

St John's Girls' School

Newsletter – 6 April 2018

Principal's Comments

Tena koutou katoa – Greetings to you all.

Welcome to Saige Geary and her family. Saige started in Room 1 on 23rd March.

We have had a wonderful term, with lots of learning and lots of laughter. Thank you parents for your support in the myriad of ways that you help. A special thank you to the parents who coach/manage the sports teams. The school community appreciate this as you are providing the opportunity for the girls to be involved in sport. I hope that this is reflected in the way our coaches are treated. Please remember they are volunteers doing the best job they can for the benefit of your children. Thank you coaches and managers for the wonderful job you do.

OurPact – Free Parental Control & Screen Time Manager

OurPact is a parental control app designed for iPads and iPhones that enables parents to manage their family's screen time through internet and application blocking. It allows parents to manage their child's screen time by blocking specific apps, blocking texts, and scheduling screen time according to a child's daily routine. You can use this app to block your children's devices, turning them off at certain times.

Review of the Arts Curriculum

We review all curriculum areas regularly. Over the last few months we have been reviewing the arts – music, drama, dance and visual art. As part of this we ask the senior girls, usually Year 7 and 8, for their thoughts. Generally, they were incredibly supportive of the programmes being offered and had no criticisms. They had a couple of ideas which we will look at. Often the best ideas come from the girls.

We will shortly be reviewing the PE/health curriculum. I will ask for parental feedback closer to the time, after I have sent you some information so you can give informed feedback.

Holidays

The holidays are quickly approaching. For those of you who get to have a break, I hope it is a relaxing one, with no timetabled events. Next term is incredibly busy as we have the Drama Festival, most senior speech exams and we have ERO (Education Review Office) visiting us during the week starting 11th June. Keep an eye on the Events List to see what is coming up.

Nga mihi nui (Kind regards)
Brenda Mackay

MUFTI DAY

Our recent mufti day raised \$256 for Hospice Southland. Thanks to all who assisted with the day and helped to achieve such an amazing result.

AFTERSCHOOL CARE

Thanks to everyone who has supported the afterschool care programme. Thank you Noelene. We are fortunate to have such a facility available every day after school.

Please remember to have any outstanding money paid by the end of term.

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

10th No Dance—PE instead

13th Last Day Term 1**Term 2****April****30th First Day Term 2****May**

8th ICAS Computers

14th Sausage Sizzle—funds raised go to
Leukaemia & Blood Foundation

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

24th Cross Country 1.30pm

28th Young Leaders—Dunedin

29th ICAS Science

June

4th Queens Birthday—no school

5th BOP meeting 7pm

6th Speech Exam Yr 7

Zone Cross Country

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 **school closes 2pm**

28th Interviews start 3.15pm

Congratulations to the following girls who received awards recently—

Room 1 Saige Geary, Gracie Dennis

Room 2 Esme McCleery, Grace Ding,
Aaliyah Jack, Sofia PetersRoom 3 Chloe Taylor, Christabel Billcliff,
Amaya Swale-Jones, Lucy WattRoom 4 Sofia Campbell-Wall, Meah Somerville,
Bailey King, Riley MorrisonRoom 5 Ella Watt, Grace Watson,
Jorja Mackie, Angeline Crowe

Room 6 Katie Pope, Ella Erskine

Room 7 Meila Winsloe-Viel, Laura McDowall,
Hannah Middlemass, Abigail Hunter,

Values Cup:

29 March Not presented

6 April Sienna Macpherson Rm 4

REMINDERS**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.

