

# St John's Girls' School

Te Kura Kōtiro ō Hato Hoani

## Newsletter

### 23 November 2018

#### Principal's Comments

Tena koutou katoa – Greetings to you all.

#### The Julie Dawkins Aviary

Today we celebrated Mrs Dawkins' long involvement with the Aviary. For approximately fifteen years, she has led an enthusiastic group of students, with warmth and kindness, inspiring them to care for the birds.

Projects like this do not survive unless someone leads them with passion, which is what Mrs Dawkins has done. This morning we had an unveiling.

The aviary is now 'The Julie Dawkins Aviary.' Thank you Mrs Dawkins for your dedication.

Nga mihi nui (Kind regards)  
Brenda Mackay



## Term 4

### November

30th Stripes awarded  
Dance Sharing 2pm Moved from 4th Dec  
Everyone welcome

### December

3rd Tabloids—afternoon  
BOT Meeting—5.30pm  
6th Christmas Service practice—morning  
7th Christmas Service 1.30pm  
First Presbyterian Church, Tay Street  
Reports out  
11th Prizegiving practice—morning  
12th Prizegiving 1.30pm  
First Presbyterian Church, Tay Street  
Yr 8 Leavers afternoon tea 3.15pm  
(Year 8s, parents and grandparents only).  
Last day of school.

### 2019

#### January

28th Boarders arrive  
29th School starts 8.45am

### 2019 STATIONERY ORDERS

Soon you will receive your daughter's stationery list for 2019.

This year we are also offering **OfficeMax MySchool Online Stationery Orders**

This is a convenient way to order stationery in your own time and delivered to you when you want.

OfficeMax have a price match promise—find the item cheaper and they will match it.

Further information will be sent home with your stationery order.

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

Room 1	Mia Padgett, Mia Reilly, Nakaysha Fraser, Alyssa Hamilton
Room 2	Sophie Purdon, Esmé Middlebrook, Liliana Clinckett, Greer Macpherson
Room 3	Andreeva Stephen, Lily Hillman, Chloe Taylor, Shanna-Beth Smith
Room 4	Molly Stockman, Georgia Buchanan, Lucy Muir, Nicola Schol
Room 5	Bailey Bennett, Meg Wisely, Maddison Booth, Jessica Wallis
Room 6	Natalia Longman, Ella Burdon, Eva Sexton, Lindsay Black
Room 7	Kacee McEwan, Amy Brand, Louella Mirrieles-Huxtable, Jaylah Harvey-De Clifford

Values Cup:

20 Nov:	Kaitlin Swain	Rm 7
23 Nov:	Samara Beck	Rm 6

### OUT OF SCHOOL MUSIC

You can now enrol for 2019. Students aged 7-10 years are taught musicianship using recorders. They can then learn an instrument of their choice. Also on offer is choir, theory, songwriting and classes for children 5-6 years. Contact Deborah 216 5137 (answerphone), email [admin@osmc.co.nz](mailto:admin@osmc.co.nz) or visit the website [www.osmc.co.nz](http://www.osmc.co.nz)



### AFTERSCHOOL CARE PROGRAMME

A big thank you to everyone who supported this programme during the year. We are fortunate to have this great asset so make sure you use it. It can be used on a casual or permanent basis.

The last day for this year is 12th December (after prize giving) and will resume on Tuesday 29th January 2019.

Any outstanding amounts should be paid as soon as possible please. Thank you.

## **ROOM 4—Years 4 & 5—Miss Smillie**

### **Bulk Buys**

In inquiry we chose to do plastic free lunchboxes because our concern is that kids' lunchboxes have too much plastic in them. Food is wrapped in plastic and all this goes into landfill, which is a big concern. We don't want parents to take the food out of a plastic packaging and put it in their kids' lunchbox. We want parents to buy from the bulk sections in the supermarket, The Pantry in South City or other plastic-free businesses such as [goodfor.co.nz](http://goodfor.co.nz)  
*Grace and Sienna M*

### **Beeswax Sandwich Bags**

What is our concern? - Our concern is that people aren't reusing snap lock bags, they're just using them once then throwing them in the bin. They are not clean so they go into the rubbish, which goes to landfill.

