

St John's Girls' School

Te Kura Kōtiro ō Hato Hoani

Newsletter – 22 June 2018

Principal's Comments

Tena koutou katoa – Greetings to you all.

Drama Festival

Please join us on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th July 6.30pm – 8pm, in the school hall.

Tickets are available from the office, 8.30am till 3.15pm each day, \$8 for an adult and \$5 for a school age child, including secondary. You are welcome to call in or you may wish to put the correct amount of money in a named envelope, indicating how many tickets you require, which night and whether adult or child. Your daughter can drop this into the office and Mrs McEntyre will organise the tickets. Your daughter can then collect them from the office at the end of the day. Tickets are limited to approximately 200 per night so be in quick. Sorry, but we cannot hold tickets.

ILT Foundation Grant

Mr Hughes and Mrs Kelly have been successful in applying for a \$2500 grant from the ILT Foundation for kapahaka uniforms. Our girls will look very smart at Polyfest this year. Thank you ILT!

Education Review Office

The review officers were most impressed by how confident, articulate and respectful the girls are. They enjoyed their many discussions with them.

The ERO team gave us lots of positive feedback. We now have to wait for the draft report which will be about three weeks.

Girls Moving On

While we never like to lose any of our girls, we understand that circumstances do change. If your daughter may not be returning in 2019, please let her teacher know or send me an email. Without a vacancy, we cannot accept new girls as we choose to cap class numbers.

Paid Union Meeting – Education in Crisis

Teachers will be attending this on Tuesday afternoon. Even though this meeting is very important, two teachers have remained behind to enable us to cover all classes to avoid disruption to you and your daughter's learning.

The main issue is **recruitment and retention**. We are desperately short of teachers, including relievers and it is only going to get worse as it is an aging workforce! Many schools, us included are struggling to get relievers so we have to double classes up. This is not ideal for learning.

New teachers and principals do not remain in the job due to the workload and stress involved. Yes, all jobs involve stress but teaching is a very public job where everyone has been through school and has an opinion. Extra things get added, eg digital technology but nothing is ever removed and no more funding or resourcing is provided.

We need your support to ensure changes are made to encourage vibrant young people to become teachers. Your children need this!

We need your support to ensure the work conditions improve. This could be by providing more resourcing to schools so that schools could employ a sports coordinator, a person to coordinate learning support and extra release so teachers can do some of the paper work and 1 -1 testing during work hours. Currently classroom teachers do these jobs (just an example) on top of their teaching requirements

Nga mihi nui (Kind regards)
Brenda Mackay

YEARS 5, 6, 7 & 8 SKI DAY at Remarkables Ski Day — Friday 17th August

Please keep this date free if you wish to attend and assist groups with skiing or attend as a non-skiing helper. Family members are also welcome. Forms will be sent home in July.

We must have your daughters weight, height and shoe size on these forms so please ensure you have this information available when you fill out the form.



TERM DATES:

Term 2

June

26th Room 1 Interviews only
27th Interviews start 2.15pm **School closes 2pm**
28th Interviews start 3.15pm

July

4th & 5th Drama Festival
6th Stripes presented
Last day Term 2

Term 3

July

23rd **First day Term 3**

Congratulations to the following girls who received awards recently—

Room 1	Mia Reilly, Mia Padgett
Room 2	Amelia Frew, Aaliyah Jack, Amelia Reijnen
Room 3	Shanna-Beth Smith, Sapphira Cook, Emelia King, Matilda Stevens
Room 4	Sienna Macpherson, Sarah Hartstonge, Lilly Roughan, Pippa Keary
Room 5	Jorja Mackie, Meg Pope, Kaitlyn Pirie, Amy Brand
Room 6	Maddison Butler, Elise Hampton, Natalia Longman, Kobi Harpur
Room 7	Elizabeth Somerville, Brooke Acker, Indya Hillman, Giovanna O'Donnell

Values Cup:

15 June	Samantha Schol	Room 6
22 June	Meg Wisely	Room 5

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMME

Remember the afterschool programme will start at 2.15pm next Wednesday as school is closing at 2pm for interviews.

If you have any payments outstanding please have it paid by the end of this term.

Thanks to those who have supported the programme during the term.

REMINDERS

ABSENCES:

If your child is sick please phone the office or email both the office and class teacher.

office@stjohnsgirls.school.nz

If you are informing the school of a future date your daughter is going to absent please send a note to the school office (Mrs McEntyre will inform the class teacher) or email dates etc to the office and class teacher.

If a child is not at school and we haven't heard from you Mrs McEntyre will phone to check.

ROOM 1—Year 1—Mrs Jagoutz



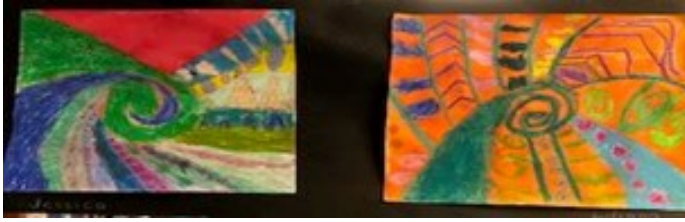
Room 1 have enjoyed their trips to the Life Education van and to see Harold the giraffe (He's real you know!) We have been learning about being a good friend, how to look after ourselves and others.

