



2020 Roller Coaster Ride

Some of the wisest ideas this year come from students, following their year with COVID-19 and lockdowns.

They could be summarised into a few words ...lucky, adaptable, thankful, flexibility, friendship, not giving up, hard year and appreciative. Nora Caffery, our Chapel Prefect, likened this 2020 year to a roller coaster ride with great highs and lows and an unpredictable ride.

Before I wrote this article, I walked upstairs to our Senior School and spoke to some Year 8 students to gather their perspective of 2020. What followed was a candid, honest conversation with simple but poignant messaging, illustrating the wisdom of youth at our school today. Here are their highlights:

The importance of positive messaging - 'We are lucky, grateful and thankful.'

During assemblies, following the lockdowns, I asked the girls what they thought and how they felt. I wanted them to remember and realise that they were all stronger than they thought. My messaging at various times went like this: 'Girls, you are stronger than you think. You know that you can manage hard things now. In the future when you face challenges, you can think to yourself, 'I can do this, I know I can handle hard things. When things get tough and they will because they do for everyone at some time, you can think back, and you know you can do it. At the time, it didn't seem fair when you missed out on events, service trips and sports but from that disappointment and adversity, you learnt a lot.'

I asked the girls, 'How did that make you feel when I told you at assemblies that you know now that you can tackle the hard things?' This prompted a range of answers:

Golden: I agree. I know that I can face more challenges.

Amelie: I can handle situations better. I know now, that in a hard situation, it usually sorts out again and gets better.

Nora: Even though it's been a hard year, we have learned how to deal with a lot. We were

lucky with our technology and laptops. Other students had to rely on hard packs.

Priscilla: Even though we were far apart, we were close together. We learnt we can't take anything for granted. It brought us closer together. We are more appreciative of our friends and of hugs! We are very thankful for our friends.

Jamaria: Despite our fears, nothing bad happened at school, we still got to come back.

'The importance of flexibility, adaptability and not giving up. Grit.'

The girls had to be flexible with their schoolwork and classes such as experiencing assemblies and classes online. The girls learnt to adapt to situations. Golden said, 'We still got to have fun, even though we didn't spend much time together. We learnt not to give up - just like the teachers didn't give up. When we came out of lockdown, they reorganised our learning, to adapt to the situation.

'Staff as role models, demonstrating teamwork'

For me as the Principal, I realised what powerful role models our teachers are for our girls and that makes me incredibly proud. Our teachers adapted to feedback about the teaching and learning online and improved on it such as keeping our girls active through lockdown with 'PE bytes' (which were short video clips to keep everyone active) and Reverend Hardie's daily Chapel Chats. On our return, they continued with their creative exploits to lift our spirits, such as the staff versus Year 8 lunchtime sports competitions, and a Song of the Day for humour. Now that school is in full swing again, we appreciate the small joys in each day like eating morning tea together, Chapel and Assemblies.

What didn't come out when I talked to the girls was the insight that, in so many ways, we have all adjusted and made many things better - it was a chance to 'look to do,' and then 'actually do' things differently. The girls did things differently and actually ended up doing things better! They engaged the whole school with house points and competitions online, raising the morale of the girls, all with staff support. All our girls far exceeded expectations.

'Friendship, Community'

Our experiences during 2020 have strengthened our belief about the importance of community. Not only our community at home, but our community at school. And for the girls, this translated to the importance of friendship. Speaking to the many new families that will be joining our Saint Kentigern community from 2021 and beyond, I know that this is as important to you, as it is to us.

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Juliet Small
Girls' School Principal





Graduation Dinner

Students, parents, staff, Trust Board Members and invited guests gathered at Sorrento in the Park to reflect on the time that the Year 8 girls have spent at Girls' School, as they ready themselves for the next step in their education.

Principal Ms Juliet Small warmly welcomed the guests to the Graduation Dinner before President of the Old Collegians, Hayden Butler and fellow Old Collegians' representative, Laura Porter gave their message to the girls.

Hayden congratulated the girls on all that they have achieved and thanked them for their service. He also encouraged the girls to stay in touch with one another and to continue to strive for excellence in all that they do. Laura welcomed the girls to the Old Collegians Association and encouraged the girls to take every opportunity that comes their way, leaving the girls with the quote 'to win the race, you have got to be in the race.'

College Head Girl, Lulu Denholm spoke to the girls about reflecting on the year that has been and how to put a positive spin on it. She encouraged the girls to pause and write down things that they are thankful for - their teachers, parents, random acts of kindness, the ability to live in New Zealand and attend Saint Kentigern. She finished by stating that despite the challenges of this year, 'don't write 2020 off, but rather write it down and be thankful for it'.

Following dinner, the girls mixed and mingled, seeking signatures on their blue and white Graduation Bears before guest speaker and Actress, Anna Jullienne gave her address. Anna spoke to the girls about her journey as an actress and featuring on the likes of 'Shortland Street' and 'Mean Mums'. She mentioned the highs and lows and encouraged the girls to pursue their dreams, to stay resilient and to never give up hope. She expressed the importance of following a career path that brings you joy daily and always keep a positive attitude.

With the night coming to an end, Ms Small concluded by wishing the girls luck on their new adventure and advised them to always remember to 'be yourself', before handing out their leaving bracelet and rose, gifted from the Old Collegians Association. After receiving their gifts, the girls sang a blessing before sitting down to watch a slideshow of memories and photos put together by staff. The girls and guests had a wonderful evening and shared many hugs and tears on their departure.





