southland Competitions Society Vocal Competitions in the hall on Saturday and Sunday. It is free entry to spectate, and would make a great afternoon activity.

Police Dog Squad Training

Again the Police will be using our buildings and grounds over the holidays for training exercises with their dogs. We welcome this presence and are grateful for the monitoring this also provides us. If you see them at school carrying out training, please avoid coming in.

I wish you all a safe and happy school holiday period. We will see the girls back on Monday 14 October in their summer uniforms. Please remember that sun hats are compulsory in Term 4.

Enjoy your family and find time to relax together.

God bless

Nathan Hughes
Tumuaki - Principal



**Zoe McMillan
Room 7**



**Charlee Miles
Room 3**



SJGS PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

TERM 4 FUNDRAISERS



This week each family will have received the last fundraising event for the year for the St John's Girls' School Parents' Association. We have been lucky enough to work with four New Zealand brands to provide some exciting fundraising opportunities for our school.

- Nothing Naughty - protein and fruit bars
- Village Press Oils - extra virgin olive oil packs
- Pepper and Me - pastes, sauces, grinds, grinders, rub, crumbs, sprinkles, sets and gift packs (excludes subscriptions)
- Spicecraft - unique range of rubs and seasonings



Please note that Nothing Naughty and Village Press Oils are on the paper form that came home with your daughters. Both Pepper and Me and Spicecraft are online with discount codes, please feel free to share these codes with friends and family. The code will give a 5% discount as well as a kick back for the Parents' Association.



Closing dates for Nothing Naughty and Village Press Oils is 25th October, please ensure all orders are returned to the office by then.



Discount codes for Pepper and Me and Spicecraft last until 31st October.

Regards
Shae
Parents' Association



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

- **14** **Day 1 of Term 4 [Summer Uniform]**
- **15** Parents' Association Meeting [7pm]
- **24** Science Road Show [Yrs 5-8]
Shake Out [9.30am]
- **28** **Labour Day [school closed]**
- **31** Christian Education Speeches [9.10am]
BoT Meeting [5.30pm]

2025

- **3 February** **Staff only day**
- **4 February** **First day of school for students**
- **6 February** **Waitangi Day [school closed]**
- **27 February** **School Photos**
- **16 December** **Last day of school for students**

NOVEMBER

- **1** KIPRRR Day
- **11** **Staff Only Day [school closed]**
- **13** BoP Meeting [5.30pm]
- **14** Greats and Grands morning [Rms 1-3]
- **20** Dance Sharing
- **21** Lip Sync Competition
Rowena Jackson visit [Rms 1-3]
- **26** Familiarisation Morning
- **28** BoT Meeting [5.30 pm]
Maori Consultation Evening [6pm Staffroom]
Disco [6-7.30 pm Whole School]

REMINDER

*The Summer
uniform is to be
worn next term!
Sunhats are
compulsory too!!!*

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]



WEEKLY AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS

ROOM 1

Aggie McKenzie, Alora Bosma, Addison Findlater, Kate McEwan

ROOM 2

Naomi Hamilton, Ava Davies, Oriana Smith, Amelia Gladwin, Georgia Cochrane, Beau McRae-Bothamley, Nina Russell

ROOM 3

Lola Rutledge, Kyla Howden, Kyla-Rose Jarvis-Patterson, Mackenzie Brown

ROOM 4

Scarlett Anderson, Courtney Mackie, Sofia Lillo-Dockerty, Leah Hamilton

ROOM 6

Greer Pine, Morrigan Parsons

ROOM 7

Nakaysha Fraser, Willow Harper, Gwynedd Ryder, Mia Padgett

ROOM 8

Libby Hamilton, Sofia Peters, Amelia Frew, Zoe Laughton

VALUES CUP

Zoe McMillan
Charlee Miles

Room 7
Room 2





SING OUT

On the 11th of September myself and the choir had the privilege of performing at Sing Out. We all were filled with joy and nerves as it lead up to the night we were performing. Our school choir was led by Mrs Taylor who for many years has been managing and conducting the St John's Girls' School choir. I would like to thank Mrs Taylor for all of her hard mahi she put into getting us ready for our performance. At Sing Out we were performing with three other schools and the whole mass choir was conducted by Miss Rae who throughout the show conducted us with lots of enthusiasm. The choir look forward to next year's Sing Out.

TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI



Last week was Māori language week and the house captains and deputies had some fun activities for the girls to participate in! There was a quiz box in the library with 3 questions that you could answer. At the end of the week on Rāmere the deputies had prizes for the girls that got pulled out of the box who got all answers right on any of the days. There were also cool Te Reo games going on at lunchtimes like Rakau and the game Pukana which were great opportunities to learn new skills. We hope all the girls had a fun time and can't wait for the next Te Wiki o te Reo Māori!



ARTS EXTRAVAGANZA

Last week on Wednesday evening our school performed our Arts Extravaganza to our whānau and friends. Students got to share their in school talents like choir, kapa haka and pasifika or their out of school talents like singing, dancing, playing instruments and more. There was also digital and drawn/coloured artwork made by students in room 7. The staff and students put so much effort into making this happen for our whānau and friends.

FROM YOUR KAIARAHĪ

TABLE TENNIS

On the 4th of September two of our year 8 girls entered into a table tennis competition. Their team put maximum effort and placed third in the girls' competition. This competition was held on a Wednesday during school hours. They girls did an amazing job.



WRITTEN BY:



Sing Out: Sofia Peters

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori: Raine Murphy

Arts Extravaganza: Star Welsh

Table Tennis: Star Welsh

Cyber Safety: Leah McEwan

CYBER SAFETY

On Tuesday the year 7s and 8s got a wonderful visit by Constable Katie to talk about how to be safe online. She taught us a lot about the internet and shocked us with her facts. She made the class excited and kept us wanting more. We all appreciated her coming in and talking to us about the importance of being safe online. The internet can be a good and bad place and we learnt how to identify what was okay and what was not okay.



Room 1



In Room 1 we have been writing stories. Isabelle wrote...

Once upon a time there was a princess and a prince. They were looking for a secret hide out in their castle. In case they got hungry, they packed some food and away they went. They looked upstairs and downstairs. They looked everywhere except the dungeon which had a lot of spiders and bugs. When they hit a wall, the wall turned around and they found a secret hide out. It was beautiful. It was the beautifullest secret hide out they had ever seen. So every day they went to the secret hide out and they lived happily ever after.

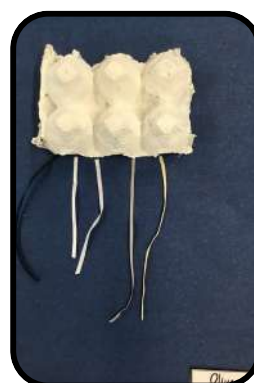
Letter "A"

For the letter 'a' week, Room 1 made pictures of ants nests. We had fun scrunching up the paper and ripping it to create the tunnels for our ants.



Water Cycle

We have also been reusing egg cartons and ribbons to create rain clouds. We visited Room 4 and learnt all about the water cycle too.



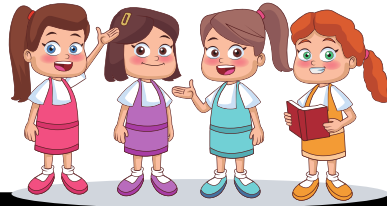
PJ Day

Pyjama day in Room 1 as a reward for earning class ticks for listening carefully to instructions.





Room 2



Busy, Busy, Busy!!!



Chip Packet Project

In our inquiry, We had a zoom call on our new 'active board' with Jess who is the South Island coordinator for the chip packet project. We found out that the project team need 118,000 blankets for families in need and currently there are only 2000 in circulation. People can put them in amongst their blankets to add extra warmth. We thought this was a good idea because the foil is very crinkly. We have washed our packets, and ironed them to make strips. We will post our blanket to head office where it will go to a family in need. This has been a very worthwhile inquiry and we love to help people in need and the environment.



Bottle Birds

Our beautiful bottle birds are complete! Each of our creations are unique and definitely have their own personalities!

We have recycled bottles, egg cartons, newspaper and feathers. After the photos were taken we added the wings.



