

# St John's Girls' School

Te Kura Kōtiro ō Hato Hoani

## Newsletter – 6 July 2018

### Principal's Comments—Tena koutou katoa – Greetings to you all.

Another busy term is coming to a close! I think everyone at St John's, students and staff alike, are ready for a holiday!

### Farewell/Welcome

We bid a fond farewell to Isabella Rhind and her family. The Rhind family are moving to Hamilton. We wish Isabella all the best. Next term we welcome Bailey Cooper to room 1 and Molly Cole to Room 7.

### Drama Festival

Thank you to everyone who helped make this the success it was. It was definitely a community effort! The staff and girls put in a huge amount of work. We also had lots of parents and staff make costumes or parts of, do hair, face paint and source/make props, and weren't they fantastic! Thank you to everyone!

We always say we are never going to do another one but we always change our minds (after a couple of days) when we see the incredible performances and growth in confidence in many girls. It's exciting!

### Enrolments

We have had several 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.

**Stripes and Bonus Trophies** were presented today.

### Bonus Points Trophies Term 2

Congratulations to the recipients of these special trophies. They will have their photos put on the Bonus Point Trophy Award board in the office.

Room 1	Gwynedd Ryder	Room 2	Meila Spain
Room 3	Hazel Stevenson	Room 4	Pippa Keary
Room 7	Millie Cottam	Room 6	Lilyana Ultee
Room 5	Olivia Corson		
House Order – Lester, Alabaster, Marchant, Enderby			

### Stripes

We had great pleasure in presenting the mid-year stripes. Congratulations to the following girls:

### Work Stripes:

#### Green Work Stripe:

Lindsay Black, Asha Dickson, Jordan King, Sara Reynolds, Samantha Schol, Maddison Booth, Katie Dennis, Rebecca Laverock, Abbie Middlemass, Meg Pope, Meg Wisely

#### Red Work Stripe:

Samara Beck, Kobi Harpur, Ivy Turner, Lilyana Ultee, Cate Reynolds, Sarah Slee, Grace Watson

### Sports Stripes:

**White Sports Stripe:** Asha Dickson, Elise Hampton, Sara Reynolds, Anita White, Bailey Bennett, Olivia Corson, Angeline Crowe, Katie Dennis, Indya Hillman, Rebecca Laverock, Giovanna O'Donnell, Meg Pope, Cate Reynolds, Sarah Slee, Taleeha Stewart, Meg Wisely

**Gold Sports Stripe:** Abbie Middlemass, Grace Watson

### Spellathon

Thank you for supporting your girls to learn their words. Many girls learnt a huge number of words and consequently raised a lot of money. Money is still coming in but we estimate that approximately \$2000+ has been raised to put towards more chrome books and other IT purchases.

House points were allocated based on the number of words learnt. The house order is: Marchant, Enderby, Alabaster, Lester.

### Accounts

Please have all accounts up to date. Unless paying by automatic payment all accounts should have been paid.

Nga mihi nui (Kind regards)  
Brenda Mackay

23 July	
<b>Term 3</b>	
<b>July</b>	
23rd	<b>First day Term 3</b>
	Monday afternoon sport starts
31st	ICAS English
<b>August</b>	
14th	ICAS Maths
15th	NZEI Strike—to be confirmed
17th	Family Ski Day Years 5 - 8
20th	BOT meeting 5.30pm
21st	Mufti Day
24th	Gym Festival Juniors am Seniors pm
28th	Polyfest 1pm
	BOP meeting 7pm
30th	Disco
31st	Father/Daughter netball
<b>September</b>	
3rd	HPV vaccinations Y8
6th	Room 4 Speech Exams
13th	Christian Education Speeches 1pm
24th	BOT meeting 5.30pm
25/26th	Dance Exams
28th	Last Day Term 3
<b>October</b>	
15th	First Day Term 4

### **YEARS 5, 6, 7 & 8 SKI DAY at Remarkables Ski Day — Friday 17th August**

Please keep this date free if you wish to attend and assist groups with skiing or attend as a non-skiing helper. Family members are also welcome. Forms were emailed out yesterday so if you haven't received one please contact the school office. You must fill out one form for every person attending.