The Ultimate Gift

The Parnell Holy Trinity Cathedral was filled with guests of the Girls' School and Preschool as they gathered for their annual Carol Service.

The Carol Service is a time to celebrate the year that has been and to unite for an evening of service, carols, reflection and joy. This year's theme was 'The Ultimate Gift' that reminded us to be of service to others and to give.

The Girls' School Kapa Haka Group opened with a Karanga and the Waiata Powiri - 'The Prayer - Te Inoi'. Their performance was beautiful and set the tone for the evening. Once seated, Reverend Reuben Hardie gave the call for worship before asking everyone to join in singing the carol, 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing.'

Principal, Ms Juliet Small thanked everyone for attending and made special mention of the Preschool who were excited to be taking part in the service for another year. Year 2-4 students, Alisa Draper-Rokurod, Rian Kim and Phoebe Chen gave the first readings, followed by a performance by the Girls' School Choir, Highland Belles who sang 'Hine e Hine'. Years 5-7 students, Sophia Evans, Sophia Fulford and Hannah Joyce presented the next readings before the congregation stood together and sang 'Away in a Manger'.

Readings were given by Deputy Principal, Jill Wahlstrom, Ms Small and Deputy Head Girl, Sophie Yan before the Preschool made their way to the stage to perform 'All Night, All Day, Angels Watching Over Me My Lord'. As always, the cathedral filled with smiles and giggles as they performed.

Following the Preschool, everyone joined in singing 'Angels from the Realms of Glory' as the girls presented prepared gifts for the Dingwall Trust. Every year it is a tradition that the Head Girl and her mother present a reading. This year, Head Girl, Mikayla Chung and her mother Lena Chua gave their blessings after Chapel Prefect, Nora Caffery gave hers.

The nativity scene was next, followed by Reverend Hardie's address. Reverend Hardie is known to give a fantastic address at carol services and this year was no different. Reverend Hardie spoke about many gifts that people can receive and give, from the most expensive being a gold rocking horse, to a homemade gift. He spoke about the gift of giving and invited three students onto the stage - these students were wrapped up as gifts. When he unwrapped the boxes that the girls were in, the words 'Be the Gift' appeared. He encouraged the girls to be the 'gift' this Christmas and to help around the home and offer service.

The Highland Belles finished by singing the Saint Kentigern Girls' School Blessing before the Year 8 girls came forward to receive their leavers' candles. The Middle School Choir Vox Box gave a lovely performance, singing 'Light of the World' as the girls came forward. This was a touching moment for the girls and their families as their time at the School has come to an end.

To finish the evening, Reverend Hardie gave a final blessing before the congregation sang, 'Joy to the World' as the girls processed out of the Cathedral ahead of our guests. Many tears of joy could be seen around the cathedral.

The service was beautiful and a great way to conclude the busy year that has been. It was also a great reminder as to how lucky we are to live in New Zealand and to be able to gather in large numbers during these uncertain Covid times.

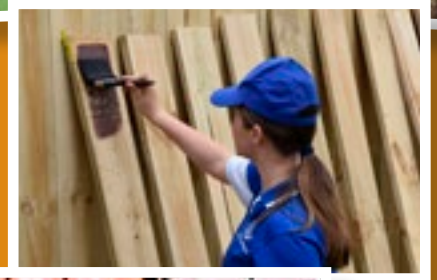
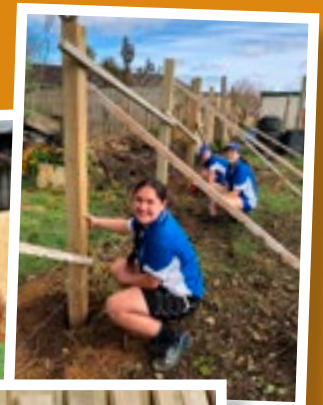
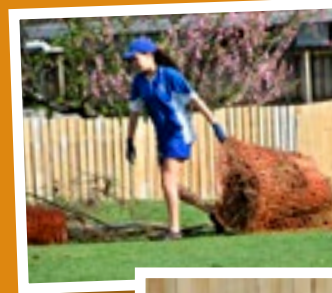
We thank those who helped to bring the evening together and to our community for attending.





Year 8 Service Trip

Early in Term 4, three Year 8 students and staff from Girls' School, along with their parents, joined with the Boys' School to offer service to a school in South Auckland. Over four days, the students helped to install the former Boys' Middle School playground onto Te Kura Akonga O Manurewa grounds, install a new shade area, outdoor furniture and plant trees, as well as repair and repaint their surrounding fence. The team worked hard to achieve their goals, and it was an incredible feeling for the group to watch the children enjoy their new spaces once completed. Year 8 student Holly Scoones said, 'This trip has really changed my outlook. Our schools are in the same city but are very different in so many ways. However, I did realise that we are also very similar and want to achieve the same learning goals and values. This trip showed me that with some hard work and giving your time to others can give so much happiness to other people and it can also give you happiness in return. This trip made me feel very grateful that I have the opportunity to go to Saint Kentigern and have all of these experiences.'



Girls' School Prizegiving

Held at the Boys' School JC Chalmers Hall, excited girls, proud parents, staff and invited guests joined for the 2020 Girls' School Prizegiving.

