

ST ORAN'S COLLEGES





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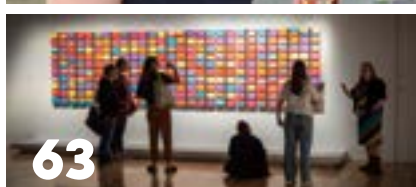
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2023 ST ORAN'S COLLEGE

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ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Kia ora koutou

2023 will be remembered for a number of events, none more significant than our farewell to our principal of the last six years, Ms Jeanette Duffy. Jeanette joined us as principal in Term 3 2017, bringing with her a fresh lens on curriculum delivery and a firm belief in the value of every child. During Jeanette's years as principal we navigated the refurbishment of Dallard block and the ongoing impact of Covid19. Jeanette led St Oran's through both with energy, commitment and heart. We are grateful for Jeanette's selfless mahi and legacy.

The publishing of our school magazine gives us pause to reflect on the many achievements of our ākonga across the year. 2023 has seen the post Covid return of a full breadth of sporting and cultural opportunities. It has been a full and busy year. It is uplifting to see our students challenging themselves to achieve their personal best academically, on the sports field and on the stage.

This year we celebrated the 64th year of St Oran's College. A school built on the service of our founders. Our Heads of House each spoke on Founders' Day about the community service relationship fostered through their house this year. Our aim as a school is to continue to deepen our connection with Lower Hutt Food Bank, Lower Hutt Women's Refuge, Te Kakano o te Aroha and our local Presbyterian Church, Knox Church. One of the five faces of the Presbyterian mission is to make Christ known through our response to human need in loving service. This kaupapa is about seeing others beyond ourselves and the actions we choose to take as a result; a practical outworking of faith.

I am proud of our community, our students and our values and I have been reminded of this every Friday when writing the St Oran's Weekly. St Oran's College is a special kura, and that is in our DNA. My thanks as acting principal to all of you who contribute so generously: our hard working kaiako, our boards, our families and especially our students. Our Class of 2023 leaves us this year along with some of you at other levels. We wish you all the very best for the years and future ahead.

Inā kei te mōhio koe ko wai koe, i anga mai koe i hea, kei te mōhio koe kei te anga atu koe ki hea.

If you know who you are and where you are from, you know where you are going.

Arohanui

Cindy Ford
Acting Principal



HEAD STUDENT REPORT



Jess Chen
Head Student



My role as head student this year has been an absolute honour and I've loved working alongside Daisy and Ms Ford, Ms Duffy, my year group, and other brilliant people around the school. It's been great to see how the school has developed its inclusivity and level of service as a community. A highlight of my year was Galentine's Day which was the first event Daisy and I organised together and it was awesome to see students being brought together and showing love for their friends and school. Another event I thoroughly enjoyed was house performing arts as it was wonderful to see all kinds of SOC talent being showcased. These events encapsulate what Daisy and I wanted for the year, which was to allow more opportunities for people to come together and share their unique skills and learn from each other. With teacher strikes and various staff leaving, it's been a rocky road for a lot of us, especially the year 7 students who had very little consistency during the first couple of terms. However we've also managed to come together and bridge those gaps with school and house events to create a stronger sense of community. Our words for the year were; Belong (term 1), Surround (term 2), and Spirit (term 3). I think we have seen a great amount of these values being shown in the school which is what Daisy and I have always strived for.

Daisy Scoringe, my wonderful deputy, has been the best person to work, organise, cry, complain, and laugh with this year. Naturally I've always looked up to Daisy as she is 6ft tall and I am vertically challenged. Jokes aside, she is the most hardworking and dedicated person who is always willing to lend a hand and is full of great ideas. She has strongly led the council along with various groups throughout the year and is a very capable leader and a very talented singer too. From writing last minute speeches on the bus on the way home and panicking over small details the night before an event, there's no one I'd rather have by my side.

Ms Ford, our beloved Cindy, as Daisy and I like to call her, has been one of our biggest supporters since the start of the year, helping us with whatever we needed and answering any and all questions throughout her own busy day. Along with Ms Duffy, Ms Ford has guided us through the year with incredible grace and leads with experience and her love for the school. Cindy is somewhat of an icon to our year 13 group and we all cherish her and hold her with our utmost regard. She is one of the most grounded people that you can really "get real" with and is always keen for a catch up which I will forever be grateful for.

Now I could say that our year 13 group of 2023 was an unproblematic, non-troublesome bunch of girls, however that would not be entirely true. Although, despite the occasional bickering and family-like disputes, nothing will ever stop us from giving everything one hundred percent to ensure we are leading and serving to the best of our capabilities. I don't think I've ever truly appreciated our year group until this year when all of us took a big step up in terms of leadership which caused us to be even closer. These girls are some of the most generous, fierce, big-hearted people who will always support and celebrate each other. I hope we'll be remembered for our excellent renditions of "Pioneers of Hope" and our energy and love for the school.

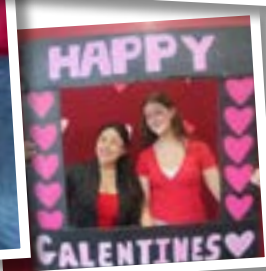
St Oran's is a school that prioritises its inclusion and our goal this year was to extend this feeling of belonging and spirit to all of its students, staff and wider community. I hope this idea of belonging will continue to be a priority in the following years. Best of luck to the year 13s of 2024, you've got this!

Jess Chen
Head Student

DEPUTY HEAD STUDENT & COLLEGE COUNCIL REPORT



Daisy Scoring
Deputy Head Student



To be trusted as the Deputy Head Student and the Head of College Council has been an opportunity I was honoured to step into for 2023. Being a student leader in my final year at St Oran's College has provided me with an abundance of opportunities which I have been grateful to have been presented with. With the support of the student council, teachers, and the year 13 cohort, I am confident to say that we as the class of 2023 will be leaving St Oran's better than we found it in 2017!

Jess and I had many ideas on how we wanted to create a legacy and empower the young women in our school. Rather than choosing one overarching theme, we decided to have a different word for each term in the year. In Term One, we chose the word 'Belong'. We chose this word because we wanted to start the year strong, with every student, teacher, and wider whānau to feel as though they belong in the St Oran's community; that there is a place for them here in our school. We celebrated 'Galentines Day' early in the term to encourage a spirit of friendship and appreciation within the school – hosting a bake sale, face painting and providing students with the opportunity to send a Galentines Card to their friends to show their love and appreciation of one another. Term One was a strong and special start to the year, leaving everyone in our school community feeling loved.

'Surround' was our word for Term Two. We wanted our school to be a place where every student felt encouraged to surround themselves with people and places that empower them and make them feel their happiest. During Term Two, St Oran's participated in the annual Relay for Life at Trentham Racecourse raising an astounding \$18,265! Every student was able to contribute to this wonderful event by purchasing baking, wearing casual clothing or doing individual fundraising. Together as a school, we joined Relay for Life to celebrate, remember and fight back against cancer. Not only were we able to surround ourselves and encourage our community, but it also allowed us to come

together as a school, building strong relationships with one another, running from 12pm until 8am!

In the busyness of Term Three, our word for the term was 'Spirit' in hopes of keeping the school spirit up during a busy term filled with internals, tests and preparation for end-of-year exams. We held our much loved 'Spirit Week' in week 6 of Term Three. This included events such as SOC factor, bake sales, a senior exec vs HIBS netball game, and even a visit from Mr Whippy! Amidst an often stressful season in the year, we were able to come together as a school and empower each other and ourselves with positive morale.

My ultimate goal of leadership this year was to create a united school community where students felt seen and heard – leaving St Oran's this year, I can feel the sense of community and I feel grateful to have been a part of creating this atmosphere. Philippians 2:2 TPT says, "So I am asking you, my friends, that you may be united together in perfect unity, with one heart, one passion and united in one love." This scripture encapsulates the environment I hoped to create in our school this year, one of love and unity. The love of God and the love of people at St Oran's continue to create a safe atmosphere where students can learn and become the best versions of themselves.

Thank you to my friends, thank you to my teachers, and thank you to my family. You have all made the year of 2023 one to remember, and one I am extremely proud of and grateful for.

Kororia ki te Atua!
(Glorify be to God on high!)

Daisy Scoring
Deputy Head Student



HEAD OF HAUORA



Rachel Koshy
Head of Hauora



Fyfa Main
Deputy Head of Hauora



I have had the privilege of serving as the Head of Hauora this year and have witnessed our school further embody the four pillars of well-being: Mental/Emotional, Physical, Social, and Spiritual. My role, alongside my deputy, has involved building the foundations of this relatively new position and establishing its importance within the school and the broader community. As Head of Hauora, I have been honored to be involved in every aspect of the school. Hauora's core principles of inclusivity, promoting a positive mindset, and manaakitanga have allowed this role to play a significant role in everything we do. From collaborating with sports captains for Friday morning Jump-Jam to incorporating Special Character's Peace and Patience Day into our Mental Health Week, we have successfully connected all aspects of the school, creating a common thread of unity and cohesion.

We began the year as usual, creating a safe space for our Year 7s through peer support. This is a crucial part of every Year 7's introduction to St. Oran's College. It was important to instill our school values during these lunchtime sessions and show them how much they are valued in our school community. We also initiated a new tutor group program, which included the creation of tutor group banners for inter-tutor group challenges, such as the lip-sync battle and more. This has fostered increased school spirit and provided leadership opportunities across various year levels.

With the goal of connection in mind, we reached out to former students of St. Oran's College. We had the privilege of inviting an Old Girl and successful entrepreneur, Lauren Tomlinson, who not only runs her own successful business but is also a mindfulness/

well-being coach. Lauren shared her insights on mindful well-being and her personal experiences, providing valuable guidance to senior students preparing to leave at the end of this year. This was an incredible opportunity to connect with alumni and bring new principles and advice to current students. Another major highlight of this year was the initiation of the Enduring Service project. Our actions were rooted in the principle of giving back to a community that has generously supported us. Our four school houses were paired with four local charities: Lower Hutt Women's Refuge, Lower Hutt Food Bank, a local marae, and our local Presbyterian church, Knox Church. This initiative, facilitated through tutor groups, significantly enhanced school spirit, provided extensive leadership opportunities, and honed skills for students aspiring to become stronger leaders. One notable example of student involvement was the weekly delivery of freshly baked goods to the Lower Hutt Food Bank by MR18. We hope to have established a strong service initiative that will continue for years to come.

None of these events and goals would have been possible without the immense support of Ms. Ford and her constant encouragement and belief in me. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for being the greatest mentor a student leader could have asked for. I also want to acknowledge my deputy captain, Fyfa Main, and all her help with this year's endeavors. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors, and good luck to next year's Hauora Captains.

Rachel Koshy, Year 13

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE



Ella Sidford
Board of Trustees
Student Representative



This year I have had the privilege to be the student representative on the Board Of Trustees. It has been an awesome way to experience the behind the scenes work that happens in order for St Oran's to operate. Being on the board has allowed me to realise how much work many individuals put into our school. The countless meetings, email conversations and effort put in by our trustees should not go unnoticed.

I have enjoyed learning the structure of board meetings and procedures. I was fortunate enough to attend two courses where I met fellow student representatives from around the Wellington region. We were able to learn our roles as the student representatives together and discuss certain issues we may face. It was a rewarding experience and I now have multiple points of contact around the region.

An overall highlight from my board experience would have to be

being involved in the new principal selection process. Multiple fellow board members said to me that employing a new principal is the biggest job a board can do so I feel very grateful that I was able to be a part of the process. I believe we as a board picked the best applicant for the job and I cannot wait to see Ms Gibbs return to St Oran's next year.

I would like to thank all members of the school community for yet another successful year at the college. We are so lucky with our network of staff, students, parents and fellow supporters of St Oran's. I would also like to thank the students that chose me to represent them, I am very grateful. I wish all members of the community a wonderful Christmas break and let's bring on a wonderful 2024!

