

# St John's Girls' School

## Newsletter

9 February 2018

### Principal's Comments

Tena koutou katoa – Greetings to you all.

It has been a lovely start to the year. Thank you for the part you have played in making it so.

### House Captains

Congratulations to the 2018 house captains and deputies. I am looking forward to working with them.

	House Captain	Deputy House Captain
Alabaster	Angeline Crowe	Bailey Bennet
Enderby	Katie Dennis	Cate Reynolds
Lester	Abbie Middlemass	Grace Watson
Marchant	Sarah Slee	Meg Pope

Their first major leadership challenge/opportunity is to organise the house picnic which is on Wednesday 28th February. The teachers are there to support the girls but the girls do the organisation and are in charge; consequently, we do not invite parents/grandparents. Girls are allowed to wear house colours that day. They need clothes that are suitable for being active. A call around postponement will be made at school so unless it is obviously unsuitable weather, send your daughter to school in house colours. More information will follow soon.

### Meet the Teacher

It was lovely to see so many of you at this evening. A big thank you to our existing parents who made the new parents feel so welcome.

### Events List

Keep an eye on the Events List attached to the fortnightly newsletter. Dates do get changed when we have clashes with dates from external events. The newsletters are on our website if you need to check a date. Always refer to the last newsletter.

### Kapahaka

Kapahaka starts on Thursday lunch time next week. Girls may try it out for the first three weeks. After that, they are committed for the year. Mr Hughes, who has a sound grounding in Te reo and Tikanga will be lead teacher with Mrs Kelly assisting.

### 15-minute Teacher Interviews – early notice – 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> March.

Interviews: These will be held on Wednesday March 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 2.15pm so the school will close at 2pm. Please make arrangements to collect your daughter early. The Afterschool Programme will start at 2.15pm. Interviews will also be on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March starting at 3.15pm. Boarder's parents may wish to phone your daughter's teacher to arrange an interview for before school on Monday morning or after 3pm on Friday afternoon. We work hard to accommodate you. More information and interview forms will come out closer to the time.

### Calling into School During School Hours

If you need to drop something into your daughter during the school day, please leave it at the office, not in your daughter's classroom or in her bag. This is for safety reasons. We must know who is on the school grounds at all times. We appreciate your help with this.

Nga mihi nui (Warm wishes)

Brenda Mackay

### Class Lists

Last year, we sent home a class list of girls and parents names in each class so that people could become familiar with who is in their daughter's class and match parents up with girls. The idea came from a parent and the response to it was positive. If you do not want your name included, please send a note/email to the school office (office@stjohnsgirls.school.nz) by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February.

The list will look like this:

Room 12	Child' Name	Parents' Names
	Matilda Smith	Tom & Sarah Smith
	Tasha Black	Fred Black, Mary White

## TERM DATES:

### Term 1 February

13th Dance starts  
Parents' Assn meeting 7pm **in library**  
19th BOT meeting 5.30pm  
22nd Health Nurse Visit  
26th HPV Yr 8's  
28th House Picnic

### March

7th Family Fun Night 5.30am—7.00pm  
9th Zone Athletics—all day 8-10 year olds  
14th Interviews start 2.15pm  
**School closes 2pm.**  
15th Interviews start 3.15pm  
Mufti Day  
19th Swimming Sport 1pm—2.30pm Yrs 5-8  
BOT 5.30pm  
21st - 23rd Year 6 Camp Columba  
22nd Health Nurse Visit  
26th Zone Athletics postponement day  
27th Parents' Assn AGM 7pm  
BOP AGM  
28th Easter Service Practice  
29th Easter Service 1.30pm St John's Church  
30th Easter Friday

### April

4th - 6th Year 7 Camp Dunedin  
9th - 13th Year 8 Camp Deep Cove  
13th Last Day Term 1  
  
30th First Day Term 2

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

Room 1	Alyssa Hamilton, Kadi Cantley, Ruby Duffell, Mia Reilly
Room 2	Liliana Clinckett, Ave Valoa-Jack, Leah McEwan, Kiran Gilmete
Room 3	Lily Hillman, Christabel Billcliff, Hazel Stevenson, Emelia King
Room 4	Molly Stockman, Sofia Campbell-Wall Niamh Doherty, Grace Pope
Room 5	Jorja Mackie, Taleeha Stewart, Meg Wisely, Giovanna O'Donnell
Room 6	Jordan King, Kobi Harpur, Samara Beck, Lilyana Ultee
Room 7	Madeleine Lawlor, Gwenevere Chalmers, Kaitlin Swain, Millie Cottam

Values Cup:  
2nd Feb Lucy Bird  
9th Feb Amy Brand

## Opportunity for Free Tuition for Ngai Tahu

Ngai Tahu Iwi has nominated NumberWorks'nWords as an accredited provider of maths and English tuition for children who are registered with Ngai Tahu and are over eight years of age. They are entitled to one term of free tuition (extension or remedial), usually ten weeks each year. Forms can be downloaded from the Ngai Tahu website or by contacting Raewyn at NumberWorks'nWords, phone 2186804.