In her opening address, Saint Kentigern Trust Board Deputy Chair, Kelly Smith commended the girls on obtaining the highest level of achievements in what has been a difficult year. She gave credit to the Girls' School staff and Principal, Ms Juliet Small for all their dedication and commitment and thanked them for their hard work in adapting and running a successful distance learning programme during lockdown. She finished by encouraging all students, staff, and parents to look at 2020 as a year to be thankful for and focus on the things that have gone right, not wrong.

Ms Small set a relaxed and personal tone for the evening, thanking the girls, staff and parents for their resilience and perseverance. She reminded the girls how strong they really are stating this year proved they can achieve anything they wish to despite whatever challenges they face. She encouraged the girls to dream big and left them with the quote from Paul Brandt, 'Don't tell me the sky's the limit when there are footprints on the moon.'

During the evening, the formalities were interspersed by musical items from the orchestra and a winning and humorous Drama performance, 'Have a seat' from Year 8 students, Panna Csité and

Holly Scoones. The Junior Academic Prizes were presented by Trust Board member, Kim McGregor, the Middle School Prizes by Mrs Smith, and the Senior Prizes by Boys' School Principal, Mr Peter Cassie. The Cultural Awards were presented by The Head of Saint Kentigern, Mr David Hodge, the Sports Awards by former Trust Board Deputy Chair, Mrs Rosemary Harris, and the Special Awards were presented by Ms Small and Representative of the Corran Old Girls' Association, Mrs Cath Syne. We thank all those who gave so freely of their time for the School.

Before handing their leadership roles over to 2021 Head Girl, Charlotte Lee and Deputy Head, Catherine Fowler, current Head Girl, Mikayla Chung and Deputy Head Girl, Sophie Yan gave their final valedictory speeches. Both girls thanked their peers, teachers, parents and Ms Small for making their time at the Girls' School so enjoyable and wished the girls all the best for their future endeavours, encouraging them to continue to practise the Saint Kentigern Values of Respect, Integrity, Excellence, Service and Love.

To finish off the evening, the Kapa Haka group made their way to the stage to begin singing The Blessing alongside the orchestra. The whole school joined the Kapa Haka group in singing the English version. This was a fantastic performance and a great way to conclude the ceremony.



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Mikayla Chung

Since beginning life at Saint Kentigern Girls' School last year, Mikayla has demonstrated many fine attributes, including a confident growth mindset and a genuine love of learning.

She takes pride in all she does, and this extends to her academic studies, where she consistently produces and completes work to a very high standard in all subject areas.

Her strength is the ability to persevere and demonstrate resilience in her learning.

She is studious, a critical thinker, collaborative and has enjoyed the academic challenges of year 8.



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Anastasia Milne

Anastasia has been part of the Saint Kentigern community since 2019 and joined as a Year 7 student.

She is an independent and a conscientious student with an enquiring mind and a thirst for knowledge. Her ability to act on feedback given, has seen her produce some outstanding work.

Anastasia demonstrates a flair in English, Mathematics and Science, where she has excelled and seen much success. Her diligent attitude saw her place 3rd in the Regional Science Fair, for her Science Investigation on Memory Mania, researching how humans maintain memory.



Sportswoman of the Year

Sienna Moyle

Sienna has proven to be a very talented athlete. She not only won both the 100m and 200m finals in the South Eastern Zone competition but set a record in the 200m. She then went on to blitz the field in the Interzone Athletics Competition in both the 100m and 200m.

Sienna has been named as the fastest 12-year-old girl in both the 100m and 200m events in New Zealand, which is an outstanding achievement. She was runner up in the 2020 Cross Country race and also a member of the winning South Eastern Zone Touch Rugby team. Sienna is an athlete of the future and the Girls' School is proud to announce her as the 2020 Sportswoman of the year.

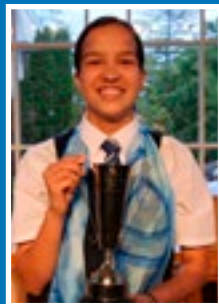




The Gaudeamus Cup for making a difference
Mikayla Chung



Lightfoot Cup for Citizenship
Nora Caffery



Dr Sandra K Hastie Cup for School Spirit
Amelia Duff



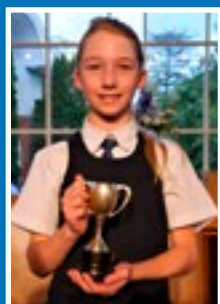
Gillian Eadie Trophy for Entrepreneurial Skills
Holly Scoones



Junior School Cup for service to the Junior School
Bella Brady



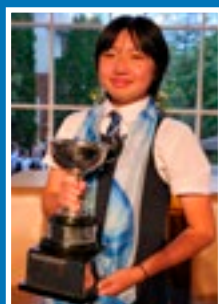
Preschool Cup for service to the Preschool
Eden Murdoch



Remuera Lion's Citizenship Award - Year 6
Chloe Ira



Remuera Lion's Citizenship Award - Year 8
Amelia Duff



Remuera Lions' Speechmaker Year 7/8 1st Place Winner
Ada Hu



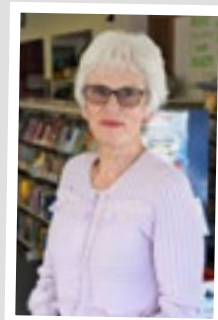
BLAKE Young Leader Award

At a special awards ceremony, Principal, Ms Juliet Small awarded Head Girl, Mikayla Chung with the 2020 BLAKE Young Leader Award. This prestigious award is presented to students all around the country who show great leadership in making a positive change towards a better future for our communities and our planet earth. Mikayla is often called upon to help support teachers and always demonstrates our School Values of Respect, Integrity, Service, Excellence and Love and is, therefore, a wonderful role model for her peers. During Lockdown, she maintained high levels of engagement and achievement and made a conscious effort to look out for other students. Mikayla is a well-deserved recipient of this award.



