



A Year of Fantastic Firsts

At the 2016 Prize Giving, it was timely to reflect on 12 months in the role as Principal of the Girls' School. I finish the year so impressed by the calibre of our girls - not just the prize winners but each and every one of them. I love that they are articulate and confident, caring and friendly, and, most importantly, have a real thirst to learn. I appreciate that they strive for excellence across the academic, sporting, cultural and arts areas, making the most of the many opportunities. How proud I am of them all!

During the year, we acknowledge the many successes of the girls at assembly or on OLE each Friday, but here, I celebrate those special moments we all shared during the year:

Unforgettable moment: Our first term this year was marred by a fire in our school hall. The girls were exceptional in the way they followed the practised procedures. As it was during the warmer months, time flew by while repairs were being completed and then we

were back in the hall with upgrades to the lights, sound and ICT.

Cultural highlight: The girls performing the Kaikoranga to welcome Rangiruru girls on the first day of their exchange, with the support of Whaea Vikki Demant.

Most nerve wracking moment: Watching the Year 7/8 Girls' Basketball team playing the Boys' School Team. There was excitement, nerves, some major tussles but lots of fun!

Best community service contribution: Year 3 raising money to contribute to the Life Pods, sharing the initiative with the School and encouraging the wider community to participate.

Best winter event: Flora MacDonald Day, an annual feature event for the Girls' School, usually taking place in summer. The snow activity was an unexpected treat and everyone donned beanies, gloves and polar fleeces for a fun filled occasion, celebrating our Scottish ancestry!

Most personal fun: The surf lesson with the Year 8 girls at Camp earlier in the year. It was so pleasing to see every girl experience success on their boards. Needless to say I spent more time under the water than up on my board!

Meaningful moments: The Year 1 girls presenting the Year 8 girls with their Leaver's Scarf at Chapel.

Most 'buzzy' moment: The 'Saints' Hip Hop crew, with our own student choreographer, Irava Upu, winning the best Primary/Intermediate crew in New Zealand.

Most humorous moment: Theatre Sports when the Year 7/8 visited from the College for a combined event. I haven't laughed so much in years!

Best student-led initiative: Three Year 8 girls had a hunch, put together a marketing plan and have influenced change. Next year, our Year 7 and 8 girls will no longer wear the straw hats or berets. Well done J'adore Harris-Tavita, Addison Peebles and Florence Dallow.

Most Community fun: House Athletics Relays hosted by the Boys' School. A scorching hot day, House chants, singing and fierce sporting competition.

Service Unseen: Our families, through our P&F, have set up 'Food from the Heart,' where families cook meals and bake muffins for the freezer at school. This food has been appreciated by many in our community at times when they most need our support. Thank you to the parents who have demonstrated this act of service for our community.

This has been a year of 'firsts' for me. As the year draws to a close I would like to thank my Senior Leadership team who have helped me understand the special character of Saint Kentigern Girls' School. Our staff is a highly talented, committed and able team whom I value most highly.

I thank our parents for their feedback. There is incredible depth and strength within our parent body who have a real commitment to their girls' place of learning and the opportunities available to them. I truly appreciate and value your support. I am also grateful to the Old Collegians Association who support our school every step of the way.

I would also like to express my personal thanks to the Trust Board for their encouragement and support this year. We are in safe hands indeed with this caring group with their collective wisdom and business acumen, displayed by the members and their administrative team as they guide our wider organisation into the future. It is also timely to acknowledge fellow Principal, Mr Peter Cassie and Reverend Reuben Hardie for their tremendous support.

With one year behind me, I am now looking forward with huge anticipation to another exciting year in 2017!

