

St John's Girls' School

Te Kura Kōtiro ō Hato Hoani

Newsletter

14 September 2018

Principal's Comments

Tena koutou katoa – Greetings to you all.

A big welcome to Maya Preininger, who will start school in Room 1 next week.

This is supposed to be our quiet term but it has been very busy! The girls are busy completing their art piece for the Art Exhibition and social evening on Thursday at 6.30pm in the hall. They are also enjoying doing lots of hands on science experiments and learning to think like a scientist.

Employment

After twenty five years of amazing service to St John's Girls' School, Mrs Dawkins has decided to retire from teaching at the end of the year. She will be greatly missed but I am excited for her and her family, as she moves into a new stage of her life.

Next year, Mrs Anya Raines will be teaching in Room 3 with Ms Wilcox – Clarke. While we are sad to see Mrs Dawkins leave, we are delighted to have Mrs Raines back as she is a highly competent teacher who knows the school well.

Mrs Raines will be teaching in Room 2 for one day a week too as Mrs Brand is also retiring. We have enjoyed having Mrs Brand here, albeit for a short time.

We are delighted to have Mrs Megan Packham back for a morning a week, to provide additional release for the Leadership team, Mr Hughes and Mrs Kelly.

Mrs Calli Jeffers Peddie has been employed as an additional teacher's aide for 15 hours a week to enable some more children to receive extra assistance. We look forward to getting to know Mrs Peddie.

Gilmour House – Mrs Trudy Pankhurst, who has been with us for 18 months as a house supervisor, has resigned. She was a valuable member of the house and will be missed. Mrs Jill Robinson is starting in Gilmour House next week. Mrs Liz Joyce, who retired from St John's Girls' School as a teacher aide at the end of 2016, is going to be acting manager for 5 days while Mrs Paterson attends a special family event.

St John's Church has been sold. While retaining their identity, the congregation are moving to First Presbyterian Church on Tay Street as are we. We will be holding our Christmas Service and prizegiving there, still on the dates advertised. We intend to retain our links with St John's Church through Mrs Dot Muir, an ex-pupil of St John's Girls' School and a lay preacher at 'St John's at First.' First Presbyterian Church have been very accommodating, not only for us but for the people from St John's Church.

Congratulations to:

- Maddison Booth who has made it to through to the area final of the Venture Southland speech competition. We wish you well.
- Katie Dennis who was awarded first place in the 2018 Christian Education speech competition. Maddison Booth gained second place and Grace Watson, third place. I was impressed by all of the contestants, those that gained a place due to their superb performance, but also to those who stepped outside of their comfort zone to take part. Well done! Thank you Mrs Provis – Black for organising this competition.
- The Year 8 girls who defeated their fathers in the annual Year 8 Father/Daughter netball game. The girls played incredibly well this year.

Nga mihi nui (Kind regards)
Brenda Mackay

Term 3

September

20th Parents' Association Art Exhibition & social Event 6.30—7.30pm—everyone welcome
24th BOT meeting 5.30pm
25/26th Dance Exams
28th Last Day Term 3

October

15th First Day Term 4

UNIFORM REMINDER

Next term the girls wear their summer uniform so please try their dresses on before the end of term and purchase a new one if needed. Dresses and white socks can be purchased at the school.

If you have a kilt in good condition that you no longer need, bring it in drycleaned and Mrs Lang will purchase it from you.

LOST UNIFORM

We have many girls with missing articles of clothing. These pieces of clothing are named and not in lost property.

Please check your daughter's uniform over the weekend and return any pieces that don't belong. Thank you.

Congratulations to the following girls who received awards recently—

Room 1	Nakaysha Fraser, Kadi Cantley, Nevaeh Roughan
Room 2	Ingrid Fleming, Greer Macpherson, Grace Ding, Sophie Purdon
Room 3	Shanna-Beth Smith, Sapphira Cook, Olivia Gibson, Charlotte Torrington, Amaya Swale-Jones
Room 4	Ella Pope, Grace Pope, Lucy Muir, Sophie Hall
Room 5	Jorja Mackie, Taleeha Stewart, Abbie Middlemass, Lucy Bird
Room 6	Anita White, Elise Hampton, Ella Erskine, Lilyana Ultee
Room 7	Greer Dawson, Lucy Griffin, Laura McDowall, Kaitlyn Pirie

Values Cup:

7 Sept Mia Padgett Rm 1

SIGNING IN AND OUT

Everyone coming into the school must sign in at the office please.

