

# St John's Girls' School

## Newsletter – 23 March 2018

### Principal's Comments

Tena koutou katoa – Greetings to you all.

### Interviews

Thank you to those of you who were able to make the interviews last week. It is important that teachers build a relationship with you. When we work together, we can achieve so much more for your daughter. If at any time you are concerned about your daughter's learning, please contact the classroom teacher, earlier rather than later. Email is the easiest way to make an appointment or to make a time to discuss the matter on the phone.

### Camps

All three senior classes attend a camp each year. The year 6 camp was this week.

Year 6 - an adventure camp at Camp Columba, 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> March, cost \$180. Mrs Joyce accompanied Mrs Taylor.

Year 7 - a cultural camp in Dunedin 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> April with Mrs Hawke, cost- \$210.

Year 8 - Deep Cove, 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> April, cost \$265. Mrs Lang will be the backup staff member.

### New Playground Equipment



A huge thank you to Gregg and Russell Peters, Sofia's father and grandfather, and Jim and Louise Purdon, Alicia and Sophie's parents for their work in the weekend installing three new pieces of playground equipment. The girls were VERY excited and despite the weather were out there playing! Thank you to the Parents' Association who kindly donated the money for these pieces.

### School Aerobics Festival – 1.30pm Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March

All girls are involved in the school Aerobics Festival. Rooms 1 – 3 present a class routine. The senior girls make up their own routines and compete for house points in house groups at each room/year level. Parents and grandparents are very welcome but unfortunately, space is limited. The girls have been working hard and are proud of their routines. If your daughter is interested in taking her aerobics further there are two Southland competitions later in the year. You can go online and search, Southland Aerobics.

We are aware that preparing for the Aerobics Festival always poses a few challenges to relationships for the girls but it is an opportunity for them to practise being a group member. The girls who are skilled, have to show tolerance and to think about how they can help those who are new to aerobics or who are less able, get up to speed so that the group can perform to a reasonable level. They have to think about how they can do this without putting the other girls down or being bossy. Those who are less able need to be tolerant of the high achievers who are frustrated by their lack of ability/knowledge. They need to listen to advice (when given nicely) and to turn up to practices and to persevere. Generally, the routines need to be kept relatively simple so that all can have success. By working together and respecting each other, the results are worth the angst. With your help and that of the staff, the girls will learn from being part of the group.

### Easter Service - 1.30pm on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at St John's Church on Tay Street.

The staff, Mrs Taylor and Mr Hughes in particular, and the girls have been working very hard in preparation for the Easter Service. You are invited, along with your extended family, to join us to share the story of Easter through readings, song and prayer. The girls will arrive by bus and immediately after the service, which will take approximately an hour, will depart by bus. Parents are welcome to collect their daughter early, from the classroom after the service.

Nga mihi nui (Kind regards)

**TERM DATES:****Term 1**

27th	Parents' Assn AGM 7pm BOP AGM 7.10pm Aerobics Festival 1.30pm
28th	Easter Service Practice
29th	Easter Service 1.30pm St John's Church
30th	Easter Friday

**April**

4th	First day back after Easter break
4th - 6th	Year 7 Camp Dunedin
9th - 13th	Year 8 Camp Deep Cove
10th	No Dance
<b>13th</b>	<b>Last Day Term 1</b>

**Term 2****April**

30th	First Day Term 2
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**May**

8th	ICAS Computers
15th	Junior Storytelling
21st	BOT Meeting 5.30pm
22nd	Cyber Safety Yrs 7 & 8 Parents welcome
23rd	Mutfi Day Cyber Safety Yrs 3,4,5,6 Parents welcome 'Playhouse' 2pm Visiting performers
28th	Young Leaders—Dunedin
29th	ICAS Science

**June**

4th	Queens Birthday—no school
5th	BOP meeting 7pm
6th	Speech Exam Yr 7
7th	Speech Exam Yr 8
8th	Speech Exam Yr 6
18th	BOT meeting 5.30pm
19-22nd	Life Education
22nd	Reports Out Southland Cross Country
27th	Interviews start 2.15pm <b><u>school closes 2pm</u></b>
28th	Interviews start 3.15pm

**July**

4th & 5th	Drama Festival
6th	Stripes
23rd	<b>First day Term 3</b>

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

Room 1	Mia Reilly, Alyssa Hamilton, Gwynedd Ryder, Mia Padgett
Room 2	Amelia Reijnen, Greer Macpherson, Zoe Laughton, Emma Corson
Room 3	Andreeva Stephen, Camryn Shepherd, Amelia Duffell, Isabella McNamara
Room 4	Sarah Hartstonge, Pippa Keary, Ella Pope, Sienna Macpherson
Room 5	Meg Pope, Cate Reynolds, Sarah Slee, Katie Unahi
Room 6	Lindsay Black, Elise Hampton, Sarah Reynolds, Samantha Schol
Room 7	Jaylah Harvey-De Clifford, Holly Keary

Values Cup:

16 March	Lindsay Black	Rm 6
23 March	Taleeha Stewart	Rm 5

**RE M I N D E R S****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.**

**SCHOOL CAR PARKS**—these are only to be used by boarder parents on a Monday before school and Friday after school. If you are picking your daughter up from after school care you may use the car parks but only **after 3.30pm.**

Please inform grandparents, carers and anyone else who picks up and drops off your daughter/s.

