

# St John's Girls' School

Te Kura Kōtiro ō Hato Hoani

## Newsletter – 7 December 2018

### Principal's Comments

Tena koutou katoa – Greetings to you all.

Another wonderful year is nearing an end. We have had many lovely moments and celebrations of success. We always have farewells to say at the end of the year. This year, we farewell Mrs Dawkins who has been a mainstay of the school for twenty-five years! Fortunately, Mrs Dawkins is returning in 2019 to do relieving.

We also farewell Mrs Ingham. Mrs Ingham has been the Reading Recovery teacher for the last six years as well as teaching reading 1 – 1 to a senior student. She has achieved some impressive results, definitely making a difference in some girl's lives. Our best wishes go with her.

After many years of teaching, Mrs Brand is retiring. We have really enjoyed all that Mrs Brand has brought to St John's this year, and wish her well for her retirement.

We also farewell six girls, who are moving on, due to changed circumstances, and our Year 8 girls. We wish them well.

### House Captains and Deputies

The 2019 house captains and deputies were announced in assembly last week. Congratulations to the following girls who have been chosen to lead their houses for 2019:

	House Captain	Deputy House Captain
Alabaster House:	Lyndsay Black	Eva Sexton
Enderby House:	Kobi Harpur	Katie Pope
Lester:	Samara Beck	Ivy Turner
Marchant:	Samantha Schol	Lilyana Ultee

I'm looking forward to working with them and I am certain they will work together for the benefit of the houses.

We are fortunate to have so many amazing girls to choose from.

### Stripes

I had great pleasure in presenting the end of year stripes last week. Congratulations to the following girls:

**Green Work Stripe:** Madison Butler, Holly Driver, Ella Erskine, Elise Hampton, Natalia Longman, Katie Pope, Anita White, Bailey Bennet, Olivia Corson, Taleeha Stewart, Katie Unahi

**Red Work Stripe:** Lyndsay Black, Maddison Booth, Angeline Crowe, Rebecca Laverock, Meg Wisely

**White Sports Stripe:** Ella Erskine, Kobi Harpur, Jordan King, Ivy Turner, Bellah Van den Beld,

Jorja Mackie, Katie Unahi

**Gold Sports Stripe:** Anita White, Angeline Crowe, Meg Pope, Sarah Slee

**Bonus Point trophies** were presented today in assembly. Congratulation to the following recipients of these special trophies: Gracie Dennis - Rm 1, Amelia Frew, - Rm 2, Elizabeth Torrington - Rm3, Niamh Doherty -Rm 4, Kacey McEwan - Rm 5, Asha Dickson - Rm 6 and Maddison Booth - Rm 5.

### Reports

I love this time of the year when the teachers come bursting into the staffroom full of a child's success! We all love to hear about their progress, in any area of their schooling. I have spent several days reading reports and thoroughly enjoyed it. Reports go out today!

### Dance Sharing

As per usual, this was special. It's one of my favourite events! Miss Gina somehow manages to improve upon the previous year's performance. This year was incredible. All classes were impressive but I thought Rooms 2 and 6 stood out this year.

**A big thank you** to the Care Committee and everyone who has baked, cooked or helped others in any way through this committee. We are so fortunate to have a group overseeing our wellbeing. Thank you!

Nga mihi nui (Kind regards)

Brenda Mackay

## Term 4

### December

11th Prizegiving practice—morning 8.50—10.30am  
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

### Feb

4th School Swimming starts—Monday afternoons  
25th School Swimming Sports 9.30am—11.30am

### March

13-15th Year 6 Camp—Columba  
20 - 22nd Year 7 Camp—Dunedin  
25 - 29th Year 8 Camp—Deep Cove

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

Room 1	Summer Behl, Bailey Cooper, Emily Bulling-Clearwater, Ruby Duffell
Room 2	Esmé McCleery, Amelia Reijnen, Kiran Gilmete, Amelia Frew
Room 3	Amaya Swale-Jones, Elizabeth Torrington, Olivia Gibson, Charlotte Torrington
Room 4	Sienna Macpherson, Meah Somerville, Pippa Keary, Lucia Hughes
Room 5	Indya Hillman, Giovanna O'Donnell, Jessica Wallis, Katie Unahi
Room 6	Madison Butler, Ivy Turner, Asha Dickson, Samara Beck
Room 7	Elizabeth Somerville, Abigail Hunter, Holly Keary, Gwenevere Chalmers, Meila Winsloe-Viel

Values Cup:

30 Nov	Amelia Reijnen	Rm 2
7 Dec	Indya Hillman	Rm 5

## Organisational Matters.

### Prize giving – Wednesday 12th at 1.30pm

This will be held at First Church which is located on Tay Street, everyone welcome. All girls receive a certificate. The girls will be travelling both ways by bus. They may be collected straight after the prize giving from school. We expect the prize giving to take approximately an hour.

