

St John's Girls' School

Te Kura Kōtiro ō Hato Hoani

Newsletter

26 June 2020

Principal's Comments

Tena koutou katoa—Greetings to you all.

Thank you for everything that you did to support the teachers with your daughter's learning during lockdown. I've heard lovely stories of things that were done and been shown some impressive projects. A lot of great learning happened. I do wonder how much of a holiday people had though as the girls and the teachers are very tired and need a break. Next Friday can't come soon enough!

I also want to thank you for being so careful around keeping your daughter home when she is sick. Generally, we haven't had nearly as many 'bugs.' Thank you.

I was most impressed recently on hearing feedback following several phone calls from Mrs McEntyre informing parents that their daughter had forgotten her PE gear. The response from most of these parents was that their daughter could go without it. Generally, the parents told us that they had reminded their daughter but she didn't pick it up or didn't put it in her bag so she could deal with the consequences.

This is how resilience is built so well done to those of who expect your children to take responsibility. You are not being a 'bad' parent because you don't run after your child.

On the contrary, you are teaching them to be a stronger person. Children need to know that there are consequences for their actions and as adults we need to stop protecting them from those consequences.

Interviews

Reports went out today. Interviews are next Tuesday starting at 2pm, so please remember to collect your daughter at 2pm instead of 3pm. Interviews continue on Wednesday starting at 3pm. After School Care operates from 2.15pm on Tuesday and is back to 3.15pm on Wednesday.

Reports

We have not marked attendance on the reports. Due to lockdown, the information on our student management system is incorrect. We didn't realise this until the reports were almost finished; consequently, we have left the attendance box there. It was not productive use of time to remove each box individually.

Mid-Year Achievement

Reading: 92% of all girls are reading at or above expectations.

88% of our students who identify as Maori are achieving at or above.

Writing: 88% of all girls are achieving at or above, 83% Maori.

Maths: 83% of all girls are achieving at or above in maths. 80% of our Maori girls are achieving at or above.

Have a wonderful weekend, hopefully with some time for yourself.

Nga mihi nui (Warm regards)

Brenda Mackay

Principal

Term 2

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

June

30th June—3 July Life Education

30th Interviews from 2pm

School closes 2pm.

Afterschool care available from 2.15pm

July

1st Interviews from 3pm.

3 July Stripes awarded

Term 3 starts Monday 20 July

Congratulations to the following girls who received awards recently—

Room 1	Leah Hamilton, Lily Malcolm, Harper Peters, Scarlett Anderson
Room 2	Maya Preininger, Elise Davison Bailey Cooper, Summer Behl
Room 3	Amber Behl, Lucia Erskine, Meila Spain, Amelia Frew
Room 4	Chloe Taylor, Amaya Swale-Jones, Shanna-Beth Smith, Isabella McNamara
Room 5	Jaylah Harvey-De Clifford, Madeleine Lawlor
Room 6	Emmerson Dickson, Bailey King, Pippa Keary, Di-Anne Keast
Room 7	Emelia King, Niamh Doherty, Lily Morgan, Olive Rutledge

Values Cup

19 June	Courtney Mackie	Rm 1
26 June	Nakaysha Fraser	Rm 2

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.

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.

At all times we must be aware of who is on the premises.

Do you need a quality babysitter?

Give Maddy a call on 021 202 0735

‘Hi, my name is Maddy and I am interested in babysitting work. I am a former St John’s pupil and my sister Niamh is in Year 6 this year. I am a Year 13 student with plenty of experience babysitting for my younger sisters and other families.’

UNIFORM NEEDS

For all your uniform needs please email Mrs Lang mlang@stjohnsgirls.school.nz. Remember to include the size you require and if you are ordering socks then include your daughters’ shoe size.

PITA PIT LUNCHES

We have been contacted by Pita Pit asking if we could change our order day to a Monday, Tuesday or Thursday.

Please email office@stjohnsgirls.school.nz to let us know your preference.

We will go with the majority.