Ella Sidford, Year 12



PEER SUPPORT LEADERS

Back Row: Sophia Anstiss, Lexie Brown, Sofia Murray, Ava Kilmister, Riley Pahina - Gillies, Ella Bouchereau

Third Row: Molly Hudson, Lauren Excell, Emma Molony, Saffron Jackson, Alice McLennan, Amelia Nixon, Leah Cody

Second Row: Tom Chatterton (Teacher in Charge), Ella Wood, Katie-Belle Hewson, Hannah Tesoriero-Smith, Kate Gray, Meg Duncan, Ilze Lucas, Eva Upton, Ava Staples

Front Row: Ashen Cuevas, Caitlin Wood, Grace Reiher, Ella Drummond, Rachel Koshi, Evangeline George, Jordyn Ashton

Absent: Amber Rodgers, Anna Devine, Felicity Nicol



COLLEGE COUNCIL



Back Row: Amelia Trask, Ella Sidford, Hayley Edmonds, Daisy Scoringe, Fairy Bodalia, Shivani Shanthakumar

Middle Row: Cindy Ford (Teacher), Eva Cody, Preeyal Naran, Talia Atlas, Isabel Godfrey, Rachel Koshy, Victoria Dzapasi

Front Row: Destiny Thomas, Millie Tait, Seini Latailakepa, Shreya Tadikamalla, Aaliyah Middleton, Penny Houlihan, Sienna Williams

Absent: Ashen Cuevas, Fyfa Main, Jessica Chen, Jewel Shiju, Sahana Sivasubramaniam, Zoe Dzapasi

SENIOR EXECUTIVE



Back Row: Gabi Chote, Riley Pahina - Gillies, Daisy Scoringe, Grace Olsen, Cara Grealley

Middle Row: Cindy Ford (Teacher), Kate Reid, Anna Lynch, Amy Murray, Lucy Gray, Hannah Ryan, Elise Alabaster

Front Row: Zara Lyne, Rachel Koshy, Zoe Dzapasi, Isla Radley, Amelia Swift, Fyfa Main, Grace Walker

Absent: Jessica Chen, Petra Langstraat

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE YEAR 11



Back Row: Katie Ross, Sophie Martin, Jessica Perry, Ava Palmer-Rennie, Ella Sidford

Third Row: Jess Sharman, Zoe Rawdon, Tessa Herd, Shivani Shanthakumar, Lily McGhie, Emma Bateson

Second Row: Sienna Morgan, Simone Dhar, Kaylee Hislop-Croft, Nadia Ryan, Pippa Hudson, Sinama Latailakepa

Front Row: Aaliyah Middleton, Khya Middleton, Kate Steedman, Liang Dajnowski, Michelle Liu, Ellie Johnson, Riya Hiremath

Absent: Gabrielle Clark

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE YEAR 12



Back Row: Sophia Anstiss, Daisy Scoringe, Ava Kilmister, Lauren Excell, Amelia Nixon

Middle Row: Anna Lynch, Kate Gray, Amy Murray, Anna Devine, Tyler Stanway, Lucy Gray

Front Row: Grace Reiher, Ella Drummond, Lisa Goldberg, Ava Staples, Zara Lyne, Evangeline George

Absent: Amber Rodgers, Jessica Chen, Kate Reid, Sasha Mikhyeyeva, Viki Grindlay



ACADEMIC CAPTAINS



Kate Reid
Academic Captain



Zara Lyne
Deputy Academic Captain



Over the past 12 months, we have had the pleasure to lead at St Orans as Academic Captains. Our chosen purpose was to promote the process of learning something new both in and outside of school environments in order to better a skill. Throughout the year we were fortunate enough to be involved in a variety of awesome opportunities, including hosting the Year 11 Academic Excellence Breakfast, the Hutt Valley Chamber of Commerce Combined College Pathways Event, and St Orans Library Week. As well as this, we encouraged our fellow students to participate in out-of-school activities, such as Hands on Otago, Innovative Young Minds, WMUN, STEMM, and NanoCamp.

2023 kicked off to a great start as we worked alongside our wonderful librarians, Sarah and Melina, to highlight the importance of reading to our students. The St Orans library was also fortunate enough to receive a great selection of new books for our students to read, which was encouraged particularly through various library challenges. This included the 'screen time to reading time' challenge, where students were encouraged to replace some of their average daily screen time with reading, as well as 'the scoop' challenge, where students would read a new book and leave 'their scoop' or thoughts on the books they had read.

Term 2 came around quickly, with many academic successes achieved by our students throughout all year levels. This was seen in the acknowledgement of Hutt STEMM Quiz Results, the St Orans Science and Technology Fair, and year 7 and 8 science badges. Furthermore, we were very grateful to have been involved in the St Orans Library Week. Library Week consisted of a great range of

activities, including a whanau group quiz, guessing the number of bookworms in the jar, and our annual 'dress up as a book character' day. As well as this, we were delighted to introduce our very own St Orans library mascot (Sheldon the bookworm), who was both made and named by some of our talented students.

Overall, it has been a privilege to be the Academic Captains for 2023. We would like to thank Sarah and Melina for their awesome work in the library, our advisor Ms Carter for her support, the Senior Exec for supporting and working with us over the course of this year, as well as all of our amazing, lovely students for their involvement and enthusiasm throughout the year. We have both thoroughly enjoyed our time as Academic Captains and are very grateful to have been able to work with such a great team. We couldn't think of a better group of people to spend our last year at St Orans with.

Kate Reid and Zara Lyne



STUDENT MEMORIES



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SPECIAL CHARACTER

This year Grace and I have had the incredible opportunity to be leaders of the Special Character in St Oran's. Through this, we have seen the faith aspect of the St Oran's community blossom and grow into something incredibly meaningful and special. Naturally, this year has come with its challenges, but overall it has been a pleasure and privilege to walk in obedience to God and serve Him in these roles. We want to thank all those who have encouraged and supported us throughout the year, particularly the girls on the council who showed up to every meeting and inspired us with their fresh ideas and leadership. Looking back over the year, I want to highlight what Grace and I feel to be the three greatest successes of the year for Special Character.

Our goal at the start of 2023 was to break down negative stereotypes about the Christian faith, and encourage others to explore their own faith wherever they may be on their journey with God. It was amazing to see the excitement surrounding the introduction of special character days which were one of our biggest successes. This year we were blessed with the opportunity to have 2 days focused around "Kindness and Generosity," and "Peace and Patience." Both of these were super fun days, with the idea that they would show a non-traditional way of exploring the fruits of the spirit that God has blessed us with. We hope that these new ideas will be developed by the next generation of captains, and will soon turn into an integral part of the school.

Our second success was our Chapel service. Chapel has always been a significant aspect of the special character within St Orans College. During the final week of Term 3, we were able to develop and run our own youth lead service. We believe that the love of God needs to be shared and expressed by everyone, and through this service, we were able to include many members of our amazing council to make this happen. We discovered that the students were able to better connect with the service and



Petra Laangstraat
Head of Special Character



Grace Walker
Deputy Head of Special Character

each other with their peers being more involved in the service and actually leading. This was a great encouragement for us, but also for our fellow students to be reminded that everyone has the ability to become a leader and share the good news!

Purpose has been a long-standing group within St Oran's, tasked with creating a safe space for girls of all ages to speak about their faith, and explore it in deeper aspects. The theme for our group this year was "Words of our Creator." We created this theme with the intention of supporting these girls in finding their identity in Christ and being able to not only know that they are loved, but also love others just as Christ loves them. It was so incredible to listen to each of the girls engage in the material we discussed and share stories of their own experiences with God in their lives. Watching the group grow throughout the year was also such a blessing to witness, and a privilege to be a part of.

This year has been a gift, and we are beyond grateful to be a part of leading and developing the Special Character. It is so important to uphold the values of Christ and to strive to encourage others to do the same. We cannot wait to see what the following years hold for the special character of the school.

Petra Langstraat



SPECIAL CHARACTER COUNCIL

Left to Right: Ella Tansell, Melissa O'Neill, Sophia Anstiss, Grace Walker, Evangeline George
Absent: Erin Ryan, Petra Langstraat



EXPLORING FAITH

YEAR 7

CONNECT MARA KAI GARDEN PROJECT

This year the Year 7 students have prepared, composted, planted, watered, weeded, and then harvested in the Mara kai! Broccoli and spinach have been our most successful crops so far. The Lower Hutt Foodbank has greatly received our donations. Even though they are somewhat small in quantity, fresh produce is in high demand due to the rising costs of fruit and vegetables.

We have established some valuable connections through this project. Sarah Bourke, Food technology teacher, has worked with the Year 7 students to use vegetables from the garden in their cooking projects during class. The canteen has been using the garden with Shobha Kalyan using herbs from the garden as garnishes for her canteen food. Natalie Evans, Year 7 parent, volunteers at the Lower Hutt Foodbank and has provided us with guidance on how and when to donate our produce.

YEAR 9 SERVICE PROJECT

Here are some of our wonderful Year 9s in Exploring Faith in their end-of-module service project. The students were asked to do a small act of love for our local community and they decided on the Hutt Hospital as their focus. The girls wanted to bake for the hospital staff and make cards for the patients. I connected with the Hutt Hospital Chaplain, Kathryn van Woerkem and she suggested they bake afternoon tea for the medical ward on Level 5 that is run off its feet. Nine of the Year 9 students offered to give up their lunchtime to deliver their gifts to the hospital. Kathryn met us and then invited us up to the medical ward where the students were able to personally deliver their baking to Ingrid, the head of the medical ward. We then were asked to hand deliver our cards and origami creations to patients on the ward. The students were amazing doing this - some of the patients were very grateful and others were grumpy, however, our students were lovely and polite at all times. This was a wonderful opportunity for our students and I was very proud of them and how they so lovingly carried out their act of service

SENIORS EXPLORING FAITH

We were excited to launch our modular courses for Senior students in Exploring Faith classes this year. This has enabled students to have more agency and ownership in their learning in this curriculum space. During terms one to three, students opted to study a wide variety of topics, including some of our more popular courses: 'Spirituality and Spotify': the relationship between music and the soul (Year 11), Sects and Cults - what is the difference? (Year 12) and Forgiveness and Reconciliation: a practical approach (Year 13). Gathering feedback from all three year groups about our new modular approach revealed that senior students overwhelmingly prefer an element of choice about what courses they explore in our weekly sessions.

Being creative in our approach to Exploring Faith has also enabled some rich learning outside the classroom. For example, our Year 11 students who took the Caring for Creation course explored what it means to be a kaitiaki before enjoying a tour of the school gardens with Catherine, our school gardener. Students painted a plant pot to give to someone they consider to be a kaitiaki, a small act of kindness for those who care for others or the environment.



WHANAU GROUPS

CO01



CO02



Unfeatured: Sophie Willis

CO03



WHANAU GROUPS

CO04



CO05



CO06



WHANAU GROUPS

MF07



Unfeatured: Holly Goad.

MF08



MF09



WHANAU GROUPS

MF10



MF11



MF12



WHANAU GROUPS

MR13



MR14



MR15



WHANAU GROUPS

MR16



Unfeatured: Emily van der Lith.

MR17



MR18



Unfeatured: Grace Olsen.

WHANAU GROUPS

RU19



RU20



RU21



Unfeatured: Jessica Howson (Teacher).

WHANAU GROUPS

RU22



RU23



RU24





COLUMBA

Hello to all of our lovely Columba cohort. What an amazing year this has been; full of laughs, hard work and many friendships. It is safe to say that 2023 was one for the books!! We are so proud of all the work that every single girl has put in this year whether we won or lost. We know that everyone played an integral role in making this year all that it was.

Kicking it off with Athletics, we knew this year was going to be a handful. With over a hundred girls painted in the mighty red hue, or sporting the mascot, it was such a moment of #sisterhood that will remain deep in Columba history forever. It was an awesome event to bring the house together at the start of the year and we were absolutely stoked with the outcome.

