

St John's Girls' School

Te Kura Kōtiro ō Hato Hoani

Newsletter

8 June 2018

Principal's Comments

Tena koutou katoa – Greetings to you all.

Visitors

We have two education review officers in the school next week – Ms Ruri and Ms Turketo. It will be business as usual except the library will be closed from Monday lunchtime until Thursday lunchtime and After School Care will be in the Technology Room instead of the library. The easiest way to access the Technology Room is from the Avenal Street carpark.

Interviews

Reports go out on Friday 22nd June. The following week, you have the opportunity to have a 15-minute interview with your daughter and her teacher(s) to discuss your daughter's achievement and progress. Interview slips will come out next week.

I've been going through all of the pre report testing results. I really enjoy seeing each girl's results and her progress, just as the teachers do. This is why we teach! It's not just about academic results. It's about personal qualities too. Staff come into the staffroom excited because a girl has made progress, sometimes in small ways but it excites us because it's important for that girl. The teachers and girls will share this with you at the interview.

Please note the school will close early, at 2pm on Wednesday 27th June. Please make arrangements to collect your daughter(s). After School Care will start at 2.15pm on Wednesday

Coaches

We have many fantastic parents who are willing to coach sport teams. They give up their time and do the best they can for the girls. I know you will support them and the decisions they make. Thank you coaches. Without you, we would not have sports teams.

Speech Exams

This week has been a very busy week. Years 6, 7 and 8 have had their annual speech exam. Our girls do well in these exams, most receiving distinction. Last year 45 out of 67 gained distinction.

This is a great opportunity for the girls to develop life skills, to practise time management – preparing their speech board, planning and practicing the various parts of the speech requirements; persevering – working away quietly and not giving up, and initiative and independence – asking for guidance, but not asking to have it done for them. The teachers offer extra help in their own time. They are always interested in who makes the most of these opportunities and who doesn't!

Events like this provide you as a parent with an opportunity to talk about how your daughter has managed the process and to set some goals for the next event like this. Was she organised? Did she have her board prepared well in advance? Has she been practising? It's valuable learning. We appreciate the work you do at home and your support.

Congratulations to the 10 and 11 year olds who ran in the zone cross country. All of our girls who competed are going on to the Southland cross country. Well done girls and Mrs Hawke.

Nga mihi nui (Kind regards)
Brenda Mackay

TERM DATES:

Term 2

June

11-14th	ERO visit
11th	BOT meeting with ERO 5.30pm
14th	BOT meeting with ERO 5.30pm
18th	BOT meeting 5.30pm
19-22nd	Life Education Van
22nd	Reports Out
	Southland Cross Country
27th	Interviews start 2.15pm <u>school closes 2pm</u>
28th	Interviews start 3.15pm

July

4th & 5th	Drama Festival
6th	Stripes
	Last day Term 2

Term 3

July

23rd	First day Term 3
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Congratulations to the following girls who received awards recently—

Room 1	Nevaeh Roughan, Kadi Cantley
Room 2	Zoe Laughton, Amber Behl, Liliana Clinckett, Kiran Gilmete
Room 3	Olivia Gibson, Jhordaya Shaw, Chloe Taylor, Elizabeth Torrington, Zoe Stockman
Room 4	Sophie Hall, Sienna Hunter, Molly Stockman, Kiri Paitai
Room 5	Cate Reynolds, Maddison Booth, Rebecca Laverock, Katie Unahi
Room 6	Ivy Turner, Jordan King, Bellah Van den Beld-Kerr, Ella Burdon
Room 7	Greer Dawson, Amanda Henderson, Kaitlin Swain, Kacee McEwan

Values Cup:

1 June	Bailey King	Rm 4
8 June	Lucy Griffin	Rm 7

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.

Aviary Committee

Our next sausage sizzle is June 15th.

Mrs Corson is our wonderful coordinator. She is always looking for extra helpers to share the workload. Please let Mrs Dawkins know if you would like to lend a hand on that day. The muffins are very popular too and if you are able to help in that regard we would be grateful. Contact Mrs Dawkins.



ROOM 4 & 6 – No reports this week due to illness

ROOM 5 – Year 8—Mr Hughes

How can it be the end of week 6 already? So much to do and with so little time.

Room 5 are feeling relaxed today as they all sat their speech exams yesterday. A great deal of work went into the preparation of these and the girls worked really hard. Thank you to all of those parents who have supported at home. We finished our food technology lessons last week and just quietly, Mr Hughes thinks some of us could be ready for a crack at Masterchef! In five weeks and with six different recipes we didn't have a single flop. We listened carefully and worked brilliantly in our groups. Perhaps you will see some of the recipes popping up at home. Check out the photos of our delicious risotto.

'It's a Hard Knock Life for Us!' It's Drama Festival preparation time and boy, have we got a lot to achieve in the next three weeks. We've started our character development and we're trying to use our voices to portray who our characters are.

Mr Hughes is pushing us pretty hard because we want our version of 'Annie' to be as good as it can be. Pretty soon we'll know more about what costume items and props we'll need and we'd love lots of support from home to find the right pieces. Staging this show isn't going to be easy, but we're really excited!