## WINTER KILTS Years 5—8

You need to order now for your daughter's winter kilt to be delivered before the start of Term 2. They take at least 8 weeks to make and deliver.

Order forms are available at the office or online [www.heleankilts.co.nz](http://www.heleankilts.co.nz). Mrs Lang has one small size second hand kilt so be in quick.

**New Entrants to Year 4 girls** wear winter pinafores which are available from the uniform shop. Please phone Mrs Lang to make an appointment to have your daughter fitted. It can take several weeks if we have to order one so again, get in early.

## FOUND

A large set of keys was found outside the junior block. It appears there are car keys and house keys. Please phone the office. The key ring has 'My best friends the creator of the universe'

## CORNERSTONE CARE—Before school care

If you are interested in before school care please contact Dianne Scully, Cornerstone Care, 03 218 4007 or [care@cornerstonenewlife.org](mailto:care@cornerstonenewlife.org).

## OUT OF SCHOOL MUSIC

To enrol in the 2018 Out of School Music classes please contact Deborah on 216 5137 or [admin@osmc.co.nz](mailto:admin@osmc.co.nz), check our their Facebook page or go to [www.osmc.co.nz](http://www.osmc.co.nz). There is also a choir and a class for pre-schoolers.

## ROOM 1—Year 1—Mrs Jagoutz

Happy New Year from Room 1!

We have had an amazing start to our year and we welcome Mia R, Mia P, Gwynedd, Ruby and Gracie to Room 1. Everyone has settled in so quickly and our 5 'leftovers' from 2017 have been super role models and helpers for our new girls.

We have been swimming already and I was very impressed with how the girls listened and got changed so quickly. They are very caring and supportive of one another, which is so good to see after just one week back at school.



Constable Marty came to visit today with the Police tractor. Everyone had a turn at climbing into the cab and we felt very high up. We talked about how little people cannot be seen by the driver and how to be careful around big machinery. The tractor is to promote rural safety and raise awareness around policing our rural areas.

The girls love the new playground equipment and have enjoyed playing on the new truck. Many adventures will be happening and stories can be told about where they have travelled to!

Thank you to the parents who came along to 'Meet the Teacher'. It is always great to get together.

Our focus for Term 1 will be around getting to know one another, learning routines and sharing ideas about working together. We will be making our own 'Class Treaty', with the aim to understand and follow our school values, particularly kindness, responsibility, honesty, perseverance and respect.



## ROOM 2—Year 2—Mrs Kelly

What a lovely start to the year we have had! Welcome to Grace, Amelia and Liliana who have joined St John's this year, as well as all our new girls who joined us from Room 1. We are very quickly becoming friends and creating our own Room 2 family. It has been good to catch up with many of you at 'Meet the Teacher' and before and after school.

There has been huge interest in our caterpillars. They are happily munching their way through the swan plants and getting very fat. The girls have spent a great deal of time observing them and already have a lot of knowledge on the life cycle.

If you have anything that you think would be of interest for our science table throughout the year, please let me know. We are already looking forward to tadpoles arriving next week!



We had an impromptu visit from Constable Marty on Wednesday with the police tractor. This is part of a campaign to raise awareness of policing in rural areas and Constable Marty put a road safety spin on it for our girls.



Our classroom is already looking bright and cheerful with our fabulous self-portraits. These have turned out so well with such a wonderful variety of facial features. We have many budding artists in the room!

A reminder that we are looking for speakers to talk to the girls about any leadership roles they may have.

We are looking forward to a fantastic term ahead.

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

A warm welcome back to all our Room 3 families! We would like to particularly welcome our new girls, Matilda, Zoe, Emelia and Jhordayha. We all hope you enjoy your time at St John's.

Ms Wilcox-Clarke and Mrs Dawkins are impressed at how well you have adjusted to the new timetable and routines. It has been great to see the older girls provide such wonderful role models for those new to our school.

Thank you to the parents who attended our 'Meet the Teacher' evening. It is always a great opportunity to share our classroom routines and discuss our expectations for the year.

