



14 MAY 2021

NEWSLETTER

St John's Girls' School

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Principal's Comments

Tena koutou katoa – Greetings to you all

Producation

Every two years we have a whole school production with the Year 7 and 8 girls taking the main roles and the other classes having supporting roles. This year we are putting on 'Rock Bottom'. Teachers will be in contact with you soon about costume requirements for each class.

Mr Hughes has sent through an outline of the plot. This will help you to understand what your daughter is telling you.

When cave boy inventor Bobby Cobblestone hatches his very first good idea, he's whisked off to work for none other than the beautiful celebrity Lady Lava. Unfortunately, Bobby is soon up to his Neanderthal neck in trouble when he discovers his new boss hides a dark secret that will rock the town of Rock Bottom to its foundations.

School Cross Country - 25 May 1.30 pm

After seeking feedback from the Year 7/8 girls on the PE/Sport and Health programmes in the school, we have made changes to how we run the school cross country. We will have a non-championship event for girls 9 years and older. The girls will choose which

event they enter, gaining 2 house points for running in the championship event and one for the non-championship event. All the girls in the 5-8 year old races will receive 2 house points for participation. To receive the points, they will have to be in by a certain time as we want to encourage them to still do their best. The non-championship event will be a shorter track. Only the championship girls will be eligible to continue on to the zone and Southland cross country events or to receive the school cross country cups. We look forward to seeing how this works.

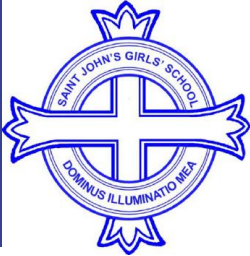
Parental Maths Evening Coming on Wednesday 9 June [5.30pm - 6.30pm]

We would like to share what we are doing in maths with you so you can better help your daughter at home. Your attendance will earn house points for your daughter!

School Values

In March last year we revamped the school values through discussion about what was important to us. Since then, **KIPRRR** (kindness, integrity, perseverance, resilience, respect, and responsibility), a character was developed.

On Wednesday, KIPRRR and her two friends arrived at school. Please see the photos overleaf.



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Lilliput Library for Adults and Children

The little yellow box on the side of the grey storage shed at the Dee Street entrance is a Lilliput Library. The idea is that you can take a book to read. You don't have to return it but if you want to, you can put a book in for other people to read. 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. This is for adult books as well as for children's books.

Nga mihi nui (warm regards)

Brenda Mackay

Principal

School Donation Tax Credit Notices

Our accountant has advised that the School Donation Tax Credit Notices will be ready for sending out by mid-June. Thank you for your patience.

BoT Update

Kia ora and a big welcome back to Term Two. At this time last year, we were in a new norm with covid-19 lockdown and students learning from home. It is so pleasing that we are able to have our girls at school and able to hold activities such as the school production 'Rock Bottom', which is on June 16th and 17th in the school hall.

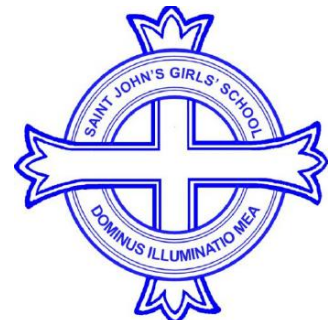
Changes to the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act, saw the existing prohibition on smoking at schools, kura kaupapa, kōhanga reo and early childhood facilities extended to include vaping. This means the school must be smoke free and vape free, indoors and out, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You will see additional 'no vaping' signs placed around the school to meet our requirements under the Act.

As part of the new strategic plan 'to implement a change in our teaching of mathematics to incorporate open ended, rich tasks, to promote higher order and creative thinking based around the Jo Boaler philosophy', a parent evening will be held on 9th June starting at 5:30pm for the teaching staff to help explain and demystify the new math teaching method for parents and caregivers. This evening will provide an opportunity to see how this new method is taught and being delivered to our girls. I look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards

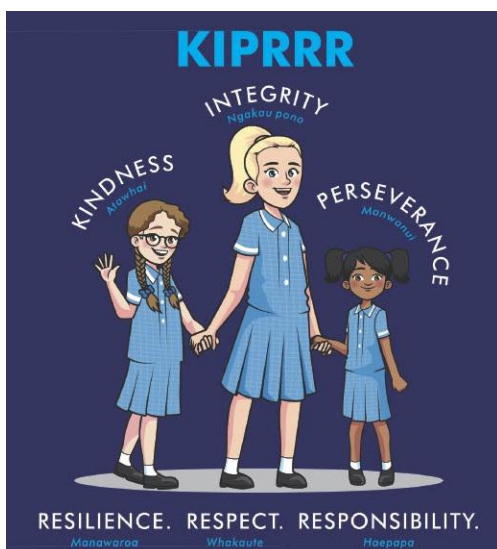
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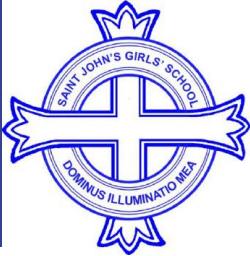
BoT Chair



