

Reflecting On 2017

As I reflect on the 2017 year, I am gazing at two beautiful thank you letters on my noticeboard:

**Dear Miss Small,
Thank you for teaching us about the Value each week... Year 3 pupil**

**Dear Miss Small,
...you teach us values and you see us in the morning. You have a happy smile. Year 1 pupil**

The Saint Kentigern Values are the backbone of our School; as staff and parents, we are the role models for those values of Respect, Integrity, Service Excellence and Love. Families choose Saint Kentigern for the values and the importance of being part of a family-oriented community. After two years in the Principal role, I love that I know all the girls and their families!

There have been outstanding examples of service and community involvement this year. Three Year 8 girls, Eva Colyer, Eva Melhuish and Torie Pickering achieved their Gold Service Award at the end of the year. Our Year 6 classes continue to be involved in the design of the new playground at Wairua reserve, liaising with Council to create real benefits for our community by improving the immediate physical surrounds at Wairua reserve. This was a direct outcome of an Inquiry Unit during Year 5 and demonstrates real, authentic learning.

Many new initiatives have been implemented successfully:

- In Middle School Design Time, the girls utilised the specialist facilities, working in mixed year groups. They followed the technology design process resulting in creations which reflected the girls' interests. For example a Wearable Arts head piece with an extensive Lego construction.
- Year 4 stayed overnight at Kelly Tarlton's, amidst the penguins and ice, as part of their Inquiry Unit about protecting the environment. Both the Year 5 and Year 6 girls enjoyed the challenges on Camp at Shakespear Lodge.
- For the first time, Year 7 and 8 had a choice of three languages: French, Spanish and Chinese.

• School Assemblies are now completely student-led, showcasing the talents of the girls and providing a supportive audience for classes to 'have a go' and get adventurous with their performance ideas. Even our Juniors demonstrated their leadership ability when they 'MC'ed' Assemblies and organised their classes.

• Sport goes from strength to strength across the School, with record-breaking achievements noted recently from individual senior students. More girls are playing team sports and discovering the rewards of team work and the benefits of persevering with skill development.

Staff initiated the Year 7/8 Netball Development Programme across schools which incorporated aspects such as nutrition information, strength training and specific skills development.

• The Creative Arts Evening was an absolute highlight of the year, integrating different curriculum areas such as Visual Arts, Music, Drama, Dance and English. We all appreciated the variety of talent on display from juggling to gymnastics to drama. We also valued the cultural diversity. Of note was the Karanga performed by our Kapa Haka group and the Chinese fan dance. I personally loved the humour throughout and that the personalities of the girls shone out through performances.

Earlier in the year, I emphasised the importance of resilience and independence with both our staff and the community. I have had many conversations with parents, who have acknowledged the benefits of stepping back, having high expectations and being pleased with their daughter's improved ability to self-manage and be organised for each day.

At the 2017 Prizegiving, I mentioned that I am particularly proud of our Year 8 leavers, because they are all articulate, capable young women who know their own minds, and act with both self-assurance and humility. I am proud of all our girls. We strive for excellence across the academic, sporting, cultural and arts arenas and encourage the girls to make the most of the many opportunities. I look forward to 2018, embarking on the goals within our Saint Kentigern Statement of Intent to further enhance the learning and opportunities for all our students.

After serving over thirty years at Corran and Saint Kentigern Girls' School, Mrs Judith Dobson is retiring from teaching. Judith gives 100 % and she expects staff and girls to do the same. She is also well known for her phrase 'no wispy bits' and outrageous stockings. Mrs Dobson is leaving a legacy.. of high standards and high quality. This is a legacy that we will continue to uphold and treasure. We thank her for her dedicated service and wish her all the best for her new adventures as a 'lady of leisure'. I look forward to working with Mrs Jill Wahlstrom who moves into the Deputy Principal role at the start of 2018.

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Miss Juliet Small,
Principal



Haere Rā Mrs Dobson

As 2017 drew to an end, so did the long teaching career of much-loved Girls' School Deputy Principal, Mrs Judith Dobson, as she prepared for retirement. A teacher for almost 50 years, with 31 of those years spent on the Remuera Road campus, Mrs Dobson leaves a legacy of exacting standards and strong female role-modelling for generations of girls.

Mrs Dobson worked at the former Corran School for 23 years, in which time she saw many changes in both educational philosophy and leadership. A new chapter opened in 2010, with the merger of the Corran and Saint Kentigern Trust Boards, resulting in a full primary school for girls in Years 0 – 8 on the former Corran campus and later, the addition of a Preschool. The Trust Board greatly appreciated Mrs Dobson's support and wise counsel during this period; it was a difficult time for all and her knowledge of the history of the organisation and her steady hand were invaluable.

