

# St John's Girls' School

Te Kura Kōtiro ō Hato Hoani

## Newsletter

### 21 August 2020

#### Principal's Comments

Tena koutou katoa—Greetings to you all.

Welcome to Kyla-Rose Jarvis-Patterson and her family. Kyla-Rose has joined the girls in Room 1.

#### Science Fair

School life is busy. This week the senior syndicate shared their Science Fair work. It was great to see so many of you come in to celebrate the girls' work. Most girls will have a thorough understanding of the scientific process. Well done girls! I was impressed by the standard of the projects.

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| <b>Results:</b> | <b>Gold</b>   | Grace Pope – Lung Capacity<br>Amanda Henderson – Family Identification (Finger prints)  |
|                 | <b>Silver</b> | Olivia Crosbie – Naughty Nails<br>Niamh Doherty – Sunscreen Science<br>Alicia Purdon – Seeds 'n Soil<br>Sienna Macpherson – Mintastic<br>Holly Scarlett – Exploding Hand Sanitizer<br>Meg Scott – Chaos with Carrots<br>Harlow Sheehan – What Bubble Gum Produces the Biggest Bubbles?<br>Matilda Stevens – Friendly Fertilisers<br>Molly Stockman – Washday Woes<br>Anyia Hamilton – A Drop'in Good Time<br>Jessica Huang – Rainbows on Paper<br>Pippa Keary – Beep Beep Beware!<br>Amy Brand - Denaturing Protein |

We intend to continue with the Gym Festival and the Drama Festival but we may have to tweak them around audience numbers. We will let you know closer to the events.

#### Values/Well being

Life is a little on edge at the moment and everyone is feeling it with increased tiredness, less tolerance and not being quite as settled. It is more important than ever that we live by our values. I've had instances reported to me lately of parents talking about other children in a negative manner where others can hear them. Would you like your daughter being discussed in this manner?

Your daughter won't always like everyone in her class but please, don't speak ill of them in public. Help your daughter to find a positive in the other person or talk about how to deal with unkind comments/actions. Rather than tell your daughter not to sit beside someone or not to play with her, help her to develop strategies for working with different people and people they may not like. When there is an issue that you need help with, talk to the classroom teacher but bear in mind, they are trying to do the best for every child in their care. Let's be positive and work together to build your daughter's relationship toolbox.

#### Playground

Twenty bread crates were added to the playground this week. We have loved seeing the imaginative things the girls have done with them. This is the same as the creative back corner on the field where we see all sorts of interesting creations taking place. Ka pai.

#### Birthdays and Treats

Please do not send any birthday food/treats to school. We know you want to do it for positive reasons but it very quickly gets out of control. We celebrate birthdays in assembly and in the classrooms in our own way. The same with farewells and other special occasions. Thank you.

Have a happy, relaxing weekend

Nga mihi nui (Warm regards)  
Brenda Mackay  
Principal

## Term 2

*Please note the change of dates/times from previous newsletter.*

### August

28th Year 8 Father/Daughter Netball—2pm

### September

**3rd Art Exhibition—school hall 5.30pm –7pm**

9th Year 5 Speech Exam

10th Mufti—Child Cancer Foundation

11th Yr6 Pubertal Change session 2pm

16th Drama Festival—school hall 6pm

17th Drama Festival—school hall 6pm

18th Parents' Association Sausage Sizzle

24th BOT meeting 5.30pm

25th Bonus Trophies presented

Last day Term 3

**Term 4 starts on Monday 12 October.**

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

Room 1 Eloise Smith, Ashlyn Shepherd,  
Kyla-Rose Jarvis Patterson,  
Leah Hamilton

Room 2 Nevaeh Roughan, Gwynedd Ryder,  
Meila Greiving, Emily Bulling

Room 3 Sophie Purdon, Zoe Laughton,  
Clementine Wood, Liliana Clinckett

Room 4 Kiahli Brown, Chloe Taylor,  
Stella Lal, Zoe Stockman

Room 5 Ella Agnew, Lucy Griffin, Millie Cottam,  
Ella Agnew, Holly Keary

Room 6 Sienna Hunter, Sophia Campbell-Wall  
Lucy Muir, Grace Pope

Room 7 Nicola Schol, Lucy Watt  
Olivia Crosbie, Niamh Doherty

### Values Cup

14.8.20 Meila Greiving Rm 2

21.8.20 Kacee McEwan Rm 5

## SIGNING IN AND OUT

Any child leaving school during the day **MUST** be signed out, and back in, at the office.

Please email the office before 8.45am if your daughter is going to leave during the day (and the reason why).

Any parent coming into the school to help in class, drop anything in for your daughter, coach sport etc must also sign in and out.

## 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.

## JUST IN

Meanwhile, new data crunched in the State of Schooling report has indicated students at state-integrated schools are the **most likely to gain University Entrance**, making them a better financial investment for parents.

Google 'State of Schooling' report to read the entire article.