Fides servanda est

**Ms Juliet Small,
Principal**



Farewell Year 8 Girls

As the Year 8's time at the Girls' School came to a close, they first received their Leavers' Scarf at a special assembly in their honour; a handmade silk scarf embodying symbols that signify the tale of Saint Kentigern; the bird, the tree, the fish, the bell and the Iona Cross at Chapel. As each name was called, the girls were greeted by the Year 1 students who presented the scarf. This customary tradition is a symbol of thanks from the youngest members of the School to their role models and elder sisters. In lieu of the Reverend Hardie, Mrs Kaila Pettigrove took the service. She told the Year 8 leavers to remember to act justly, with love and mercy and to walk humbly with God as they move onto a new school and new adventures.

This was followed by the Year 8 Graduation dinner held at Sorrento in Cornwall Park. Principal, Ms Juliet Small, warmly welcomed all the guests followed by President of the Old Collegians Association, Mr Andrew Morgan, who gave the sponsor's address. He encouraged the girls to reflect on their time at school and to keep in touch through the Old Collegians Association as they go through life.

Old Collegians' Representative and 2013 Head Girl of the College, Ms Sharnika Leleni told the girls it is important that they keep challenging themselves, so that they reach their potential. Head Girl of the College, Sydney Fraser congratulated the girls on completing their final year. She said, 'Even though it seems a bit scary moving up in the world, just know that there are some exciting times ahead.'

Following dinner, the girls mixed and mingled, seeking signatures on their white and blue Graduation Bear. The guest speaker for the evening was international netball player, Ms Maria Tutaia. Ms Tutaia's netball career has seen her play for the Auckland Diamonds, Waikato Bay of Plenty Magic, Northern Mystics and the Silver Ferns. Ms Tutaia was 'interviewed' by Year 8 teacher, Mrs Jill Wahlstrom, who had compiled a list of questions from all the Year 8 girls. These included, a typical training day, sacrifices made growing up to become a great sportsperson, hobbies and challenges faced.

From a very young age, Ms Tutaia had a high level of achievement in netball having made the Auckland U21 team at the age of 15. The girls asked for guidance on reaching goals, whether academic or within sports. Ms Tutaia quoted her father, 'If it is meant to be, it is up to me'. A final piece of advice from Ms Tutaia was, 'Most importantly, listen to your mum and dad. But at the end of the day, you are in charge of your own destiny, don't let anyone get in the way.'

Head Girl, J'adore Harris-Tavita, thanked Ms Tutaia for taking time out of her busy schedule to join the girls on their special night, and for sharing her experiences and advice.

With the night coming to an end, Ms Small concluded by saying to the graduating girls, 'Be the best that you can possibly be, remembering all the advice and support provided to you over the years. You can move forward with confidence and enthusiasm to make the most of all opportunities that lie ahead.'



Girls' School Prizegiving

J'adore Harris-Tavita

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and receiving a distinction in her speech exam. Throughout the year, she has maintained outstanding results across all subjects.

J'adore has proven herself to be a multi-talented student, who seems to effortlessly succeed across a whole range of activities, all the while maintaining a sunny disposition. Academically, J'adore has been very focused on her studies, showing excellent time management in order to meet her numerous cultural and sporting commitments. Her teachers praise her work ethic and the progress she has made in her two years. J'adore is a strong public speaker, winning the Year 8 speech competition

The Girls' School students, staff, proud family and invited guests packed out the JC Chambers Hall at the Boys' School for this year's Prizegiving. It was an evening to celebrate our students from Year 0-8 in their academic, sporting and cultural successes.

In great Saint Kentigern tradition, the official party of teachers and Trust Board members were piped in by former Girls' School and now College student Kate Pennycuik. All guests were welcomed by Principal, Ms Juliet Small, who said it is a time to reflect on the last 12 months.

Chairman of the Board, Dr Bruce Goodfellow commended the Girls' School for a year of progress. He said, 'I hope you make the most of the remaining time at the School, it is your opportunity to take on new challenges and develop your talents in an environment where you are always being encouraged to do your best, we ask that you return next year ready to make it your best year.'