We are getting very excited about sharing our play for Drama Festival and have already been practising on the big stage.

We read the story 'Ugly Fish' during 'U' week and have drawn some ugly fish of our own. We looked at some of the fish that live deep down in the ocean to get our ideas.



ROOM 2—Year 2—Mrs Kelly & Mrs Brand



Preparations for the Drama Festival are in full swing. We have had the opportunity to practise in the hall this week and realise things look and sound a lot different on stage. We need to practise our big voices and remember to face the audience when we speak. We are having a lot of fun and can't wait to get our costumes. We will keep you informed about Drama Festival on Facebook and via email however if you need any further information please email me.

Our Fire Wise health unit has come to an end and we were all able to show how to safely get out of the building—get down—get low—get out FAST—stay out.

We have been building on our Term 1 learning about how to be a good friend with Harold in the Life Education van this week. I was so proud of the things the girls were able to share with their Life Education teacher.

We have had some very interesting news items from Zoe in the last couple of weeks, with an experiment on water travelling across paper and finding its own level. We all love things like this so keep them coming!

We look forward to seeing many of you at parent interviews next week and Drama Festival the following week.



ROOM 3—Years 3 & 4—Ms Wilcox-Clarke & Mrs Dawkins

Room 3 are having fun coding, using robotic mice. This fits well with our strand mathematics unit on measurement. As the girls about Jack the mouse and how many centimetres his programmed movement is.

Next week we look forward to meeting families and daughters to discuss progress. We have many positive, and exciting outcomes to share.

Spell-a-thon testing is Monday following assembly. Thank you for the work on these words at home. It will be wonderful for the girls to see a big jump from their pre-test.

Costumes for Cinderella are rolling in. The girls are excited about performing on stage in front of an audience.

Tickets are now for sale so be quick if you need a certain night.

In mathematics we are very pleased with progress in multiplication and division. The girls have grasped equal sharing very well. We have two more weeks to consolidate this learning before starting fractions next term.

SPORTS NEWS

FUTSAL (Indoor football)

If your daughter has expressed an interest in playing in this fun, indoor competition, please email me asap. It would be great to get teams entered in the following grades:

Year 1/2 (1 more girl needed)

Year 3/4 (4 girls needed)

Year 5/6 (3 girls needed)

Year 7/8 (5 girls needed)



HOCKEY

Year 5/6 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SKILL SESSIONS

IHA are trialling a new coaching initiative aimed at Year 5 and 6 players for the remainder of the term. Sessions are FREE and will be taken by experienced senior club coaches, from 5.40 – 6.20pm, Turf 1 (North Pavilion end). No prior registration is required - just turn up



INDOOR BOWLS

We have two teams entered in the Monday afternoon Year 7-13 indoor bowls competition.

The teams are:

St John's Pearls: Grace Watson (skip) and Lucy Bird (lead)

St John's Emerald: Meg Wisely (skip) and Asha Dickson (lead)

We hope you are enjoying the competition.



MINIBALL

The 2018 Miniball season will start on Tuesday 28th August and will run over 10 weeks, finishing on Tuesday 20th November. The games will be held at ILT Stadium Southland from 4.00pm onwards. Registrations will be open next term and will be advertised in the newsletter, via the Sporty app, email and our Facebook page.



SQUASH—WHACK n RUN

Squash Southland are once again offering their fun after school squash programme, Whack n Run. The primary school programme is full for Term 3, therefore Squash Southland are not taking any more registrations. We have Sapphira Cook and Hannah Middlemass taking part in this programme. The Junior High programme still has some spaces available. We have Rebecca Laverock registered. If any other girls are interested in taking part, I suggest they register asap. To register please go to our school website 'After School Sports' > Term 3 or via the SPORTY app.



TABLE TENNIS

Entries are now open for Term 3 table tennis.

Junior High: Tuesday's 4.00pm to 5.00pm

Primary: Thursday's 4.00pm to 5.00pm.

We have one Year 7 student who needs a partner and one Year 6 student who needs a partner.

To register please go to our school website 'After School Sports' > Term 3 or via the SPORTY app.



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 NEWS

SOUTHERN STEEL - ***TICKETS***

How's this for a sweet deal!

Adults \$25

Student \$15

Child (under 15) \$10

And every ticket sold the STEEL are going to donate \$1 to go toward our representative team. Let's support the girls in the last home game Monday, July 16th STEEL V TACTIX

Simply use the promo code INVERCARGILL when you purchase your tickets online!

HAYLEY SANFORD
CENTRE MANAGER
INVERCARGILL NETBALL CENTRE



Table Cricket

Wednesday's 6-7pm @ Queens Park Pavilion
No experience necessary
Friends and family welcome
Free of charge
For more info/questions: coach@southlandcricket.co.nz / 0212415966



Venture Southland presents
ILT Kidzone
11-16 July 2018
AROUND THE WORLD
LESS THAN A MONTH TO GO!

Over 150 Activities
Get your TICKETS from
iltkidzone.co.nz, ILT Stadium Southland and
Invercargill i-SITE
Day pass \$17 per person

Kidzone is here again – 11th – 16th July.

A great opportunity to spend a day with family, enjoying the old favourites and trying out new things.

Make sure you support this Southland event.