It transitioned very smoothly into House Performing Arts, where the girls bled red (spirit) with every tuneful note they sang. It seemed we had a bunch of Elton John impersonators on our hands as the girls fit naturally into the theme of 'timeless tributes'. Columba chose Elton John as our number one man. A special shout out to the incredible year 13 girls who were staunch throughout the stressful term, putting in hours behind the scenes to organise every little thing, be that costumes, staging, band or choreo. We knew that these girls had our back and are so grateful for the enthusiasm that they put into this night. Although we couldn't quite pinch the dub #robbed, we came out with best student conductor, best stagecraft and possibly most proud day and best reflective of our house's core values - the award for best house spirit!! This is such a brilliant award as throughout the year we have made it our goal for Columba to be known as an enthusiastic and high-spirited house.



Isla Radley
House Captain



Lucy Gray
Deputy House Captain

Later in the year, we made it our goal to dominate again on the sports field, this time in winter mode. The girls rallied together once again to make this day great. However, only two points barred us from taking the win #robbedagain. Throughout Term 3, there was also another event ahead - serving the Lower Hutt Women's refuge. This gave whanau groups the ability to be connected with a shared purpose. Through sausage sizzles, clothing drives and many other creative fundraisers, we can feel proud of the beginning of a new relationship between this wonderful organisation and Columba house.

We are so grateful we have had this opportunity to watch such an amazing group of young girls thrive in each of their elements.

Lots of bountiful hugs and kisses

Isla and Lucy xx



COLUMBA



MACFARLANE



Elise Alabaster
House Captain

As Macfarlane House Captains for 2023, it has been awesome to see the participation, house spirit and triumph that this year has brought! It has been an absolute privilege for us to be Macfarlane house captains alongside the support from our incredible year 13s. This year our goals were to increase our house spirit, make sure everyone felt involved and have a sense of unity amongst the Macfarlane girls, which I am confident to say we achieved.

We kicked off the start of house competitions with a bang, diving headfirst into the exhilarating House Athletics. Our chosen mascot for this year to represent Macfarlane blue was the Smurfs. The Year 13s all dressed up as different Smurfs and painted two new awesome banners. There was so much house spirit, participation and competitiveness on the day - as well as taking the win for our house chants.

The main highlight of this year for Macfarlane girls was House Performing Arts, as we took the overall win for House Music competition 2023! This was such an amazing moment to share together as a house, as all the hard work paid off: long practices of remembering the words to the songs, getting the girls to sing louder, learning actions and extra lunchtime rehearsals. There was such an overall commitment from both the juniors and seniors and coming together as



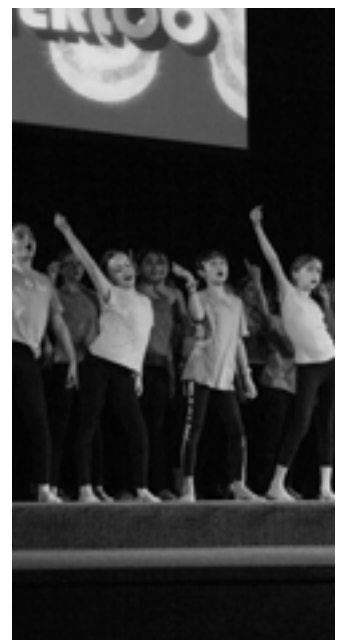
Gabi Chote
Deputy House Captain

a house for our final song was such a special memory. You are all dancing queens and I hope every time you hear ABBA you think of Macfarlane :)

Throughout the year there has been plenty of times for the house to come together for events and more. This year, whanau group charities were brought back and Macfarlanes charity we are supporting is Knox church. This was a great way for whanau groups to connect further and establish a meaningful and ongoing relationship with Knox. House Winter Sports was our final house event and it was such a fun day! We loved seeing everyone give different sports a go and cheering on our teams from the sideline.

We honestly couldn't be more proud of all the girls' effort, participation and encouragement throughout this year. It was amazing to see. It has been such a great leadership opportunity that has taught us so much. We are also incredibly grateful for our amazing Year 13 girls. Thank you for all your support this year, we couldn't have done it without you girls. There have been amazing memories and friendships made that will be cherished for a long time. Keep your M's up high and continue to carry on Macfarlane spirit! You better watch out cause the winners are blue, gooo MacFarlane!!!

Gabi Chote, Year 13





MACFARLANE



RUTHERFORD

This year, we have had the immense pleasure and privilege of leading a great group of amazing kids, as their house captain and deputy house captain, respectively. We couldn't be more proud of the mahi put in and whakawhanaungatanga fostered by everyone this year. We went into the year, despite a rocky start, with a clear goal of making sure every student felt like they've made an impact, and that the house's achievements are our collective success. And we feel that we have exceeded our expectations three-fold in that regard

We had major peaks this year with winning House Winter Sports and some great awards in House Performing Arts, but our greatest achievements were watching our team step up, leading in their own way, having each other's backs, and finding their voice and place within the house and the school, all of which we couldn't be more proud of.

Throughout the year, the Rutherfordians stepped up in many ways, taking great inspiration from our mascot, the Minions, and working as a team, supporting each other consistently, and showing up with so much enthusiasm and energy for both our competitive events like athletics day, house swimming, and our speech competitions, as well as our house service initiative. Despite some of the hiccups we faced with rostering home and the pressure that put on some activities going ahead, Rutherford showed up and showed out, and we couldn't have done it without all the mahi put in from everyone across the board.



Zoe Dzapasi
House Captain



Riley Pahina-Gillies
Deputy House Captain

We are both so grateful for the support from all students across all year groups, but particularly our year 13s. We couldn't have achieved as much as we did without you. Also super grateful for the families and teachers in the broader St. Oran's community who helped us along the way. So, thank you for the dedication and hard work you have all put in. We hope you are as proud of yourselves as we are. We have learned so much from you all and have so much love for you guys. Thanks for the blood, sweat, tears, (and laughs.)

Up Rutherford!!

Thanks,

Zoe



RUTHERFORD



MCRAE

Heading into 2023, we wanted to leave the girls with a fun and exciting memory of what house spirit is and embody a sense of community within McRae. This year was sure one for the books with many successes, some losses but most importantly some golden memories.

House athletics rolled round and fair to say, McRae swooped in sabres blazing. Stepping onto the Notorious Hutt Rec, the house brought excitement and participation (whether that was bribed with lollies or not!). Being the first event of the year, we wanted to go out with a bang, and we sure did. After a long day of sports events, classic chantoffs and smothering smiles, you could have mistaken McRae as Usain Bolt the way we ran away with that DUB. This left us not only voiceless for at least 2 weeks, but endlessly proud of the house.

We trekked into our next battle... House Performing Arts. Throughout this event we really saw and felt a sense of Whanau within the house. Girls from all year groups stepped up to the plate (and ate) and took on either sewing, costumes, band or just helping us out along the way. We were seriously impressed with the amount of support and positivity given by our fellow Year 13's, contributing to the well-oiled machine of McRae. All this effort really showed on stage when our choirs channeled their inner Beatle through the songs of "Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da", "Twist 'n' Shout X Let It be", and finishing strong with the classy "Yellow Submarine". Winning 'most imaginative interpretation' for both choirs reflected the immense effort behind the scenes.

Following this, our junior troops took a mega W in junior house swimming, pocketing another win under Mcrae's belt. It was cool to see our young padawans (aka year 10's) prove themselves destined leaders by



Amy Murray
House Captain



Amelia Swift
Deputy House Captain

taking on our roles and supporting the girls throughout the day. After these mighty triumphs, McRae's streak saw a turn of tables at the next annual event...winter sports. Despite coming in 4th place, all we can remember was the laughs, the slips in mud and the heavy involvement across all year groups.

This year was a special one as we were introduced to a new idea called 'enduring service'. This year we were lucky enough to work alongside the Lower Hutt Food Bank as a way to give back to our community. With this being a new event, we valued the way in which our Whanau Group seniors stepped up and got creative with ways to fundraise for the Food Bank. These were majorly successful and we are excited to see this relationship progress in the future.

Overall, this year we have been so pleased with the effort and the spirit everyone brought to the table. An enormous thank you to our amazing year 13 cohort for everything, we couldn't have done it without you! It has been amazing being part of the best house for the past 7 years and we hope to see the Mcrae legacy live on #troopdontstoop #mcraeismcbae

Best of luck for next year girls!

Mother Vaders - Amy and Amelia xx



MCRAE

THE ARTS CAPTAINS



Anna Lynch
Arts Captain



Cara Greally
Deputy Arts Captain

THE ARTS COUNCIL



Back Row: Zoe Steer, Isabella Tyrer, Ashlyn McLachlan, Talia Atlas, Lauren Excell, Sammie Leck

Front Row: Kaydi Zhang, Victoria Dzapasi, Anna Lynch, Cara Greally, Isla Radley, Abhitha Balakumar

Absent: Grace Buck, Jessica Stevens, Leyla Atlas, Vishali Ramesh

We have been so grateful to take on the role of Arts Captains this year. For 2023 we wanted to focus on promoting the arts throughout the school and encouraging everyone to give it a go no matter your age or ability.

In 2023, the Arts Council was made up of sixteen dedicated members ranging from year 7 to year 13, who were committed to helping out with our big events as well as generally promoting the importance of the arts in St Orans. We strove for our council to be a warm and welcoming environment, in which we could accumulate ideas and new events for following years. We were amazed to see all of the imaginative ideas that were shared and we are so excited to see what these students bring to the future of the arts. It was the greatest pleasure to share and pass on our knowledge so that the members of the 2023 council can further encourage other students to get involved and participate in the arts.

We had a large responsibility of hosting and MCing various events in 2023. In Term One, we hosted the incredible House Performing Arts, where we were able to watch the amazing student body sing their hearts out at the Lanes in Upper Hutt. We were so fortunate to have the opportunity to MC and credit these hard working students, along with their wonderful house captains and Year 13 cohort. Shortly after House Performing Arts, we were able to conduct an event that we had planned for weeks on end, which was the staff and student lip sync battle. This event was an idea to help fundraise for the Cancer Society as a part of our hard work in Relay for Life 2023. During Spirit Week this year, we ran the annual SOC Factor. The arts council aided us in organising as well as running this event and after a few stressful moments we pulled it all together creating a wonderful lunchtime filled with a range of talents from dancing to singing and even some karate! As tradition, the Year 13s finished off SOC Factor with a heartwarming performance, this year inspired by one of our favourite movies Pitch Perfect.

We decided to run a Year 7 drama club this year to connect with the younger students and help them gain confidence in performing while sharing our love for drama. Six enthusiastic year 7s participated this year who were very excited when we decided to do a short scene from Harry Potter for our performance. They practised diligently and produced an outstanding performance.

It has been fantastic to see the array of arts activities students at St Orans have been getting involved in this year including Drama club, Sheilah Winn, Orchestra, Debating, Dancesplash and many more both inside and outside of school. Being part of the arts introduces you to new people, can put you outside of your comfort zone and creates room for imagination. For us, the arts have provided so many opportunities and wonderful memories so we encourage you to get involved and give it a go.

