

# St John's Girls' School

Te Kura Kōtiro ō Hato Hoani

## Newsletter

### 18 September 2020

#### Principal's Comments

Tena koutou katoa—Greetings to you all.

Wow, what a busy and exciting week. The fun started on Tuesday with the dress rehearsal for the Drama Festival, then continued on Wednesday with a fabulous display of aerobics from the girls heading away to the Nationals Aerobics competition in Dunedin this weekend. The routines were a testament to the girls' skills and time spent practising. We wish them all the best.

#### Drama Festival

Thank you to everyone who helped make this the success it was. It wasn't the Drama Festival that we had planned but it worked. Every class had a reasonably sized audience. Thank you for being flexible around this. The staff and girls put in a huge amount of work. We also had lots of parents and staff make costumes or parts of, do hair, face paint and source/make props. Thank you to everyone! We love seeing the sheer pride and enjoyment from the girls when they get to showcase their talents. We also love seeing the growth in confidence and dramatic skills. Thank you to all staff and to Mr Hughes who was in charge of lighting and sound on both nights.

#### Gymnastics Festival

Thank you, Ms Hawke, for organising this awesome event. This is an opportunity for girls to push themselves outside of their comfort zone. It's great to see girls shine but we also admire the girls who give it their all, even though it is not their forte. This builds character and resilience. Thank you to all other staff and senior girls who assisted in the build up by putting the equipment out each week for PE, by coaching or on the day. It's a huge team effort.

#### 2021 Class Structure

Planning the structure of the school is different every year, being dependant on enrolments and available space. In 2021 the structure will be the same as it is this year, with the new entrants and Year 1 girls in Room 1, all the Year 2 and Year 3 girls together in Room 2 and then straight classes from Year 4 – Year 8. This means that each year level from Year 4 upwards, will be a class on its own.

There are still a couple of vacancies in the senior school if you know of someone who is thinking about moving their daughter.

#### Lilliput Library

The cute little box on the side of the grey storage shed at the Dee Street entrance is a Lilliput Library built by the gentlemen at the Men's Shed. The idea is that you can take a book to read but you don't have to return it but 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.

#### New Path

Thank you to Mr Hamilton and Mr Erskine for creating a new path for us out the back of Rooms 5/6. It is going to be fantastic. Mr Erskine, we appreciated your time and skill set.

Have a wonderful weekend. I think you will have some very tired children!

Nga mihi nui (Warm regards)  
Brenda Mackay  
Principal

## September

24th BOT meeting 5.30pm  
25th Bonus Trophies presented  
25th Rosa & McKenzie hair cut for  
Southland Charity Hospital 10.50am  
Last day Term 3

## TERM 4

### October

**12th First day of term**  
13th 800 + 1500m trials at Sacred Heart  
14th Art Exhibition - School Hall 5 till 7pm  
**16th Teacher Only Day—School Closed**  
20th Yr 8 Self Defence—all day  
Parents' Association meeting 7pm  
21st Yr 8 Self Defence—am only  
Christian Education Speeches 1pm  
22nd Photos  
26th Labour Day—No School  
28th Zone Athletics—8-10 yr olds as at Dec 19  
29th Zone Athletics - postponement date

### November

3rd Dance Exams  
4th Dance Exams  
5th Greats & Grans  
BOT meeting 5.30  
6th Yr 4 Speech Exams  
**9th Teacher Only Day—School Closed**  
10th Science Road Road—Seniors  
11th BOP Meeting  
Yr 3 Speech  
12th Disco  
14th Southland Primary School Athletics  
18th Familiarisation Morning  
20th 2021 House Captains announced  
23rd Mufti  
27th Stripes Awarded  
30th Tabloids  
House lunches

### December

3rd BOT meeting 5.30pm  
4th Christmas Service 1.30pm First Church  
Bonus Points Trophies  
7th Aviary Lunch  
9th Prizegiving practice am  
Dance Sharing 1pm  
10th Prizegiving 1.30pm School Hall  
Year 8 leavers afternoon tea 3pm.  
Last Day of Term

**Congratulations** to the following girls who received awards recently—

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| Room 1 | Greer Valli, Ashlyn Shepherd  |
| Room 2 | Bailey Cooper, Mia Reilly     |
| Room 3 | Amelia Frew, Esmé Middlebrook |
| Room 4 | Bonnie McIntosh, Anna Amar    |
| Room 5 | Abigail Hunter, Molly Cole    |
| Room 6 | Di-Anne Keast, Sophie Hall    |
| Room 7 | Lily Morgan, Olive Rutledge   |

### Values Cup

11 Sept Niamh Doherty Rm 7

## REMINDERS:

### SUMMER UNIFORMS—Dresses and White Socks

The girls wear summer uniform next term. Please check your daughter's dress fits and she has white socks. Email Mrs Lang, [mlang@stjohnsgirls.school.nz](mailto:mlang@stjohnsgirls.school.nz), if you have uniform requirements, including the size you want and shoe size if you need socks.

### Late arrivals:

All girls arriving at school after 8.45am 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. If you email an absence to the class teacher please ensure you include [office@stjohnsgirls.school.nz](mailto: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.

### Drop 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 would be unsupervised.

## 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.

## Recent date changes:

- Yr 4 Speech Exams—**NOW changed to Friday 6th November** ( was 23 Oct, then 11 Nov)  
Moved from 22nd—25th Sept