Farewell to Long-Serving Librarian

Over 29 years of dedicated service, it would be impossible to count the number of girls who Karen Monk positively influenced to develop a love of books and reading. Karen originally began her involvement with schools at Remuera Intermediate, where she helped students who were immigrants to New Zealand to build their English vocabulary. From there, Karen became the Librarian for the former Corran School in August 1991, which later merged to become Saint Kentigern Girl's School - and the rest is history! Every year since, Karen added value to the girls' learning, in a role she clearly loved! Mrs Monk recognised that literacy is for life and to develop a love of reading at an early age can open up a lifetime of reading pleasure. We wish Mrs Monk well as she embarks on her retirement and thank her for her helpfulness, warmth and endless energy.



Success at NIWA Science Fair

The Girls' School budding scientists spent Term 3 researching and collecting data for their annual NIWA Auckland Science and Technology Fair projects.

Due to the interruptions of Covid-19, this year's Science Fair was slightly different from previous years. This year, the girls were given the chance to either present their work digitally to the judges or on visual boards – which they then photographed to send to the judges. Once the projects were submitted, the girls then followed up with a 'Zoom' interview with the panel – where they were required to go into further details about their projects.

After receiving their results, the school was pleased to discover that five girls were recognised for their efforts and six prizes were awarded – two Category Awards, one Special Prize and three Highly Commended Awards.

Year 8 student, Amelia Duff was awarded second place in the category, 'Human Behaviour' with her project, 'Positive Power'. In this project she investigated whether performance is affected by either positive or negative external influences.

Year 8 student, Anastasia was awarded third place in the same category with her project, 'Memory Mania'. The aim of Anastasia's project was to find out which form of memory (Iconic, Echoic, Short-Term or Long-Term memory) allows the brain to memorise data efficiently and not forget what it has first seen within ten minutes of seeing it.

Another three Year 8 students, Sophie Yan, Aphina Peterson and Ada Hu were also given awards. Sophie received a Special Prize and a Highly Commended Award for her project 'Will it Bloom?', Aphina received Highly Commended for her project, '5 Second Rule' and Ada was awarded Highly Commended for her project, 'The More the Merrier!'.

Each of these projects was assessed on their scientific measurements, fair testing, analysis of the results, returning to reflect on the hypothesis and considering any experimental error.

Well done girls!

TOP PLACED CATEGORY WINNERS:

Name	Category Entry	Title of Project	Award
Amelia Duff	Human Behaviour	Positive Power	2nd Place in category
Anastasia Milne	Human Behaviour	Memory Mania	3rd Place in category

SPECIAL PRIZES

Name	Category Entry	Title of Project
Sophie Yan	Living World	Will it Bloom?

HIGHLY COMMENDED:

Name	Category Entry	Title of Project
Aphina Peterson	Living World	5 Second Rule
Sophie Yan	Living World	Will it Bloom?
Ada Hu	Planet Earth	The More the Merrier!



Science Champions

During the final week of Lockdown 2.0, Education Perfect ran international competitions in Mathematics, English, Science, Languages and General Knowledge. Some of the Girls' School Year 7 and 8 students entered the categories and gained very pleasing results, especially in Science.

In Science, the Girls' School placed 1st overall in the 51-500 student category out of 7 schools in New Zealand, third overall globally out of 33 schools and third overall in New Zealand Schools out of 33 Schools. In a special award ceremony, Principal, Ms Juliet Small handed out EP Science Championship certificates to the following girls for their efforts:

Year 8 student, Ada Hu received a Gold Award for answering 5870 questions during the Science Championship which earned her 3868 points and placed her in the top 2% of 158,000 competitors around the world. She also received a Bronze Award for earning more than 1000 points in the Science section.

Year 8 student, Elisa Wu also received a Gold Award for answering 4489 questions during the Science Championship, earning her 3349 points and placing her in the top 2 percent of 158,000 people from around the world.

Year 7 student, Phoebe Wood and Year 8 student, Emma Wag also received Bronze Awards for their efforts. Phoebe answered 1926 questions, earning 1023 points and placing in the top 10 percent out of 158,000 people. Emma answered 1333 questions and earned 1044 points, placing her in the top 10 percent also. Well done girls!





Keep Washing Your Hands

Following the August lockdown, there was no better way to encourage the use of soap to wash your hands than making your own!

During Alert Level 2.5, Science Teacher, Mrs Francis had noticed that the habit of washing hands was beginning to wane and decided that a pertinent reminder would be for the girls to own their own 'homemade' soap. Continuing on from earlier practical work using science equipment in the lab, the Year 7 students conducted a melt, pour, cool and freeze experiment using a soap mixture.

The chosen experiment contained practical elements that challenged the girls' understanding of following a method, conducting practical work safely and observing and taking note of changes during heating and cooling. It also allowed a level of creativity – and was enjoyable for all!