### Year 8 Leaver's Ceremony – Wednesday 12th 3.15pm

This is held in the school hall and follows the prizegiving. It takes approximately an hour. Grandparents are welcome but no siblings please.

**Accounts:** Please ensure all outstanding accounts are paid up before the end of the term.

### Last Day

School effectively finishes on Wednesday 12th. The school is officially closed from 1pm on Thursday. There is no After School Care on this day. Usually only the Year 8 girls return on the Thursday to help clean up and to spend time together before heading in their different directions in 2019.

## 2019 STATIONERY ORDERS

You have received your daughters' stationery list for 2019 and this year we are offering **OfficeMax MySchool Online Stationery Orders—available now.**

This is a convenient way to order stationery in your own time and delivered to you when you want.

OfficeMax have a price match promise—find the item cheaper and they will match it.

Go to [www.myschool.co.nz](http://www.myschool.co.nz) and type in St John's Girls' School and follow the prompts to order.

Once you have completed the order you can click on 'add another school' and order for a sibling at another school.

You can also take your daughters' list into any stationery shop and make your purchase.

## AFTERSCHOOL CARE PROGRAMME

A big thank you to everyone who supported this programme during the year. We are fortunate to have this great asset so make sure you use it. It can be used on a casual or permanent basis.

The last day for this year is 12th December (after prize giving) and will resume on Tuesday 29th January 2019.

Any outstanding amounts should be paid as soon as possible please. Thank you.

## UNIFORM FOR 2019

New kilt order forms are available at the school office if you wish to order now. Kilts take up to 8 weeks to make so you need to order early.

If you need a new summer dress for next year please contact Mrs Lang on 2187759 or email [mlang@stjohnsgirls.school.nz](mailto:mlang@stjohnsgirls.school.nz).

Please do not leave it until the beginning of the new year as this is a very busy time.



## ROOM 1—Year 1—Mrs Jagoutz



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Room 1. We have written letters to Santa and have asked him questions about the reindeers and Mrs. Claus. Isla wrote to Santa and asked..... "Have you ever had your own Christmas miracle? Do you feed the reindeer?"

Their thoughts and ideas at this time of the year just warm the heart!



The girls really enjoyed making their t-shirts bags with the girls from Room 7. They followed the instructions and were very proud to be part of the reuse and recycle learning.

## ROOM 2—Year 2—Mrs Kelly & Mrs Brand

The end of the school year is here and it is time to reflect on the year that has passed. We have had a wonderful time together with a lot of fun and learning. We are a lovely tight knit team and we have all grown so much over the year. Thank you to our wonderful parents for all your support and kindness with homework, class events, trips and requests for items from home. We still have 3 days left to enjoy our prize giving, potato growing contest and Christmas craft. A reminder to have all maths cards, reading books and library books in by Monday. A fond farewell to Mrs Brand who is retiring at the end of the year. She has been a breath of fresh air and we have gained so much from having her at the school. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and happy holidays.





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

Our 2018 school year is almost at an end. The teachers are reminding girls to use kind words to boast up friendships as these are our last days together.

### **This week -**

- the seniors taught us how to successfully made recycled t-Shirts bags.
- we our completed Mouse Mansion Rooms.
- we invited Year 2 and Year 7 into our class to share our Mouse Mansion narratives and creations. Mrs Mackay enjoyed seeing everyone's faces animated with excitement during these exchanges.
- we have parcels under the Room 3 Christmas tree that were created in art.
- on Tuesday we had Mrs Dawkins special assembly ...that was hard!
- Eddie Dawkins visited and spoke to our seniors.

### **Today we -**

- sang our hearts out at the Christmas Service and enjoyed celebrating the meaning of Christmas.
- created three pieces of Christmas art with the junior syndicate.
- received our end of year report.