If you're dropping something off for your daughter please do not take it to the classroom or cloakbay. Leave it at the office for your daughter to collect.

If your daughter is leaving the school for an appointment she must report out and back in at the office also.

This is a health and safety issue as we must know where your daughter is at all times, and who is on the school grounds.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

ART EXHIBITION AND SOCIAL EVENING

20th September 2018 - School Hall—6.30—7.30pm

- Display of framed artwork by all students
- Auction for fabulous painting of Lake Te Anau by Lee Smillie
- Performance by school Kapahaka group and school choir
- Drinks and nibbles served

Tickets available at the school office—Adults \$2 and children free.

If you wish you can send the money in a clearly marked envelope with your name, 'Art Exhibition' and the number of tickets you need and they will be given to your daughter. Everyone welcome, especially grandparents

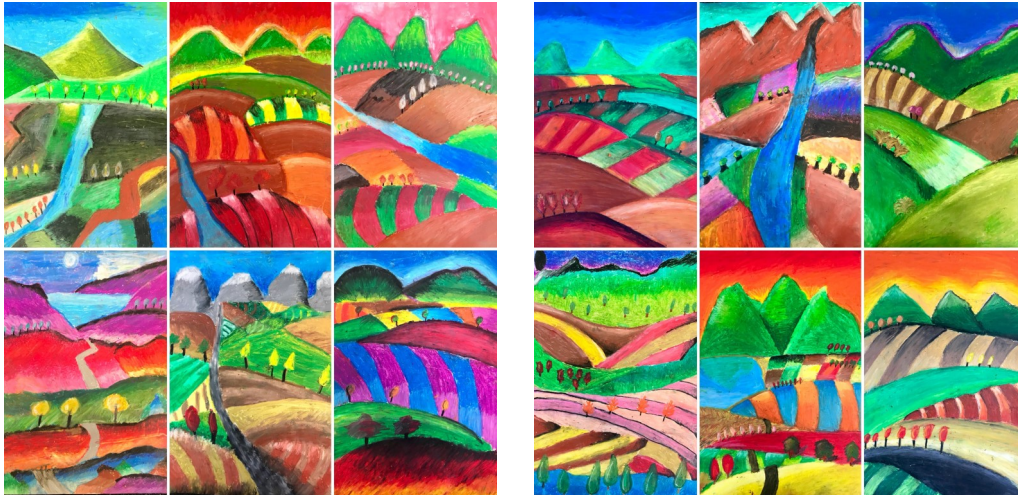


ROOM 4—Years 4 & 5—Miss Smillie

Wow, what a busy term this has turned out to be.

In Room 4 we have been learning about 'kitchen chemistry'. We have completed three experiments and have learnt about liquids, solids and gases, solutions, suspensions and molecules. There will be a lot more experiments happening in Room 4 before the end of term.

In mathematics we are learning about time. Currently the class are planning a dream holiday in New Zealand. We are learning to create itineraries with travel times while visiting attractions at destinations they would love to see one day. Room 4 have been preparing for the school art exhibition next week. We have been learning about layering, blending oil pastels and showing light and shadows to create stunning abstract landscapes. We are all very excited about showing our work to you and look forward to seeing everyone there.



The Three Little Pigs

One sunny day the three little pigs heard a knock at the door. It was the big bad wolf standing at the doorstep.

The first little pig built a house out of marshmallow and chocolate sauce. The second little pig built his house out of toasted waffles. The third little pig built his house out of gobstoppers.

The big bad wolf comes to the first little pigs house and snapped "Little pig, let me eat your house." The wolf started to chew the first little pigs house. The wolf let out a loud burp and the whole town shook like it was an earthquake. Then the wolf goes to the second little pigs house and called "Little pig let me eat your house!" Then the wolf starts to eat the yummy toasted waffles until the house was all gone.