To mark her retirement, the girls hosted a special assembly in Mrs Dobson's honour, inviting the Preschool to also be part of the proceedings as they presented 'The Tapestry of your Life.' Former Girls' School student, Fayth Doherty, returned to pipe a surprised Mrs Dobson down the driveway lined with girls and preschoolers regally waving flags! Yes, that was Mrs Dobson's face on every single flag!

Known for her sense of style, especially her range of outlandish stockings (green frogs on this day!), it was hard to miss the colourful leg-wear as all the staff got into the spirit of the occasion! She

soon discovered the hall had also been transformed – the girls had decorated stockings that were hung gaily around the walls! From the Preschool to the oldest girls, each group made a presentation. The Junior School came forward with some hilarious suggestions of part-time work she could take on to fill her days – like a 'no wispy bits' hairdresser, a stocking designer or parking warden on Ranui Road, to keep future parents in order!

The biggest laughs were saved for the end with a PowerPoint compiled by the girls of 'The Many Faces of Mrs Dobson.' From Superwoman to gracing the front of Time magazine, there was much laughter, but it was the true face at the end, of a woman filled with character that brought the most applause.

In her long career, Mrs Dobson has garnered respect not only from her colleagues but also from our families and the girls themselves who, throughout many years, have been fortunate to have benefitted from her experience and wisdom. Earlier in the term, at an evening function, we welcomed back former Principals from Mrs Dobson's Corran days, Gillian Eadie and Sally Dalzell, along with the first Principal of the Girls' School, Mrs Sandra Hastie – all concurred that every school needs a Mrs Dobson!

We wish her well as she heads into her retirement years. She has already indicated that she is not one to sit still, that life is for living – and that's what she plans to do!





Follow the Star

In celebrating the Christmas story, we are reminded that a shining star led the way to Bethlehem. In her opening address, Principal, Ms Small shared a whakatauki, a traditional Maori proverb. She said, 'Me mātau ki te whetū, i mua i te kōkiri o te haere. Before you set forth on a journey, be sure you know the stars.'

Reverend Reuben Hardie gave the call to worship before the congregation stood to join soloists, Sharmaine Tapling and Lily-Kate Umaga in singing 'Once in Royal David's City.' Year 8 student, Grace Paul set the theme for the service, 'Follow the Star' with Year 4 student, Gabriella Lamb continuing the readings.

The Preschool students made their way to the front to perform 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star', impressing the congregation as they continued the verses in English, Maori and French. As the service continued, the girls progressed through their readings and songs, including a whole school song with Year 7 student, Arya Blackler playing the flute. Head Girl, Lola Wiltshire, along with her mother Mrs Wiltshire, presented the seventh and eighth readings, continuing the Christmas story.

As the Girls' School Performers' Choir sang 'O Holy Night' and 'Ave Maria', 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 Hardie then addressed the congregation, saying when the stress of Christmas starts to occur, we must remember to 'Follow the Star' and to remember what Christ sacrificed for us. To add a little more 'sparkle' to the evening, he explained that over the weekend he travelled all around Auckland to find 250 glow stick stars! The students held them high as the audience were asked to switch on their phone flashlights and the Christmas tree was lit. Lastly, the Reverend's stole was lit with Christmas lights to attain just the right 'amount of sparkle,' which was so unexpected, it caused an eruption of laughter.

The girls prepared gifts for the Dingwall Trust and these were presented during the service. As they were brought forward, School Council Prefect, Sharmaine Tapling said 'Once again this Christmas, we hope that these gifts will start a smile that glows as bright as the star over Bethlehem.'

Deputy Head Girl, Zoe White said a prayer of thanks before the Year 8 students came forward to receive their Leavers' Candle from Ms Small and Mrs Dobson. This was 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 church ahead of our guests.





Graduation Dinner

After receiving their Leavers' Scarf at Chapel and their Leavers' Candle at the Carol Service, our Year 8 girls marked the end of their primary school years at their Graduation Dinner, held at Sorrento in Cornwall Park.

Principal, Ms Juliet Small warmly welcomed friends and family, members of the Trust Board and invited guests before President of the Old Collegians, Mr Hayden Butler gave the sponsor's address.

A graduate of both the Girls' School and the College, Ms Samantha Louie spoke on behalf of the Old Collegians. She said it was refreshing to see a group of girls so dedicated to doing their absolute best and told them that what makes a person truly brilliant is their kindness and love towards others. She said, 'Wherever you are next year, always remember to be kind, always include others, stick to your morals and be true to yourself. Be grateful, especially to your parents and be graceful, hold your head up but stay humble and enjoy your next journey.'