How are we going to help? - We are going to help by making reusable beeswax sandwich bags.

What we plan to do? - We plan to make the beeswax bags and sell them in large and small sizes and have packs of three small ones \$5, large \$7 packs of three \$15.

*Bailey King and Lucy Muir*

### **Pippa's Plastic Pollution**

What is my concern?

My concern is that the potato chip wrappers have got mixed material so they are not recyclable. They go into landfill and they just sit there and don't break down for decades. Since potato chips are so popular there are probably a lot in landfill.

How am I going to help?

I am going to email Bluebird and try to convince them to go back to paper bags. I am also thinking of making a muesli bar stand to sell muesli bars at school because they have tin foil inside just like the potato chips.

What I plan to do.

My first plan is to see how many people would like to buy them and to see if they want a change in the wrappers. I am also asking the staff if they notice any change in the chips when they went to a plastic/foil packaging and then I am going to email Bluebird and talk to them about packaging and hopefully they change it. I am going to make a stand to sell muesli bars and maybe buy and plant some trees that we can plant around Invercargill.

### **Muesli Madness!**

Muesli bar wrappers are wrapped in plastic when it doesn't need to be in plastic. It can be in beeswax bags or paper bags. Our concern is that plastic is going to get as heavy as all the fish in the ocean. So our plan is that we are going to write a letter to the muesli bar company. We are going to ask them to change the plastic into a paper bag or a beeswax bag. Muesli bar wrappers are such a big problem. We went round the school and picked up pieces of plastic we found. We found out that muesli bars are the biggest problem.

*Kiri, Sofia and Lilly*

### **Don't Buy Plastic**

Our concern is plastic bags and more. These plastic materials make their way into the waterways and kill hundreds of fish every hour. Then larger animals will eat the dead fish and if they eat too many of them they will die too. We want people to stop people buying plastics so they stop making them.

To stop this we are going to try to encourage people to buy plastic-free rulers and then maybe lots of other schools will follow us. Then people will stop buying plastic rulers so then that will go out of stock in shops.

After that we plan to encourage the single use plastic items like plastic cups, plastic cutlery and plastic bags to stop being used.

*Lucia, Paige and Riley*

### **The Compost Girls**

1. What is our concern?

That we're using plastic bags for no reason and they're filling up faster with all of the tissues and food.

2. How are we going to help?

We will empty the current compost bin and sell the compost before we start. We will provide bins all over the school that people put food scraps in, then we collect the bin and put the food scraps in the compost bin and sell the soil for \$3 when it is ready.

3. What we plan to do with the money?

We will buy tissue bins for each class room and start composting tissues.

We will buy wood for a roof for the compost bin.

Buy a lime tree.

*Nicola, Sienna H and Georgia*



## Cleaning Plastic

What is our concern? People in Invercargill are not cleaning plastic and then it goes to landfill and gets bundled up all the juice etc goes everywhere and it makes everything sticky.

How can we help? By cleaning plastic when it goes to the recycling centre so they can actually recycle instead of it going into landfill.

What's our plan? We are planning to buy three outdoor sinks, three 15m hoses, three recycling bins, two sails then that way people will be able to clean their own plastic. We will have supervisors such as some of the seniors and we will have a roster.

*Molly, Janika, Meah, Sarah and Ella*



Room 4's 3D robots in watercolour.



## ROOM 5—Year 8—Mr Hughes

Once upon a time there existed a world where there was no rubbish in sight. A world in which no plastic floated in our oceans, no tin cans in hedges and no empty chip packets blowing around in the wind. Nowadays however, we are surrounded by rubbish. Most of this rubbish is plastic. In the past few weeks, Room 5 have been focusing on plastic pollution as part of our inquiry topic.

On Tuesday 13th of November, we decided that we wanted to make a change in our community. We set off in different groups and went rubbish collecting along the streets of Invercargill. The amount of rubbish that we picked up in just 1 hour and 30 minutes was horrifying. It was estimated that out of all of the rubbish we collected, about 83% was single use plastic. Splash Palace was so impressed with our efforts that they kindly gave us 10 free swimming passes.