This year has been a year of 'firsts' for Ms Small. She said, 'As I reflect the last 12 months in the role as Principal of the Girls' School, I am so impressed by the calibre of all the girls. I also appreciate that they strive for excellence across the academic, sporting, cultural and arts arenas, making the most of the many opportunities.'

Junior and Middle School academic awards were presented by Trust Board member, Mrs Rosemary Harris. College Head of Senior School, Mrs Suzanne Winthrop presented the Year 7-8 girls with their awards. The prolific cultural and sports programmes at the School were celebrated with awards for art, speech, drama and music, and the winners of our sports championships and most valuable players of our teams.

This year 'Sportswoman of the Year' was presented to two students, Year 8 student, J'adore Harris-Tavita and Year 7 student, Khanye' Lii Munro Nonoa. Deputy Principal, Mrs Judith Dobson said, 'on checking all the data around their sporting achievements it was clear that both girls have performed at the highest level; both at school and outside of school.'

The first of the special awards was for Citizenship, which went to Tiffany Rodrigo and Year 8 student, Kaya Blackler was the recipient for the Dr Sandra K Hastie Cup for School Spirit.

While it was a time of celebration, there was sense of sadness with it being the final gathering for the Year 8 girls before they embark on their next journey to College, as a Year 9 student. In her vote of thanks to the School, Head Girl, J'adore Harris-Tavita encouraged all students, especially the Year 7 girls going into Year 8, to make the most of every opportunity they are given.

She said, 'Make it your own. Leave a special mark on this school, which you will be pleased to look back on. I know I am proud to say that I have done that. She also paid tribute to her fellow Year 8 students and how close they were as a group. 'The importance of getting along with each other, no matter what clique or posse you come from. It has been a highlight to be able to call them my sisters in blue,' J'adore said.



Charlotte Koerber

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Music and speech and drama are also strengths and Charlotte is particularly looking forward to joining the drama class at the College.

Charlotte has been a member of our school community since she was 5 years old. During those years, she has won a number of prizes including the diligence award in Year 4 and Year 5. English and writing, in particular, have been a strength for her and she has demonstrated this in winning the English prize in Year 6 and the poetry competition in Year 5 and 6. Charlotte also has strengths in sport but has been unable to be a full participant due to injuries.



Time Well Spent

Over the past three years, as part of their Service Programme many girls in Year 7 and 8 have participated in an afternoon visit to the elderly at the Caughey Preston Rest Home in Remuera. The residents are always very interested in all the activities that the girls are involved in at school.

Teacher in Charge, Mr Andrew Finn said it's not unusual for the girls to tell the same stories, several times, to the same residents, which is a key learning curve for them! He said, 'Some of the residents have fantastic and sometimes fanciful stories of their youth and the girls learn to tell the difference between the two!' He also said that many of the girls develop friendships with the elderly folk, 'sometimes it is a sad learning curve when one of the residents passes away due to illness or old age. Fortunately, at Year 7 and Year 8 level, the girls are mature enough to deal with this.'

This year, the girls have been particularly positive and have tried new things. They love to play the piano, or to take along their musical instruments such as a trumpet or flute. The elderly folk enjoy listening and will often clap and sing along especially when they hear songs such as 'Amazing Grace' and 'When the Saints Go Marching In.' The students have also spent time playing foosball, charades and 'guess the movie star' with the elderly residents. All in all, it's time well spent!



Citizenship Awards

Congratulations to Millie Thomas, Year 6 and Charlotte Koerber, Year 8, who were recipients of this year's Remuera Lions' Citizenship Awards. These awards are presented each year by the Remuera Lions Club to students who best exemplify the ideals of the Lions Junior Citizenship Code.



Published Poets!

Chiara Bottaro, Year 6 and Khanye'Lii Munro-Nonoa, Year 7, had a unique experience, attending the Wellington launch of a poetry anthology, 'Penguin Days' in which their poems had been published.