Head Girl of the College, Isabella Denholm is a familiar face to the girls and congratulated them on how far they have come. She explained that her favourite quote is 'Carpe Diem - Seize the day' and told them to do just that, to go out and make their lives extraordinary! 'Find what you love and give it everything. Draw on the skills and character traits you have been developing over the past eight years. Fill your daily life with moments that are new, exciting and meaningful.'

Following dinner, the girls mixed and mingled seeking signatures on their white and blue Graduation Bears before retiring Deputy Principal, Mrs Judith Dobson introduced the guest speaker for the evening, The Honourable Nikki Kaye, a Member of Parliament for the Auckland Central electorate, and a past student and Head Girl of the former Corran School. Ms Kaye is remembered as a strong young woman from her school days with great leadership potential. She credits former Corran Principal, Gillian Eadie for setting her on track after being told, 'One of the first lessons in life is that when things bring you down, you need to get back up.' It was Mrs Eadie's belief in her that turned her life around, setting her on the path to political success. She reiterated Samantha and Isabella's words telling the girls that being self-confident and staying true to themselves will help create a path for a successful life.

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

In offering words of advice to the parents, she finished, 'But as you are no doubt coming to learn, raising teenagers is like trying to nail jelly to a tree!'



Girls' School Prizegiving

As the year came to an end, students, their families, guests and teachers filled the JC Chalmers Hall at the Boys' School for the annual Girls' School Prizegiving. It was a time to reflect on the past 12 months and to congratulate our students on their academic, sporting and cultural successes.

Piper, Kate Pennycuik, one of the first Girls' School students to learn the bagpipes, led the procession of staff and invited guests. Principal, Ms Juliet Small welcomed everyone before Chairman of the Trust Board, Dr John Kernohan congratulated the girls on how far they have come this year, saying by doing so, they have lived out the Saint Kentigern values.

Head of Saint Kentigern, Mr David Hodge gave his address before Ms Small spoke again about the year in review and emphasised the importance of resilience and independence, finishing by wishing the Year 8 graduates all the best as they move on.

The Junior and Middle School academic awards were presented by Trust Board Deputy Chair, Mrs Rosemary Harris. Principal of Senior College, Mrs Suzanne Winthrop presented the Year 7-8 girls with their awards. The cultural programme was celebrated with awards for art, speech, drama and music, which were presented by Head of Saint Kentigern, Mr David Hodge. Chief Operating Officer, Mrs Merle Boniface presented the awards to our sports champions.



This year's 'Sportswoman of the Year' was presented to Year 8 student, Khanye'-Lii Munro-Nonoa, who also received the award last year. Deputy Principal, Mrs Judith Dobson said, 'In and outside of school, Khanye'-Lii is recognised as an elite, passionate young sportswoman who consistently strives to give her absolute best in a wide range of sports.'

The final awards of the morning, the 'Special Awards' were presented by Ms Small. Emma Csité received the Citizenship Award for demonstrating initiative, sincerity and supportiveness to others. Mariana Paravicini received the Service to the Preschool Award and three girls were honoured to receive their Gold Service Award - Eva Colyer, Eva Melhuish and Torie Pickering.

Isabel Gilbert was recognised for her perseverance and resilience, by being awarded The Roberts Trophy. Sharmaine Tapling received the Gillian Eadie Trophy for her initiative and entrepreneurial skills. A new trophy introduced this year, The Gaudeamus Cup for Making a Difference was presented to Eva Colyer, while Lola Wiltshire was awarded the Dr Sandra K Hastie Cup for School Spirit. With a very successful academic year, Kate Christie finished as the Proxime Accessit and Isabel Li was named the Dux of the School.



DUX

Isabel Li

Isabel entered the Girls' School quietly focused on her learning. Highlights for her have been swimming sports and learning the violin at Year 4. This kindled an interest to the extent that Isabel set herself a goal to play in the orchestra. Isabel felt that speech and drama really helped her to become more confident. She has set goals around her academic learning and sometime in the future she would like to train to be a doctor. Service is important to Isabel, so she will continue to support service in her church group.



Proxime Accessit

Kate Christie

Kate entered the Girls' School and quickly established herself as a student with clear goals for her education. She joined the Performers' Choir, loving the opportunity to develop her voice skills. She also enjoyed continuing with instrumental tuition. Speech and drama has also been a new subject for Kate and this year she took private lessons for the first time. In Year 7, she was first in English and took the overall prize of 1st in Year 7 and this was a highlight for her. This year she has been awarded that Social Science and Christian Education prize.