We are very grateful to all of the parents that helped make this trip possible. Room 5 has now realised that plastic is a massive problem in our world, and have started using reusable plastic in our everyday lives.

*By Grace Watson and Cate Reynolds*





# Tips to reduce plastic pollution

## Plastic Bottles



\* It takes 700 years before plastic bottles start to break down and can take up to 1000 years to fully decompose.

**Solution:**  
Use a metal or glass bottle, instead of using a plastic bottle.

## PLASTIC CUPS!



STOP USING PLASTIC CUPS!



USE REUSABLE CUPS!

DID YOU KNOW A PLASTIC CUP  
TAKES 50-80 YEARS TO  
DECOMPOSE!

## Plastic bags



100,000 sea animals are  
killed from plastic bags  
each year.

Start using  
reusable bags  
instead of plastic.

## Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Do you want your great great great grandchildren to live a long and healthy life? Then you should stop using single use plastic!

Did you know ...

- \* At least 8 million tonnes of plastic enter the oceans each year. That's similar to emptying a garbage truck of plastic into an ocean every minute!
- \* There is more micro-plastic in the ocean than there are stars in the Milky Way.
- \* 332 million tonnes of plastic were produced in 2015. This is the same weight as 900 Empire State Buildings (these are made of both granite and steel!)
- \* 60-90 percent of marine litter is plastic-based.
- \* More than 50 percent of sea turtles have consumed plastic.
- \* The amount of plastic in the world's ocean could increase by a factor of 10 in the next decade.
- \* Cigarettes butts, plastic bags, fishing gear, and food and beverage containers are the most common forms of plastic pollution found in the oceans today.

## How to make a t-shirt bag

You will need:

- A old T-shirt
- A pair of scissors



**Step one:**  
Cut around the neckline and also around the arms



**Step two:**  
Cut long strips from the bottom (about two centimeters long). Turn the bag inside out and knot the strips you have just cut. Double knot it together. If you want the tassels to be seen you can double knot the sections outside to make the tassels show.



**Step three:**  
This is what your bag should look like. Enjoy and remember to put them in your car ready for when you go shopping.

How to make your own reusable bag

## Gladwrap:

Say YES to beeswax wraps ...



Say NO to glad wrap!

## How To Make Beeswax Wraps

Beeswax wraps are a handy alternative to glad wrap. These wraps are coated in beeswax on pieces of cotton fabric. They can be used just like glad wrap however you can use them over and over again. This means you will not only save money on buying glad wrap but we are also saving our

## Cutlery & Containers



Plastic cutlery can not break down in the ocean so it could cut or kill sea life.

**Solution:**  
Reusing plastic cutlery again and again, or you can use metal cutlery and saying no to plastic cutlery.



Plastic containers do not break down and can float in our ocean.

**Solution:**  
Reusing the plastic take-away containers, or buy plastic containers that you can use again and again.

## Straws

WRONG  
PLASTIC



## PROBLEM

STRAWS ARE THE 11TH MOST  
FOUND OCEAN TRASH IN OCEAN  
CLEANUPS, MAKING UP 3% OF  
THE RECOVERED TRASH.

RIGHT  
METAL OR PAPER



## SOLUTION

ASK FOR A PAPER STRAW INSTEAD  
OF PLASTIC ONES AT CAFES AND  
RESTAURANTS AND IF THEY DON'T  
HAVE ONE USE YOUR OWN METAL  
STRAW.



## ROOM 7—Year 6—Mrs Taylor

Room 7 has a variety of different inquiry projects running this term. The girls would like to share what they are working on.

In Room 7 we have been working on a Plastic Pollution Inquiry to try to make a difference with reusing plastic in the school. We have been split up into groups working on different areas. Abigail, Meila, Amy and I, have chosen to try to start recycling plastic at school.

We have spoken to Angela Molloy from Netwaste and Mark Oram from Northern Southland Transport and they have told us we can recycle milk bottles, plastic bags, yoghurt pottles, zip lock bags, water bottles, cleaning products, and Gladwrap. The Gladwrap has to be squashed up into a ball so it won't jam the machine. All the plastic has to be washed.