The Candles of Christmas

‘Candles symbolise the light of God coming into the world through the birth of his son, Jesus. It also reminds us that we are called to be a light to the world as we reflect the light of God’s grace to others.’

All those who gathered at the Holy Trinity Cathedral for this year’s Girls’ School Carol service were welcomed by The Very Reverend Jo Kelly-Moore, Dean of the Cathedral. Principal, Ms Juliet Small, then greeted the families of the girls and the Preschool students before Reverend David Smith gave the call to worship.

Year 7 student, Sharmaine Tapling opened the readings, setting the theme for a service focussed on the ‘Candles of Christmas’. Year 7 student, Vivian Pettigrove continued with ‘Christians throughout history have used candles to symbolise God’s presence with us and to enlighten our worship. In recent years, we have seen the growth in the importance of light as a sign of remembrance.’

The nine candles lit throughout the evening represented some of the special Saint Kentigern values that the students studied in Christian Education this year. As the service unfolded, the girls lit each candle, explaining the importance and representation of each one. Candle for love, patience and tolerance, kindness, generosity, joy and humility were all lit first.

During ‘Silent Night’ the Preschool students made their way up on stage. They sang ‘You make the Whole World Smile’, along with their teachers. As the service continued, the girls progressed through their readings and songs, to deliver a message of finding peace and love at Christmastime.

Head Girl, J’adore Harris-Tavita, alongside her mother, spoke about the seventh candle. J’adore said, ‘This Christmas we tell of the birth at Bethlehem. The birth of a special baby was the hope of the world, as we remember and celebrate this birth, we have hope for our world today. We light this candle for Hope.’

The girls prepared gifts for the Dingwall Trust and these were presented during the service. As the gifts were brought forward, School Council Leader, Charlotte Koerber, said ‘As we celebrate the birth of Jesus tonight, let us reflect for a moment on what Christmas really means. We hope that the gifts that we place around the tree tonight will bring some light and love to those in our wider community.’ The ninth and final candle was lit for friendship.

As the Choir sang ‘All Through the Night’, the Year 1 students came down the aisle in pairs to create a nativity scene at the front of the church. The ‘Three Wise Men’ following on to present their gifts to the ‘New Born King’.

Reverend David Smith gathered students, teachers, the Chairman of the Trust Board, Dr Bruce Goodfellow and fellow members from the audience, to create his own nativity scene. As the nativity scene grew, Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus were pushed further into the background. Reverend Smith said, ‘Don’t forget the baby! The reason for the season. In amongst all the presents, food, celebrations and the holidays, let’s remember what Christmas was originally all about; the birth of Jesus the Christ.’

With the service coming to an end, Deputy Head Girl, Nieve Campbell said the Year 8 prayer, and then the Year 8 students came forward to receive their Leavers’ Candle from, Ms Small and Mrs Dobson. This is a poignant moment for the girls and their families as their time at the School has come to an end.

The congregation sang ‘O Come All Ye Faithful’ as the girls lined up at the front, to lead out of the cathedral ahead of our guests.





Amazing Debut Performance!

When the Girls' School attends their chapel each week at Somervell Church, the girls have come to enjoy organist, Dr Michael Jenkins playing a recital to conclude the service. Dr Jenkins carefully selects each piece, sharing his expertise and expanding the girls' understanding of classical and sacred music. One morning last term, the girls had a special surprise when diminutive Year 5 student, Mia Li stepped up to the organ, placed her hands on the key board and feet on the pedals. Wow! What a performance she gave playing Handel's Sonatina in D minor brilliantly!

We learnt that whilst Mia has been learning the piano for five years, she only took up the organ last term, receiving lessons from Dr Jenkins. It was hard to believe that Mia had been learning for such a short time!