Senior Sportsman of the Year:

Khanye'-Lii Munro-Nonoa

Khanye'-Lii is a very talented sportswoman. At school she is a member of the Basketball A team and zone team. She has represented the school in the top Netball team, playing at the Netball zones, interzones and was a member of the AIMS team. She also represented and captained the Touch A team, Zone team and Tournament Touch team. She qualified for the Cross-Country Zone team and the Athletics zone team placing in the top 3 places. As a motivated team member, she uses every opportunity to learn and improve.





Gaudeamus Cup -
Eva Colyer



Dr Sandra Hastie Cup -
Lola Wiltshire



Gillian Eadie Trophy -
Sharmaine Tapling



Roberts Trophy -
Isabel Gilbert



A Stunning Performance

It is now three years since the Kapa Haka group was first formed at the Girls' School, following a visit to Ruapotaka Marae. Since its inception, the group has grown considerably under the direction of their teacher, Whaea Vikki Demant. With her extensive knowledge and experience in Kapa Haka performance, both locally and internationally, Whaea Dermant has brought out the very best in our girls. During rehearsals, emphasis is placed on self-expression and discipline and the girls are also taught the cultural and historical significance in the items they learn. As a result, the combination of their confident stage presence and beautiful voices has resulted in the group giving some commanding performances in recent times, most notably on stage at this year's Boys' School Fireworks Show.

As the Fireworks evening descended into darkness, both the Boys' School and Girls' School Kapa Haka groups came forward to perform. As the stage area was limited, the performers were largely selected from the soon-to-graduate Year 8s, along with soloists Xayra Knox (Year 6) and Jade Nomani (Year 7). Whaea Demant sourced the beautiful costumes worn on the night and Year 4 parent, Sherry Lee, applied the stencil mokos on the girls.

At the sound check in the afternoon, the reality of what they were about to undertake set in, realising that they would be performing to their biggest audience ever - 2000 people! Despite their initial nerves, their performance of Kia ora Koutou and Pokarekare ana was 'electric' - the girls looked and sounded stunning!



Marvellous Matter

How can you change something from a liquid to a solid, a liquid to a gas or a solid to a liquid? It may sound like an impossible task or maybe require a little magic, unless of course you are a scientist - or one of our girls in Years 0-3 who will confidently tell you that is it's all about understanding the science of matter!

To help them develop their scientific understanding, we were pleased to welcome parent and scientist, Mrs Rachel Heeney, who came in to conduct experiments with the girls, allowing them to safely observe before conducting investigations of their own under the guidance of their visitor.

With keen, enquiring minds, the girls engaged in experiments that required them to sort substances into solids, liquids and gases, and then observe, describe and compare the physical and chemical properties that occur when materials are mixed, heated or cooled.

We are delighted that the girls had the chance to work alongside a scientist and see that science is exciting and accessible. Our sincere thanks to Mrs Heeney for spending time with our girls, they enjoyed the activities and learnt a great deal.



Saving Monarch Butterflies



With thanks to Year 4 Teacher, Mrs Michela Carnegie

Before summer truly arrived, the Year 4 students came to the rescue of some very helpless monarch butterfly larvae. After noticing several around a swan plant outside their classroom, the girls went to inspect. The swan plant had about 50 or so caterpillars of all different sizes, but on closer inspection, they noticed wasps attacking and killing them. Year 4 Teacher, Mrs Michela Carnegie sent out an SOS to ask for ideas on how to save them.

With the help of their science teacher, Mrs Jess Francis, the Year 4 students made a temporary cover to stop the wasps until further help arrived to put in steel rods and bamboo, so the netting could sit above the plant. From there, the girls were on wasp detection, using a fly swat to divert them!

As the process from caterpillar to chrysalis and then to butterfly can take a while, Mrs Carnegie showed the girls a video of the process which served to

further enthuse them. Over three weeks, the caterpillars turned into chrysalises and after another two weeks or so, the girls saw the first butterfly hatch. After waiting for its wings to dry out, the girls released it from the safety of the netting to fly away free.