Welcome to KIPRRR

You may have heard your girls excitedly talking about the much anticipated arrival of KIPRRR. She is the personification of our school values, Kindness, Integrity, perseverance, resilience, respect, responsibility. KIPRRR also has some friends who are yet to be named. Check her out when you happen to be in.





Report from the Board of Proprietors

Gilmour House

We have always been proactive when it comes to Gilmour House. Shortly after the Christchurch earthquakes, the Board commissioned an Initial Seismic Survey, followed by a Detailed Seismic Survey. The Board completed the recommended work from the Detailed Seismic survey to ensure the building was safe. Due to a decline in boarders, it no longer operates as a hostel.

Currently the building falls substantially short of the building code. The Board has been working through options, investigating how the building could be repurposed so the school could use it and the cost of doing so. To get it up to the required percentage of the building code is not financially viable. We don't have the resources to repurpose it, to create a usable workspace.

After looking at all possibilities, the Board has made the decision that Gilmour House will be demolished. This decision has not been made lightly. Every option has been investigated and costed.

The Board will consider the redevelopment of the site in the future.

*cheap but good condition
furniture*

FOR SALE

BE IN QUICK ONLY \$50 EACH ITEM

20 blue plastic top stools
[65cm high / can be stacked]

8 sturdy tables
60cm x 120cm x 90cm high / easily
upcycled / ex-technology room]



Sporty App

There has been a great response from the school community regarding Skool Loop with 100% uptake of the app. We also ask that all whanau / caregivers download the **SPORTYNZ App**. All sports' notices and notifications (cancellations etc) will be sent via SPORTYNZ.

**Make a difference.
Become a teacher.**

Find out more at our information evening:
Wednesday 23 June | 7pm
University of Otago, Invercargill campus
100 Nelson Street, Invercargill

Bachelor of Teaching applications close 31 August
(late applications considered)

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otago.ac.nz/education | Tel 03 211 6724

College of Education - Information Evening

Applications have opened for 2022 and the College of Education Invercargill will be holding an information evening for anyone who is interested in becoming a teacher.

This is a fantastic chance for anyone who is thinking about teaching (and their families) to come and ask some questions and find out more about Bachelor of Teaching. The Invercargill Campus offers endorsements in Early Childhood, Primary and Te Pokai (primary bi-cultural).



Coming Events

TERM 2**May**

- **20th** BoT meeting 5.30pm
- **25th** School Cross Country [1.30 pm]
[27th postponement date]
- **26th** Teacher Only day **CANCELLED**
- **27th** School Cross Country postponement date
Playhouse Theatre
- **31st** Young Leaders Day [Dunedin]

June

- **2nd** Zone Cross Country
BoP meeting 5.30pm
- **3rd** Visiting Performer
- **4th** Zone Cross Country Postponement date
- **7th** Queen's Birthday [no school]
- **9th** Mufti Day
- **9th** Maths curriculum evening [5.30- 6.30pm]
- **15th** Dress Rehearsal - Production
- **16-17th** Production [6.00pm]
- **18th** Southland Cross Country
[22nd postponement date]
- **24th** BoT Meeting 5.30pm

TERM 2**July**

- **2nd** Reports out
- **6th** Interviews [school closes 2.00pm]
- **7th** Interviews [school closes 3.00pm]
- **6-9th** Life Education Bus
- **9th** Bonus Points trophies presented
Work / Sports stripes presented
Last day of Term 2

