

St John's Girls' School

Te Kura Kōtiro ō Hato Hoani

Newsletter

31 August 2018

Principal's Comments

Tena koutou katoa – Greetings to you all.

Welcome to Evie Erskine who has started school in Room 1.

This is supposed to be our quiet term but it's been an incredibly busy two weeks!

Congratulations to our amazing Year 8 girls. They organised every part of the disco under the watchful eye of Mr Hughes. They were in teams taking responsibility for one aspect – budget, advertising, refreshments, decorations. Some decisions were made as a class. The girls did an incredible job with the hall looking spectacular! A special thanks to Plants Plus for the time and effort they also contributed. The girls learnt many skills and developed many personal attributes on the journey. Ka pai!

Employment

It is my pleasure to announce two appointments. Mrs Megan Packham has been employed so Mr Hughes and Mrs Kelly can have extra release to give them time for their leadership responsibilities. Many of you will know Mrs Packham as she job shared with Mrs Macdonald in 2016 while Mr Hughes was on leave for travel and with Mrs Kelly in 2017, finishing to have little Harry. We are delighted to have her back! Mrs Calli Jeffers Peddie has been appointed as an additional teacher aide. She comes with great references. We look forward to getting to know her.

Gymnastics Festival

Thank you Mrs Hawke for organising this awesome event. This is an opportunity for girls to push themselves outside of their comfort zone. We often have tears in the build-up but the girls are always proud of their achievements and want to keep the festival as part of the school calendar. We love seeing girls shine but we also admire the girls who give it their all, even though it is not their forte. This builds character and resilience. Thank you to all other staff and senior girls who assisted in the build up by putting the equipment out each week for PE, by coaching or on the day. It's a huge team effort.

Polyfest

We are very proud of our Kapahaka group. They gave an enthusiastic, polished performance and looked the part in the new uniforms funded by a \$2500 grant from the ILT Foundation, with the Parents' Association kindly picking up the shortfall of \$700. Thank you Mr Hughes and Mrs Kelly for your hard work and perseverance in preparing the girls for their performance.

Ski Day

Thank you Ms Wilcox – Clarke and Mrs McEntyre for organising the ski day. It's another wonderful opportunity for girls to move outside of their comfort zone and gain confidence when they are successful.

Year 8 Christian Education Speeches – all welcome

This annual event is being held in the school hall on Thursday 13th at 1pm. The girls retell a story from the Bible, using drama and skills learnt from their Christian Education and speech lessons. Mrs Provis-Black supports the girls and ensures the presentations are of a high standard.

Congratulations to Ivy Turner and Molly Cole who have been selected to dance in the Nutcracker Ballet with the New Zealand Ballet Company. Well done girls.

Nga mihi nui (Kind regards)
Brenda Mackay

Term 3

September

3rd HPV vaccinations Y8
6th Room 4 Speech Exams
13th Christian Education Speeches 1pm
20th Parents' Association Art Exhibition & social event
24th BOT meeting 5.30pm
25/26th Dance Exams
28th Last Day Term 3

October

15th First Day Term 4

UNIFORM REMINDER

Next term the girls wear their summer uniform so please try their dresses on early and purchase a new one if needed. Dresses and white socks can be purchased at the school.

If you have a kilt in good condition that you no longer need, bring it in drycleaned and Mrs Lang will purchase it from you.

SIGNING IN AND OUT

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

If you are 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.

Congratulations to the following girls who received awards recently—

Room 1 Emily Bulling-Clearwater, Gwynedd Ryder, Evie Erskine, Willow Harper, Summer Behl
Room 2 Pippa Jamieson, Kiran Gilmete, Esmé Middlebrook, Amber Behl, Avé Valoa-Jack, Aaliyah Jack
Room 3 Elizabeth Torrington, Niamh Doherty, Chloe Taylor, Zoe Stockman, Shanna-Beth Smith, Charlotte Torrington
Room 4 Kiri Paitai, Morgan Lau, Pippa Keary, Lilly Roughan, Sienna Hunter, Georgia Buchanan
Room 5 Cate Reynolds, Meg Pope, Rebecca Laverock, Katie Unahi, Giovanna O'Donnell, Meg Wisely
Room 6 Samantha Schol, Katie Pope, Lindsay Black, Natalia Longman
Room 7 Gwenevere Chalmers, Brooke Acker, Elizabeth Somerville, Ella Agnew, Abigail Hunter, Kacey McEwan

Values Cup:

20 Aug	Isabella McNamara	Rm 3
24 Aug	Abigail Hunter	Rm 7
31 Aug	Asha Dickson	Rm 6

DANCE REUNION 2018

Celebrating 100 years of ballet and dance in Otago and Southland.

Three exciting events at three amazing venues and a concert being held over the weekend of 12th, 13th and 14th October 2018.

