

St John's Girls' School

Te Kura Kōtiro ō Hato Hoani

Newsletter

12 February 2021

Principal's Comments

Tena koutou katoa—Greetings to you all.

Dear parents/caregivers

It has been a lovely start to the year. The girls seem settled and happy.

Resignation

After almost 30 years of excellent service, Mrs McEntyre's last official day is 12th March 2021. She has truly earned her retirement. Mrs McEntyre leaves big shoes to fill and will be greatly missed as she has many important roles within the school and has built firm relationships with many of you. She assures me, she is only a phone call away. We welcome Mrs Janine Loader who has been appointed as the new office manager. She begins on 8th March and will spend the week with Mrs McEntyre, learning about the position. She comes from James Hargest Junior and comes with solid recommendations.

Meet the Teacher Evening

It was great to see so many parents at this evening. We enjoyed catching up with existing parents and getting to know new parents to the school. Thank you for making the time to be here.

Google Calendar

The school google calendar is on our website and on **Skool Loop**. It is the best place to keep up to date with what is on and to be aware of changes. Please take the time to download this app as we intend to use this and Facebook as our main means of communication.

Parents' Association Meeting Tuesday 16th February 7pm in the staffroom.

Everyone is welcome. This is an opportunity to get to know other parents and to be involved.

Dropping off and Picking up Your Daughters

We need your help to keep your daughters safe at the back gate.

Please do not double park.

Do not park between the signs as you block the 'teacher on duty's' view.

Please do not use the back driveway unless collecting girls from After School Care otherwise the girls are collected on Avenal Street.

We also need your cooperation when dropping girls off/collecting girls on Dee Street.

Please do not park over the school driveway, as this makes it dangerous for staff coming in/going out.

Please do not park over other people's driveways. They get cross with us!

Do not park on yellow lines. They are there for a reason.

Please pass this on to anyone picking your daughter(s). In anticipation, thank you.

Lilliput Library

The cute little yellow box on the side of the grey storage shed at the Dee Street entrance is a Lilliput Library built by the gentlemen at the Menz Shed. The idea is that you can take a book to read but you don't have to return it. It would be awesome if you put another book in for other people to read. We will put some books in it (which have been discontinued from the library) to get it started then it is up to you. If you're walking by and see a book that interests you, take it home. We're more than happy if you pass your Lilliput Library book on to someone else. It's all about the love of reading.

Please pass this on to anyone picking up your daughter(s). In anticipation, thank you.

Have a relaxing weekend.

Brenda Mackay

TERM 1

February

- 15th Beach Day— Yrs 5 & 6
16th Beach Day—Yrs 1 - 4
16th Parents' Association meeting 7pm
Staffroom—everyone welcome
24th Family Fun Night—at school 5.30pm—7pm

March

- 3rd—5th Year 6 Camp— Camp Columba, Pukerau
4th Health Nurse Visit
BOT meeting 5.30pm
8th Mufti Day
12th Zone Athletics
16th Zone Athletics postponement day
17th Interviews start 2.15pm
SCHOOL CLOSED AT 2PM
After School Care will start at 2.15pm on this day
18th House Bonding Event
Interviews start 3.15pm
19th Swimming Sport 12 —1.30pm (only for girls not attending Monday lessons)
22nd **TEACHER ONLY DAY—school closed**
22nd—26th Year 8 Camp—Deep Cove
24th—26th Year 7 Camp—Dunedin
25th Health Nurse visit
27th Southland Athletics
31st Easter Service practice am
BOP Meeting 7pm

April

- 1st Easter Service 1.30pm First Church, Tay St
2nd Easter Friday—no school
5th & 6th Easter Break—no school
14th Aerobics Festival 2pm
15th BOT meeting 5.30pm
16th Bonus Points trophies awarded
Last day of term 1

May

Congratulations to the following girls who received awards recently—

- Room 1 Charlee Miles, Aster Steiner
Room 2 Emily Mitchell, Amelia Bosma
Room 3 Drew Peddie, Isla Patterson
Room 4 Nicole Carnie, Meila Spain
Room 5 Aniya Hamilton, Sophie Hall
Room 6 Amy Fieten, Emelia King
Room 7 Amaya Swale-Jones, Kiahli Brown

Values Cup Recipient

12 Feb Charlee O'Connor Rm 6

REMINDERS

Late arrivals:

All girls arriving at school after 8.40am must report to the office before going to assembly, so please remind your daughter when you drop her off. Bus girls are the only exception.

Reporting Absences:

All absences must be reported to the office before 8.45am with a reason for the absence. Please use the Skool Loop app but if you email an absence/appointment time to the class teacher please ensure you include - office@stjohnsgirls.school.nz.

Picking up girls for appointments:

Please notify the office if you are taking your daughter out during class time. Ask your daughter to wait for you at the office. You can drive in the main entrance off Dee Street and when your daughter sees your car she can go to meet you. Mrs McEntyre will sign your daughter out and sign her back in when she arrives back at school. Also inform the office if your daughter is going to be late due to an early appointment.

Dropping Gear Off for Girls:

Anything you need to drop off for your daughter is to be left at the office. Mrs McEntyre will contact your daughter and let her know it's there.

Arrival Time at School should not be before 8.15am please. This is for the safety of your daughter as she may be unsupervised.

UNIFORM PURCHASES

If Mrs Lang gives you pieces of uniform to try on at home, please return any unwanted items the following day, in the condition you received it.

Invoices are sent out within a week of purchase and it's time consuming having to adjust invoices when items are returned after the invoice is emailed.

REMEMBER to place your kilt order early.

Kilts take 6-8 weeks to make.

AFTERSCHOOL CARE PROGRAMME

This programme operates every day after school from 3.15 to 5.15pm. Girls can attend on a daily or permanent basis. If your daughter attends on a casual basis it is expected you will pay on the day. If your daughter attends on a regular basis, payment is expected weekly.

This is an excellent service offered to the school by Mrs Wilson so please use it.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book Club orders are now online. No orders will be taken through the school.

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