We are currently working on a unit about 'Ourselves'. It is good to learn about each other and find out the special things that make us who we are. Our posters have lots of interesting details to share with each other.

We have been sharing our 'All about me' boxes. These have been a great confidence builder by enabling the girls to share personal and familiar items with the class.

It has been exciting to watch our hungry caterpillars transform into chrysalis. We will wait patiently to see the next stage in their transformation! A fascinating learning opportunity.

On Wednesday we were fortunate to see the HUGE police tractor. We learned about road safety around large vehicles that share our roads. Constable Marty talked to us about the importance of keeping a distance from large vehicles and how easily small people can be difficult to see when not in view of the driver. We were lucky to each climb into the cab and look around! The tractor is to promote rural safety and raise awareness around policing our rural areas.

Swimming began this week and all girls were well prepared. All grouping is underway. Changes may be made as the term progresses.

Our maths focus is a statistics unit looking at gathering data and displaying it in different ways. This has been another opportunity to share information about ourselves.

Thank you all for a very positive start to 2018!



# SPORTS NEWS

## SPORTY WEBSITE—ONLINE REGISTRATIONS

As many of you are now aware, I am accepting online registrations this year, through our Sporty website and mobile app.

I will not be sending home any permission slips for after school sports however I will have details available online, as I receive them from the sporting codes. Please refer to our website for the sports available. If your daughter/s register for a sport, they are expected to remain in the team. The closing date for all Term 1 sports registrations was **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February**. Information regarding Term 2 sports will be available on the website soon.



### Registration process:

To register your daughter/s simply download the free 'Sporty' app from your relevant app store, find St John's Girls' School and go to 'registrations'. If you have trouble finding us search John's and scroll down until you find St John's Girls' School.

If you are wanting to register from your computer, you can go to our St John's Girls' School website [www.stjohnsgirls.school.nz](http://www.stjohnsgirls.school.nz) and click on 'After School Sports' or alternatively search [www.sporty.co.nz/stjohnsgirls](http://www.sporty.co.nz/stjohnsgirls) and click on the Term 1 Sport tab at the top of the page.

All sports that the school enters require team coaches/managers. If you are able to assist in any way, please indicate this on the form. There will be no sports fees to pay. This is part of the school Board of Trustees donation. If you have any questions regarding the sports on offer or the new registration process, please feel free to contact me in the school office or **via my new email address** [sports@stjohnsgirls.school.nz](mailto:sports@stjohnsgirls.school.nz).

## SUMMER FOOTBALL

The 2017/2018 season starts again this **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February**.

The remaining dates are: **Mondays:** February 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>.

Good luck for the remaining six games.



## NETBALL

### 2018 SATURDAY NETBALL COMPETITION

The proposed start date for the Year 7/8 competition is Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2018. There will be one week of grading (2 x 10 minutes' halves) with the first competition game on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May.



## WATERPOLO

### HAVE A GO DAYS

There will be two 'Have a Go' days on the 13<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> February, from 4.00 – 4.45pm, for players to come down and have a go at Junior Water Polo (Year 4 – 6). This is aimed at helping children transition from the learner's pool into the deeper water of the main pool.



## PHOTOS

*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)*



## REPRESENTATIVE NEWS



Abbie Middlemass and Sarah Hay pictured with their Southland Touch Rugby team at a weekend tournament in Oamaru in December 2017. The team won the final against Canterbury 3-1.

They also attended the South Island tournament 16th/17th December in Christchurch.

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## COMMUNITY SPORTS NOTICES

# Join the Steel Club!

Hang out with the Steel players and learn fun netball skills!



Designed to give young players (aged 8 to 15) of all abilities the opportunity to learn new skills through weekly sessions, Steel Club is THE place to be for all things netball!

Even our towering Steel players enjoy joining the fun at Steel Club when they can. After all, they started their netball careers learning in an environment just like this.

Run by Netball South, kids will learn about movement and ball skills, shooting, defence, attack, tactical and technical awareness, fitness plus warm ups and cool downs.

Steel Club members will receive a t-shirt, drink bottle, certificate and progress report. Best of all, you will be invited as Jennian Homes' guests to attend a Steel home game and form a guard of honour on the court for the team!

**The Steel Club is coming to your town!**

For more details and registration forms, head to [www.netballsouth.co.nz](http://www.netballsouth.co.nz)

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ILT Stadium Southland  
4-6pm each Monday  
Start: February 12, 2018  
Finish: April 9, 2018  
Cost: \$100

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