View website for details-
www.dancereunion2018.co.nz

All past students, teachers, parents and grandparents are invited to participate!
Facebook Glenys Scandrett Reunion 80th Birthday Celebration or email ballet.reunion.2018@gmail.com



Enrolments

We have a lot of prospective St John's families visiting the school. If you know that your circumstances are changing and your daughter will not be here, or may not be here, in 2019, please let me know asap so that I may allocate the space to someone else. We never like to see 'our' girls leave but realise that things change and we will support your decision. This is particularly important if your daughter is a current Year 6 girl as we have many enrolments at the Year 7 level which I cannot accept until I know what spaces are available.

Brenda Mackay

ROOM 1—Year 1—Mrs Jagoutz



Room 1 had a fabulous time at the school disco. It was lovely to see all of the disco dancing and all of the girls enjoying their social time together.



Room 1 are continuing to enjoy their 'Kitchen Science' and recently made bread and butter. The girls made the butter themselves by shaking the jam jars with the cream and salt. They did this in teams and had a race to see which table produced the butter first.

The Gymnastics Festival was a huge success and the girls performed with confidence. Some even were brave enough to try out the high beam!

We have been practising and preparing ideas for the Parents' Association art exhibition. We have model ideas from the artist Jim Dine and have chosen which style we would like to use. They are looking good already.

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

What an exciting time we had at the disco!!! Such colourful, sparkly retro outfits spinning to the disco lights. Thank you to the Year 8s and Hr Hughes who made this happen.

The whole school attended the Polyfest and supported our amazing Kapahaka group. It was impressive!!

"On Tuesday there was Polyfest. It was at the Southland Stadium. We were watching up high. The Kapahaka girls were in costumes. We yelled 'Go St John's Girls' School!' Last year they weren't in costumes when they were walking up on stage. Some of the girls were afraid and nervous. Mr Hughes was playing the guitar. Matilda, Camryn, Shanna-Beth and Elizabeth were performing on stage. I think that the Kapahaka girls did very well and they made St John's Girls' School proud."

By Lily Hillman

We are coming to the end of our learning on fractions. This weeks challenge has been improper fractions. Families may have heard about our class chapter book 'The Girls with No Nose' set in the Victorian times. Alice is treated badly because she has no nose. Fortunately it has a happy ending when love overcomes all. It has taught us about life for children in the Victorian times and also that whatever your imperfection you can be proud of who you are!

We had fun and persevered even when some activities were difficult at the Gym Festival. We spotted wonderful teamwork from everyone.

Just a reminder that PE uniform bags come to school on Mondays as timetables can change unexpectedly. Also library is on Wednesdays. We have lots of overdue books in Room 3.

Enjoy your weekend with your family and friends.

SPORTS NEWS

TERM 4 SPORTS

Registrations will soon be open for the following:

- Mondays - summer football and cricket (all grades)
- Thursdays - social volleyball (Years 4-6)
- Fridays - spring basketball league (Years 7/8)

FUTSAL (INDOOR FOOTBALL)

There is only four weeks of competition left to run.

This Monday, 3rd September our team has a double round. The Glittergirls play on Court 5 for both games. The first game kicks off at 3:30pm against Windsor Red and the second game starts at 4.00pm against Windsor Yellow. Good luck girls.

HOCKEY



The Year 7/8 team had their final game on Thursday 23rd August against SGHS.

Pictured is the team and their fantastic coach, Bailey Bishop, at their end of season break up.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Bailey for coaching the team this season, and we wish her well with her Hockey Southland Representative season.

MINIBALL

The miniball competition started this week with the first grading game. The Year 3/4 girls grade is having a straight round robin competition with semis and finals. Therefore, this week's points count towards the end of season tally.



NETBALL

Congratulations to the Year 7/8 St John's Tactix netball team and their coaches Mrs Bernie Pope and Mrs Jo Keary, who won the Grade 4 competition on Saturday 25th August. The girls played extremely well against a determined Bluff Tahi. Our girls were trailing by 2 at the end of the third quarter but with some fantastic team work forged ahead in the final quarter to win 14 - 10. Well done girls. We are super proud of you!



TOUCH RUGBY

There has been a great response from our girls. **Registrations will now close on Monday 3rd September.** To register your daughter, please visit our school website > 'After School sport' . 'Term 4' or via the Sporty app.



WATERPOLO

REMINDER

Junior Water Polo Year 1-3 and Year 4-6 competitions will commence again in Term 3, starting 7th September (Week 7), followed by 14th September and 21st September.



VOLLEYBALL

The Year 7/8 volleyball team competition starts on Wednesday 12th September. Good luck to the team and their coach Ms Rachael Poole.



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

Congratulations to **Lucy Bird** who has been selected to represent Southland at the Aerobics Nationals in Tauranga in October. Good lucky Lucy and we all wish you well.



*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*



PHOENIX SYNCHRO NATIONALS DISPLAY
23RD SEPTEMBER 6PM

COME AND WATCH SWIMMERS REPRESENTING NZ IN ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA LATER THIS YEAR!

\$2 SPECTATOR
FEE TO BE
PAID TO THE POOL
RAFFLE TICKETS
ON SALE TO
FUNDRAISE FOR
NATIONALS!