**Payments**

- Please ensure all payments are made by the middle of each term if you are paying the whole amount.
- Payments for uniform, stationery or camps should be made on receipt of the invoice.
- If paying in instalments, please ensure invoices are paid by the end of each term.
- Please clearly label your payments to assist School Support to reconcile your payments accurately, eg your daughter's name and the purpose of the payment.

You can access your account at School Support to view your payments by clicking on the link in the middle of the email you receive via Xero, the accounting package used by School Support. This shows a copy of the current invoice. To check for any outstanding invoices, click on the current invoice, go to the top left hand side noted Outstanding Bills and then follow the instructions to create a free login and activate the account so you can clearly see what payments you have made and what you have outstanding.



St John's girls eagerly awaiting athletics day to begin.

### **Relay**

Author: Ella Pope



“Don’t drop the baton!” I say very nervously to everyone.

They call out the numbers for where we need to go. “Ones over here, twos over here, threes over there and fours over there.”

My heart is racing, I’m second to run and Grace is first.

“On your marks” says the man. Get set” he shouts. The gun fires. Grace ran as fast as she could. She was coming closer and closer. I started running. I hope I don’t drop the baton. Here she comes I say to myself. She gives the baton to me and I ran as fast as I could. The sun was shining on my face, it was getting as red as an apple. I was about to trip over, but I didn’t.

Sofia was up ahead. She started running. We were coming first, but that could change. I could trip and drop the baton and we would be disqualified. I passed it to Sofia and she ran, we were still coming first.

As soon as Sofia got the baton I shouted “Go Sofia!”

She passed it to Jaylah. I was yelling so I had I could have died. “Go Jaylah!”

We were still coming first. Someone tried to pass her, but she crossed the finish line first.

We won. I was as happy as Happy from the Seven Dwarves.

We won and we’re going to the Southlands!

### **800 Metre Race**

Author: Janika Stirling

“I’m freezing, I’m freezing, I can’t do this!”

I waddled over to the 800m start. My heart was out of control.

Lucy felt my panic and whispered “I bet you’ll do better than me”.

My heart slowly stopped pounding. It was my turn. I walked to my starting place. I saw so many fast girls, I thought I had no chance.

BOOM! We were off!

I ran like a cheetah chasing its prey. I heard people cheering, they swept me off my feet. I didn’t believe it. I had come first.



I was going to the heat and I was more confident than ever. BOOM! We were off again. People went past me, I started to lose my confidence. Two people passed me. I got third. I wasn’t proud but I was still going to the finals...I guess.



## The Finish Line

Author: Sienna Hunter



“Oh man, it’s freezing” shivered Janika and Lucy.

“No it isn’t” laughed Bailey.

As soon as we got to the 800 metres, we were up first. I had butterflies in my tummy. Ready, set, BANG! Off we went, I was coming third.

I was equal with some other girl from St Patrick’s.

I had finished my first lap, my heart was pounding. I passed another person, I was now in second place. We were half way. My legs were becoming as jiggly as jelly. It was the last 100 metres. I was head to head with a girl from St Theresa’s. Five metres... 25 metres. I just passed the finish line of my 800 metres.

A smile had covered my face. I was so proud of myself, my smile was as big as a rainbow.

## 800 Metres

Author: Pippa Keary

I was here. I was at the 800 metre line up for the 9-year-old girls. When I was sitting in the stand, it looked so tiny, but now it is just as big as a plane. It was cold but I was happy for that, so I would not get hot in the race. I was shaking with fear.

Then Sofia beside me whispered in my ear “You will be great!”

Yeah I said to myself, I will be great. Then my worst fear happened. Katie came, she is the fastest runner I know. I will have no chance against her. I was even more nervous. I could hear my heart beating. I felt like I was going to faint, then I heard the lady shout...

“On you marks, get set... GO! That was the word I was waiting for. My heart leaped at this word. My head was spinning, I knew I could go now. I ran, ran and ran. My heart was beating. I could see Katie in front, Grace was second, Ella in third and Sofia in forth. My body seemed to want to stop and let them win for St John’s but my heart was saying something different.