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

Room 1	Nakaysha Fraser, Kadi Cantley
Room 2	Sofia Peters, Emma Corson, Jessica Hay, Esmé Middlebrook
Room 3	Amelia Duffell, Amaya Swale-Jones, Isabella McNamara, Andreeva Stephen
Room 4	Janika Stirling, Sofia Campbell-Wall, Lucia Hughes, Ella Pope
Room 5	Sarah Slee, Meg Wisely, Ella Watt, Angeline Crowe
Room 6	Samara Beck, Anita White, Lindsay Black, Holly Driver
Room 7	Amy Brand, Abigail Hunter Lucy Griffin Gwenevere Griffin

Values Cup:

29 June	Kiran Gilmete	Rm 2
6 July	Matilda Stevens	Rm 3

### **REMINDERS**

#### **ABSENCES:**

If your child is sick please phone the office or email both the office and class teacher.

office@stjohnsgirls.school.nz

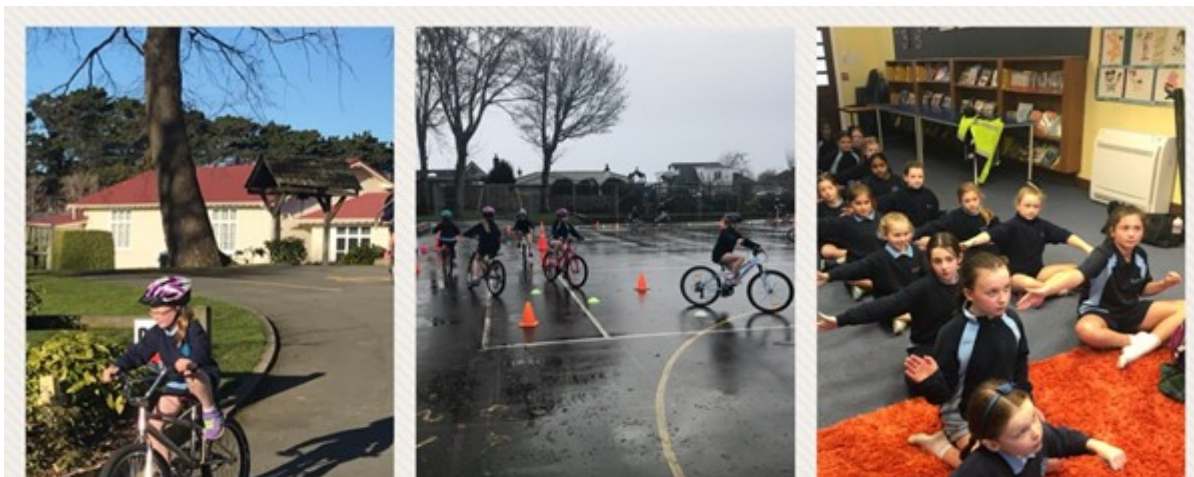
If you are informing the school of a future date your daughter is going to absent please send a note to the school office (Mrs McEntyre will inform the class teacher) or email dates etc to the office and class teacher.

**If a child is not at school and we haven't heard from you Mrs McEntyre will phone to check.**

Room 4 have completed their Cycle Safety unit with Nic from Cycling Southland. We have been learning how to ride our bikes with skill and learning our road rules and laws. We learnt how to change gears on hills, balance while peddling slowly, signaling our actions to show vehicles what we intend to do and how to get on our bikes while scootering with them.

Constable Marty came to visit us on our last day of cycling and talked about how to keep ourselves safe on the road and we rode our bikes on a pretend road to practice what we have learnt over the term.

A big thank you to the Room 4 parents for making sure your daughter's bike was here every week.







## **DRAMA FESTIVAL**

The night had come, the curtains opened and I was on. I felt frightened, my fingers were stinging, my heart was pumping. I could see lots of eyes staring at us. I was scared that I was going to hear footsteps in the background. I could hear silence in the crowd and at the end I could hear laughing.

*By Sophie Hall*

“Mm... I doubt it” were the first words I spoke. I could see everyone looking at Alicia and when we were saying our lines, the audience were like rows of corn in a field. When I was up there, I felt like the Queen of the world because I had learnt all of my words and I didn’t forget any of them.

*By Ella Pope*

When I was talking, I felt like a million beady eyes were staring at me, luckily I only messed up once. That was when they figured out Hallie and Annie were related. I was also embarrassed when people laughed because I didn’t know if they were laughing at me or somebody else. I was scared that I wouldn’t be in the right place at the right time. That’s when I got nervous again. My trick to not getting scared in front of a big audience is to not look at them at all, but if I have to I just look at their forehead.

*By Niamh Doherty*



## ROOM 5—Year 8—Mr Hughes

What a week! Room 5 are incredibly proud of their play 'Annie' and we are already feeling the withdrawals of the hype being over. Everyone worked so hard and the result was hugely rewarding. Thank you to all of the parents that helped with costuming and props. It was a team effort. Have a wonderful holiday everyone. We all deserve it!





## **ROOM 7—Year 6—Mrs Taylor**

Wow! What a busy term we have had. The last four weeks has been dominated by our drama festival production. Having explored Matariki at the start of term, we then developed ways of sharing our learning in a dramatic way. These ideas were then woven together to form our play. On the night all the time spent rehearsing paid off, with the whole class working together like a well oiled machine. Watching the girls backstage was as much a work of art as the performance on the stage.