Room 3

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday break and we look forward to seeing you all bright eyed and bushy tailed in Term 4.



Wow, what a term!



We can't quite believe it has flown by so quickly, but it is no wonder we feel that way as we reflect on all the exciting things that have taken place in Room 3 this term. We are really proud of how the girls have continued to work hard with friendly, happy and positive attitudes making Room 3 a brilliant place to be.



Maths

In maths we have learnt how to read and create maps using compass directions. Our maps look fantastic. Come in and see if you can follow them to find the hidden treasure!



Writing



Part of our writing this term was linked with speech and inquiry. We are working in groups to create catchy advertisements about how we can save the planet by reducing, reusing and recycling. We look forward to sharing them in assembly through our larger than life sized Room 3 TV and putting our dramatics skills and techniques into action.

Draw a diagram showing how trees help us...



Inquiry / Art



We loved our time tree planting at Andersons Park and learning about forest regeneration and how trees help the planet. We were able to draw diagrams to represent our ideas. We planted over 300 trees that day! We took our new understanding about reduce, reuse and recycling and decided to create desks organisers out of cardboard rolls and reused items from home. We had to design, modify and plan our ideas before creating them. They look fantastic and we know they will come in handy at home.





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TOUCH SOUTHLAND DEVELOPMENT TEAMS

DETAILS

- 4 TOURNAMENTS IN TERM 4
- 3 PLAYED IN WINTON & 1 IN QUEENSTOWN

GRADES

- NO TRIALS
- GIRLS & BOYS TEAMS
- GRADES YEAR 5/6 & 7/8

HOW TO ENTER

- TEAMS FROM CENTRAL, EASTERN CENTRAL, WESTERN, NORTHERN SOUTHLAND, INVERCARGILL, QUEENSTOWN, CROMWELL, WANAKA & DUNEDIN

- WWW.TOUCHSOUTHLAND.CO.NZ



OUT OF SCHOOL MUSIC CLASSES, INVERCARGILL



MUSIC CLASSES

FOR YEARS 1-8

MUSICIANSHIP CLASSES (STEP ONE):

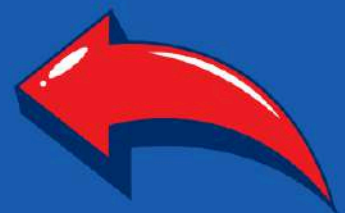
* Keyboard * Percussion * Recorder * Ukulele

INSTRUMENT CLASSES (STEP TWO):

* Cello * Clarinet * Cornet * Flute * Guitar * Keyboard * Percussion
* Oboe * Saxophone * Singing * Tenor Horn * Trombone * Ukulele * Violin



TUITION FEE
\$100.00
PER YEAR*



* Plus Resources

2025 ENROLMENTS OPENING SOON

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OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES



LIMITED TO 15 PLACES EACH DAY!

NATURAL CREATORS

(Ages 5-16)

Invercargill

Creating and Cooking

Join us for an inspiring day of creating through arts and cooking

Your child's imagination will be truly ignited as they bring their creativity to life using a variety of NATURAL materials and textiles such as clay, wool, flowers and plants to explore as well as preparing nutritious meals to enjoy and that they can cook at home.

Children will go home feeling fulfilled, inspired, capable and independent.

3rd & 4th Oct
Invercargill



BUSH CRAFT

(Ages 7-12) & (Ages 11-16)

Invercargill, Gore and Otautau

Adventures, Challenges and Connection to Nature.

One day and three day options (not overnight)
Fire starting, cooking on fires and gas stoves, whittling, navigation, team survival challenges, foraging, nature discovery, exploration in the bush, at the beach and down at the estuary and much more.

CHILD vs WILD (7-12)

30th Sep - 2nd Oct - 3 days Invercargill

BUSH KIDS (7-12)

3rd & 4th Oct Gore

BUSH KIDS (7-12)

10th Oct Invercargill

BUSH KIDS (7-12)

11th Oct Otautau

TEEN vs WILD (11-16)

7th-9th Oct - 3 days Invercargill

A WILD DAY OUT (11-16)

7th, 8th & 9th Oct Invercargill

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