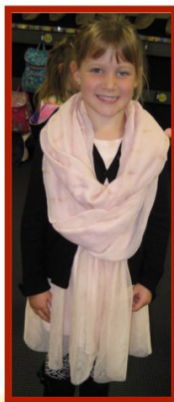
I could hear my sister in the crowd yelling, so I ran passed Sofia, Ella and Grace. I was head to head with Katie. She tried to push me out of the way but I was still holding on. I could hear the people in the crowd. Everyone was chanting “Go Pippa, Go Pippa!” Somehow this made my legs go faster. I was now in front of Katie and could see the finish line. I was nearly there.

I made it across the line. I fell to the ground, I had made it.



## **ROOM 5—Year 8—Mr Hughes**

Where has this term gone? So much to achieve and so little time! We have been working really hard in Room 5 across so many areas. We've been strengthening our ability to ask questions as we read. This helps us to comprehend what we are reading with greater depth. We've enjoyed our reading circles novels and some of us have finished our second novel for the year already. Our statistical investigations are well underway and we are finding it a lot more straight forward the second time around. We have some very interesting topics and the results will be very interesting. It turns out that Room 5 are quite the talented artists! We have looked at Andy Warhol's 'Pop Art' work and are now beginning our own self-portraits on canvas. We feel quite professional! We've learnt that patience is the key to a masterpiece. It's now only two weeks until we leave for Deep Cove. The excitement levels are building and we have so much to learn before we head off. We've been learning about the Manapouri Power Station and the blood, sweat and tears that went into creating it. It will be exciting for us all to see it above ground. Now to start a training regime so that we can conquer the Hanging Valley walk...



**Thank you to everyone  
who participated in our  
school Mufti Day last  
week on Wednesday and  
donated a gold coin.**

**We raised \$256.00  
which will be passed  
onto Hospice  
Southland**



**Thanks**



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# MUFTI DAY





## ROOM 6—Year 7—Mrs Hawke

This term has been a very busy term with netball trials, athletics, art, camp preparation and many more things. With the netball trials we are very excited as we are going to have 4 teams this year. This is the most teams Year 7 and 8 have ever had.

Next week we have our Aerobics competition. We have been practising for about 5 weeks and we all hope to do well.



In two weeks time we are going to Dunedin for our camp and it is very exciting. Ms Hawke has been very busy organising what we know will be a successful camp. To get ready for our camp we have been learning about Larnach's Castle, the albatross colony, sea life and our heritage. We have been working really hard on our funny lip synch items which we are going to perform at camp.

So we can understand and support Holly we have also been learning about hearing loss. We are learning sign language, how to correctly use the remote microphone and also we've been reading stories about hearing loss. We have found this very interesting and we have had fun on the way. We would like to share some sign language with you.

This is how you sign - 'I like St John's Girls' School'



By Lindsay Black, Ivy Turner and Holly Driver

## ROOM 7—Year 6—Mrs Taylor

No report from Room 7 as they are at Camp Columba having a fantastic time.

# SPORTS NEWS

## FOOTBALL

The 2017/2018 Summer Football competition has finished for the season. I hope the girls involved enjoyed competing in this fun competition. I would like to thank **Rachael Poole, Allanah Duffell and Kaye Fraser** for coaching the girls this past season. We really appreciate the time and effort you have put into coaching the girls and the positive attitude you have shown to our students.



## Term 1 Sports—Finishing Dates

<b>Y7/8 Touch Rugby</b>	- finished Thursday 15th March
<b>Primary Schools Touch Rugby</b>	- Wednesday 28th March (catch up day 4th April)
<b>Junior Water Polo</b>	- Friday 6th April. The girls are to hand back their game cards to the school office. The competition starts up again in Term 3, Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> September.
<b>Y7/8 Water Polo</b>	- Friday 6th April. The girls are to hand back their game cards to the school office. The competition starts up again on Friday 26th October (Term 4).
<b>Y7/8 Volleyball</b>	- Wednesday 4th April

## NETBALL

Mrs Hawke has been busy holding trials for the Year 7/8 teams. We hope to enter four teams this season.



## SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP SWIMMING SPORTS

On Monday 19th March we held our annual school swimming sports. It was a busy morning at Splash Palace with the Year 5-8 girls involved having fun competing. All the girls showed fantastic sportsmanship. It was great to see so many parents, grandparents and caregivers too. Thank you for coming down and supporting the girls. Thanks also to Sue White and Debbie Black who helped out with timekeeping. Your help was very much appreciated.

Unfortunately there wasn't time to hold the relay races or annual Year 8 v Parents race.