In addition to rehearsals we have maintained our learning in other areas. In maths we continued to develop our multiplication and division skills, applying these to measurement of perimeter, area and volume as well as converting metric units. In writing we have explored the structure of a narrative in preparation for extending our stories with figurative language. Drumming rhythms have echoed from the class as we have learnt polyrhythmic cyclic patterns in music. Taste buds have been tickled with culinary wonders in the technology room, as the girls have learn to peel, chop, blend and bake. The banana choc chip muffins and potato wedges proved the most popular products. You will have seen some of the gymnastic skills learnt in P.E. demonstrated by the stars in our play.

We have ended the term with two afternoons celebrating Matariki. Two groups chose to organise class celebrations. These have included poi, rakau, food, storytelling, quizzes, dance and craft activities. Perhaps you will have to opportunity to attend a similar event organised by the wider community this weekend. It would be interesting to see how they compare to ours.

One thing is certain, after such a full term everyone is ready for a holiday and the chance to relax and recharge.

## **ROOM 6—Year 7—Mrs Hawke**

Wow - I can't believe we are at the end of term 2 already. Where has the term gone!

Room 6 have worked extremely hard this term and are now celebrating their successes in speech, statistics, drama festival and clothing technology. A lot of effort was placed into all of these areas and their hard work has now been rewarded with outstanding 'Drama Festival' performances this week and stunning results in their speech exams. It was wonderful to see the girls persevere through the challenges and step out of their comfort zones. They should all feel very proud of their achievements in these areas.

Room 6 have been working on creating pyjama pants in clothing technology. We have learnt all about the sewing machine and we are now able to independently thread the machines. They have completed a number of tasks to obtain their 'sewing machine drivers licence' and they have really enjoyed applying these sewing skills and knowledge into the creation of their pyjama pants. It is lovely to see the girl's enthusiasm towards sewing and they are very proud of their final products. Some of the girls were also able to complete wheat bags to match their pyjama pants. Well done girls. They look stunning!

Have a wonderful and restful holiday break.



# SPORTS NEWS

The following sports are available in Term 3, depending on the availability of players and coaches.

## Term 3, 2018

DAY	SPORT	YEAR/ GROUP	VENUE PLAYED	TERMS	ONLINE REGISTRATIONS CLOSE
Monday	Futsal (indoor football)		ILT Stadium	T3	CLOSED
Monday	Indoor Bowls	Yrs 7-13	Sthld Indoor Bowls Centre	Continues from Term 2	CLOSED
Tuesday	Miniball	Yrs 3-6	ILT Stadium	T3 continues T4	3 Aug 18
Tuesday	Squash	Yrs 3-6	ILT Stadium	T2/T3	CLOSED
Tuesday	Table Tennis	Yrs 7-8	Table Tennis Hall	T2/T3	CLOSED
Wednesday	Hockey	Yrs 1-6		Continued from T2	CLOSED
Wednesday	Squash	Yrs 7-8	ILT Stadium	T2/T3	CLOSED
Wednesday	Volleyball	Yrs 7-8	ILT Stadium	T3 continues T4	3 Aug 18
Thursday	Hockey	Yrs 7-8	Hockey turf	Continues from T2	CLOSED
Thursday	Table Tennis	Yrs 4-6	Table Tennis Hall	T2/T3	CLOSED
Friday	Water Polo	Yrs 2-6	Splash Palace	Prim grade T1 Continues T3 & T4	CLOSED
Saturday	Netball	Y7/8	ILT Stadium	T2 continues T3	CLOSED

## SOUTHLAND CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the following girls who competed on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, at Waimumu. Special congratulations to Abbie Middlemass who was placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 12-year-old girls section and Anita White who gained a 6th place in the 11 year old girls. Well done girls!

We would also like to say a big thank you to Mrs Sharon Hampton who braved a cold 6 degree day on a hill marshalling the course. Also to the parents who transported and encouraged the girls. The day wouldn't have been the success it was without all your support.

Results:

### 10 year olds:

Grace Pope	14th
Sofia Campbell-Wall	31st
Jaylah Harvey-De Clifford	34th
Ella Pope	40th

### 11 year olds:

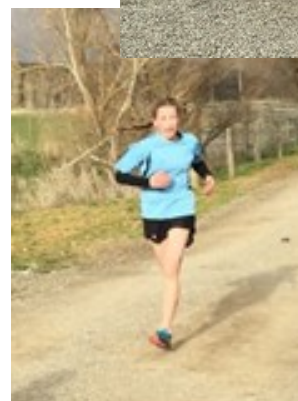
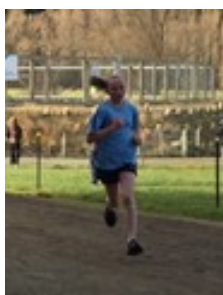
Anita White	6th
Elise Hampton	17th
Natalia Longman	31st
Madeleine Lawlor	34th

### 12 year olds:

Abbie Middlemass	3rd
Meg Wisely	23rd
Asha Dickson	28th
Amanda Henderson	41st

### 13 year olds:

Grace Watson	11th
Sarah Slee	12th
Giovanna O'Donnell	23rd
Jorja Mackie	33rd



## SOUTHLAND AEROBICS AND HIP HOP COMPETITION

Good luck to Lucy Bird who is competing this weekend in the Open Level 3 individual (12-14 Years) section.