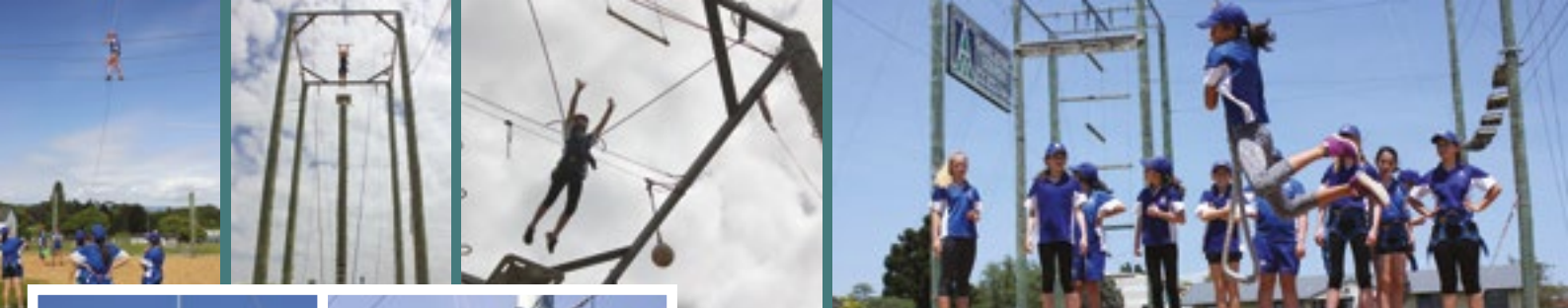
After a quiet week of no movement, the girls discovered the chrysalises turning black and before they knew it, ten beautiful monarch butterflies emerged almost at once. As the weather started to get warmer, the girls opened the netting as more started hatching quite quickly.

The students and their parents thoroughly enjoyed the process as it was such an authentic learning experience and the girls were able to learn first-hand about the life cycle of butterflies. It is great to see the recently hatched butterflies coming back to start the cycle again!

An Amazing Opportunity

Year 8 student, Sharmaine Tapling was afforded an incredible opportunity to cook in Simon Gault's restaurant, Giraffe, to promote 'Homegrown Meats,' after being approached at the Food Show to take part in some filming. Excited and nervous, Sharmaine worked alongside the restaurant's head chef to cook a roasted and stuffed butterflied lamb shoulder, accompanied with cauliflower puree, crispy basil leaves, caramelised carrots, a secret crumb and a very special mint sauce. Once cooking was complete, Sharmaine was given free rein to plate the dish. She said she loved seeing how busy the kitchen was and despite the seeming chaos, how organised and disciplined the workers were.





Leadership Discovery Day

As our Year 7 girls prepare to move up in the Senior School and take on the leadership roles next year, they spent a day of adventure-based learning at the Adventure Works site at UNITEC in Mt Albert. Working within a team to develop an understanding of group cohesion and group dynamics was the focus of a day; with opportunities throughout for each to take on leadership of their team.

The Unitec Leadership Discovery Programme is designed to help students explore the concept of leadership and what it may mean for them. Through gaining a greater understanding of the opportunities that can arise through learnt leadership skills, it is hoped that the girls will be inspired to seek leadership roles as they move through their schooling and beyond.

The day involved team building and problem-solving activities such as working together to find a means of getting 'from A to B' with limited resources. Using pulleys, team members were hoisted up high, to find themselves balancing on high ropes and poles, walking along at great height before jumping off to catch a swing. Each student faced their own challenges, whether it was a restriction in their own ability, overcoming a fear or learning new skills. Team work was critical and the girls soon learnt how their own positivity could influence others as they built skills to relate and communicate with others in a leadership context.

Throughout the day, they girls learnt how to be influential and creative, to value the opinion of others and discuss problems and then work together to come up with strategies to solve them. They gained self-confidence and awareness, and learnt how to have confidence in their peers. It was a great day for the girls to discover more about themselves and what it means to be a leader.



Girls vs Wild

With thanks to Mrs Jess Francis, Science and Mathematics Teacher

A group of Year 8 girls set out to Tawharanui Regional Park for an action-packed outdoor experience as part of the Saint Kentigern Gold Service Award.

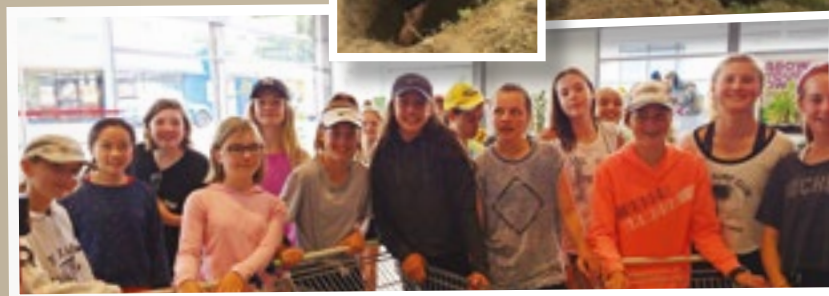
As the group travelled north, the girls first challenge was to purchase food for the ensuing two days. Their selection had to be suitable to prepare on a camp gas burner stove and within a set, limited budget. With great success, no one went hungry, despite a few burnt pancakes!