Anna Lynch and Cara Greally



ORCHESTRA



Back Row: Tom Chatterton (Teacher in Charge), Ariel Tsai, Janika Parsotam, Kaiserina Papali'i, Lauren Excell, Emily Bunton, Khya Middleton
Front Row: Elissa Hearn, Alice Medlin, Kaydi Zhang, Sammie Leck, Lucy Bunton, Abhitha Balakumar, Meenakshi Ramaswamy

CHOIR



Back Row: Tom Chatterton (Director), Sara Rawat, Lucy Worthington, April Nanai, Elizabeth Lynch, Zarah King, Sammie Leck
Front Row: Alice Medlin, Amy Knowles, Zoe Medlin, Charlotte Fletcher, Rachel Edwards, Ella Tansell, Mao Ohmura
Absent: Morgan Scholtz

HEALTH AND SAFETY



Back Row: Krista Hutchinson-Briggs, Millie Forbes, Rose Richards, Erin Ryan
Middle Row: Sadie Jane Parson, Katie-Belle Hewson, Emma Molony, Brenna Reeves, Riley Aralikatti
Front Row: Grace Reiher, Rachel Edwards, Riya Panjabi, Saffron Jackson, Lucy Worthington, Melissa O'Neill, Ruby Brewer
Absent: Harriet Jackson, Vesper Jackson

KAPA WAIATA



Back Row: Chelsea Grantham, Riley Pahina - Gillies, Bella MacDonald-Wilde
Middle Row: Nevada Dornan, Olivia Clamp, Mercedes McLaughlin, Millie Forbes, Matua James
Front Row: Milan Anderson, Bailey Taylor, Kyrar Barrett-Lajpold, Mikaylah Forbes, Laura Pemberton, Scarlett Tito

SENIOR PREMIER DEBATING



Left to Right:
 Philippa Freeman (Coach), Zoe Dzapas, Meg Duncan, Fyfa Main

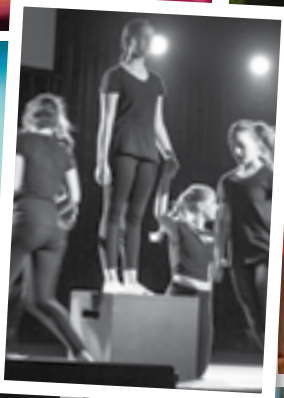
POLY CLUB



Back Row: Olivia Clamp, Millie Forbes, Cordelia Leaupepe, Kyrar Barrett-Lajpold
Front Row: Sienna Morgan, Jayde Ulugia, Seini Latailakepa, Sinama Latailakepa, Mercedes McLaughlin, Mikaylah Forbes
Absent: Lexie Forbes, Anaya Narayan, Irae Uili



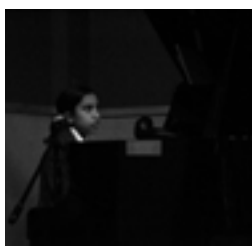
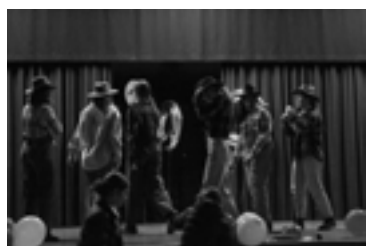
HOUSE PERFORMING ARTS



DANCE SPLASH



SOC FACTOR



LIP SYNC BATTLE



LIBRARY

This year has certainly been a year for change and growth in the St Oran's Library. We began the year with a massive makeover of the library to make it more student-friendly, opening up lots of space for reading and connecting as well as creating new stand alone sections for our wellbeing books, Maoritanga resources and our classics and New Zealand fiction.

To start the year off with some positivity and summer vibes, we ran a competition called 'Give us the Scoop'. We started with an empty ice cream cone on our library doors and students would fill in an ice cream scoop with a review of a book they had read over the summer, then we did a draw each week for four weeks and students won a 'sweet prize'. By the end of the four weeks, the library doors were full!

Reading helps you grow was an appropriate theme for Library Week 2023 in Term 2 because not only has our space grown into something amazing, we have had many more feet through the doors and even more books out the doors.

Library Week saw some incredible sculptures based on the theme of growth, with trees and flowers and all things nature combined

with books to create some beautiful decorations for the library.

We also welcomed New Zealand author Fleur Beale to our library to talk to some of our students about her life and work, as well as Ned Barraud, an author and illustrator of books about New Zealand's natural world. Ned spoke to some of our science classes about his work and then went to the art rooms to do an impromptu drawing demonstration, which saw students giving it a go and walking away with charcoal on their hands and smiles on their faces.

True to Library Week tradition, we also held a kahoot, whanau group quiz, and of course, dress up day, which saw some very creative costumes and a lot of fun at the lunch time parade.

During Library Week, we also welcomed Sheldon, our Library Bookworm, to our school. He was crocheted by Rachel Edwards in Year 11 and has fast become an icon of the school library as a friendly face at the issues desk, Instagram model, and book recommender.

Sarah Phillips, Librarian



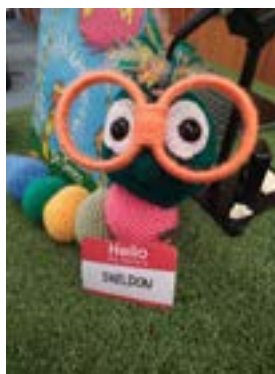
LIBRARIANS

Back Row: Sophia Anstiss, Ashlyn McLachlan, April Nanai, Ana Murray, Arabella Fan, Elizabeth Lynch

Third Row: Niamh Heerdegen, Mackenzie Yee-Holmes, Tessa Herd, Olivia Edge, Shivani Shanthakumar, Lainee Feenstra, Brenna Reeves

Second Row: Sarah Phillips (Library Manager), Kate Steedman, Sammie Leck, Madison Rae, Tyler Stanway, Nicole Steedman, Nadia Ryan

Front Row: Ruby Brewer, Grace Reiher, Rachel Edwards, Michelle Liu, Eva Rowse, Helen Press, Jorja Turvey **Absent:** Grace Chan, Imogen Bell, Vyasnavi Perumal



LIBRARY WEEK!



SPORTS CAPTAINS



Hannah Ryan
Sports Captain



Grace Olsen
Deputy Sports Captain



2023 has been an exciting and jam-packed year for sport at St Oran's College. It has been a privilege to be Head of Sport this year and work alongside my deputy Grace Olsen. We have enjoyed every moment leading sport at St Oran's and giving back while continuing to grow our passion for sport. It has been very rewarding to see the SOC spirit grow throughout the year across a range of different codes.

Our goals this year for sport at St Oran's were to bring more light to the events already in place and grow them into something better, to give recognition to minor codes and success in sport in and outside of school and to grow the SOC spirit around sport. We restarted the St Oran's sport Instagram page as a way of growing the spirit and keeping everyone up to date on games coming up and achievements throughout the year.

The sports council have played a massive role in the success of sport at St Oran's for 2023. All of their commitment to help grow the SOC spirit has not gone unnoticed. They all came to support teams of all levels and across a range of codes. The council has been heavily involved in making events happen throughout the year. They have helped run events such as Athletics Day, Student Vs Staff Volleyball fundraiser, House Winter Sports, Team of the weeks, Lunchtime games and Move it week.

St Oran's Sport 2023 started off with a fun Athletics day filled with heaps of house and SOC spirit. The Hutt Rec was filled with a lot of colour and energy as the houses battled it out. Another congratulations to McRae who came out on top with 1598 points. Big thank you to all the staff, Mr Ewens, sports department and sports council for making it all possible. Following athletics, we had our Student vs Staff volleyball game fundraiser for Relay for Life. It

was awesome to see the school come together to support and raise money for a great cause. Another big event this year was House Winter Sports, where it was great to see everyone participating and showing their house spirit whether it be in the block run, netball, basketball, football, hockey or debating. The competition was very strong this year with 1st and 4th only being separated by 10 points, a huge congratulations to Rutherford who took it out for 2023. In Terms 2 and 3 we reintroduced 'Team of the week', to boost the SOC spirit around sport and give recognition to a range of codes and grades. Every second week we would choose a team to go along and show our support too and get the school behind them. The sports council also ran lunchtime games such as multisport, benchball etc, in the gym where everyone was welcome to come along and get active. It was awesome to see the enthusiasm and energy during these games.

We had very successful Summer and Winter tournament weeks for our premier teams that travelled to various parts of the country to play in a tough week of intense competition. Congratulations to all of our teams on another successful year of sport including those that made regional finals and were top of their competitions. Massive thank you to all the coaches, managers and supporters of our St Oran's teams in 2023. Thank you for volunteering your time and energy into supporting these teams and making it possible for them to compete. Your knowledge, support and encouragement is very much appreciated. Congratulations to all students that achieved high honours this year being selected for representative teams. We are very proud of the work and commitment you have put into your respective sports.

Hannah Ryan, Year 13

SPORTS COUNCIL



Back Row: Ella Sidford, Rebecca Bailey, Rose Richards, Rosie Morrison, Madeleine Olsen, Katie Ross

Middle Row: Kylee Hancock, Sophie Herbert, Millie Forbes, Niamh McCaul, Sienna Baxter, Phoenix Taylor, Kaiserina Papali'i

Front Row: Sinama Latailakepa, Lucy Houlihan, Madison Rae, Grace Olsen, Hannah Ryan, Kate Gray, Bella Harris, Seini Latailakepa

Absent: Scarlett Bowmar

ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS



Left to Right: Bella Harris, Zara Fitzsimons, Holly Sorenson

HIGH ACHIEVERS IN SPORT



Back Row: Niamh McCaul, Rebecca Bailey, Brooke Puki, Rosie Morrison, Georgia Bealing, Madeleine Olsen, Riley Pahina - Gillies, Paige Hartzuiker

Fourth Row: Charlotte Kurth, Genaya Baker, Emily Dunn, Sophie Herbert, Sienna Baxter, Krista Hutchinson-Briggs, Ella Kernohan, Shivani Shanthakumar

Third Row: Janika Parsotam, Maddi Roos, Sydney Hulbert, Kaiserina Papali'i, Sophie Martin, Georgia Sparrow, Jada Ropitini, Bailey Taylor, Aniela Moriarty

Second Row: Kylee Hancock, Eva Cody, Charlotte Ryan, Pearl Kennedy, Jess Sharman, Holly Sorenson, Sinama Latailakepa, Lynmari Lazenby, Zara Fitzsimons, Hayley Naylor

Front Row: Penny Houlihan, Nieve Barker, Ellie Johnson, Seini Latailakepa, Luciana Tukapua, Divya Kumar, Vishali Ramesh, Milan Anderson, Vanisha Tandon

Floor: Grace Olsen, Hannah Ryan, Millie Forbes

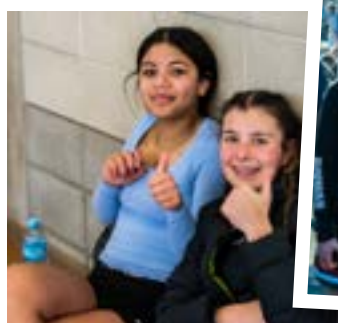
Absent: Anna Henry, Annalise Findley, Ava Kilmister, Bharthi Kannan, Connie Reed, Ella Drummond, Elise Laurensen, Felicity Nicol, Grace Broome, Libby McMillan, Ruby Coffey-Duffin, Sarah Duncan, Scarlett Bowmar



HOUSE ATHLETICS



WINTER SPORTS



BADMINTON

The Senior Prem team had a very successful season, with many close games and some good action. We came 2nd in the Wellington premier grade, which is very impressive! The Senior Prem team also had very good results in the secondary school nationals in Porirua. We lost bronze by one set, and came fourth in division one. It was an amazing effort from the team. Other St Oran's badminton teams played strong with some teams even coming 1st. Overall, it was an amazing season played by all the badminton teams.

Hayley Naylor, Year 12



BADMINTON SENIOR B

Nevada Dornan, Jessica Stevens, Sofia Murray, Pippa Hudson
Absent: Sandra Howat (Coach), Evangeline George (Player/Manager)



BADMINTON JUNIOR A

Seini Latailakepa, Melissa O'Neill, Krista Hutchinson-Briggs, Renee Yan, Bharthi Kannan
Absent: Sandra Howat (Coach), Mr Latailakepa (Manager)



BADMINTON JUNIOR B

Ariel Tsai, Kaiserina Papali'i, Cara Yu, Grace Chan
Absent: Sandra Howat (Coach), Coco Kho (Manager)



BADMINTON SENIOR A

Hayley Naylor, Shivani Shanthakumar, Sienna Baxter, Sophie Cowie, Sinama Latailakepa
Absent: Sandra Howat (Coach), Jo Cowie (Manager)



WATERPOLO

Back Row: Kate Gray, Hannah Turner, Lexie Brown, Bree Paiti, Ashleigh Cooper, Ava Broome, Lucy Gray
Front Row: Caitlin Wood, Ngakau Paiti, Aniela Moriarty, Ella Drummond, Amy Murray, Issy Hourigan, Ella Tansell
Absent: Anieke Parkin, Kaiserina Papali'i, Laura Pemberton, Scarlett Tito

SWIMMING

Back Row: Ella Drummond, Holly Sorenson, Genaya Baker, Zara Fitzsimons, Lucy Bunton
Front Row: Caitlyn Taylor, Amelia Harris, Michaela Stone, Connie Reed, Sienna Williams



DRAGON BOATING

Dragon Boating may not be the most well-known sport in New Zealand, however, it sure is a celebrity of St Oran's.