### **Next week-**

- please bring an extra bag on Monday for beautiful art pieces and books to go home.
- on Tuesday we are having a party to farewell Andreeeva, Amelia and Mrs Dawkins. Teachers will shout hot chips and ice-creams. Girls may also bring their usual lunch boxes and their favourite toy.
- On Monday girls can bring an old outfit to wear as we tidy and clean up Room 3.
- Wednesday 1.30pm is our Prize Giving at First Church and our last day at school.

As this is our last newsletter I take this opportunity on behalf of all Room 3 families and girls to wish Mrs Dawkins a wonderful 2019. It will be very hard for us not seeing her happy face around the school....how will the birds in the aviary cope?

Merry Christmas to you all and wishes for family laughter and heaps of fun over the summer!

Ms Wilcox-Clarke

# SPORTS NEWS

## 2019 SPORT REGISTRATIONS

Sport details are available on our school website. The online registration forms will be available on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January**. Please visit our school website or download the SPORTY app to register for the following Term 1 sports and events.

- Year 7/8 futsal
- Girls Smash Cricket
- Badminton
- Year 7/8 Basketball
- Touch Rugby
- Volleyball
- Water Polo
- Southland Secondary Schools Triathlon Championships (Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February)
- Southland Primary and Secondary Scholastics Surfing Championships (Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February)
- Southland Road Cycling Championships (Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March)

The closing date for all Term 1 sports registrations will be **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019**.

## 2019 SCHOOL SWIMMING

School swimming starts in Week 2 of Term 1.

The dates are:

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April



A parent notice will be emailed home at the beginning of the term with further details. If your daughter has completed her 200m during 2018, please scan and email me a copy of her 200m certificate or bring it to the office and we will take a copy of it. Email: [sports@stjohnsgirls.school.nz](mailto:sports@stjohnsgirls.school.nz)

All students who have completed 200m stay at school and take part in sports with Mrs Hawke. Splash Palace run excellent “**Learn to Swim**” lessons over the school holidays. Please check their website for further details. <https://icc.govt.nz/splashpalace/swim-school/>

## 2019 SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

The St John’s Girls’ Swimming Sports will be held on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February** from 9:30 am - 11:30 pm at Splash Palace. The event is for all girls in Years 5 – 8 who have passed their 200m.

Please feel free to come along and support your daughter. There will be spectator seats available near the shallow end of the pool. Please ensure you daughter is not wearing any jewellery.

**Hopefully we have some parents who will be training hard over the summer break for the annual Year 8 versus Parent Race!**

## SUMMER FUTSAL

The last game for 2018 is on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December**.

Summer football is scheduled to restart on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February** 2018 for the St John's Pink Socks and the St John's Purple Socks.

We will register a Year 7/8 futsal team if there is enough interest and have a coach available.



## TABLOIDS

Our Tabloid Sports afternoon was held on Monday. We had a very successful afternoon and the girls enjoyed competing for points at eight activities. We finished off the afternoon with sprint races, a three legged race, relays and a chant off.

The house 'chant offs' were a real highlight of the afternoon, with Enderby House taking out the win. The house captains did a fabulous job writing and choreographing the chants and we were all impressed with each and every house. It was a very difficult decision for our guest judge, Mrs Trish Chapman.

A huge thank you to the house captains and deputy house captains for helping set up the activities and organising their teams. You all did a wonderful job and helped make the afternoon a great success.

*The overall house placings will be announced by Mrs Mackay at prize giving!*



## TOUCH RUGBY

Pictured is the St John's Sparkles touch rugby team with their coach Christina, who play in the Wednesday night Year 1/2 Girls competition. They are so far unbeaten in the competition with one draw to their name. They played their last game on Wednesday. The draw for next week's competition is available on the Touch Southland website.

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/invercargillprimary>

We wish all our teams well for their final game and hope they have enjoyed the competition.



## WATERPOLO



Pictured is the St John's Minnows water polo team who are the 2018 Year 1-3 B Grade water polo champions!

Well done to Sapphira, Aaliyah, Zoe, Gwynedd, Shanna-Beth, Ave, Jessica, Amaya, Sofia and their coach Mrs Sue Smith. Great stuff team!

## REPRESENTATIVE NEWS

Southland U11 touch rugby representatives pictured at the final round of competition in Alexandra last weekend where they won two games and lost one game.

Congratulations Kacee, Sofia, Molly, Hannah and Meah on a successful representative season.

*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)*