If we want to wash the plastic we are going to need a wash station. We don't think that we have to spend lots of money. All we have to do is collect up the plastic that can be recycled in the school and wash it in the Gilmour House outside sink and put it in the recycling bin. We don't need another recycling bin, we can use the one we already have. There will be no extra cost to recycle plastic at school.

Many other schools recycle plastic but none of them wash the plastic. We think it will be great to show other schools that they need to start washing their plastic too.

*Amy Brand (Meila & Abigail)*

For inquiry, our group is organising a fashion show for the senior rooms. The theme is plastic.

We have invited the girls to come on Monday 10th of December, dressed in their outfit made from plastic only. We do not want anyone to buy plastic just for this event as the point is to highlight that plastic is a problem and how much plastic waste we produce.

There will be class prizes and also the most creative outfit. This event will start at 9:10am. Afterwards, everyone will change back into their school uniform.

*Lucy, Brooke & Molly.*

For our inquiry, our group has decided to make tee-shirt bags! What we are going to do, is teach the junior syndicate how to make tee-shirt bags. Rooms 1, 2 and 3 should've received a notice, explaining everything. Please make sure the tee-shirt your daughter brings, will be able to be cut up into a bag.

*Kaitlin, Laura, Greer, and Elizabeth*

As we all know there is a horrendous amount of plastic pollution all over the world. Our group has decided to make reusable shopping bags but not just any ordinary bags, tie dye ones. We decided to do this after our class's experience surveying shoppers at New World. We are still a work in progress and it's going well. This is the result we are looking for, but the handles will be slightly different.

*Kaitlyn, Anna & Jaylah*

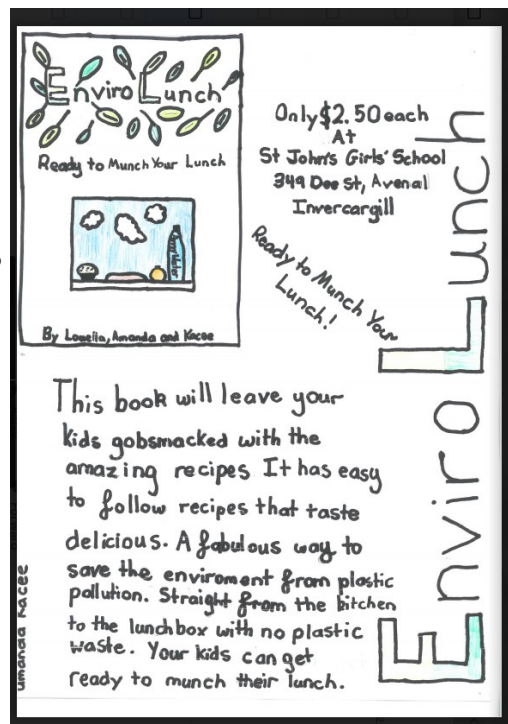
In Room 7 we have a group making snack bags. They are good to keep all your food fresh and clean in. You will also be helping to save the Earth by not using Gladwrap.

You can get a sandwich size and a snack size, which can fit chips, cookies, and fruit.

*Holly, Madeleine & Millie*

We, the video girls, are making a video to get the message out to people that plastic is affecting the planet and sea life. We are trying to get the message out to people in a funny way. We hope to post this on YouTube.

*Ella, Hannah & Gwenevere*



# SPORTS NEWS

## SPORTY WEBSITE—ONLINE REGISTRATIONS

This year we have moved to online registrations for all sports, through our Sporty website and mobile app.

Sports details are available online and Term 1 sports start dates will be updated as I receive them from the sporting codes. Please refer to our website for the sports available.

The closing date for all Term 1 sports registrations will be **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019**.



### **Registration process:**

To register your daughter/s simply download the free 'Sporty' app from your relevant app store, find St John's Girls' School and go to 'registrations'. If you have trouble finding us search John's and scroll down until you find St John's Girls' School.