Through the Auckland Regional Council and the help of the Tawharanui Open Sanctuary Society, the Tawharanui Peninsula is a special area for the conservation of species. Both parties are working to establish a predator-free location which will allow the native species to succeed and survive. Through the coordination of Reverend Reuben Hardie and a council warden, the girls were tasked with removing an old fence as their service project. Following this, the girls explored the predator-free fence that had recently been built. Before finishing for the day, the girls had time to reflect on the work they had done in Science on rock identification and native species.

The evening activities ranged from group challenges, team building, star gazing and reflecting on the past year, and 'not so fun' eating

challenges. Let's just say that there is a limit to how much wasabi one can eat!

The following morning, after a wholesome breakfast, the girls took a long walk to explore the caves and rockpools at low tide, before returning to pack down their tents. The trip to Tawharanui finished off with a glass bottom boat ride to Goat Island. This was another chance for the girls to explore and discover the diversity of NZ species and marine environment. The girls 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, as well as their main objective - giving service to others.



Pilot Students' Last Oral Assessment



Recognising the importance of having the ability to speak with confidence in public, in 2012, the Girls' School first offered an Oral Assessment programme in conjunction with the Speech NZ and Trinity College Speech and Drama exams. Many of our girls have achieved great success with the externally assessed 'Trinity' exams; the in-school Oral Assessments were seen as a great complimentary speech and drama programme to enrich the curriculum.

Year 8 students, Isabel Li, Verity Ward, Kate Frazer and Eva Colyer were in the 'pilot group' that first sat these tests as Year 3 students. Now six years later, the group has sat their final assessment, bringing this chapter in their lives to a close. In offering the assessment programme, Speech and Drama Teacher, Mrs Judy Norton said, 'I

wanted to give all students the opportunity to develop their confidence and communication skills in a friendly, relaxed and supportive environment.'

A qualified assessor conducts the assessment where the students present a programme of individual and group work including a speech, participate in discussion skills and present a devised group piece. This group piece allows them to develop competencies and skills that are required as 21st century learners. They must collaborate, negotiate and use a range of drama elements, conventions and techniques to communicate their ideas and develop a cohesive polished performance. The programme encourages students to understand, respond to and use English in a variety of contexts.

Auckland Speech and Drama Competition

With the success of the Speech and Drama programme at the Girls' School, a group confident speakers - Milly Macleod, Keeley Berkovits, Chloe McGregor, Kate Christie, Eva Colyer, Zoe White, Katie Dirks, Kate Frazer and Verity Ward - participated in the Auckland Speech and Drama Competition held at St Cuthbert's College with some excellent results.

Year 8 student, Kate Christie won the Junior Advanced Speech Scholarship, having

received the highest overall marks in four classes - test poetry, sight reading, character recital and prose speaking.

Year 8 students, Kate Frazer and Verity Ward placed first in the 'Group Drama 13 years and over'. Kate and Verity performed a scene from 'The Children's Hour' by Lillian Hellman. This is a play set in American in the mid-1930s and the girls dressed for the era.



Poetry Competition

The quality of poems and the standard of presentation at this year's Poetry Competition were outstanding, making it very difficult for the adjudicator to select winners. The girls had been given the freedom to write original poems about any subject of their own choosing but with the time of year, halloween and food proved the most popular topics.

In-class competitions were initially held to select the finalists to present to the whole school and parents under the watchful eye of this year's adjudicator, Elena De Roo. Ms De Roo has been writing for children since 2004 and has had a number of stories, poems, plays and readers published by educational publishers in New Zealand, Australia and the United States.

With the high standard of writing from our students in Years 4-8, selecting the winners was no easy feat but Ms De Roo said every girl who was on stage morning should be very proud of themselves.

Congratulations to all of the students who performed and especially to our winners. Our thanks to Ms De Roo for spending time with our girls and giving such important feedback.

Poetry Competition Winners

- Year 4** Millicent Macleod 'The Werewolf'
- Year 5** Caroline Healy 'In My Pantry'
- Year 6** Xarya Knox 'Longing for Freedom'
- Year 7** Amelia Paris 'Little fairy'
- Year 8** Eva Colyer 'We're Killing Them'





Wishart Win Athletics

Our Junior and Middle School students made their mark at their individual Athletics Days during Term 4, with the seniors having competed earlier in the year.