APO's Little Drummer

Year 6 student and snare drum player, Asha Gin, had a fantastic opportunity to play alongside APO's Principal Percussionist, Eric Renick in the lead up to Christmas. Ten 'little drummers' from around Auckland were chosen to take part in a workshop and audition with Eric, with the hope of selection to perform with the APO at one of their APO 4 Kids Christmas concerts.

The workshop put the drummers through their paces as they worked on Jingle Bell Rock, the concert performance piece. Such was the talent on the day, three drummers were eventually chosen to each play at two of APO's Christmas concerts. Asha was absolutely delighted to be selected, also receiving extra lessons from Eric in preparation. What a fantastic experience!

Te Whare Me Ona Tikanga: Treasures & Tales



Kowhaiwhai are beautiful patterns that appear as painted scroll designs, abstract and curvilinear in form. At first, kowhaiwhai patterns may seem a means of decoration only, but closer examination reveals sophisticated mathematical precision involving symmetry, rotation, reflection and translation.

There was much excitement when the girls in Years 0-3 boarded the bus for a trip to Auckland War Memorial Museum. The visit was planned as a way of introducing their Term 4 Social Studies topic on Maori Myths and Legends.

The Museum has a wealth of striking artefacts and the girls were fortunate to be able to take advantage of the Museum's very engaging educational programme targeted at their age group.

On arrival, the girls were greeted and then welcomed into the Tainui ancestral house, Hotunui. For first time visitors, there is always a sense of awe when entering a meeting house and the girls were most respectful, paying careful attention to their guides.

The guides took the girls on a journey of exploration, telling the story of Rangi and Papa (the Creation Story) and looking in careful detail at the whakairo (carving) and kowhaiwhai patterns depicted on the walls and rafters. They learnt about the shapes, colour and meaning behind many of the symbols before settling down in groups to use templates of elements of the kowhaiwhai to make their own story to share with the group.

The visit culminated with a fantastic cultural performance of singing, dancing and action songs before finishing with everyone's favourite - the haka!

Trips such as these play an important part in the girls' learning. Education outside the classroom allows for authentic learning where the girls can experience new ideas first hand and be guided by those with specialist knowledge. It was a fantastic opportunity for the girls and we thank the parents who took the time to accompany them.

Back at school, the Year 0-1 girls used their new-found knowledge about kowhaiwhai to inspire their art unit for the term, working towards some carefully crafted pieces that made a wonderful display. The girls were also in for a treat from fellow students in Year 6.

The Year 6 girls had also taken a trip to the Museum as a joint venture between their Social Studies and English learning. Their day of Museum discovery was focused on 'Ipu Moana,' which covered sea migration and the cultures of the Pacific.



On return, the Year 6 girls were tasked with retelling Maori myths and legends through handmade picture books. They had to explain in their own words, ideas behind the myths, such as why the kiwi couldn't fly, how the kiwi lost his wings, why we have a sun, how Maui fished up the island, or why volcanoes erupt. Knowing that junior girls also had a similar unit of study was an added incentive, as Year 6 knew they would have a willing and interested audience to write for!

In conjunction with developing their books, the girls also designed and crafted hand puppets during fabric technology, ready to engage their young listeners and enhance the story telling experience.

The older girls always enjoy spending time with the juniors – a feeling totally reciprocated by our youngest students! The 'book and puppet' session was well received in the Junior School as the ages partnered up to share the stories and recap on their Museum experience.





HOUSE RELAY CHAMPIONS	
1ST	WISHART
2ND	CARGILL
3RD	HAMILTON
4TH	CHALMERS

HOUSE ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS	
1ST	CARGILL
2ND	CHALMERS
3RD	WISHART
4TH	HAMILTON



Girls' School Athletics Days

Our Junior and Middle School girls stepped up to the line to make their mark at Athletics this term (the the Year 7 and 8 competed alongside College students earlier in the year).

The Junior School battled against the heat, whilst the Middle School were nearly swept off their feet by the gusty wind, but neither weather pattern deterred the girls from doing their best.