TERM 3**July**

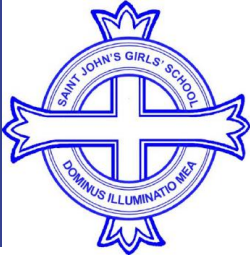
- **26th** First day of Term 3

Awards

Congratulations to the following girls who have received awards recently

Room 1	Aoife Gordon, Aster Steiner, Mahya Gilmete, Eleanor Anstice-Shirley, Madeleine Davison, Lola Rutledge	Room 5	Bailey King, Grace Pope, Ella Pope, Di-Anne Keast, Sofia Campbell-Wall, Binne Lenihan
Room 2	Scarlette Anderson, Ashlyn Shepherd, Meila Greiving, Rosie Laughton, Amelia Bosma	Room 6	Nicola Schol, Holly Scarlett, Sienna Macpherson, Charlee O'Connor, Alicia Purdon, Olive Rutledge
Room 3	Nevaeh Roughan, Gracie Dennis, Martina Bosma, Mia Steiner, Alyssa Hamilton, Sophie Crosbie	Room 7	Chloe Taylor, Claire Morris, Morgan Lau, Isabella Moore, Isabella McNamara, Claire Morris
Room 4	Sophie Purdon, Esmé McCleery, Zoe Laughton, Kiran Gilmete, Libby Hamilton, Amelia Frew	Values Cup	Drew Peddie Danielle King





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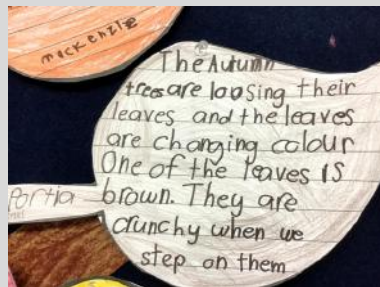
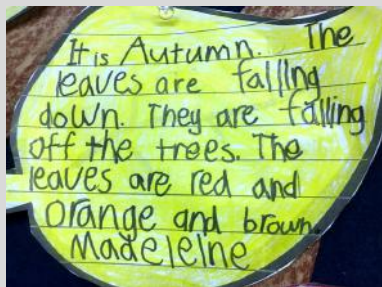
Room 1



Room 1 have been writing about the Autumn leaves. We went on an Autumn walk and took some photos with the ipads to help us with our writing.

Room 4 have been working with Room 1 to share their digital technology skills. We have been learning how to use an App called 'Thinkrolls Kings and Queens'. It is full of problem solving and the Room 4 ladies have been supporting us by asking challenging questions to help us figure out what to do next.

There's nothing better than sharing a story together in the book corner - especially when it's a Greedy Cat story!



Room 2



We spent a sunny afternoon positioning our new bird feeder in a spot that will attract the most birds.



We are looking at healthy eating and making good choices to keep ourselves healthy.



We had a very busy morning creating fabulous gifts for our lovely Mothers for Mothers' Day. The girls were excited to share their Mothers' Day stories with us.



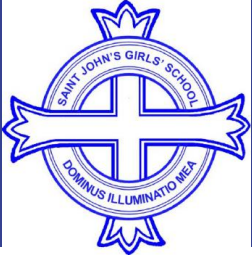
We finished our rocky shore dioramas with sea creatures made from clay. We are now making stop motion movies with our creatures moving around the rocky shores.



The girls have been using a range of equipment to explore place value concepts in maths.



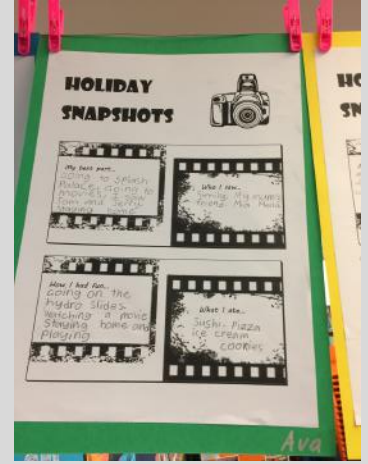
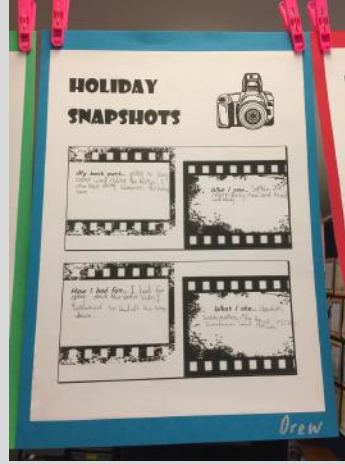
The girls were super excited to see Kiprrr had finally turned up at school.



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Room 3



Room 3 have been writing snapshots about our holidays. It is always fun when we get back to school to share with our classmates the adventures and activities we got up to while on holiday.



During maths we have been exploring our Big Idea of 'Thinking in Equal Groups'. We had a problem to solve about sharing crackers equally for a snack. There was plenty of discussion sharing our thinking and working with materials to solve our problem.



For Health we are learning about 'Friendships' and how to be a good friend. We have made a friendship wall with words describing what a good friend is. We have also used our i-pads to google some great 'Friendship' quotes to display on our wall.