If you are wanting to register from your computer, you can go to our St John's Girls' School website [www.stjohnsgirls.school.nz](http://www.stjohnsgirls.school.nz) and click on 'After School Sports' or alternatively search [www.sporty.co.nz/stjohnsgirls](http://www.sporty.co.nz/stjohnsgirls) and click on the Term 1 Sport tab at the top of the page.

If your daughter/s register for a sport, they are expected to remain in the team.

All sports that the school enters require team coaches/managers. If you are able to assist in any way, please indicate this on the online registration form. There will be no sports fees to pay. This is part of the school BOT donation.

If you have any questions regarding the sports on offer or the registration process, please feel free to contact me in the school office or **via my email address below**.

I would also appreciate any feedback regarding the app and or the website registration process, if you have used it this year. Email: [sports@stjohnsgirls.school.nz](mailto:sports@stjohnsgirls.school.nz)

## SPORTY NOTIFICATIONS

If you have downloaded the SPORTY APP on your phone you can opt into receive notifications on your mobile or device. To receive notifications, you will need to turn on your alerts in settings.

To receive emails of notifications, please go to our 'After School Sports' home page and click on 'email me notices' or [click here](#)



## SUMMER FUTSAL

Unfortunately, the weather hasn't been fantastic for this terms after school sports, with football being cancelled this week due to the wind and rain. Fingers crossed for better weather for the last four weeks of this term's competition. The dates are:

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December

The competition starts up again for the U6 St John's Pink Socks and the U8 St John's Purple Socks on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February.



## MINIBALL

On **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**, at 1:00pm, the whole school will be taking part in Tabloid Sports. This is a fun afternoon where the girls will be competing in various activities for house points. The girls may wear house coloured t-shirts and hair ribbons if they desire. **School PE shorts are to be worn**. There will be a house "chant off" at 2:50pm if time allows.

**Parents are most welcome to come and support the girls.**



## MINIBALL

The finals were held this week and our placings are:

Year 3/4 Girls Grade: St John's Lakers – 8<sup>th</sup> place

Year 5/6 Girls B Grade: St John's Giants – 4<sup>th</sup> place

Well done to the teams. I would like to say a huge thank you to the coaches for your enthusiasm and effort this season.

I would also like to say a big thanks to all the parents who supported the teams each week by helping with duty. We really appreciate your support.



If your daughter hasn't already returned her singlet, can you please do so ASAP. Many thanks!

## TOUCH RUGBY

The Term 4 touch rugby competitions have been disrupted by the spell of rough weather, with the Year 7/8 competition having to use the allocated catch up days. The Year 7/8 competition is now finished for the term and the Primary School competitions will finish hopefully next week, weather permitting. The catch up day is Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, if required.



## WATERPOLO

Tonight is finals night for the water polo competitions which started in Term 1 and continued during Term 3 & 4 for the primary schools and Term 4 for the Junior High grades.

Wishing the St John's Minnows well as they compete in the Year 1-3 B Grade finals.

Well done team!



## 2019 SECONDARY SCHOOL EVENTS

Information regarding the 2019 Southland Secondary School Triathlon Championships, Road Cycling Championships and Surfing Championships is now available on our website. <https://www.sporty.co.nz/stjohnsgirls/Events-1/Secondary-School-Events?em=1>

## GIRLS SMASH CRICKET 2019

We have James Bell, the Southland Cricket Summer Development Officer, coming to school early Term 1, 2019 to run a few sessions with the girls at lunchtimes on Fridays. The dates are: **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February.** Any girls who are interested in giving cricket a go can meet him at 12:20pm to 1.00pm on the back field. The Girls Smash Cricket season starts in early February so these lunch time sessions will be a great introduction to the sport.

## REPRESENTATIVE NEWS

Congratulations to Lindsay and Asha who were placed 3rd out of 7 teams in the recent Yr 7/8 Table Tennis finals.

*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*



## COMMUNITY SPORTS NOTICES

**SPLASH PALACE** Holiday Swim School  
Learn to swim programme. \$50 includes pool entry,  
GST and swim bag. Book before 10th December  
2018 and enter a prize draw.  
Contact Marie McQueen 2177506 for  
[swimschool@splashpalace.co.nz](mailto:swimschool@splashpalace.co.nz)