Each day started off with the optional long distance race. For the juniors, it was 400m. This caused a little confusion at first as the younger girls didn't realise they could pass each other! Once told to 'target the person in front of you and get ahead of them', the race was on! The Middle School had the option of tackling the 800m - and some were rather shocked when they realised they had agreed to two laps of the field but gave it their all!

Throughout each of their events, the girls were in great spirits and gave each activity a go, from running to throwing and jumping. Special thanks to all the staff and senior girls who assisted at each event, for enduring the wild weather to record, measure and time!

A little later in the term, all the girls joined with the Boys' School for a morning of House relay races. A fun morning enjoyed by all!

Congratulations Isabella Hughes who went on to place 2nd in the Year 5 High Jump at the Remuera Zone event.



Girls' School Year Group Champions

	1st	2nd	3rd
Year 0	Kasey Wray HA	Coco Zan HA	Emily Hu CA
Year 1	Ameila Hardie WI	Violet Lindsay Smail CH	Queenie Lang CA
Year 2	Rosie Ward CH	Laura Koeman CA	Sienna Robertshaw CH
Year 3	Claudia Stewart CH	Alianna Hay CA	Olivia Carpenter CA
Year 4	Sahara Knottenbelt WI	Sophie Yan HA	Sienna Hirst CH
Year 5	Isabella Hughes CH	Frances Revell-Devlin WI	Alisa Iosua CA
Year 6	Zoe Wong HA	Millie Thomas HA	Amy Skidmore WI
Year 7	Khanye'-Lii Munro-Nonoa CH	Ocean Scott HA	Verity Ward CH
Year 8	Florence Dallow WI	J'adore Harris-Tavita CA	Elyse Tse CA



Success for Rhythmic Gymnasts

It was very successful day at the Auckland/North Harbour School Competition for our rhythmic gymnasts. Well done in particular to Year 5 student, Darcy McDonald who placed 1st overall in the Level 2 Club division.

Other results of note:

1st Year 2 Ribbon	Chloe Chester
1st Year 8 Rope	Anastasia Mulcahy
2nd Year 3 Hoop	Sevgi Yildiz
2nd	Year 5 Ribbon
Chloe McGregor	
3rd Year 3 Hoop	Catherine Fowler



Girls Build a New Car

With thanks to Year 4 teacher, Mr Andrew Finn

After the unprecedented success of the Girls' School at the New Zealand National Soap Box Derby this year, (which resulted in Year 7, Ocean Scott securing a spot in the Annual World Championship in Akron Ohio), it was decided that a second soap box car would be acquired by Saint Kentigern Girls' School to further grow the sport.

The car arrived as a kit set, comprised of hundreds of parts, courtesy of the Auckland Rotary Club. From the outset, it was agreed that girls should be responsible for making the vehicle.

To qualify for the 'Soap Box Derby Engineering Team,' the girls were tasked with building their own creations over the holidays to demonstrate their engineering skills. Many amazing items were built, ranging from sturdy wooden boxes and birdhouses, to a bionic arm made from popsicle sticks and rubber bands! One student made a full scale bridge to use across the creek at her home!

Ten girls from Years 6 and 7 qualified for the team and have been working together in their lunch breaks to make the new soap box car. The process began with sanding down the wooden floor deck of the vehicle, and applying wax and tong oil for aerodynamics. The following stages have seen the girls adding braking gear, steering rods and cables to the build. Everything must be made precisely to the specifications, due to the rigorous scrutineering that occurs during the soap box finals at the Regionals, Nationals and World Championships.

Year 7 students Mariana Paravicini, is the nominated captain of the Soap Box Engineering Team and she has been busy monitoring the work that the girls do in relation to the Building Manual. She said, 'Everyone works well and we all encourage each other. So far we haven't made any mistakes but we did make a mess when we opened the oil on the first day! Hopefully we can make the car go fast for our drivers so we can send them to America again.'

