



ST ORAN'S WEEKLY

Friday 14 February

Kia ora e te whānau



Thanks to the efforts of Year 13, the school is in good spirits at the end of what is our first full five-day week and most definitely the hottest day we have had! Galentines is always a fun celebration and today saw that tradition stronger than ever with the exchange not only of Hearts here at SOC, but also with our fellow LWH school, Sacred Heart College.



The week started with an equally important event: our 2025 Commissioning Assembly. It was good to see those of you who could join us. I'm sure you will agree that we badged a great group of young women and leaders. We welcomed back Ella Sidford, 2024 Head Student and Zoe Rawdon, 2024 Academic Captain and Dux, both of whom shared what they learned from their experiences – and we also acknowledged our students who achieved Level 2 NCEA with Excellence endorsement.



In between saw Year 13 out in the river, literally – on the annual Level 3 Geography fluvial trip. Classes made solid progress, with Year 12 Chemistry modelling ionic lattices to appreciate their structure and bonding! And some of our Year 13s attended the first Cullen Breakfast of 2025, focused on democracy and the challenge of putting yourself forward. Our team enjoyed meeting Nicola Willis and learning about things constitutional!



This week we also squeezed in our Level 2 Academic Breakfast for students who achieved Level 1 NCEA with Excellence endorsement. Our guest speaker, Georgia Bryce (SOC 2012 – 2018), spoke about the importance of being open minded about future directions and not getting too fixated on a particular path. Our thanks to our Academic Captains, Emily B and Amelie C, who MC-ed the event beautifully.



Finally, we would like to acknowledge our 2024 students who were awarded scholarships. Our congratulations to Tessa Herd and Aaliyah Middleton who were both awarded scholarship in Biology, and to Zoe Rawdon who received a scholarship in Painting. A truly outstanding achievement.



Our thanks, as always, for your support of our very special kura. On behalf of us all, ka kite ano – Cindy Ford

Happy Galentines
Day to all our SOC
Friends & Whānau!



Birthday Wishes this week to:

- Tess A
- Ema G
- Sophia W
- Esther D
- Addison M
- Annie M
- Alisa A
- Ruby C-D