Gunning for the 4peat, the girls knew the St Oran's legacy was looming over their shoulders. Well fair to say...another year, another success! 2023 did not disappoint when we found ourselves half a boat length ahead in the girls finals of the Wellington Regional Regatta. This win was all thanks to technique-focused, intense and tough trainings that built up to this one moment. We worked extremely hard to get to where we did, with raw emotion filling the air once we crossed that finish line!

Our exceptional coaches, Chris and Alistar are to thank for the hardworking, tight-knit team culture that makes up SOC Dragon Boating. Optimism, self belief and determination are things they preach, and no doubt have they had an impact on every single girl in this team. Their inspiration is why dragon boating is as special and successful as it is. We don't just have the best coaches and best sweep but also the best van drivers. Dearest Ms Phils and Ms Siegs, we have (and I'm sure you have too) loved every single Monday and Thursday drive - the yarns were unbeatable.

Girls, you should all be proud of what you have accomplished and also all you contributed to the team. Dragon boating will forever hold a special place in my heart because it is such a unique experience. It has been such an honour to captain this team and my one bit of advice is to trail for dragon boating as soon as you get the chance. It is something you don't want to miss out on, TRUST ME!

Best of luck for next year girls, let's continue this legacy!

Amy Murray, Year 13



Back Row: Sophie Martin, Rebecca Bailey, Ruby Kerr, Riley Pahina - Gillies, Bree Paiti, Madeleine Olsen, Katie Ross, Niamh McCaul, Isabella Tyrer

Middle Row: Ms Phillips (Manager), Isla Radley, Renee Ross, Zoe Rawdon, Kate Gray, Lucy Gray, Leah Cody, Emily Bunton, Ella Drummond

Front Row: Khya Middleton, Sinama Latailakepa, Lucy Houlihan, Amy Murray (Captain), Megan Jones, Caitlin Wood, Ellie Johnson

Absent: Alistair McDonald (Coach), Mrs Sierget (Manager), Chris Swan (Sweep)



VOLLEYBALL

This year I have had the pleasure of captaining the Senior A volleyball team alongside Sienna. This season has been incredibly successful not only in the games we played, but in the bond we have formed with each other. This year we welcomed our new coach Helen to the team and have flourished under her guidance. Helen has provided us with new knowledge, a new perspective, and a further appreciation and understanding of the game.

Earlier in the year, we were fortunate enough to attend the volleyball nationals in Palmerston North. The tournament was filled with lots of wins, some well-played losses, and most importantly, fun. The Senior B volleyball team was able to attend alongside us with some junior players stepping up to play. It was an amazing experience for everyone and for the Year 13s on the team, their last time attending the tournament. Sienna and I are so grateful to be able to captain such a supportive, uplifting, and amazing team. We could not be more proud of everyone and can't wait for the next season!

Julia Reinders, Year 12



VOLLEYBALL JUNIOR A

Back Row: Aniela Moriarty, Ava Broome, Mikaela Adams, Georgia Bealing, Rachel Puki, Hannah Turner

Front Row: Trelise Morgan, Madison Rae, Kaiserina Papali'i, Luciana Tukapua, Ariel Tsai

Absent: Lucia Griffith, Dan Hulbert (Coach), Robyn Rae (Manager)



VOLLEYBALL JUNIOR B

Back Row: Amelie Carter (Coach), Katie White, Elizabeth Stephens, Brihanna Pihama, Renee Yan (Coach)

Front Row: Jorja Turvey, Keeley Stewart, Sophie Herbert, Anleah Okee Young, Autumn Spicer

Absent: Sara Rawat, Sharon Stewart (Manager)



VOLLEYBALL SENIOR A

Back Row: Helen Moorcock (Coach), Meg Duncan, Rosie Morrison, Brooke Puki, Grace Broome, Ella Kernohan

Front Row: Sinama Latailakepa, Sydney Hulbert, Sienna Baxter (Captain), Ilze Lucas, Isla Radley, Hayley Naylor

Absent: Julia Reinders (Captain), Marga Lucas (Manager)



VOLLEYBALL SENIOR B

Back Row: Helen Moorcock (Coach), Sophie Brown, Niamh McCaul, Rose Richards, Rebecca Bailey, Abigail Perfect

Front Row: Renee Yan, Laila Anderson, Trinity Main, Bella Harris, Amelie Carter

Absent: Dan Hulbert (Coach), Megan Bailey (Manager)



CROSS COUNTRY

Back Row: Zoe Medlin, Maddi Roos, Sophia Marshall, Leah Quinn, Lucy Bunton

Front Row: Roma Moriarty, Aria Laurenson, Connie Reed, Keegan Tietjens, Amelia Harris, Elise Laurenson

Absent: Anna Henry, Eva Cody, Eva Watkins, Nieve Barker

NETBALL

2023 has once again been another successful year for netball at St Oran's. We are lucky to have 27 strong teams across all 7 year levels representing Oran's with pride on the court each week. We are lucky to have so much emerging talent with 4 of our teams placing 1st in their grades and several more who played in grade finals. We also had a large number of players make it into representative teams who played at tournaments across the country, and are further trialing into national secondary school teams. A huge thank you to all our volunteer coaches, umpires at Hutt Valley netball and of course, our St Oran's whanau who make participating in netball possible.

For our Senior A team we had a rocky season. Early on, we learnt that our biggest barrier this season was going to be injuries. Concussion, ACL's, and illnesses held us back, most of the time not having enough Senior A players to form a team. However, we were grateful to have players from Senior B and Junior A who stepped up and helped us make it through the season. Our season ended on a positive note with us having tournament week in Wellington, where we played against teams from all over the Lower North Island. It was an awesome week with us finishing 16th out of 60 teams.

Representing the school in the green and red dress has been a highlight of my time at St Oran's. I'm forever grateful for the experiences, memories and long lasting friendships I have made by playing netball. I can not thank you enough Barb, Ange and Janine for all you do for our team and netball at St Oran's. My biggest thank you goes to the Senior A team of 2023. Your dedication and determination during this challenging season was inspiring. You are all some of my closest friends and I will truly miss playing alongside each and everyone of you each week. I wish everyone all the best for the 2024 season.

Grace Olsen, Year 13



NETBALL SCHOOL A

Back Row: Rebecca Bailey, Niamh McCaul, Rosie Morrison, Bree Paiti, Madeleine Olsen, Paige Hartzuiker
Front Row: Aniela Moriarty, Eva Upton, Hannah Ryan, Grace Olsen, Sinama Latailakepa, Millie Forbes
Absent: Barb Bialy (Coach), Ange Moriarty (Manager)



NETBALL JUNIOR A

Back Row: Emily Dunn, Georgia Bealing, Ruby Coffey-Duffin
Front Row: Aniela Moriarty, Luciana Tukapua, Mikaela Adams, Ava Broome, Scarlett Bowmar
Absent: Tracy Broe (Coach), Kevin Broome (Manager)



NETBALL SENIOR A

Back Row: Niamh McCaul, Rosie Morrison, Bree Paiti, Madeleine Olsen
Front Row: Eva Upton, Hannah Ryan, Grace Olsen, Sinama Latailakepa, Millie Forbes
Absent: Barb Bialy (Coach), Ange Moriarty (Manager)



NETBALL SENIOR B

Back Row: Charlotte Kurth, Rebecca Bailey, Paige Hartzuiker, Ruby Kerr, Krista Hutchinson-Briggs
Front Row: Bella Harris, Ella Kernohan, Riley Pahina - Gillies, Pearl Kennedy, Seini Latailakepa
Absent: Otene Wharerau (Coach), Mr Ewans (Manager)



NETBALL INTERMEDIATE A

Back Row: Niamh McCaul (Assistant Coach), Sophia Marshall, Keira Benson, Carys Reeves Barb Bialy (Coach)
Front Row: Sarah Janes, Leah Quinn, Heidi White, Milan Dyne, Madison Schroder
Absent: Helen Quinn (Manager)

HOCKEY

The St Orans 1st 11X, more commonly known as soc sticks, saw 2023 as the year of opportunity. I had the absolute pleasure of captaining this fine line up of a team throughout the season.

The girls found themselves tracking back into the familiar routine of Friday P1 school girls hockey. The start of the season saw us off with a bang and we only continued this streak. After a draw against Paraparaumu, we secured a spot in the semis. We showed confidence and precision in bronze play offs against Kapiti, walking away with third place.

After this triumph, we went head first into our next competition... tournament week. We trekked into the depths of Palmerston North eyeing up the Kate Trolove cup. Throughout the week we took some mighty wins 4-1, 6-0 and 6-0. Finding ourselves on familiar turf, a bronze medal play off. Unfortunately this time, we did not end up leaving with any metal but we sure did walk away pocketing a week full of impressive hockey, class dance circles and some golden memories.

This year has stood aside from the rest as the team culture was full of support, work ethic, laughs and close bonds throughout the entire team. Would love to say a massive thank you to the girls for consistently pushing yourselves and backing the entire team. Thanks to manager Blair who never disappoints with choccy milk and dad jokes. Tessa for stepping up in tournament week creating tactics against opponents. To Ms Westercamp (Papa-Lou) for being a lit coach and consistently putting effort into the entire season and the team. We would not have had the season we had without you!

Only after 7 years have I finally realized how special school sports are. Through hockey, I have in a way grown up with many of these girls and we have consistently watched each other grow as players and as people. I encourage everyone to keep pushing themselves to make premier teams and get the opportunity to one day experience a tournament week and prem sport because it truly is a unique experience.

Fair to say, we put up a good fight, laying it all out there on the turf this year and for the last time we certainly did bleed red n green.

Amy Murray, Year 13



HOCKEY 1ST X1

Back Row: Kate Gray, Katie Ross, Sophie Brown, Bree Paiti, Ilze Lucas, Lucy Gray, Ms Westerkamp (Coach)

Front Row: Jess Sharman, Lynmari Lazenby, Scarlett Bowmar, Amy Murray, Jada Ropitini, Janika Parsotam, Rachel Koshy

Absent: Amelie Adair, Sarah Duncan, Blair Murray (Manager)



HOCKEY 1ST X1

Back Row: Kelsey Payne, Madison Rae, Sophie Brown, Nevada Dornan, Elizabeth Lynch, Grace Becker, Pippa Hudson

Front Row: Milan Anderson, Charlotte Board, Issy Hourigan, Riya Hiremath, Bella Theobald, Zariya Lala, Jorja Turvey

Absent: Gabrielle Clark, Olivia Mason, Hrishi Hiremath (Coach), Anna Davison (Manager)



CRICKET



Cricket at St Oran's has grown significantly over the last few years and 2023 has been a really successful year for our 1st XI Cricket team. The girls were all very committed with regular training and showing up to all the games as a team. We have created a strong team environment that will hopefully continue to get stronger.

In Term 1, we had a great start to the year winning our pool in the College Sport Wellington T20 competition, we will take on Onslow in the final for this in Term 4.

We had our annual Gillette Venus Qualifying tournament that took place during summer tournament week. We started the tournament off strong with a comfortable win against Paraparaumu College. Then a close loss to Onslow before the rain took over at Trentham Memorial Park and caused the next games to be cancelled. We were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to play against QMC at the Basin Reserve taking a convincing win and securing a spot in the semi finals. The semi finals have been moved to term 4 due to the rain and the girls are looking forward to the chance to take on Wellington Girls and see if we can make it to nationals.

Big thank you to our coach John Bowmar, who gives up his time and puts in a lot of effort for this team. We all appreciate everything he does for us and of course the snacks he brings to each training and game. It wouldn't be possible without John and the parent support we receive so thank you to everyone involved. A number of our players were selected for representative teams, Under 13s - Charlotte Ryan and Divya Kumar, Under 15s - Scarlett Bowmar and Janika Parsotam, Under 17,19 and Blaze - Hannah Ryan. What a great season and looking forward to seeing how this team grows in the next few years.