## FUTSAL (Indoor football)

We have a Year 1/2 team registered in next terms Futsal competition. Many thanks to Mrs Nic Macpherson who has agreed to manage the team each week.

## FutureFERNS NETBALL

The Year 5/6 netball teams had their final games on Tuesday. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Jo Keary who coached the St John's Shooters and took both teams for practices each week. Also, many thanks to Mrs Debbie Black who managed the St John's Diamonds each week. The girls enjoyed their season of 6-a-side netball. We appreciate your dedication and the skills you passed on to the girls.

## MINIBALL

Registrations are now open for Years 3 – 6 and will close on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August. Please register through our school website or via the Sporty App.



## TABLE TENNIS

Congratulations to Lindsay and Asha who placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the final of the table tennis competition on Tuesday. Also, congratulations to Sarah and Bailey who placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the finals.

A big thank you to Kobi for filling in for three weeks, while Lindsay was away.

We have entered three teams in the Year 7/8 table tennis competition for Term 3. The competition starts on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July. We have also entered Anna Williams in the Primary Schools Competition starting on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. If your daughter is in Years 4 - 6 and is interested in joining the primary school competition, please email Mrs Smith.



<b>Y7/8 St John's Opals:</b>	Kobi Harpur and Grace Watson
<b>Y7/8 St John's Emeralds:</b>	Lindsay Black and Asha Dickson
<b>Y7/8 St John's Pearls:</b>	Sara Reynolds and Bellah Van den Beld-Kerr
<b>Y5/6 St John's:</b>	Anna Williams (partner to be confirmed)

Good luck girls. We wish you well.

## VOLLEYBALL

The Year 7/8, Term 3/4 competition starts on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September and runs from 4:00pm. Registrations are now open and will close on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August. Please register through our school website or via the Sporty App.



## 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

Congratulations to Eva Sexton and Elizabeth Somerville who, as part of the Phoenix Synchronised Swimming Club, recently competed at the South Island competitions held in Christchurch. Fantastic results girls!

**Duets** 12 & Under Duet: Elizabeth Somerville & partner 2<sup>nd</sup>, Eva Sexton & partner 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Solos** 12 & Under Solo: Elizabeth Somerville 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Teams** 12 & Under Team: Elizabeth Somerville and Eva Sexton 1<sup>st</sup>

**Open Combo Team:** Elizabeth Somerville and Eva Sexton 3<sup>rd</sup>

*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 NEWS

Cycling Southland are now taking registrations for the Term 3 Learn to Ride Track block for 2018.

This offers beginner children, aged 10 and up, an introduction to track cycling at the SIT Zero Fees Velodrome.

Minimum height restriction 130cm.

Starts Wednesday 25th and Friday 27th July, from 4.00-5.00pm, and runs until the end of school term. Select either a Wednesday or Friday but not both.

\$85 fee includes, track hire, bike hire, coach, water bottle and certificate.

Phone 03 219 9325 or email [office@cyclingsouth.org.nz](mailto:office@cyclingsouth.org.nz) to register now or visit [www.cyclingsouth.org.nz](http://www.cyclingsouth.org.nz) to register online.

### Winter Cricket Programmes

The Superstar Cricket / Girls Smash Accelerator is a paid junior development programme that teaches the fundamentals of batting, bowling, and fielding within an exciting and competitive environment. It is the first step on a pathway that can lead to a lifelong involvement in cricket, whether it's playing, coaching, umpiring, scoring, or becoming a fan or maybe one-day running on to the field as a BLACKCAP or a WHITE FERN.

Key details:

#### Girls Smash Accelerator:

- Commences from Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July.
- Pick a day to attend – Tuesdays or Thursdays.
- Sessions are 4pm – 5pm.
- Programme runs for 8 weeks.
- School year 3 – 8 Girls.
- Queens Park Indoor Cricket Centre.
- \$50 per child

To register individuals can visit [www.southlandcricket.co.nz](http://www.southlandcricket.co.nz) and if you have any questions don't hesitate to contact 021-241-5966 or [coach@southlandcricket.co.nz](mailto:coach@southlandcricket.co.nz)



### Kidzone is here again – 11th – 16th July.

A great opportunity to spend a day with family, enjoying the old favourites and trying out new things.

Make sure you support this Southland event.