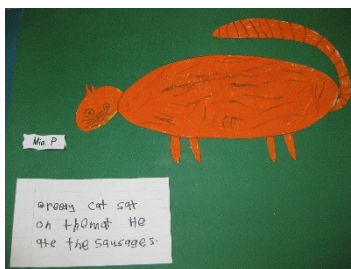
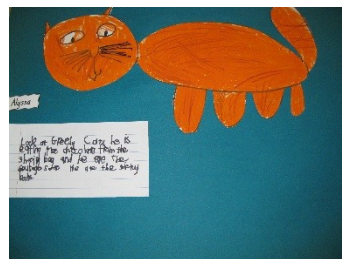
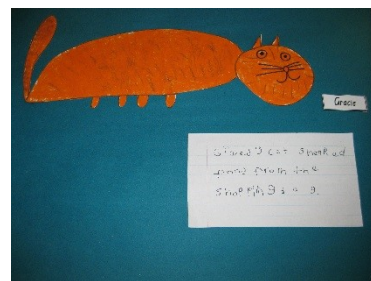
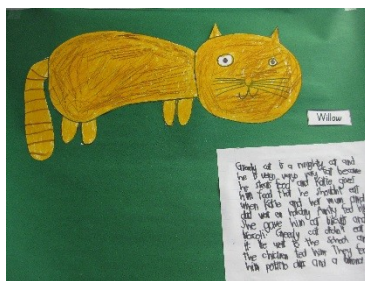
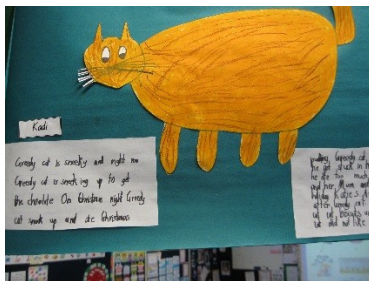
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ROOM 1—Year 1—Mrs Jagoutz

It has been a very busy term for Room 1 and we have welcomed Saige into school too. We had fun on Mufti Day with dressing up as our mum or the Queen or doctors or nurses or Paw Patrol characters and even a Mrs. Jagoutz!



We have been busy reading all of the Greedy Cat stories and have drawn some lovely Greedy Cats.

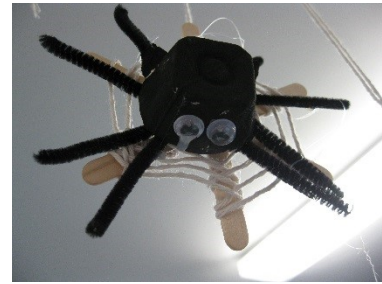


ROOM 1 continued

Gwynedd wrote..

“Greedy Cat is a naughty cat and he is very greedy. He eats a lot of food. He stole sticky buns and chocolate and he stole potato chips and bananas and pepper and sausages. Greedy Cat got stuck in his cat door and Dad laughed. Katie said that Greedy Cat needed a doggy door and Dad bought a doggy door.”

For ‘s’ week we have made some spiders and spider webs. It was a challenge to weave the string around the lolly sticks to make the webs!



We have also made some Elmer the patchwork elephants. They are very colourful, but Elmer is every colour, except for elephant colour!



What a busy first term it has been. Well done Room 1. You work hard, you keep trying and you are kind and caring at all times!



Rooms 1, 2, 3—

Teddy Bears Picnic—morning
tea

Thursday 12 April

Bring your favourite teddy bear, your usual
morning tea and a big smile

ROOM 2—Year 2—Mrs Kelly & Mrs Brand

We have had a fabulous term and would like to share some of the things we have achieved



'I dressed up as my Nana. I dressed up as my Nana because she shows the school values. She shows respect and helps people in the family. I liked mufti day because you don't have to wear our uniform. My Nana has the same pants as me and top and the same shoes.'

By Zoe



We have completed the 'life cycle of a butterfly' unit with art, writing, research and observations.



We are able to say what we are doing at St John's to grow good people.

Mrs Kelly, Mrs Brand and all the girls



We are able to say how to work as a good team



We are able to set goals to help us with our learning journey.



We have been learning to make Easter egg prints.

A reminder that we will have our last day of swimming this coming Monday—9th April.

To celebrate our hard work the junior syndicate is having a teddy bears picnic. See the notice on page 3.

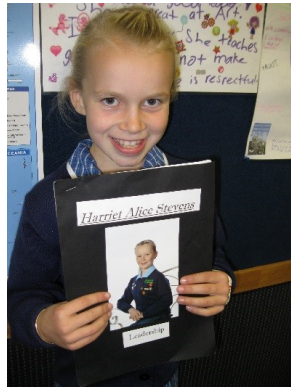
We wish you all a very happy and relaxing holiday ahead.

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

This week our thoughts and wishes have been with Mrs Dawkins who has been nervously watching cycling events at the Commonwealth Games, supporting her son Eddie. How proud she must have been when they received their gold medals last night



This coming Monday is our last swimming lesson for 2018. The girls have made great improvements and will continue to do so with further swimming lessons. Thank you so much to our parents who help in the changing room. This help certainly relieves some stress for us all.