To add to the excitement, all girls throughout the school, from Year 1 to Year 8, have been encouraged to design their best Saint Kentigern inspired shell. The build continued throughout Term 4 and will hopefully be finished by the start of 2017, when trials and training will begin for the new Soap Box Racing Team.

Engineering Team: Ashley Wang, Julia Koeman, Miabella Robertshaw, Charlotte Snookes, Torie Pickering, Kaythi Finn, Grace Gilbert, Alexia Osocroft, Piper Wallis, Mariana Paravicini (Captain)



Girls vs Wild

A group of Year 8 girls set out to Tawharanui Wildlife Sanctuary for an action packed, overnight outdoor experience as part of the Gold Level Saint Kentigern Service Award. Prior to the trip, the girls had to plan and buy their own food to cover dinner, breakfast, lunch and snacks within a set budget. As well as assembling their own tents, the girls had to cater and cook all their own meals outside on a gas stove.

On arrival, the girls were split into two groups to take on a 'Survivor' theme and were given a variety of tasks based around mental, physical, environmental and artistic challenges to gain points to try and become the 'ultimate survivor' group. There were also additional 'bonus' points for showing acts of service.

The following day, the group set off for Goat Island where the service component of the girls' trip was to help clean up and clear the beach of rubbish. Afterwards, they had the opportunity to swim and take a trip on the Glass Bottom boat to see a variety of sea life and learn about the importance of marine reserves.

The girls thoroughly enjoyed all that Tawharanui and Goat Island had to offer; from a beautiful beach with great surf, rolling hillsides and an abundance of protected wildlife.



Grandparents' Day

'Being a grandparent isn't a big thing... it's a million little things. It's the hug, the walk, the birthday card or the phone call...'

A steady drizzle did nothing to dampen the excitement and warmth of feeling between the generations when Grandparents were invited to school. As the girls entered the school hall ready to entertain, necks were craning to spot a glimpse of their own special visitors; faces breaking into wide smiles when the eye contact was made!

Grandparents hold a special place in our hearts, remembered long after we have 'grown up.' In welcoming this morning's guests, Principal, Ms Juliet Small reflected back on the connection she had with her own grandmother, starting with a shared name. A quick show of hands revealed that most don't stray far from the family tree when choosing a 'middle name' for their daughter!

Year 8 student, Taylor Maxwell took on the role of MC, introducing each of the performers. The Kapa Haka group were first on stage to perform three waiata, including a short poi dance. Open to all age groups, the girls clearly loved the opportunity to sing to an audience. Year 5 student, Darcy McDonald followed. Darcy is a successful rhythmic gymnastics competitor and wowed us with her skilled ball routine. Few have had the opportunity to see our national title winning hip hop crew perform. What a fantastic, gritty performance! No wonder they won! Year 5 dancers caught us tapping our feet when they revisited their colourful Cuba Dance, prepared for last term's Soiree. The entertainment concluded with the whole school joining as one to sing, Michael Jackson's 'Heal the World.'

Then the smiles grew even wider as the girls collected their grandparents for a tour of the School. Those without their own visitors were quickly adopted for the morning as the groups moved around the campus, the pride and joy evident! The visit was capped off with a morning tea back in the hall before the grandparents headed home after a busy and most enjoyable morning!



Visual Arts Exhibition

During Term 4, the after-school Visual Arts Academy held their biannual exhibition of student artwork. Each academy, student could enter up to three pieces of artwork. Over the course of three days, many came to admire the work and were given the opportunity to vote on their favourite piece. A total of 244 votes came back. Year 4 student, Amelie Heeney, won the 'People's Choice' award by two points, for her acrylic painting 'The Sneaky Puma'.

Students in the academy work with mixed media painting, carving, clay, drawing and printmaking over the year. It is open to boys and girls, from any school, offering after school workshops twice a week. Art teacher, Mrs Diana Roband, also offers holiday programmes.