Next the two little pigs ran to their sister's house. They thought they would be safe in their sister's strong gobstopper house. The three little pigs and their sister set up a trap for the wolf. The wolf ran towards the gobstopper house. The wolf took a big bite out of the gobstopper house then all of the wolf's teeth fell out and the wolf could not eat the three little pigs or their houses.

The wolf knocked on the door. The pigs knew not to open it. The wolf apologised to the three pigs for eating their houses. The wolf asked the pretty, perfect, pink pigs if the pigs would like new houses and the wolf would build the three little pigs a new house.

By Sophie Hall

ROOM 5—Year 8—Mr Hughes

This week in Room 5 we have been focusing on our science topic. We have recently made bread, sourdough and butter and have learnt how these changed from a liquid to a solid. We were also separated into 6 groups and each group got to choose a kitchen science topic to work on. These topics include Oobleck, Bouncy Egg, Pikelets, Pepper Scatter, Foam and Cola Explosion.

We have also been preparing for the upcoming art exhibition. We have undertaken the theme of Kiwiana and are very excited to share our art pieces with you at the Parents' Association Art Exhibition. They are looking very cool!

Well done to the eight girls who shared their Christian Education speeches with the school yesterday. We enjoyed listening to the Christian morals and took these messages to heart.

We had a visit from Dreamweaver (Miss Miller) who demonstrated great story telling skills in front of an audience. We hope to demonstrate some of these great skills in speech and assembly.

By Grace Watson and Cate Reynolds

ROOM 6—Year 7—Mrs Hawke

Time is flying by! We can't believe that we are so close to finishing this term already!

We know Spring is here when mother duck comes for her yearly visit through St John's. It was around 3pm when she arrived. There was quite the crowd surrounding them, admiring the cute little ducklings. Mr Hughes and Ms Hawke knew that they were heading towards the river. However, to get there, the ducklings had to cross the busy main road. Mr Hughes and Ms Hawke thought carefully and decided to stop the traffic and walk them across the road to safety. *Sara Reynolds*

This term, Room 6 have been training hard to prepare for their dance exams. Everyone now is touching up on specific exercises so they can achieve great results. The dance exams will be held on Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th September. Good luck girls. A big thank you to Miss Gina for all her hard work and wonderful teaching. *Jordan King*

This year St John's has been trying out a new literacy program called Avaiill (Audio Visual Achievement in Literacy, Language and Learning). Before starting the programme we completed a reading assessment and recorded ourselves reading aloud. We then started to watch a movie with subtitles. We have to read the subtitles carefully and complete different challenges like 'surprise subtitles', 'next word hunt', and 'take the dictionary to the movies'. We will watch three movies and then take part in an assessment to see how our reading has improved. *Ella Burdon*

Room 6 have now found out that wheelchair basketball is a very hard game to play. You have to bounce the ball once and then you are allowed two pushes of the wheels. You then have to bounce it again or pass the ball to someone else. Also shooting a basket is quite difficult when sitting in a wheelchair. You can't stand up and shoot (so some of us have found out!) Our arms get so tired from pushing the huge wheels around. We are all so fortunate to have Ms Hawke teach us how to play this amazing game. *Kobi Harpur*

For the last few weeks, Room 6 have been working on our artwork for the art exhibition. Miss Smillie has been showing us effective ways to paint. Our artwork is based in a forest. We had to choose a realistic colour which would fit with our background. Lilyana had a few leaves drifting down onto the ground which really made the painting shine! To top it off, we chose a silhouette to paint on our artwork. Thanks to Miss Smillie, we all have a beautiful painting nearly finished, which will be framed and ready to sell! *Eva Sexton*

ROOM 7 – Year 6—Mrs Taylor

Room 7 have been making reusable bags using the sewing machine. We have been learning how to deal with the problems we have been having with the sewing machine. Most of us now know how to thread a needle, keep a steady speed and stay on the edges of our fabric.