ROOM 7— Year 6—Mrs Taylor

Drama Festival is this term and we have been getting everything together. Our topic is Matariki. Matariki is a group of nine stars in the sky. They vanish in March and return in June. When they didn't have navigating tools in the early years the Māori used Matariki to guide them. Also they looked at the Matariki and if the stars were shining bright they knew it would be a good year. When the Europeans came to New Zealand they only saw seven stars, but the Māori had good eyesight and they saw nine. Some people today still only see seven. We are putting lots of effort in this play, so we hope you enjoy it.

In physical education, we have been training for cross country. Some of our class did really well and went through to Zone Cross Country on Wednesday. These girls got really good places in their age division and now are going through to Southland Cross Country. Thanks to Mrs Hawke for training us really hard and good. Good luck to the girls in their next race.

On Wednesday we started food technology. We cooked cheese straws. We each had a partner to work with. We sieved, grated, rubbed in, kneaded and baked. Our cleaning up wasn't the quickest, but the food was yum. We think we all did really well. We're looking forward to next week. We don't know what we will make yet. It will be a surprise.

Amy & Millie

SPORTS NEWS

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

We were very lucky to get the cross country run on Thursday before the rain and wind hit. Well done to all the girls who participated. It was wonderful to see the girls support each other. Thank you to all the wonderful parents who helped marshal the course around Queens Park. Your assistance is greatly appreciated by the students and teachers. Congratulations to the following girls:



Year 0-1:	1 st Gwynedd Ryder	2 nd Gracie Dennis	3 rd Kadi Cantley	
Year 2-3:	1 st Jessica Hay	2 nd Chloe Taylor	3 rd Amaya Swale-Jones	
9 Year Olds:	1 st Molly Stockman	2 nd Matilda Stevens	3 rd Alicia Purdon	
10 Year Olds:	1 st Grace Pope	2 nd Jaylah Harvey-De Clifford	3 rd Ella Pope	
11 Year Olds:	1 st Anita White	2 nd Madeleine Lawlor	3 rd Natalia Longman	
12 Year Olds:	1 st Abbie Middlemass	2 nd Asha Dickson	3 rd Amanda Henderson	
13 Year Olds:	1 st Grace Watson	2 nd Giovanna O'Donnell	3 rd Sarah Slee	
House Points:	1 st Marchant	2 nd Lester	3 rd Alabaster	
Senior Cross Country Champions:		1 st Abbie Middlemass	2 nd Grace Watson	3 rd Giovanna O'Donnell
Junior Cross Country Champions:		1 st Anita White	2 nd Grace Pope	3 rd Madeleine Lawlor

ALL SAINTS ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

Our top four 10-year-old girls and our top four 11-year-old girls competed on Wednesday 6th June at Elizabeth Park against seven other schools within our zone. All our competitors were placed in the top six which is fantastic. We were very lucky with the weather as it was cool but not raining! Thank you to Ange Pope for transporting the girls to and from the event. I would also like to thank Ange Pope and Sue White for helping marshal the course.

Congratulations to the following girls:

10 Year Olds: Grace Pope 1st, Sofia Campbell-Wall 3rd, Ella Pope 4th and Jaylah Harvey-De Clifford 6th

11 Year Olds: Anita White 1st, Elise Hampton 2nd, Madeleine Lawlor 3rd and Natalia Longman 5th

These girls will compete at the Westpac Southland Primary Schools Cross Country on Friday 22nd June along with the following girls.

12 Year Olds:

1st Abbie Middlemass 2nd Asha Dickson 3rd Amanda Henderson

13 Year Olds:

1st Grace Watson 2nd Giovanna O'Donnell 3rd Sarah Slee



BASKETBALL

Please return all singlets to the office ASAP please.

U13 Girls and Boys Trial Dates

Sunday 18th June: Girls 10.30 - 12pm Boys 1.30 - 3.00pm

Wednesday 21st June: Girls 3.45pm - 5.15pm

Thursday 22nd June: Boys 3.45 - 5.15pm



You must try to attend both trials if you are unable to you must contact

Di Newton diane@basketballsouthland.co.nz

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 NEWS

Southland Orienteering Club

There is orienteering this Sunday at Bushy Point. Come prepared for changeable weather as Bushy Point can be exposed. Remember to have a watch or similar. Bushy Point has interesting views over the estuary and back to Invercargill.

Where: Bushy Point in Otatara. Parking is off Bryson Road, turn left heading south on Marama Ave South.

Time: Start times between 11.30 am and 1.00 pm.

Cost: Normal club map fee and Sport Indent hire.

What: Ian has planned a score event, 60 minutes to visit controls in any order. Furthest away and "red" controls have more points, lose points for every minute over time.

This event is family friendly, about 75% of the course is accessible to off road style prams.

NO DOGS, the land care group has rat poison in the area.

There are possum traps which shouldn't be a hazard as SOC have asked for them to be released, but still take care with what children are playing with and be careful where you put your feet.