Hannah Ryan, Year 13



CRICKET 1ST XI

Back Row: John Bowmar (Coach), Phoenix Taylor, Millie Forbes, Elizabeth Lynch, Ella Sidford, Charlotte Ryan, Emma Bateson

Front Row: Shreya Tadikamalla, Janika Parsotam, Hannah Ryan (Captain), Scarlett Bowmar, Jemima Tito

Absent: Lara McLennan, Annette Forbes (Manager)



CROQUET



Back Row: Lucy Evensen, Grace Olsen, Rose Richards, Lauren Excell, Leah Press

Middle Row: Jane Devine, Kaylee Hislop-Croft, Lily McGhie, Sarah Reid, McKenna Rowe, Liang Dajnowski

Front Row: Rosa O'Connor, Helen Press, Maria Devine, Eva Rowse (Captain), Ruby McGhie, Bharthi Kannan, Sarah Blair

Absent: Anya Enslin, Harriet Jackson, Milla Chardet, Olive Swanson

BASKETBALL

This year was a tough year for our Senior A basketball team, losing our final grading game, putting us in Division 1. However, we all played our hardest, scoring us 5th overall. It was a hard session losing multiple of our players due to illness and injuries. A huge thanks to our junior team who stepped up to fill in for us when we had low numbers. Even though the end result wasn't what we hoped for, everyone gave the session everything we had and we couldn't be prouder of every single one of these girls. There were some tough games this session against some fierce

competitors, but everyone pushed through and tried their best while also gaining some new skills and knowledge of the game. Overall, it was awesome to watch these girls become closer as a team throughout the session, playing every game with dedication, passion and teamwork. We love our team and couldn't wish for anyone better to coach us than Alister. He was a big help and we loved his knowledge of basketball.

Bailey Taylor and Leah Cody, Year 13



BASKETBALL JUNIOR

Back Row: Ashleigh Cooper, Ava Broome, Georgia Bealing, Jayde Ulugia, Sophie Herbert, Bailey Taylor (Coach)

Front Row: Mikaylah Forbes, Makaia Craig, Lottie Upton, Victoria Dzapasi, Aniela Moriarty, Luciana Tukapua

Absent: Millie Forbes (Referee), Mike Forbes (Coach), Chris Upton (Manager)



BASKETBALL SENIOR A

Back Row: Rose Richards, Riley Pahina - Gillies, Rebecca Bailey, Lexie Brown

Front Row: Millie Forbes, Kyrah Barrett-Lajpold, Bailey Taylor, Leah Cody, Saffron Jackson, Iara Messarina Quinones

Absent: Alistair Alcock (Coach), Annette Forbes (Manager)

TOUCH RUGBY



TOUCH SENIOR A

Back Row: Aniela Moriarty, Rebecca Bailey, Millie Forbes

Front Row: Seini Latailakepa, Bella Harris, Jada Ropitini, Sinama Latailakepa, Luciana Tukapua

Absent: Mairo Ropitini (Coach), Megan Bailey (Manager)



TOUCH SENIOR B

Back Row: Olivia Clamp, Lexie Brown, Madeleine Olsen, Maiah Dickson, Krista Hutchinson-Briggs

Front Row: Ava Staples, Charlotte Kurth, Sophie Brown, Grace Cotton, Lucy Houlihan

Absent: Brooke Wrigley, Eva Upton, Kristie Brown (Manager)

FOOTBALL

This year not only has women's football grown all over the world, it has also grown in the St Oran's College community too. This year we had two teams competing with many schools around Wellington. Firstly, let's start with the St Oran's 2 junior football team who played 11 games and only lost 3 games to become the regional junior 1-Storm cup champions, which is amazing. This year our first XI football team played in the Premier 2 division with many of our players gaining experience playing in this league. At the beginning of the season, we struggled to find results, but near the end of the season, we started to find our feet and started

getting better results. We were also lucky enough to attend Winter Tournament Week in Palmerston North which left us all with life time memories and the quality of the football that we played was amazing. None of this would have been possible without the amazing coaches that we have and we are utterly grateful for everything that they have done for our team and we hope to see this dynamite coaching duo back next year. I would also like to give a big shout out to all girls for an incredible season filled with fun, and I hope to see you all back again next year.

Kylee Hancock, Year 12



FOOTBALL 1ST XI

Back Row: Sophie Brown, Katie Ross, Ella Sidford
Middle Row: Eva Rush, Charlotte Kurth, Hayley Naylor, Renee Ross, Phoenix Taylor
Front Row: Amber Hancock, Lucy Houlihan, Ella Robertson, Kylee Hancock (Captain/Manager), Bella Harris, McKenna Rowe, Annalise Findley
Absent: Lulu Adair, Millie Forbes, Brett Hancock (Coach)



FOOTBALL JUNIOR XI

Back Row: Georgia Sparrow, Polly Cullen, Ashleigh Cooper, Sarah Reid, Annie McCulloch
Middle Row: Lucia Woolf, Jasmine Gartner, Zoe Lincoln, Rosa O'Connor, Tia Henderson, Ella Dawson
Front Row: Erika Saxby, Amy Knowles, Katy Schmidt, Penny Houlihan, Jemima Tito, Lina Allen, Jessica Newell
Absent: Damien Gartner (Coach), Kim Gartner (Manager), Max O'Connor (Referee)



Touch 2023



Football 2023



Netball 2023

YEAR 7 CAMP



YEAR 9 CAMP



BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Doing bronze duke of Edinburgh was a fun experience for me and I learned so much. I developed my abilities to communicate with others and interpersonal skills all while having fun. I've become a lot more aware of the community I'm surrounded by through doing my service for Duke of Ed.

The adventurous journeys I did pushed me and I realised how capable of doing these kinds of things I was. I found the training day to be a lot of fun and really easy for me because of my background with Girl Guides and Scouts. However, I still found it to be a good refresher and really enjoyed the day getting to hangout with my friends and teach them about basic navigation and other bits. My first tramp was at Kaitoke Smith's Creek, and it was

certainly challenging. I found going up the hills to be challenging as it was raining all day on both days of the tramp. When we finally made it to our camping point, we saw a sign saying, 'Do not go this way damaged track ahead.' We had just come from the track and it was definitely damaged with landslides and narrow paths pushing us up against the edge of cliffs. I wish we had checked online twice. However, I think it made the tramp more exciting and kept us alert. Unfortunately, due to the rain, we all had to sleep in a really old shelter made of concrete which had no actual windows or doors. The night was lots of fun though as in my group we decided each to bring some fun card games which helped us to pass the time.

Niamh Heerdegen, Year 10

GOLD DUKE OF EDINBURGH

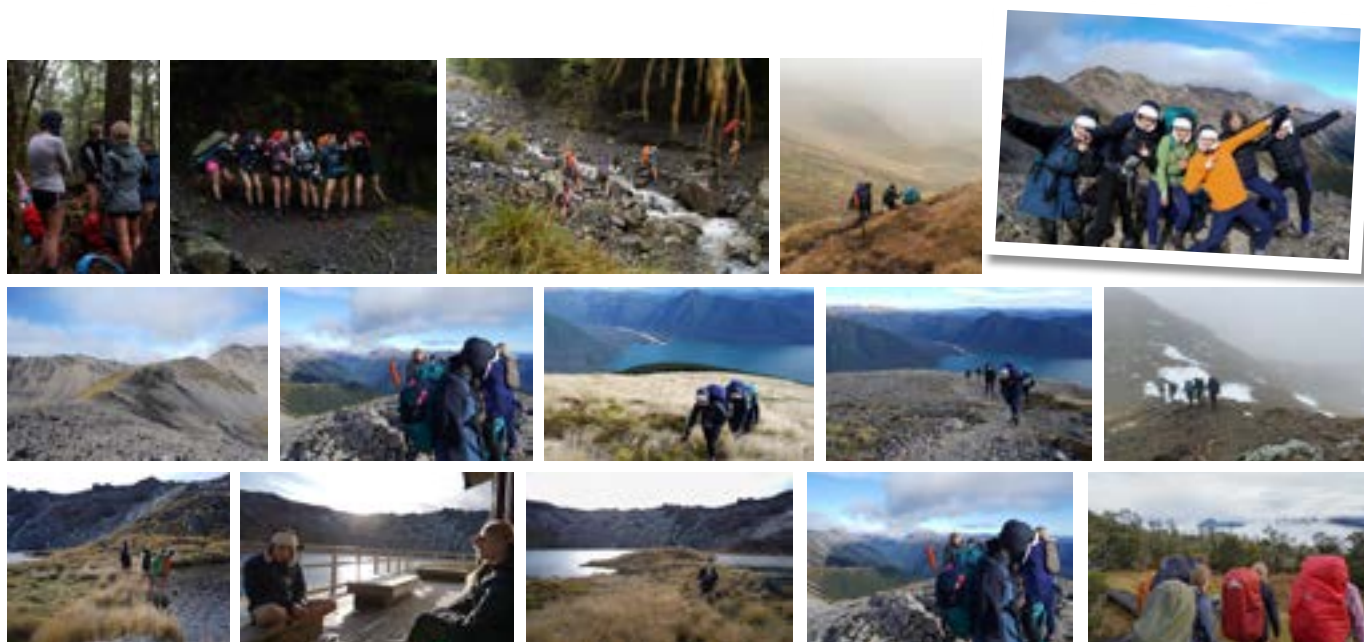
I started my bronze Duke of Edinburgh award at the end of 2019 while I was a Year 9 student. It was exciting to finally get to go tramping for a week with my friends after only having tramped with my family before. Lucy and I loved doing Duke of Edinburgh as we already did lots of sports and we were able to easily gain the weekly hours needed to continue the award. We completed our practice journey for Silver with many of our friends during the St Oran's lead Fearless Girls Strong Women programme at the end of 2020 and during the 2020/21 summer holidays, we convinced two of our other friends to come with us to do our final silver expedition; a beautiful but hard walk through the Tararua ranges. Throughout 2022 and most of this year, both Lucy and I have been working hard to complete the final gold award which was by far my favourite to complete due to the increased 'adventure' aspect of the residential section. The residential was a way to give back to the community and we both spent 5 amazing days helping farm and clear up damage caused by the floods in the Hawkes Bay area earlier this year. The biggest reason that both of us have been able to continue the award despite none of our friends doing it is because we have been able to rally them to come on the expeditions with us. It has been super fun to see such amazing parts of New Zealand with my

mates such as the Christmas eve tramp we did in Otaki forks and our final Duke of Edinburgh tramp where 6 of us tramped in the Nelson Lakes National park. This was by far the highlight of my experience as we were able to plan the entire expedition based on what we wanted to get out of it and being able to do it with some of my best friends was an experience I will never forget.

Having begun the Duke of Edinburgh Award as a little 12 year old in Year 9, coming to finally complete the Gold award in year 13 was such a full circle moment. DOE has taught me that hard work and discomfort pays off. My hope for every girl at school is that they give it a go even if they just do Bronze, because the memories from all the camps are still talked about and remembered so fondly by all the girls who went on them.

We have absolutely loved our time completing the awards and want to give a huge thank you to all the support we've had, especially from the incredible Ms Coales and Peter Mitchell who have been driving forces in getting girls recruited to do the award and nagging us to sign off our hours. If we can give everyone a piece of advice, do DOE you won't regret it!