Competing at the College, our Middle School girls had to battle against intermittent, torrential downpours but they didn't let this affect what they were there to do - give everything a go and compete to the best of their abilities. In contrast, our juniors had beautiful, clear blue, sunny skies - sunblock, hats and plenty to drink were a must on a day when summer felt so close!

Each day started off with the optional long distance race. For Years 1-3 it was the 200m and students in Years 4-6 could opt to do the much longer 800m, which resulted in some rather shocked faces when they realised they had agreed to do two laps of the field but they gave it their all.

The girls were in great spirits and gave each activity a go, from running to throwing and jumping with a brilliant display of competitiveness and sportsmanship.

The Senior School students competed alongside the College students earlier in the year, with Year 7 student, Jade Nomani placing 2nd overall, against 100 girls.

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.



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



HOUSE RELAY CHAMPIONS		
1ST	HAMILTON	64 POINTS
2ND	CARGILL	61 POINTS
3RD	CHALMERS	55 POINTS
4TH	WISHART	40 POINTS



Girls' School Athletics Champions

Year 0 Champions	
1st	Elsa Taylor WI
2nd	Lulu Lang CA
3rd	= Emily Albrecht HA
	Lola Leport-Symonds WI
Year 1 Champions	
1st	Kasey Wray HA
2nd	Willow Carnegie CA
3rd	Sadie Fitness CA
Year 2 Champions	
1st	Ameila Hardie WI
2nd	Sofia Ondra HA
3rd	Queenie Lang CA
Year 3 Champions	
1st	Laura Koeman CA
2nd	Rosie Ward CH
3rd	Sienna Robertshaw CH
Year 4 Champions	
1st	Emily Cornaga HA
2nd	Amie Hilliam HA
3rd	Tanaka Rusero CH
Year 5 Champions	
1st	Sahara Knottenbelt WI
2nd	Sienna Haar WI
3rd	Priscilla Zhong CH
Year 6 Champions	
1st	Alex Campion CH
2nd	Marissa Jones CA
3rd	Isabella Hughes CH
Year 7 Champions	
1st	Jade Nomani WI
2nd	Olivia Rooney HA
3rd	Arya Blackler HA
Year 8 Champions	
1st	Khanye'-Lii Munro-Nonoa CH
2nd	Savannah Samson-Tuinukuafe WI
3rd	Eva Barry WI

South Eastern Zone

Jade Nomani, Year 7: 1st High Jump Record Broken @ 1.50m; 2nd Discus; 2nd 400m

Olivia Rooney, Year 7: 3rd 800m 3rd; 3rd 1500m

Remuera Zone

Alexandra Campion, Year 6: 2nd High Jump, 100m and 200m; 3rd 60m

Interzone

Jade Nomani Year 7: 2nd - High Jump Record Broken @ 1.49m

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.'

Many grandparents are renamed when they become a grandparent. This naming right is generally given to the first-born grandchild when they start to talk and that first utterance sticks to become the grandparent's name for life – Granny, Granddad, Grandma, Grandpa, Nana, Poppa – whatever the name, it comes with unconditional love!

Grandparents' Day at the Girls' School is a highly anticipated event and many of our grandparents travel vast distances to join their granddaughters for the morning. This year, the sun was out without a cloud in the sky and as our guests filled the hall, the girls' faces lit up with joy as they scanned the crowd to find their special visitor.

The Kapa Haka group opened the morning with a beautiful performance from the Creative Arts Evening. Principal, Ms Juliet Small welcomed our guests and thanked them for being there for the girls, as each grandparent has a special place in the girls' hearts. Before the entertainment started, Ms Small read a few hilarious quotes that grandchildren have said about their grandparents.

'When a grandson asked his grandpa how old he was, the grandpa replied, 'I'm not sure.' 'Look in your underwear, Grandpa,' he was advised, 'Mine says I'm 4 to 6.'

Also, 'A 5-year-old was asked where his grandma lived. 'Oh' he said, 'She lives at the airport, and when we want her, we just go and get her. Then, when we're done having her to visit, we take her back to the airport.'

The Orchestra, including Ms Small on the violin, played two songs for our guests, the Year 5 class performed their Creative Arts piece, Cinderella from Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes, and Year 6 student, Mia Hooten, performed a monologue of Jack and Jill. At the close of the formalities, our guests were invited to visit the classrooms and take a tour of the school with the girls.

The library book sale was popular once again with excited girls buzzing around to choose a book, taking a moment to read it together with their grandparents. All book purchases were for donation back to the library and were finished with a bookplate inscription of the girls' names.

The morning concluded with a shared morning tea in the hall. We thank the Parents and Friends for their assistance with this and to the visiting grandparents for coming along to share a special morning at school.