During the 'melt and pour' process, the students could choose their variations of colour, scent, texture and vary the style of the melting process to produce soaps with layering or marbling.

The Girls' School has completed this practical as part of their annual Flora McDonald Day in the past and knowing its success then, Ms Francis knew it would be a practical activity that students would enjoy. But most importantly, it served as a great reminder of the importance of regularly washing hands with soap and water as New Zealand continues to try and beat Covid-19.



Calculating Area and Perimeter

As part of their unit, 'Travelling Around New Zealand', the Junior School learnt about area and perimeter. To help the girls understand how to calculate these, teacher Ms Jennifer Sheffield and her students decided to get creative and build a 'Perimeter Town'. What started as something small, turned out to be a rather large and exciting project for the girls, as they not only put their mathematics skills to the test but also explored design and art as a concept.

The girls were motivated to build this 'town' and discover who had the largest and smallest buildings. To work this out, the girls were required to measure each building and make decisions on what to do with round shapes that they couldn't measure easily. The students discovered that they could use string to outline the circular buildings and measure the length of the string to get their answers.

Understanding how to calculate area and perimeter is an important aspect of mathematics as it builds on the foundation for understanding other aspects of geometry, such as volume and mathematical theorems that help students to build on their understanding of algebra, trigonometry, and calculus.

The girls thoroughly enjoyed this exercise and walked away knowing how to successfully calculate and understand the difference between area and perimeter.



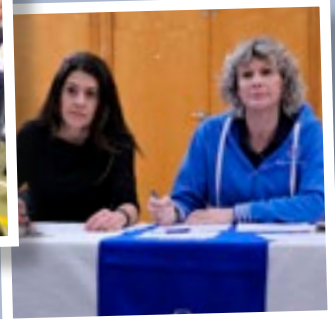


Speech Finals

Nineteen of the best speakers in Years 4 to 8 stepped up to present their speeches in the finals of the Speech Competition – all speaking with great clarity and confidence.

When the girls returned to school from the August lockdown, they got straight into speech writing and practising their speaking skills. Every student in Years 4-8 delivered their speech to their class, before the teachers selected winners to go into the finals. With the continuing Alert Level 2 restrictions around the size of gatherings, the whole school, staff and parents were unable to gather to watch the girls deliver their speeches live, instead, they were sent a video. Despite the lack of audience, the finalists still had the adjudicators to please and had each other for support. The girls could also elect to bring one other student to sit in.

Being in Level 2, also meant the adjudicators were 'inhouse,' with Deputy Principal, Mrs Jill Wahlstrom and Junior School Dean, Ms Melinda Clifford taking on the role. It was no easy task for the judges and in the end, Mrs Wahlstrom and Ms Clifford chose Year 6 student, Brooke Rowntree to be the Year 5/6 overall winner and Year 8 student, Ada Hu to be the Year 7/8 overall winner. Both winners expressed great passion in their delivery, connected with the audience, used great pitch and tone in their voice and shared interesting research which set them apart.



SPEECH COMPETITION WINNERS

Year 7-8 Overall Winner: Ada Hu (Year 8)

Year 5-6 Overall Winner: Brooke Rowntree (Year 6)

Year 4 Winner: Ruby Roach

Finalists: Isobel Horne, Elsa Taylor, Kasey Wray

Year 5 Winner: Ruby Bryson

Finalists: Alexandra Doull, Lucy Lonergan

Year 6 Winner: Brooke Rowntree

Finalists: Aisling Burns, Georgia Frankham, Sienna Robertshaw

Year 7 Winner: Poppy Heazlewood

Finalists: Emily Cornaga, Charlotte Lee, Ava Van Rij

Year 8 Winner: Ada Hu

Finalists: Amelia Duff, Holly Skidmore, Holly Skidmore, Karenpreet Kaur

Poetry Competition

Reading and writing poetry helps students to better conceptualise the world and improve their writing and speaking skills. Every year, the Girls' School holds a Poetry Competition where students are encouraged to do just that, put their creative hats on and practise these skills.

This year's Poetry Competition looked slightly different due to Covid-19 Health and Safety guidelines. Rather than meeting as a whole school for the Poetry Competition Finals, students presented their poems to their class and winners were chosen from each class by their English teacher and Speech and Drama teacher, Mrs Judy Norton. To acknowledge each winner, the students were filmed presenting their poems and featured on one of three separate SKG TV editions. SKG TV is a student online 'news show' designed to keep the Saint Kentigern community informed about the great things happening around the Girls' School.

From the horrifying pandemic and the devastating Australian bushfires, to the season of May and speedy dolphins, all students took part and produced fantastic poems.

POETRY WINNERS

Middle School Winners:

Year 4	Farrah Palmer	The Zooming Dolphin
Year 5	Ruby Bryson	A Day in May
Year 6	Sophia Stewart	Fading
Year 6	Amelia Paterson	The House on the Hill
Year 6	Erin Costello	19's Time

Senior School Winners:

Year 7	Jaime Knight	Change
Year 7	Milly Macleod	The day the world went bananas
Year 7	Brooklyn Tuala	People and the Virus
Year 8	Ada Hu	Me
Year 8	Nora Caffery	Who am I meant to be



Experiencing Auckland as a Tourist

With thanks to Senior Dean, Mrs Bernadette Haerewa

The Year 7 and 8 students had been studying Tourism and as part of their unit, they undertook an excursion in Term 4.

