



# St John's Girls' School

Te Kura Kōtiro ō Hato Hoani

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## START OF YEAR INFORMATION 2026

Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers

I hope you have had a restful summer break. We are excited to welcome the girls back to school on Tuesday, 3 February.

Nau mai, haere mai to our new St John's whānau. We have 18 new families joining our community this year, and we are so pleased to have you with us. A very warm welcome to you all.

We also welcome Mrs Anita Bradley and Miss Sara Woods to our staff this year.

### Tuesday 3 February

Our school day begins with line-up and assembly at 8:40am. Please have your daughter at school by 8:30am, so she has plenty of time to get settled and organised in her classroom before the day starts. Our classrooms are open for students from 8:20am.

You are welcome to accompany your daughter to her classroom to help her drop off her stationery and to meet her teacher.

Room	Year Level	Teacher
1	NE/Year 1	Mrs Sarah Jagoutz
2	Year 2/3	Mrs Anita Bradley
3	Year 4	Mrs Anya Raines [Monday - Thursday] Mrs Lucy King [Friday]
5	Year 5	Miss Eve McSoriley
6	Year 6	Ms Emma Coatsworth
7	Year 7	Mrs Kate McIlwrick [Monday - Wednesday] Mrs Lee Stewart [Thursday - Friday]
8	Year 8	Miss Sara Woods

Parents and whānau are also welcome to join our line-up and assembly, which will conclude by 9:00am.

During the day, we will hold a meeting for our bus girls to ensure they have all the information they need for travelling safely to and from school.

Our school day finishes at 3:00pm.

## Uniform

Full school summer uniform is expected on Tuesday. A reminder that sunhats are compulsory for this term.

Our full uniform expectations are outlined on the school website. If you need assistance with any requirements, please contact our Uniform Coordinator, Mrs Marise Lang, at [mlang@stjohnsgirls.school.nz](mailto:mlang@stjohnsgirls.school.nz).

## Traffic Safety & Our Community

You may have noticed some new road signage on Dee Street. We are pleased to share that a new variable speed limit zone has now been installed outside our school. These electronic signs will be active during the busy times at the start and end of our school day, and occasionally for special functions or events when our girls are near the road. It is a wonderful addition to help keep our girls safe, and we appreciate you following these limits at the appropriate times.

We truly value your help in making our school gate a safe and stress-free environment for everyone. By being extra mindful of the yellow lines and keeping the bus zones clear, you ensure that our duty staff and girls have the visibility they need to move safely. We also want to be the best neighbours for our community, so we ask that you take care not to block local driveways during drop-off and pick-up. Thank you so much for your patience and for working with us to keep our St John's community safe and happy on the road.

## Upcoming Dates

Our school calendar is available on Skool Loop and on our school website. Below are some upcoming school events in February.

6 February	Waitangi Day [school closed]
10 February	Meet the Teacher Afternoon [4:30pm] Parents' Association Meeting [5:30pm]
17 February	Family Fun Night
19 February	School Photos
24 - 27 February	Year 7 Camp - Raikura [Stewart Island]

*\*Note: There is no Staff Only Day on Friday, 20 February. School will be open for instruction.*

Once again, we look forward to welcoming you all for the start of the school year on Tuesday.

Ngā mihi nui,

Holly Bradshaw

Tumuaki | Principal