Saint Kentigern Banner Underway

As part of a combined Christian Education and Visual Arts project, the girls in Years 4-7 have been working on a 'Miracles of Saint Kentigern' banner. After many weeks of designing, sketching, painting and applying dyes, the girls have completed their artwork ready for the sewing and quilting process. Working in small groups within their year level, the girls were each responsible for a section of the banner. Each panel replicates the four miracles Saint Kentigern performed during his life.

The Year 4 students were tasked with working on the 'fish' which symbolises the one caught by Kentigern in the Clyde. When it was slit open, a ring belonging to the Queen of Cadzow was miraculously found inside it, clearing her name of infidelity. The Year 5 students took care of the 'tree' which is a symbol of another incident in Saint Kentigern's childhood. Left in charge of the holy fire in St Serf's

monastery, he fell asleep and the fire went out. However, he broke off some frozen branches from a hazel tree and miraculously rekindled the fire.

The Year 6 students designed the 'bell' which is thought to have been brought by Saint Kentigern from Rome. The original bell, which was rung at funerals, no longer exists and was replaced by the magistrates of Glasgow in 1641. The bell of 1641 is preserved in the People's Palace. The Year 7 students were responsible for the 'bird', which commemorates the pet robin owned by St Serf, which was accidentally killed by monks who blamed it on Saint Kentigern. He took the bird in his hands and prayed over it, restoring it to life again.

When the designs of each miracle were completed, they were transferred onto calico so the girls could work on the panels. They applied fabric dye and used permanent markers to add the detail. The banner will be presented to the School during a Chapel Service early next year. It will then hang permanently in the School Hall.



Girls' School Parents and Friends



It is hard to believe that the 2017 school year has come to an end. It has been my first year as Chairperson of the Girls' School Parents and Friends and it is with great pleasure that I share the tremendous achievements of our team and numerous dedicated volunteers this year.

Our annual Mother Daughter High Tea was held in May and was a sell out event with mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, daughters and special friends attending this fantastic afternoon tea. The girls were able to make use of the photo booth to capture

some casual pictures with their guests and they were entertained by Le Cirque du JP who defied logic with his magical talents. A very special thank you to my co-organiser, Mrs Abbie Griffiths for all her efforts in pulling together this memorable event.

The school disco is always an anticipated event for the girls. This years 'Rock'n'Roll' themed event, complete with 'Dobson's Diner', showed an array of poodle skirts, high ponytails and timeless music. The girls had a fantastic time and went home happy, if not a little tired. Thank you to the fabulous organisers, Mrs Gretchen Weightman and her team.

Another highlight on the Girls' School calendar is the annual Father Daughter breakfast. This was held at the Ellerslie Event Centre, against the morning backdrop of the iconic Ellerslie racecourse, and was a very enjoyable event. Fathers, grandfathers, uncles, special guests and the girls were all treated to a talk from guest speaker, Mrs Diane Levy who is a counsellor, family therapist and author. She

spoke about the special relationship between fathers and daughters and encouraged the girls to think about their father's strengths and values. A huge thank you to the organisers of this event, Mrs Denise Nel and Mrs Elizabeth Lim.

A chance fundraiser proved very successful in Term 3. The girls had the opportunity to sell scented Illumina soy candles to family and friends with the top sellers receiving prizes and the top selling House getting its own mufti-day. Cargill celebrated as the winning House and over \$ 9,309 was raised for the School. Thank you to Mrs Kim McGregor for her organising efforts and Ms Jennifer Del Bel from Illumina Soy Candles Limited for providing such a generous fundraiser for the School and making all the candles.

The Girls' School Parents and Friends have been able to give back to the School in a variety of ways this year. We have purchased a loud speaker for the School to use at events, some giant playground games, supported the soap box derby, and are painting some playground games around the School and providing a new marquee for school events.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of Ms Juliet Small and Mrs Judith Dodson throughout the year and Mr David Hodge, Head of Saint Kentigern, and Dr Bruce Goodfellow and Mrs Rosemary Harris from the Saint Kentigern Trust Board for their valued support of the Girls' School this year.

In my first year as Chairperson, I have often been amazed by the sense of community and support within the School. I would like to thank my team on the committee, Mrs Gretchen Weightman, Mr Stacy Colyer, Mrs Julie Bolton and Mrs Melissa Burnett for their tireless efforts and commitment. I am very fortunate to have such a supportive and dedicated team.

Lastly, a big thank you to all our wonderful volunteers over the last year. We couldn't do it without you all. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated by the School community.

Rebecca Scoones,
Chairperson

