

St John's Girls' School

Te Kura Kōtiro ō Hato Hoani

Newsletter

28 September 2018

Principal's Comments

Tena koutou katoa – Greetings to you all.

It has been a great term. Even though we growl about how quickly time is passing and how little we get done, we have all contributed to our mission, "To educate each girl in a safe, supportive Christian environment, to be a confident, lifelong learner." Along with the staff, I am very proud of what the girls have achieved this term, academically, physically, culturally and personally.

We farewelled Emma Corson today. She is moving to Alexandra with her family. We are delighted that we get to keep Olivia until the end of the year. A big thank you to Glenda for her huge input into St John's over the years. We wish you all, the best for your future.

Next term, we **welcome Isla Ward** to St John's. Isla's mother is an ex St John's girl. It's always nice to welcome ex pupils back.

Congratulations:

- **Katie Unahi** who has been awarded the Invercargill **North Rotary Youth Merit Award** for St John's Girls' School. This is a prestigious award for a student who is always striving to achieve, who displays the qualities of honesty, trustworthiness, resilience and involvement and who has the respect of her peers and teachers. Well done Katie!

- Our successful **Year 7 Smac Mx team, Asha, Samara, Ivy and Kobi, reserve, Natalia**, who gained a **third place in this Southland** problem solving competition. Well done girls and Mrs Hawke, who organised lots of practices.

- to Angeline Crowe, Cate Reynolds, Sarah Slee and Grace Watson for qualifying to be in the top Year 8 team Smac Mx team, and Maddison Booth, Katie Dennis, Katie Unahi and Meg Wisely for qualifying for the second Year 8 team.



- to the following girls who achieved a Merit in the **University of Otago Problem Solving Competition** - Asha, Kobi, Ivy, Katie Dennis, Meg Pope, Cate Reynolds, Sarah Slee and Meg Wisely.
- to Samara and Grace Watson who achieved an Excellence in the University of Otago Problem Solving Competition.

- Congratulations to the following girls for their achievements in the ICAS English test:

Niamh Doherty	- Year 4:	Distinction
Samara Beck	- Year 7:	Credit
Grace Watson	- Year 8 :	Merit

- Congratulations to the recipients of the **Term 3 Bonus Points Trophies**. They will have their photos put on the Bonus Point Trophy Award board in the office.

Room 1	Ruby Duffell	Room 2	Leah McEwan
Room 3	Shanna-Beth Smith	Room 4	Kiri Paitai
Room 7	Greer Dawson	Room 6	Kobi Harpur
Room 5	Cate Reynolds		

House Order – Marchant, Lester, Enderby, Alabaster

Enjoy the break with your daughter(s). Enjoy the absence of timetables! Thank you for your support over the last term, in the many ways that you support us. We appreciate all that you do. Be happy and safe.

Nga mihi nui (Kind regards)
Brenda Mackay

Term 3

October

15th **First Day Term 4 in summer uniform**
18th School photos
23rd Parents' Association meeting 7pm in staffroom - all welcome
29th BOT meeting 5.30pm

November

5th Mufti Day
7th Familiarisation Day
13th BOP Meeting 7pm
15th Greats & Grans Day—to be confirmed
16th Secondary schools familiarisation day
19th BOT meeting 5.30pm
21st Yrs 3/4 Speech exams
30th Stripes awarded

December

3rd Tabloids—afternoon
BOT Meeting—5.30pm
4th Dance sharing—afternoon
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

Congratulations to the following girls who received awards recently—

Room 1	Maya Preininger, Gracie Dennis, Mia Reilly
Room 2	Zoe Laughton, Meila Spain, Esme McCleery, Emma Corson
Room 3	Lucy Watt, Christabel Billcliff, Sapphira Cook, Amelia Duffell
Room 4	Molly Stockman, Lucia Hughes, Sarah Hartstonge, Paige Hogan
Room 5	Jessica Wallis, Angeline Crowe x2 Sarah Slee
Room 6	Katie Pope, Ella Burdon, Sara Reynolds, Holly Driver
Room 7	Kaitlin Swain, Madeleine Lawlor, Jaylah Harvey-De Clifford, Amy Brand

Values Cup:

17 Sept	Katie Unahi	Rm 5
21 Sept	Pippa Keary	Rm 4
28 Sept	Zoe Laughton	Rm 2

SIGNING IN AND OUT

Everyone coming into the school must sign in at the office please.

If you're dropping something off for your daughter please do not take it to the classroom or cloakbay. Leave it at the office for your daughter to collect.

If your daughter is leaving the school for an appointment she must report out and back in at the office also.

This is a health and safety issue as we must know where your daughter is at all times, and who is on the school grounds.



Room 3 with their Spring drawings



ROOM 1—Year 1—Mrs Jagoutz

Room 1 had a very busy afternoon creating models from boxes, containers and all kinds of things.



Gwynedd and Ruby made cats, Evie made a house and Willow made the Room 1 classroom, with an Interactive White Board and the teacher's chair.



We have been looking at the 'Spring' changes around school and have made branches with blossom, baby birds in their nests and daffodils. It has made a lovely, bright display in Room 1.