Kate Gray, Year 13



ART 2023





SOPHIA ANTISS YR 13



VIKI GRINDLAY YR 13



NIAMH GETHING YR 13



JOSHITHA TAPPETA YR 7



SAVANNAH THOMAS YR 7



MAE SMITH YR 7



NIAMH GETHING YR 13



JESSICA GALLARDO YR 7



JUNIOR ART 2023



MIKAELA ADAMS YR 10



CARA YU YR 10



ARABELLA FAN YR 10



MAO OHMURA YR 10



KAYDI ZHANG YR 10



MANATSU OWAKI YR 10



ELIZABETH STEPHENS YR 10



EMILY DUNN YR 10



VYASNAVI PERUMAL YR 10

YEAR 10 ART PORTRAITURE STUDIES



JUNIOR ART 2023



DIVYA KUMAR YR 8



TIA HENDERSON YR 8



VICTORIA YAN YR 8



EMILY VAN DER LITH YR 10



LUCIA MORRELL YR 10



KAYDI ZHANG YR 10



MORGAN SCHLOTZ YR 10



GRACE CHAN YR 10



SARAH REID YR 10



JUNIOR ART 2023



DANIELLE CHETTY YR 9



MEENAKSHI RAMASWAMY YR 9



GEORGIA SPARROW YR 9



KEEGAN TIETJENS YR 9



ZOE LINCOLN YR 9



ADRIENNE DYCOCO YR 9



TAYLA MARCHANT YR 9



LARISSA CHEN YR 9

YEAR 9 ART MY PLACE TOKU WAHI



SENIOR ART 2023



ABI HOUSIAUX YR 11



REBECCA BAILEY YR 11



BROOKE PUKI YR 11



ELEANOR NELSON YR 11



FAIRY BODALIA YR 11



FAITH EKWO YR 11



GRACE COTTON YR 11



ISABELLE MORRISON YR 11



JANE DEVINE YR 11



HARRIET JACKSON YR 11



KELLY GONG YR 11



LACEY WATKINS YR 11



LUCY EVENSEN YR 11



MEGAN JONES YR 11



SENIOR ART 2023



SOPHIE CONWAY YR 11



SIENNA BAXTER YR 11



RENEE YAN YR 11



SIENNA BAXTER YR 11



LAILA ANDERSON YR 11



ANYA ENSLIN YR 11



ROSE RICHARDS YR 11



MILLA CHARDET YR 11



SAVANNAH TRASS YR 11



SOPHIE CONWAY YR 11



KAITLYN MONTADO YR 11



RÉNEE ROSS YR 11



SOPHIE WILLIS YR 11



SOPHIE CONWAY YR 11



TRINITY MAIN YR 11



MAIAH DICKSON YR 11



SENIOR ART 2023



DEVON GIGGINS YR 12



SCARLETT TITO YR 12



GRACE BROOME YR 12



MICHELLE LIU YR 12



ROSIE MORRISON YR 12



IZZY TYRER YR 12



JESSICA PERRY YR 12



SOPHIE MARTIN YR 12



SIMONE DHAR YR 12



NEVADA DORNAN YR 12



SENIOR BUSINESS STUDIES



YOUNG ENTERPRISE

Caitlin Wood, Grace Olsen, Lauren Excell Absent: Viki Grindlay, Zoe Dzapasi

CRUIZE KIWI

This year in Business Studies, we (Grace Olsen and Lauren Excell) created CruiseKiwi business with the Young Enterprise Scheme. CruiseKiwi's everyday guide to breakdowns is a small booklet for young drivers to keep in their glove box, which contains all the information on what to do in minor accident or breakdown situations. We decided to create a business dedicated to road safety after attending the RYDA safety course, both getting our restricted licences and realising how little we knew about what to do in an auto situation if one were to occur.

We were lucky enough to receive funding and some of their expert knowledge from trusted organisations like Hutt City Council, YouthLaw and Tuffy Auto Centre, who loved what we were doing and wanted to support us to go further. We also received an additional \$200 seed funding from YES. With the help of their funding and advice from our mentors Jarrod and Roger, our business was able to reach our goals and make a substantial profit. 50% of which we are donating to Road Safety Education, which provides the RYDA courses which inspired our product to hopefully inspire more young kiwis to take initiative.

Our achievements as a business include being one of the top 4 businesses in the greater Wellington region meaning we got the opportunity to pitch in the regional finals. We were also a finalist for the YES Innovation award and we received the National runner up award for Social Enterprise.

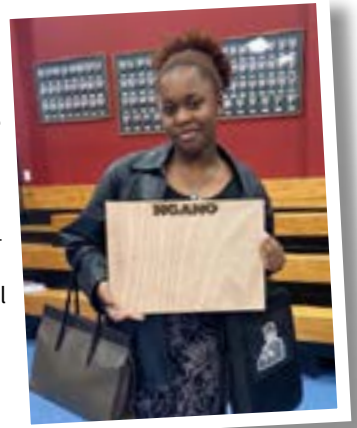


NGANO

In my journey through the Business Studies class, I created Ngano, an educational storytelling toolkit designed for children aged 6-8. The initial goal was to create a business venture that not only had the potential for financial success but also embodied the values and aspirations. Ngano emerged from this vision, and the journey of bringing it to life was a testament to both ingenuity and creativity. Ngano was not solely about profit; it was a project driven by purpose. Rooted in Zimbabwean culture, it celebrated the power of oral storytelling while fostering cultural appreciation among children in New Zealand. The decision to give back to the Zimbabwean community was at the core of Ngano's identity. The path was not without challenges. We grappled with the complexities of creating a product that balanced innovation, education, and cultural significance. Additionally,

the constraints of time and resources were a constant presence. However, it was within these challenges that we discovered valuable lessons about resilience, adaptability, and the power of a shared vision. Although Ngano did not make profit, it created something far more profound—an impact on the Zimbabwean community in Wellington. By honoring and sharing the cultural heritage of Zimbabwe through storytelling, we fostered a sense of unity and pride within our community.

Zoe Dzpassi, Year 13



PERFECTLY PACKED



Perfectly Packed was established in 2023 by Caitlin Wood and Viki Grindlay. We created a gift box company designed to provide affordable yet high-quality gifts to those who struggle to come up with gift ideas, have a lack of income and a lack of time to shop. Our gift boxes contained a variety of goods from brands including; Packaging Products NZ, ByNature, Little Sensations and Bed Bath & Beyond. We provided our customers with the option to choose from our pre-curated gift boxes or to create a personalised gift box. We received significant positive feedback on our boxes from the gift givers and gift receivers who loved all the little items in the boxes. We have really enjoyed the experience of working as a team and selling our product.



Through Year 13 Business Studies we participated in the Young Enterprise Scheme (YES). This programme taught us a variety of skills and knowledge through the fun challenges we completed. An eye-opener opportunity we were able to be a part of was the Slush'd Wellington event on September 8th at Victoria University (Te Herenga Waka) Pipitea campus at Rutherford House. We were able to set up a stall to sell our product and interact with a range of entrepreneurs and other YES businesses. This was a perfect place to practice our promoting and interacting with customers skills. We also were given advice from existing successful entrepreneurs, which will help us in the future. This has been a successful year for Perfectly Packed.



THE BP CHALLENGE

YEAR 10

This year for the BP Business Challenge, our group came up with the concept of an app that would help you save time in the morning by choosing your outfit based on the weather, your style preferences, and daily activities. You would be able to use this app to shop for secondhand clothing items for reasonable prices and recommend or like other people's outfits posted on the app. As well as selling items, it would also have features where you can swap clothing items with others or sell items that you don't like or wear anymore. We named this app Ready Wear to help you have clothing that is ready to wear ready in seconds. Thanks for this amazing opportunity; we all really enjoyed it!

— Helen Press

Our company is called Recycle Race, RR for short. Our answer: we create a competition for primary schools. Schools will collect rubbish and give the rubbish to us to recycle into stationery. This stationery is beneficial to the environment in many different ways. We have taken away knowledge that we will need in a future workplace. We can all agree that it has been fun working with people whom we wouldn't have initially chosen. It has given us a taste of what people in a workspace will be like in the future.

— Ridy Fraser

My group made taniwha tanks. We made metal water bottles mainly using stainless steel from car scraps and landfill-like places where metal gets left around. My team decided to do this idea because of how multiple metals end up in places, and it affects the environment because the metal goes into the soil.

— Mikaylah Forbes

Our company is called PotaKets. We make packaging alternatives to plastic packets and supply them to chip companies. Our chip packets are easily biodegradable and are made out of potato scraps and beeswax. My biggest takeaway from the competition was really learning how to work fast to get everything done on time.

— Riley Aralikatti

I was the CEO of Sleepy Bears in this year's BP Business Challenge. Our product is a scented teddy bear that helps children to fall asleep. It is environmentally friendly because it is made out of recycled clothing. Our scent pouches are biodegradable so that you can put them in your compost or garden. If your teddy bear comes unsewn or breaks, we repair it for free as part of our company's guarantee. We all really enjoyed the BP Business challenge and learned a lot of new skills. Something that we all took away from this experience is how to work well in a team, and we also learned how businesses run.

— Genaya Baker



CAREERS DEPARTMENT

This year the Careers Department has developed some new initiatives and we hope to continue to grow new events and opportunities alongside our careers chats, university presentations and scholarship workshops.

In June, St Oran's joined with 3 other Hutt Valley Colleges and the Hutt Valley Chamber of Commerce to organise a Careers Expo with over 70 exhibitors. This was a huge success and we hope to hold this on a regular basis. We also introduced a Year 9 world of work day which included some career panels where people from a range of professions shared their journeys with the girls. We continued with our year 10 careers/wellbeing day in November. Year 12 also had the opportunity to attend a RYDA workshop day which focussed on road safety education for drivers and passengers. As always, I look forward to making connections with the community and other careers advisors in order to offer as many opportunities as possible to the students to help them with their career pathways.

Julie Collow, TIC Careers Education



SOCIAL STUDIES

GOVERNMENT HOUSE YEAR 9

As part of the Year 9 Social Studies programme looking at the New Zealand government, all classes visited Government House. We were shown around the public rooms of the building with the guides telling us what the rooms are used for and the different ceremonies that are held there. We also got to walk through the lovely grounds.



ENGLISH

SCHOOL SPEECH COMPETITION

1st place Year 7 - 8
Maddi Roos

2nd place Year 7 - 8
Connie Reid

3rd place Year 7 - 8
Isla Evans

1st place Year 9 - 10
Trelise Morgan

2nd place Year 9 - 10
Sarah Reid

3rd place Year 9 - 10
Keeley Stewart

1st place Senior
Zoe Rawdon



Junior Speech winners



Zoe Rawdon



Intermediate Speech Winners



MUSIC



ENGLISH

STATIC IMAGES YEAR 11



Preeyal Naran



Sophie Hutchinson-Briggs



Sammie Leck



Trinity Main

ART HISTORY



ECONOMICS

YEAR 11

NCEA Level 1 Economics has been proven to be an incredible and invaluable class this year. The concepts we have learnt have provided us with a solid foundation to make informed decisions in our personal lives and contribute to a better society.

What makes our economics class truly exceptional is its relevance to our future. The insights gained in Economics are not confined to the classroom; they extend into every aspect of our lives. Understanding economic concepts helps us make informed choices as consumers, entrepreneurs and citizens. It empowers us to analyse and navigate through the complex financial and economic decisions that we'll face throughout our lives.

Economics provided us with the knowledge and confidence to pursue careers in economics, finance, and business. In a world that is increasingly recognising the importance of diverse perspectives and talents, Economics Level 1 is not just a class; it's a stepping stone towards becoming successful women who will make meaningful contributions to our communities and the global economy.

Bharthi Kannan, Year 11



YEAR 12

In Year 12 Economics, we began looking at the concept of macroeconomics. Macroeconomics is the study of the overall economy. We learnt about topics such as inflation, economic growth, unemployment and government policies. Economics is a subject which has strong applications to the real world and allows us to realise how economical issues affect our lives and our futures. To aid in our understanding of government policies and intervention, we went on a class trip to listen to Grant Robertson, the current financial minister, speak about the Labour Party's budget for the financial year. This gave us the chance to better understand how the economic theories we've been learning about are applied in the real world. Our class was impressed at how even in Year 12, we were able to understand global economic issues through the curriculum of Level 2 Economics. Moreover, his speech was cut short due to another urgent commitment, which provided our class with a unique opportunity — a class trip to McDonald's for lunch.



Year 12 Economics saw us go through lots of ups and downs. Our class struggled through interruptions throughout the year during strikes and extracurricular activities, but we managed to push through and make the most of our time. We always ensure that economics is a class full of learning, and to do this in the most efficient way, we found the best technique to learn - games. From our double spells of Monopoly to the Castle Crash game, our class never failed to show their competitive spirit and passion for economics. We have gained a deeper understanding of economic concepts as well as enjoying our time together as a class.