All of us really wanted our bags to look really cool so we have been making stencils. Individually we had to find a picture or logo, and make it into the stencil. We had to draw the stencil on paper and cut out the inside. At first we didn't really understand how it worked but we soon understood! We had to test them on paper and when we were happy with our stencil, trace them to card. Then we got our bag and printed the stencil on. They look so cool.

In maths we are working on fractions. We have been looking at equivalent fractions and sharing pizza into groups of people. We have been looking at the difference between mixed fractions and improper fractions. We made paper fraction walls to help us understand a bit more.

We have started looking at mythology in English. We have been looking at different stories from the Greeks and how these have given us expressions that are used today. We are trying to use the meaning of the story in our writing eg "Greg put in a Herculean effort into cleaning his room".

In groups of 3 and 4 we have been exploring kitchen science. We really wanted to find out if dried popcorn and popcorn sitting in water overnight would pop. We also had to have a 'control' (that has had nothing different done to it and is straight out of the packet). We had to come up with a hypothesis and draw a diagram. Afterwards we had to write a conclusion. It came out that a 'control' popped and the popcorn in the water and dried did not pop at all.



We are really excited for the next week to come and hope to try everything that we can.

By Amanda Henderson.

SPORTS NEWS

CRICKET

The Girls Smash Cricket programme is available for Years 1-4 and Years 5-8 and is to be held on Mondays next term.

If your daughter has expressed an interest in playing cricket, please contact me at sports@stjohnsgirls.school.nz



SQUASH

I am pleased to advise that we have entered the following girls in the Term 4 Whack n Run programme.

Year 3-6 Tuesdays: Sarah Hartstonge, Riley Morrison and Lilly Roughan

Year 7/8 Wednesdays: no girls registered to play

The parent confirmation letter will be emailed before the end of term.

NETBALL

The Year 6 netball team went to tournament this week. They won four out of their six games and were placed 14th out of 35 teams. Their coaches, Mrs Jo Keary and Mr Barry Dawson, were very proud of their effort, conduct and the outstanding sportsmanship they showed.

Mrs Keary said "They learnt a lot about being in a tournament situation and had a fantastic day". Well done girls!

I would also like to say a big thank you to Suz Middlemass, who stepped in to umpire for us at the last minute. Thank you, and we really appreciate you doing this, as it is a big ask.



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Year 8
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TOUCH RUGBY

I am pleased to advise we have entered the following teams:

2x Year 7/8 teams (22 girls)

2x Year 5/6 team (17 girls)

1x Year 3/4 girl playing in a composite team with St Theresa's

1x Year 1/2 team (10 girls)

The competition starts Week 1 of Term 4. The parent confirmation letter will be emailed home next week.



PHOTOS

If anyone has taken any photos of our after school sports teams in action, please feel free to email them through to me as it would be nice to put some in the sports section of the newsletter when space is available.
sports@stjohnsgirls.school.nz

REPRESENTATIVE NEWS

*If your daughter has **made a representative team or has excelled in her sport**, please remember to inform either myself or Mrs McEntyre in the school office so we can acknowledge it in the newsletter. If they participated in a St John's Girls' School sports team we will note this for end of year achievement certificates and for Y7/8 stripes. Thank you. My email is sports@stjohnsgirls.school.nz*

COMMUNITY SPORTS NOTICES

LEARN TO RIDE—Term 4

Cycling South are now taking registrations for the Term 4 Learn to Ride Track block for 2018. This offers beginner children, aged 10 and up, an introduction to track cycling. Minimum height restriction 130cm. Starts Wednesday 17th October and Friday 19th October, from 4.00-5.00pm, and runs until the end of the school term. Select either a Wednesday or Friday, but not both. \$85 fee includes, track hire, bike hire, coach and water bottle. Phone 03 219 9325 or email office@cyclingsouth.org.nz to register now.

WAIHOPAI TENNIS CLUB

Tennis season is just around the corner! Waihopai Tennis Club is excited to announce new options for the junior players this season. They will be offering two new Junior Squad Coaching Sessions, Community Play again this year but will be indoors and a new Junior Interclub Competition. Come along to register for the new season and find out more on what is being offered at the Junior Registration and Open Day.