"We went for a Spring walk. We saw some Spring flowers. We saw some yellow daffodils and pink blossom."

By Peyton.

We made our own see saws and used them to balance weights as we have been learning about heavy, light and equal weights.

What a busy term we have had in Room 1!



ROOM 2—Year 2—Mrs Kelly & Mrs Brand



Spring has sprung in Room 2 with a host of golden daffodils and an array of fantastic spring poems.

We have had a fabulous term with lots of learning happening in our kitchen science unit. We have loved it so much we could happily carry on next term. We worked hard on our gym festival routines and we were very proud of our finished artworks for the art exhibition. It was great to see so many families there. There has been some very good reading, writing and maths happening in our room and the girls are a very happy and hard working group of learners. They deserve a well-earned rest. We wish you a happy holiday and will look forward to seeing everyone back, rested and well, next term.

See the amazing Spring poems on the next page.



Room 2
Spring
stories



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

It's been another action packed term of fun and learning!

We have all enjoyed the Kitchen Science unit with some fascinating experiences. We marvelled at the massive marshmallows when heated in the microwave. The lemonade needed lots of sugar to sweeten it. We found out what helped sugar to dissolve in the liquid.

What a wonderful occasion it was being part of the art exhibition. This was such a well-attended event and obviously very popular. It was lovely to see everyone socialising and appreciating the efforts of every girl in our school. It was a great opportunity to see our Kapahaka girls perform and hear the choir sing. A big thanks to our energetic Parents' Association who made it all happen with lots of smiles!

Last Friday we completed our weight unit by making marshmallow truffles. The girls helped to weigh all the ingredients and roll the delicious mixture into balls. We have even learnt how to convert cup measurements into grams and kilograms. You can follow up this learning by discussing the weight measures of everyday groceries. Challenge their thinking by asking things such as 'How much less than a kilo is this?' or 'what do you estimate this would weigh?'

Spring is in the air and we have written some beautiful spring poems using some wonderful descriptive language. We will be learning about growing seeds and what is required for plants to grow. Everyone has their own sunflower planted and we will be watching for signs of growth with great anticipation. We even have some spring lambs visiting us!

Everyone enjoyed their dance exam. Thank you Ms Gina for all your guidance.

Here's hoping for some warm sunny weather in the holidays.



SPORTS NEWS

SUMMER FOOTBALL

Registrations have been left open for the summer futsal competition which starts on Monday 29th October (Week 3 of Term 4). **We still need one or two more players for the Year 1/2 team (Born 2012-2014) and the Year 7/8 team.**

We have entered the following teams:

U8 St John's Purple Socks. Thank you to Jo Stockman who will coach/manage the girls each week.



FUTSAL

The Year 1/2 St John's Glittergirls and the team's manager Mrs Nic Macpherson, at their final game of futsal this week.

We hope you enjoyed the competition!



TABLE TENNIS

Year 7/8 School Table Tennis Competition

2nd St John's Opals: Kobi Harpur and Grace Watson

5th St John's Emeralds: Lindsay Black and Asha Dickson

6th St John's Pearls: Sara Reynolds and Bella Van den Beld-Kerr

Kobi was also placed 2nd in the 'most single game' wins and Grace was placed 3rd.

All the girls played amazingly well and represented St John's Girls School with pride and passion.



WATERPOLO

The **Year 7/8** competition is scheduled to restart on Friday 26th October.

The Term 4 dates are: 26th October, 2nd November, 9th November and the 16th November. The 23rd November is the finals night for all grades.



The St John's Minnows (Years 2-3) water polo team.



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*



Kobi Harpur and Lindsay Black represented Southland last Saturday at a table tennis tournament against Otago, in Dunedin. Unfortunately, the 26 strong Southland squad went down 61-43 with Otago retaining the shield.

COMMUNITY SPORTS NOTICES

HOCKEY CAMPS

Hockey Southland will be running two age-group holiday camps.
Limited spaces available.

Age Group: Year 5 & 6

Dates: 8 + 9 October (Mon and Tuesday)

Time: 09:00 - 12:00

Venue: Invercargill Hockey Turfs

Fee: \$20 for the 2 days

Age Group: Year 7 & 8

Dates: 10 + 11 October (Wednesday and Thursday)

Time: 09:00 - 12:00

Venue: Invercargill Hockey Turfs

Fee: \$20 for the 2 days

Register your child's name, age and your contact details to Anthony at youth@hockeysouthland.co.nz by no later than Friday, 5 October. Please list any allergies, illnesses or special needs your child has.

SATURDAY TENNIS INTER-CLUB COMPETITION

This competition is a six-week competition from Saturday 3rd November – Saturday 8th December at Waihopai Tennis Courts. Games will start at 9.30am – 12.00pm.

This competition is for beginners to experience players from 16 years and under. Teams consist of four/five players (boys and girls mixed – placed in playing order according to ability and experience). Each player will play a single and double match and results will be entered for Configure Rankings. A manager is required for each team.

If you are interested in entering this competition then please contact Julie on waihopaischoolsports@gmail.com or 021 449 758