The final overall swimming house points were collated from all events and are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> Marchant	2 <sup>nd</sup> Alabaster	3 <sup>rd</sup> Enderby	4 <sup>th</sup> Lester
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## 2108 SOUTHLAND PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Good luck to the following girls who will be competing on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April**:

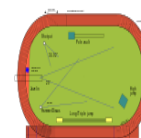
Sofia Campbell-Wall, Asha Dickson, Lucia Hughes, Abbie Middlemass, Hannah Middlemass, Grace Pope, Meg Pope, Elizabeth Somerville and Anita White.

Thank you to Sue White and Suz Middlemass who have offered to manage the girls on the day. Have a great time and we wish you well.



# SOUTHLAND PRIMARY SCHOOLS ATHLETICS APORTS

Good luck to the girls competing at the athletic sports on Saturday 7th April. We wish you well.



Name:	Events:
Jaylah Harvey De Clifford	9 year girls discus, 200m, relay
Hannah Middlemass	9 year girls shot put, relay (reserve)
Grace Pope	9 year girls 800m, relay
Ella Pope	9 year girls relay
Sofia Campbell-Wall	9 year girls relay
Anita White	10 year girls high jump, 800m, 1500m, relay
Lucy Griffin	10 year girls 100m
Madeleine Lawlor	10 year girls 200m, relay
Greer Dawson	10 year girls 800m, relay
Elise Hampton	10 year girls 1500m, relay (reserve)
Natalia Longman	10 year girls relay
Abbie Middlemass	11 year girls High Jump, Long Jump, Nerf Throw, 800m, relay
Madison Butler	11 year girls 100m, relay
Samantha Schol	11 year girls 200m,
Asha Dickson	11 year girls Discus, 800m, 1500m, relay
Liliana Ultee	11 year girls High Jump, Discus, relay (reserve)
Katie Unahi	11 year girls Long Jump, relay
Kobi Harpur	11 year girls Shot Put
Angeline Crowe	12 year girls Shot Put, Discus, 100m, 200m, relay
Olivia Corson	12 year girls 100m, relay
Giovanna O'Donnell	12 year girls 200m, 800m, 1500m, relay
Grace Watson	12 year girls High Jump, Long Jump, 800m, 1500m, relay
Meg Pope	12 year girls High Jump, Long Jump, Nerf Throw, relay (reserve)
Indya Hillman	12 year girls Shot Put

# NETBALL

## Year 1 - 4

A registration form was sent home with all girls in Years 1 - 4 on Thursday 22nd March. Please return the form promptly as there are limited spaces available. Participants can only register for one term, either Term 2 or Term 3.



## Year 5/6

Online registrations are now open for the Mother Earth futureFERNs Year 5 and Year 6 netball programmes. To register please go to our school website click on 'After School Sports' > Term 2> Netball. **There are two registration forms you will need to complete.** One is for INC and the other '2018 'futureFERNs Netball' form is for St John's Girls' School.

The registration forms will also be available on the SPORTY app. If you have any trouble registering through the SPORTY app with your android phone, please contact me with the details of the drop down box that isn't working. Email: [sports@stjohnsgirls.school.nz](mailto:sports@stjohnsgirls.school.nz)

Please note: The BOT have decided to extend the use of netball skorts. All girls playing in the Year 5 and Year 6 netball teams in 2018 will need to purchase a skort. They are to be ordered from Uniform NZ. Please follow the link <https://www.uniformnz.com/uniform/JBSW4035/> Colour - **navy**. The sport skorts can also be viewed and ordered at Uniform NZ at Invercargill Airport. Please **do not order** the Quick Dry Sport Skort. Our school PE top will be worn with the skort.

# 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](mailto: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](mailto:sports@stjohnsgirls.school.nz)*

# COMMUNITY SPORTS NOTICES

## Southland Water Polo

The Southland Water Polo AGM will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 6.30pm at Sports Southland Meeting Room 1. All interested people are welcome.

## Southland Water Polo Representative Squads

Southland Water Polo are now seeking registrations for our representative squads for 2018 in the following squads:

Under 12 Mixed (Born 2006 - born January 1st 2006 or later)

Under 14 Girls (Born 2004 - born January 1st 2004 or later)

Under 14 Boys (Born 2004 - born January 1st 2004 or later)

Under 16 Girls (Born 2002 - born January 1st 2002 or later)

Under 16 Boys (Born 2002 - born January 1st 2002 or later)

The squads train on a regular basis to prepare for regional tournament and work towards attending relevant National Tournaments. To find out more information or to register your interest please visit <http://www.sporty.co.nz/southlandwaterpolo>

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## Coaches and Managers

Southland Water Polo is also seeking coaches and managers to work with our representative squads for 2018.

To find out more information or to register your interest please visit <http://www.sporty.co.nz/southlandwaterpolo>

As part of our Child Protection Policy all coaches and managers will be police vetted