This trip started at Auckland Adventure Park. Prior to visiting, the students conferenced with staff about a wide variety of aspects in Tourism, including the process of creating a tourist attraction such as the Adventure Park. While at the park, the girls experienced first-hand some of the activities on offer, including the challenging vertical bungee, zipline, luge and the 4D cinema.

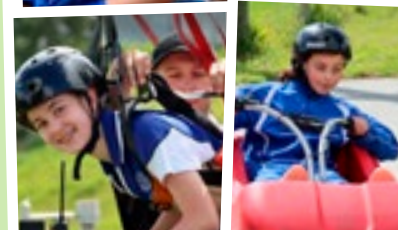
Following this, the group travelled to Waiwera where they ate lunch. The girls had completed extensive research in class about the past, present and future of the Waiwera Hot Pool complex, so it was interesting for them to see what remained of this once-thriving attraction.

After lunch, the girls went to Wenderholm Regional Park, where they started with a bush walk up to the lookout. The girls were able to enjoy nature with the kereru, tui and fantails that

joined them at the peak. The view was stunning, and the tranquil bush was cool and refreshing. Quite the contrast from the slopes of Auckland Adventure Park.

After their walk, the students visited Couldrey House and Gardens. This beautiful old homestead was once home of Robert Graham, founder of the Waiwera complex. The students learnt a lot about this tourism entrepreneur. They discovered he also once owned Te Wairoa Hotel which was destroyed, along with the Pink and White Terraces, during the Tarawera eruption. They found this fascinating, especially as they had read about this in class. Tourists once visited the eighth wonder of the world and now visit the buried village.

This trip allowed the girls to be tourists in their own country and involve themselves in two very different experiences. Returning home just before 5:00pm it was a long day, but a highly memorable one.



Seeds of Love

After the shock of the Christchurch Mosque attack in 2019, the Girls' School Year 7 and 8 students joined quilters across the country in the 'Healing Hearts Quilt Drive', to create 100 quilts for those affected by the terror attack. A year later, as a response, the girls have received a lovely package from Zayed College for Girls. Inside the package were seeds, a pot and a handmade card saying:

'Handmade especially for you with aroha. On the year anniversary of the tragedy in Christchurch, we want to remind you of how much your aroha and support meant to us. The 'Seeds of Love' you have received are made up of the messages you gifted us. These have been recycled and mixed with wildflower seeds. May we grow to understand each other, respect our difference, and embrace our shared values to help eradicate racism, prejudice and hate.'

Zayed College for Girls

Head Girl, Mikayla Chung and Deputy Head Girl, Sophie Yan were humbled to be able to open the gift and plant the seeds in the Girls' School courtyard. Our thanks to Zayed College for Girls for their kind gesture and lovely words.





Combined Schools Theatresports

The Girls' School had the privilege of hosting another successful Saint Kentigern Theatresports Competition. Teams from the College, Girls' School and the Boys' School firstly enjoyed time in workshops run by Dave Sheehan, the teacher in charge of Theatresports at the College. This was followed by a three-way competition in the afternoon that attracted many Girls' School supporters.

Playing a range of games, the students from all teams put their best foot forward, leaving their audience and judges in fits of laughter. The competition was tough and in the end, it was the Girls' School 'E-lemonators' and College, 'Middle School Dropouts' left to battle it out in the finals.

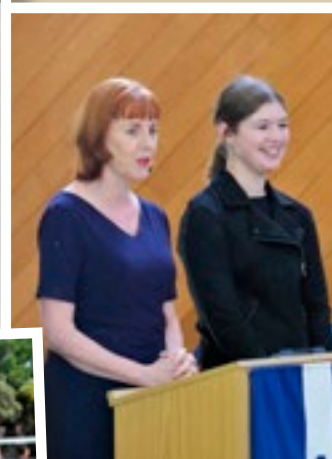
Although the Girls' School team had a hall full of supporters, it was the 'Middle School Dropouts' who took the trophy home. It was a fantastic competition, and we congratulate all those who participated, especially thank graduating Year 13 student, Peter Wallace for giving his time as the MC for the afternoon.



Move Over Miss Small!

At an auction held at the Girls' School 10th Year Birthday Celebration earlier in the year, one particular prize was in hot demand – the chance for one of the girls to become 'Principal for a day.' Parents of Year 7 student, Louise Beaumont pipped other keen parents to win the auction and early in Term 4, Louise stepped in as Principal of the Girls' School, with Miss Small mentoring her in the duties of the role!

Louise said it was an exciting experience and a great deal of fun. 'I didn't realise how much work goes on behind the scenes - all the emails, planning, and safety precautions. Overall, it was a great day and I am so grateful that I was given the opportunity.'





Staff vs Student Sports Tournament

In light of the AIMS and Sport Zone Competitions that were cancelled due to Covid-19, the Girls' School set up a sports tournament that gave the Senior students the opportunity to play the staff in a variety of sports. Whether it was a game of Netball, Hockey, Football, Volleyball or Basketball, it was no easy competition.

Once a week at lunchtime for several weeks, the students and staff went head to head, putting their skills to the test. The pressure was always high as the side-lines quickly filled up with spectators – and even cheerleaders. At end of each game, the scores were always close but that did not matter as the tournament was all about having fun, playing sport, and keeping active. They were all winners!