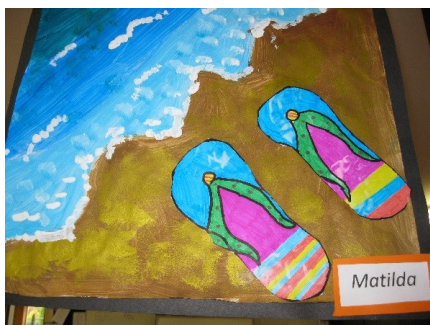


Thank you for the discussions at home on leaders. Our audience has felt each presenter's passion as they shared information and used their visual aids to tell us about their leader. All girls will have had a sharing time by the end of this term. I am hoping that Rooms 1 and 2 may also get to hear some of these fabulous presentations.

During maths we are finishing the term with our 'time' unit. Any opportunities to tell the time and talk about how to read a clock will consolidate class learning. We are also finding many ways to solve addition and subtraction problems easily. Learning our basic facts cards has really helped with class problem solving.

Do feel free to continue completing the **Reading Log** book over the holidays with the girls own reading choices.

Room 3 art 'Our Jandals on the Beach'. Can you see our white froth?



As we head towards the end of this first term we wish families a restful break.

SPORTS NEWS

HOCKEY

We have entered three teams in the Term 2 Primary School and Junior High competitions.

The teams are:

Y7/8 St John's Quicksticks	– coach Miss Bailey Bishop
Y5/6 St John's Strikers	– coach Michael Hartstonge
Y1/2 St John's Bluesticks	– coach Haidee Valoa-Jack



We also have three Year 3/4 girls registered but at this stage we don't have a composite team for them.

SQUASH 'WHACK n RUN'

We have entered Sapphira Cook, Sarah Hartstonge, Hannah Middlemass and Louella Mirrielees-Huxtable in the primary school programme to be held on Mondays next term. Rebecca Laverock has been entered in the Junior High programme to be held on Wednesdays next term. A parent confirmation letter will be sent out before the end of term.

TABLE TENNIS

We have entered two teams in the Junior High competition to be held on Tuesdays nights next term.

The teams are:

St John's Spinners: Bailey Bennett and Sara Reynolds

St John's Topspin: Lindsay Black and Asha Dickson

We haven't entered any teams in the Primary Schools competition.



VOLLEYBALL

The Y7/8 volleyball team had their final game on Wednesday afternoon, which they won. Well done girls!

I would like to say a big thank you to Katie Ultee for coaching the girls this season. The girls have enjoyed the competition and really appreciate Mrs Ultee taking them for practices and all her encouragement on game days.



WATERPOLO

Water Polo is now finished for the term. The competition starts up again in Term 3 for the primary schools and Term 4 for the junior high competition.



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

COMMUNITY SPORTS NOTICES



- SOUTHLAND BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION -

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

ILT STADIUM SOUTHLAND
9AM - 3PM

YEARS 3-6
THURSDAY 19 APRIL
\$35

YEARS 7-10
TUESDAY 24 APRIL
\$35

*FAMILY DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO REGISTER GO TO
WWW.BASKETBALLSOUTHLAND.CO.NZ/HOLIDAY



SOUTH ISLAND EXPO

COMING IN APRIL

7th: INVERCARGILL - CLUBROOMS
8th: CROMWELL - CLUBROOMS
9th: OAMARU - CLUBROOMS
11th: CHRISTCHURCH - VENUE TBC
12th: WESTPORT - WESTPORT MOTOR HOTEL
14th: BLENHEIM - REDWOODTOWN COMMUNITY HALL

MASSIVE SAVINGS
STICKS, BAGS, SHOES
GK GEAR & A HUGE RANGE OF
ACCESSORIES

BRINGING TO YOU WORLD LEADING BRANDS

MALIK salmon S OSAKA espadr
Dita TDA Molador Grays
MAZON Mizuno adidas VEEBEE

Squash City are hosting an Open Day on Saturday to promote the wonderful game of squash in conjunction with the Commonwealth Games. There will be games on court with coaching available and Commonwealth Games squash will be on the big screen. Kids, parents and families are all welcome!



#LoveSquash TRY IT. PLAY IT. LOVE IT.

National Squash Open Day
Saturday 7th April 11am-2pm
Club Address: 12 Orinole Street

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