DATE: Saturday 15th September (Juniors and Seniors)
TIME: 1:00pm – 3.00pm
VENUE: Waihopai Tennis Club, Duke Street, Invercargill

For more information please contact waihopaitennis@gmail.com or 027 313 2525 or visit the website – www.waihopaitennis.com

SATURDAY TENNIS INTER-CLUB COMPETITION **HOT SHOTS – COMMUNITY PLAY TENNIS**

This programme is for introductory to beginner's using smaller tennis courts, racquets and softer balls. Covers the fundamentals of ball and racquet skills with an emphasis on fun. Parents are welcome to get on the court and get involved in the fun too!

Where: Badminton Hall, Surry Park, Invercargill
When: Thursday 1st November – Thursday 6th December
Time: 5-8 year olds - 3.45pm – 4.30pm
9-12 year olds - 4.30pm – 5.15pm
Cost: \$20 (Racquets provided if necessary)

Register online at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1DHOA66hFdHKqfmarI1M2BpY2mO1Wl3mpQpFyTcWuYkQ/viewform?edit_requested=true or email waihopaitennis@gmail.com for more information.

JUNIOR COACHING

Junior squad coaching follows on from Community Play and a minimum skill requirement is needed to attend these sessions and will be assessed by coaches.

Where: Waihopai Tennis Courts, Duke St
When: Tuesday 30th October – Tuesday 4th December 2018
Time: 5-8 year olds - 3.45pm – 4.30pm
9-12 year olds - 4.30pm – 5.15pm

Cost: No cost to attend junior squad coaching however players must be a member of the tennis club. All equipment provided if needed.

Register online at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1DHOA66hFdHKqfmarl1M2BpY2mO1Wl3mpQpFyTcWuYkQ/viewform?edit_requested=true or email waihopaitennis@gmail.com for more information.

WEDNESDAY DOUBLE TROUBLE – TENNIS

This is a fun and friendly 6-week Junior Tennis Competition. Teams of 2 will play 2 times, 30 minute singles and 1 double game each week. Learn how to score and perfect your serves in a relaxed, fun environment. This competition is suitable for beginning – intermediate players. Racquets can be provided if required.



WHEN: Wednesday 31st October – Wednesday 5th December 2018
WHERE: Waihopai Tennis Club, Duke Street
TIME: 4.00pm – 5.30pm
COST: \$30 per player (Free to Waihopai Tennis Club Members)

Must enter with a team mate

IMPORTANT INFO

Teams with Year 5-6 players will need to have an adult manager with them each week. Teams in Year 7 and above must appoint a team captain. Managers and Captains will be responsible for ensuring teams are aware of playing times, venue and weather calls each week.

Visit www.waihopaitennis.com or email waihopaitennis@gmail.com to register or request membership details. Register online at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1DHOA66hFdHKqfmarl1M2BpY2mO1Wl3mpQpFyTcWuYkQ/viewform?edit_requested=true or email waihopaitennis@gmail.com for more information.

ORIENTEERING

There is an orienteering event this Sunday 16 September. The weather forecast is mild with rain late in the day.

Where: Fosbender Park, starting at Mauritiangi Scout Camp
Time: Starts 11.30 am to 1.00 pm although we may have to wait for the sled dog races to be finished.
Cost: Normal colour map fees and Sport Ident hire.
What: Dean & John have planned a mountain bike orienteering event around the tracks; you can choose to walk or run as well. This is a one-hour score event.
Bring: Mountain bike if plan to bike, bike helmet, whistle, and a way to tell the time, so as to avoid those pesky penalties for being late. It has several years since a mountain bike event has been held at Fosbender Park.

SPLASH PALACE HOLIDAY SWIM LESSONS

Week 1: 1st to 5th October
Week 2: 8th to 12th October

Start your summer swim lessons with Splash Palace Swim School. Children from 3 years upwards. Book at Splash Palace on 217 7506 Ext 3 or email swimschool@splashpalace.co.nz