It was a fantastic tournament with plenty of laughs, smiles and joy shared by all!



Girls vs Wild

Each year, a large number of our senior girls work towards the Saint Kentigern Service Awards. Run along similar lines to the Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Awards, the bronze, silver and gold awards require a good level of commitment to achieve. Each level has requirements to undertake outdoor activities, school representation, research projects and service at home, school and in the wider community. A detailed log book is kept and an interview is required before the level is awarded. The girls who have achieved the silver award by Week 6, Term 4 are invited to take part in Girls v. Wild, which counts towards part of the camp and service requirements of the gold award.

In early December, a group of 23 Year 8 girls, who had completed their Silver Service Award, headed up to Tawharanui Regional Park for Girls vs Wild. Year 8 teacher Miss Cassie reports, 'After starting the day with a budgeted supermarket shop, we were stocked with food and ready to set up camp in the sunshine. Over the next 24 hours the girls took part in a range of bush walks, fact finding challenges about the history and wildlife of the park, surfing and reflected under the stars.'

Ranger Rev Hardie was 'SKG's' very own David Attenborough, teaching us all about conservation and wildlife at both Tawharanui and Goat Island. A highlight for some of the girls was seeing a kiwi running through the sand dunes as we headed back to camp after evening activities! Another highlight were the choices of meals from groups. The calibre of cooking was set very high this year, with a 30/30 standout being pork dumplings made from scratch on a camping cooker!

Finishing the year at Girl vs Wild was a definite highlight for our group of girls, the trip was filled with laughter, singing and memories that will last forever.



Chalmers Wins House Athletics!

What a glorious day for the Girls' School Years 0-6 athletics championships! After last year's rather 'challenging' weather conditions, the day dawned bright and sunny for the Junior School and Middle School girls to head to the College campus for a day of competition. This was the first time that both the Junior and Middle School events were run simultaneously. (The girls in Years 7-8 took part in the College athletics earlier in the year.)

With the support of the prefect team to help with timing and organising the competitors, the events got underway with every girl determined to the run, jump and throw to the best of their ability! Whether it was the Junior School girls bouncing along in their sack races or the older girls jumping high and long; rubber quoits being thrown by the youngest or the discus set in flight by the oldest; or the sheer resolve to be the fastest no matter what length the race, the girls gave it their all in a morning of friendly House rivalry!



GIRLS' SCHOOL YEAR GROUP ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS 2020

	1st	2nd	3rd
Year 0	Olivia Boyd CA	Elly Chiu WI	Ariel Cai CH
Year 1	Evie Reynolds CH	Scarlett Armstrong CH	Sienna Macri WI, Elsa Chang WI, Charlotte Dobson WI
Year 2	Noor Kaur WI	Alisa Draper-Rokuroda HA	Alyssa Wray HA
Year 3	Bella Boyd CA	Charlotte Ponsonby HA	Lulu Lang CA
Year 4	Eve van Aalst CH	Kasey Wray HA	Farrah Palmer CA, Elsa Taylor WI, Sadie Fitness CA, Zara Hong CH
Year 5	Tia Korewha CH	Daniella Gillard CA	Amelia Hardie WI
Year 6	Paige Fulford WI	Laura Koeman CA	Chloe Ira WI
Year 7	Emma White WI	Eden Murdoch CH	Catelyn Aho CA Eva Kolose WI
Year 8	Sienna Moyle HA	Cleo Hancock WI	Nora Caffery WI



Zone Athletics

Our girls achieved some fantastic results at the South Eastern Zone athletics, including a record breaking 200m by Sienna Moyle and a new shotput record for Nora Caffery.

South Eastern Zone

Sienna Moyle	1st 100m, 1st 200m (New Record)
Cleo Hancock	1st 400m
Catelyn Aho	1st Year 7 Girls Shotput
Nora Caffery	1st Year 8 Shotput (New Record)
Catelyn Aho	1st Year 7 Girls Discus
Nora Caffery	2nd Year 8 Girls Discus
Levonah Motuliki	3rd Year 8 Girls Shotput
Year 8 girls 4x 100m Relay	2nd (Sienna Moyle, Cleo Hancock, Priscilla Zhong and Zaina Lang from SKC)

Remuera Zone

Tia Korewha - 1st 800m, 1st 200m, 3rd 60m, 3rd 100m, 3rd equal high jump

Inter Zone

Sienna Moyle - 1st in the 100m
Sienna Moyle - 1st in the 200m
Nora Caffery - 2nd in Shotput



Cargill Wins House Relays

A sea of bright House shirts filled Martyn Wilson Field as the Girls' School joined the Boys' School for the annual House Relay event. As the morning unfolded, House spirits rose as students chanted, sang and danced in support. As always, Rev Reuben Hardie was not shy about joining in, leading off the all-time favourite action song, YMCA, encouraging students, staff and parents to all join in! With all the points tallied, Cargill took the top honours. Well done to all our runners - including all staff who picked up the baton to compete in the final race.

Our sincere thanks to parent, Andrew Cornaga from Photosport for sharing his photos.



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

Skiing Champs

Our Year 5-8 skiers put their precision and speed to the test at this year's Auckland Ski Champs in Term 4 at Snow Planet. Achieving outstanding results, the girls placed third overall - a result they should be proud of. Students, Lily Loutit and Pieter Spencer also did particularly well in their own right and placed a fantastic second and third in their categories. Well done girls!



