

St John's Girls' School

Te Kura Kōtiro ō Hato Hoani

Newsletter

12 March 2021

Principal's Comments

Tena koutou katoa – Greetings to you all

Farewell

Mrs McEntyre starts her retirement journey at 3.15pm today! Pippa Keary farewelled her on behalf of the girls yesterday in assembly followed by a lovely presentation from the Parent's Association chair, Mrs Purdon.

We thank Mrs McEntyre for her commitment to the school and wish her all the very best. Mrs McEntyre has been at St John's for almost 30 years so I am sure we will be making a few phone calls seeking her assistance over the next while.

Welcome to Mrs Janine Loader who started, this week, in her new position as office manager. Mrs McEntyre and Mrs Loader have been working together this week, while Mrs Loader has been learning the various parts of the job.

If you need to email the office, email: office@stjohnsgirls.school.nz

Have a great weekend.

Nga mihi nui (Warm regards)

Brenda Mackay



Three generations -
Mrs McEwan, Leah and Mrs McEntyre

Board Update - St John's Girls' School Enrolment Scheme

The Ministry of Education has accepted an amendment to our Enrolment Scheme. There are two changes:

A preference applicant has been more clearly defined, this being a student whose family religious affiliation is Christian. These girls have priority assuming they live in the area deemed to be reasonably convenient – the home zone in a non-integrated school.

The second change is around the boundary of the 'area of reasonable convenience'. This has been extended from the Invercargill City which included Bluff, Otatara and to Orion Road in Makarewa to the north, to include Winton and a strip on either side of the main road to Winton. This strip extends to Hillside, Drummond and Woodlands.

The detail of the amended scheme may be viewed on the school website along with the map.

Mark Billcliff
Board Chair

TERM 1

March

- 15th Year 7 Vision Testing
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 Cyber Safety—John Parsons
Stu Duval—visiting author
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 AGM & meeting
Parents' Assn AGM 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 - all welcome
15th BOT meeting 5.30pm
16th Bonus Points trophies awarded
Last day of term 1

May

- 3rd First day of term 2

Congratulations to the following girls who received awards recently—

Room 1	Aoife Gordon, Lucy Jenkins
Room 2	Ava Amar, Greer Valley
Room 3	Mia Steiner, Zoe McMillan
Room 4	Leah McEwan, Liliana Clinckett
Room 5	Emmerson Dickson, Lilly Roughtan, Sacha McKenzie
Room 6	Alicia Purdon, Luca Unahi

Values Cup Recipient

5 Mar	Portia Smith	Rm 1
11 Mar	Elise Davison	Rm 2

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 Loader 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 Loader 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.

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.