Girls' School Parents & Friends

As the 2016 school year comes to an exciting end, it is with great pride that I share the many achievements from the past three terms.

Our Mother Daughter High Tea in June continues to attract a wonderful turn out with over 300 ladies and girls making their way to Alexandra Park Function Centre for a lovely afternoon. It was fantastic to see our girls so excited and enjoying some special afternoon tea treats! A special thank you to the organising committee of Ms Dee Wakelin, Ms Melissa Barnett and Mr Matthew Gillard for all of your efforts.

Flora MacDonald Day was the undoubted highlight for our girls. Moved to Term 2 this year due to the school hall fire, we were blessed with a lovely winter's day. The Parents and Friends team, led by Ms Sarah Norrie, along with Reverend Reuben Hardie, supplied the amusement slides, outdoor soccer equipment, indoor inflatable equipment and the spectacular snow display on the school field. The look on the girls faces when they saw snow on the field was priceless and they definitely enjoyed our parent volunteers pouring them a cup of hot chocolate after they had frolicked in the snow!

Our 'Over the Rainbow' themed disco was eagerly looked forward to and this year did not disappoint! With girls dressed in very bright coloured clothing, they danced the night away. Glow sticks were again in high demand and the noise from within the newly repaired hall was something to behold. Our appreciation goes to the many volunteers who prepared the school hall and assisted during the evening so



magnificently. My sincere thanks go to Mrs Justine Murchison who led the organising committee for a third consecutive year.

Timed to coincide with Father's Day, the Father and Daughter Breakfast in September was held at the Ellerslie Events Centre and was a highly successful and enjoyable event. For those in attendance, no one will ever forget Reverend Reuben Hardie's video presentation which made the entire crowd burst out in laughter for minutes on end! A huge thank you to the organising committee led by Mrs

Rebecca Scoones with assistance from Ms Cate Scragg.

The Saint Kentigern Girls' School bi-annual fundraiser was held on the evening of Saturday 29th October and was a Parents and Friends Dinner at La Cigale in Parnell. This fantastic event was attended by over 100 parents, teachers, Trust Board representatives and friends of the school with all the food having been inspired by our own Mrs Allyson Gofton. With a targeted fundraising amount of \$20,000, we were absolutely delighted to finish the event with a surplus of \$27,581. This event was a huge undertaking and I sincerely thank Mrs Kim McGregor and Mr Stacy Colyer for their immaculate planning and execution.

As your Chairperson, I have thoroughly enjoyed the 2016 school year and have witnessed an amazing sense of comradery within the school. Thank you once again to all our wonderful volunteers who have worked tirelessly throughout the year, your efforts are greatly appreciated by our school community.

Rebecca Gadsdon-Green, Chairperson

Gingerbread Hearts for a Cause

The Year 3 girls are on a mission to raise \$2000 to purchase a Lifepod, one of the infant incubators designed by Sir Ray Avery for Third World conditions.

Sir Ray has two daughters at the Girls' School and is an avid supporter of Saint Kentigern and, in turn, our schools have been supporting his venture over the past couple of years. The girls have learned that 'not all children get a great start in life' particularly children from poorer countries who are born early. The Pods are designed for a hot climate where supplies of clean water and power are intermittent; they can purify their own air and water and have the resource to run for 10 years.

Picking up on Lifepod's 'beating hearts' theme, the girls set about organising a school-wide bake sale of their 'Year 3-famous' Gingerbread Hearts. After trialling six different gingerbread recipes, they voted a winning recipe. The girls each baked a batch at home and brought them to school to decorate with a little parent help. The girls are proud to report that their efforts raised \$650 towards their goal. When the girls move on to Year 4, they plan to carry on their fundraising efforts to meet their target of purchasing a Lifepod. Well done girls!

To read more about Lifepods: <https://thelifepod.co.nz/>