Rhythmic Gym Success

Fifteen of our girls competed in the Margaret Woolf Memorial Schools' Rhythmic Gymnastics Competition in Term 4 and received fantastic results. Congratulations to Daniella Gillard who received a Special Judges Award for the 'Most Expressive Competitor from Year 5 & 6, Charlotte Albrecht who placed 2nd in Year 6, the Year 5 team who placed 2nd overall and the Year 3 & 4 and Year 6 teams who placed 3rd overall. Well done!





End of Year BBQ

When lockdown took us by surprise in Term 1 this year, there were many activities and events that were cancelled or put on hold while we waited for school life to resume. The Girls' School usually holds a late-summer Family Picnic towards the end of Term 1 but at the time, this was a casualty of lockdown. When we finally returned to school in May, summer picnic weather had passed us by!

Finally, a date was fixed and as Term 4, of a most unusual year, drew to a close, families of the Girls' School set themselves up on the lawn in front of Corran House for an End of Year BBQ. After a week of cool and windy weather, the sun came out and shone for a beautiful, warm evening with sausages and hamburgers cooking on the BBQ and a line-up of treats for the youngsters ready to be purchased.

The scene was perfect for a relaxing picnic under the shade of early-summer trees, and a fantastic opportunity for parents to socialise with fellow parents while the girls happily played.

The girls were kept busy on the playground or having a cool dip in the pool, with on-duty lifeguards to keep watch. But the highlight undoubtedly was our young musicians! Forming into various mini rock bands, each group took turns to entertain with a wide range of vocal and musical styles. They finished with the Ukulele Band and all received keen applause from the onlookers. There were more than a few mobile phones raised high in the air as parents proudly recorded the performances!

A wonderful evening was enjoyed by all and we offer our sincere thanks to the Girls' School Parents and Friends, led by Mrs Rebecca Scoones for organising this successful event.





Saint Kentigern Girls' School Parents and Friends



As I sit down to reflect and write this article, it is surreal to think that we are rapidly approaching the end of the 2020 school year and what a year it has been for all. It has been very different from what I had imagined my last year as Chair of the Girls' School Parents and Friends would be.

We have managed to have a few face to face meetings over the year, including a late AGM and we even ran our first successful Zoom meeting.

At the beginning of the year our Parents and Friends supported the landmark celebrations for the Saint Kentigern Girls' School 10 Year Birthday. We had a very special assembly followed by a fantastic party complete with cake and Mr Whippy. The past pupil event was a sell out and the cocktail party was spectacular. These events culminated in a celebratory Chapel Service where the girls were presented with a special badge to commemorate the 10 Year Birthday. This was an exciting time for the Girls' School - to celebrate how far the school has come but also to look towards a promising and exciting future.

Due to the restrictions that COVID-19 imposed over the year, we were unable to run our usual events and we know this was disappointing for our community, especially the students. As a result, we decided to run our first End of Year BBQ that featured the Girls' School Rock Band performances and other great entertainment. This was a great way to come together as a community and celebrate the end of a tumultuous year. We also began a lovely tradition of serving a morning tea to the families and Year 8 girls following the Leavers' Scarf ceremony.

Throughout the year, we have run our reusable bag fundraiser, and while this has been slow to gain momentum, we are hopeful it will continue to have uptake across the entire Saint Kentigern community.

All of these events and initiatives don't happen by themselves and at the Girls' School, we are really fortunate to have an active Parents and Friends group made up of generous and committed parents. Specifically, I would like to thank our committee: Mrs. Gretchen Weightman, Deputy Chair; Mrs Dee Wakelin, Secretary; Mrs Amanda Johnson, newly elected Treasurer; Mr Paul Whitford, Parent Liaison; and Mrs Sue Ira who runs the Food from the Heart initiative at the Girls' School.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Trust Board for their continuing support of the Girls' School P&F and our community.. Specifically I would like to thank Mrs Rosemary Harris for her unwavering support and dedication to the Girls' School. She really lives the Saint Kentigern values at every meeting and I know our community found her presence and knowledge invaluable. We will miss her at our meetings and wish her the very best. Also, thank you to Mr Mark Conelly who has recently started supporting our meetings. Knowing you are on hand to provide updates, information and assistance when needed is so valued and we are grateful to have your backing in our community.

I would also like to thank Mr David Hodge who is one of the busiest people I know, yet you always manage to find time to attend our meetings. Thank you for your time, your honesty, for keeping us updated and informed. I know many parents appreciate your presence and approachability at our meetings.

Thank you to Mr Hayden Butler and the Old Collegians. The Girls' School Parents and Friends really appreciate the generous support to help us run our many events.

I would like to thank Ms Juliet Small and her team. Juliet has been present at every meeting I have chaired. She keeps our community updated with what is happening within the school, and always includes the successes of the girls and the successes of the team of outstanding teachers. Thank you for your support of the P&F and your dedication to the Girls' School.

While I will be staying in the Chair role until the AGM in March, this is my last year as the Chair of the Girls' School parents and friends. I have absolutely loved the six years our family has spent at the Girls' School. This school is such a special place, reflecting the staff, students and our incredible community.

Thank you all for the experience and the journey.

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Rebecca Scoones
Chair of the Girls' School Parents and Friends