Riya Hiremath, Year 12



GEOGRAPHY

YEAR 11



On the 18th and 19th of May, the Level 1 Geographers took on Martinborough as a part of our internal. We visited popular tourist attractions, such as wineries, an information centre and Green Jersey crocodile bikes. We talked to some lovely people such as Shayne Hammond, owner of Poppies Winery, Anna Nielsen, the general manager at Destination Wairarapa, and Brownwyn from Green Jersey Cycles, to get their take on Martinborough tourism. Sadly, no wine tasting! But throughout all this fun, we had to make sure we were taking detailed notes for our upcoming internal.

We spent our afternoon touring the heart of Martinborough Square, on crocodile bikes to get a real feel of Martinborough tourism. Before we left, Ms Andrews kindly bought us an ice cream and then we made the drive back home. What an amazing day filled with sunshine, laughter and of course, learning.

Niamh McCaul, Sophie Conway & Lulu Adair, Year 11

MAATANGI WHENUA YEAR 11

Each year the New Zealand Board of Geography Teachers hosts the Maatangi Whenua competition for Year 11 Geography students.

There are a wide range of tasks to test their geographical skills such as reading topographic maps, using play doh to make different relief features and identifying key geographical features. This year we entered two teams in the competition. The students were Pearl Kennedy, Brenna Reeves, Lucy Houlihan, Sophie Conway, Niamh McCaul and Lulu Adair.

Both our teams performed well, being placed 4th and 6th in the Wellington region.

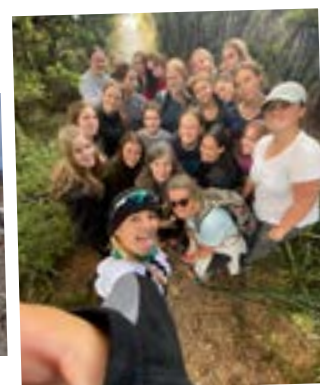


YEAR 12

In March, our Y12 geography class adventured up to the mighty Tongariro Volcanic Region. We spent multiple days exploring the area for our internal and our external assessments. Across the four days, we got up to many activities. We gathered multiple points of research which included measuring and identifying vegetation, measuring the wind speed and temperature as well as taking many photographs and sketches of the bush. We drove up Mt Ruapehu to go up the Sky Waka Gondola. The views were amazing. Our class enjoyed a nice dip at the hot pools and a lovely walk along the Silica Rapids Track. We also attempted to do the first section

of the Tongariro Alpine Crossing. Unfortunately, the weather was awful that day so we were only able to walk the first hour of the track before returning to the warm bus with our favorite bus driver, Graham. Overall, our trip was awesome and very valuable to our understanding of the area. We would recommend Geography as a subject to everyone. The assessment topics are interesting and you even get to do some amazing trips just like ours to the Tongariro Volcanic Region.

Ella Sidford, Year 12



YEAR 13



HUTT SCIENCE



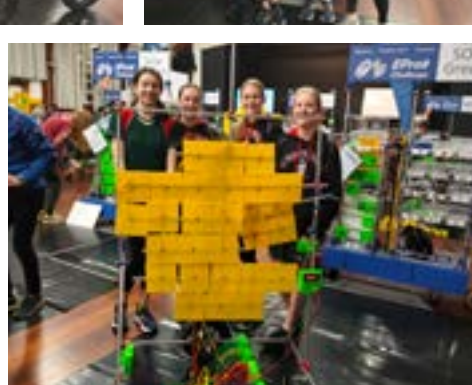
Bungee Barbie

EPRO 8

YEAR 8



YEAR 9 & 10



SCIENCE

YEAR 12 BIO

On a cold, rainy day, the Year 12 Bio classes took a mini bus and school van all the way to Zealandia to meet the large infamous bird, the Takahē. On this trip we saw two Takahē, Neo and Orbell. We learnt a lot about the Takahē's different adaptations for our report, and the coolest fact we learnt is that a Takahē excretes 9m of poop in a day!!! We also got to learn about other animals' adaptations, including the kaka and the saddleback. Overall, it was a very educational and fun trip. Some advice for the next years' bio classes: bring a raincoat, wear gumboots and don't steal any feathers or leaves!

Hanna Greagar and Sarah Duncan, Year 12



MATHS

YEAR 7

7EW in maths during the measurement topic. We were working on understanding how big a cubic metre is and had a competition to see how many students could fit inside. The group that won did a dog pile and managed to get 12 students fully inside a cubic metre.



MATHSWELL 2023

This year's Y8 Mathswell team included Lucy, Vanisha, Abhitha, Amy, Sophia, Yashvi and Abby as our sub. The competition was held on the 30th of August at Victoria University. Overall, there were 57 teams from schools around the Wellington area.

Depending on the scores of the first round of PS and MCQ, the 57 teams were separated into two groups. The top group competed for the cup and the bottom group competed for the plate.

In the first round of problem solving and multi-choice we didn't do so well and we had to compete for the plate. Throughout the second round, we had hope in ourselves that we would do well, which we did! We put all our billions of brain cells on the roll and redeemed ourselves! For the multichoice, we got 14/15 which won us second place in the plate competition!

We are very proud of ourselves for coming this far and this wouldn't have been possible without the best team and a load of effort.



Year 8 Mathswell



Year 9 Mathswell



Year 11 Mathswell



JAPANESE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Kia ora koutou!

We are Japanese international students

We came to New Zealand in January.

I had a really good time in New Zealand.

What I enjoyed was going to Wellington many times with St Oran's friends, going bowling, eating sushi, going shopping and going ice skating.

It was a little bit cold but it was so much fun.

I took advantage of the FIFA Women's World Cup being in Wellington.

My first time to watch a football game in my life was between Norway and Japan.

The player who was so good at football was Riko Ueki. I was really excited.

Thank you for being a part of my life in New Zealand.

I hope to see you again in the future

by Kanon Egawa

Hi, I'm Manatsu and I'm year 10.

I've been in New Zealand for about 10 months, and I discovered that there are some differences between Japan and New Zealand.

First of all, when I came to New Zealand I was surprised that there were no bus announcements. In Japan, there are bus announcements so I know where I am, but I often get lost in New Zealand.

Another thing that I was surprised about was subject choices. Here there are subjects that are not taught in Japanese school and the way of teaching is different. At our school in Japan, we do not use computers, we always write in our book although some Japanese schools use it.

At St Oran's, I learned many things about NZ and I enjoyed various events. I would like to thank all my friends and teachers who helped me.

By Manatsu Owaki

Kia ora, everyone!

I really enjoyed staying in New Zealand for 10 months!! I had never been abroad before, and when I first came to New Zealand on January 28th, I felt more nervous than excited and was unsure if I would be able to spend 10 months in New Zealand. But soon my nervousness turned to excitement. The reason is because I was touched by the kindness of people in New Zealand. When I went to St Oran's School for the first time, everyone was very kind and talked to me a lot, even though I could barely speak English.

The event that I remember most is our sports day because it was my first event after coming to St Oran's school. I was able to experience many things that I can't experience in Japan, such as painting my body. It was really fun and a memory that will last a lifetime.

Another thing that sticks in my mind is the school choir. I'm shy, so I'm not good at giving presentations in front of people, but thanks to the school choir, I was able to experience the joy of giving presentations in front of people, which I would never have had if I was in Japan.

It was a really short period of about 10 months, but it is filled with countless memories.

Thank you very much

By Mao Ohmura

LANGUAGES WEEK

In week four of term three the teachers and students of St Oran's celebrated our annual Languages Week. It's a great chance for us to highlight and embrace the diversity of cultures at the school, and at the same time for students to learn a little bit more about the cultural identities of the people around them.

At St Oran's we are lucky to have the opportunity to learn English, French, Spanish and Te Reo Māori from year 7 to year 13.

The week kicked off with a special assembly at which we had Polynesian, Japanese and Indian performances as well as a beautiful song performed by Kapa Waiata and presentations by some of the senior French and Spanish students. We also ran a competition to create either a 3D model or a poster that depicted one or all of the languages taught at St Oran's, and finished the week on a high with an international parade.

It was, once again, a big success and the language faculty would like to thank everyone who contributed and participated.

Merci, gracias, ngā mihi and thanks!



**“Ko tōu reo, ko tōku reo, te tuakiri tangata.
Tīhei uriuri, tīhei nakonako.”**

“Your language and my language are expressions of identity. May our descendants live on and our hopes be fulfilled.”

Madame Juliette



FRENCH

CREPES YEAR 10

In Term 1, our year 10 French class made crepes from scratch as part of our unit. We practised flipping the crepes in the pan until they were perfectly golden brown on both sides. Once they were cooked, we got to choose from a selection of toppings, such as Nutella, honey, and sugar. It was a fun and delicious way to learn about French culture and cuisine. Our crepes ended up turning out great and were tasty. On my crepe, I had honey and sugar, which tasted exceptional. Overall, it was a fun experience.

Jorja, Year 10



FRENCH IMMERSION AT HIBS YEAR 10

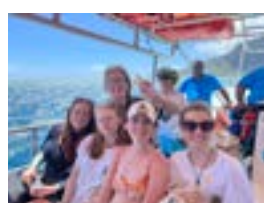


TAHITI YEAR 13

This year's long awaited French class trip to Tahiti fulfilled and exceeded all of our possible expectations. The 8 day tropical adventure not only immersed us into Tahitian culture but was a timely week of revision before our French exams. Staying in groups of two or three with host families for a week was a great way to experience different aspects of Tahitian culture and life, and meant that each person had a unique trip. As a group we got to learn about the coral reefs, do some paddle-boarding, snorkel, explore the markets in Papeete, and most notably the one day island excursion

to Moorea, which was definitely a highlight for most of the group. Being able to explore such an amazing island with a group of friends is one of the coolest things we have ever experienced. A special thank you to Madame Juliette for making this trip happen, Mrs Collow and Mrs Munn for helping out for the week and all the wonderful families and guides that welcomed us with open arms, it was truly an incredible experience that we will never forget.

Kate Gray, Year 13



FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL

In Term 2, the year 11 French class went to see "A Good Doctor" as part of the French film festival. We had the whole cinema to ourselves, and we all had a great time while eating our snacks. The film was in French with English subtitles. We understood more than we thought even though the subtitles were on! It was really fun and we even picked up some more words for our French vocabulary.

Krista, Year 11

This year, as part of year 12 French, we went to the Lighthouse Cinema for the French Film Festival. This was not only a great way to test our French ability but also to expand our knowledge and discover more about French culture. Our class went to see Sugar and Stars (À la belle étoile) which is based on a true story. The film was about a young boy named Yazid whose passion was to be a pastry chef. Although Yazid had a troubled upbringing, he still did all he could to make his dream come true. It certainly was a very heartwarming, emotional and 'sweet' film. We always love our French movie trips and find it rewarding to be able to see our progress in understanding more French each year. Merci beaucoup to Madame Juliette who makes these great opportunities possible for us!

Leah Press & Emma Bateson

During the 2023 French Film Festival, the Year 13 French class went to watch the documentary 'Notre Dame on Fire'. This film followed the events of the April 2019 fire at the Notre dame cathedral in Paris using archival footage, first-hand accounts and reenactments of the tragic event. It was interesting to learn about the historical and cultural significance of the cathedral whilst also immersing ourselves in the French language. The French Film Festival is definitely a highlight of learning French over the past few years for all the students.

Kate Gray

SPANISH

Along with two other St Oran's students, I was privileged to be invited to the Victoria University Spanish Day. We spent the day doing Spanish-related workshops and getting to know like-minded Spanish students from the Wellington region. The workshops were an awesome way for us to use our Spanish speaking skills and learn new tips from the experienced teachers and university staff. We also got to tour the giant Victoria campus and see all the wonderful facilities they offer their students. As well as all of this, we had a Q&A session with some of Victoria's current language students, giving us some insight into student life at Victoria University and inspiring us to continue our Spanish journeys into tertiary studies. On the whole, it was a super fun day and a very rewarding experience for us.

Lily McGhie, Year 12



TE REO



Kaupapa Māori

Kia Kaha Te Reo Māori

Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi - With yours and mine the people will be well

This year has seen a few different ups and downs in te ao Māori. We had our second public holiday for Matariki along with another televised hautapu, yet another delightful Disney film has been released in te reo Māori, Coco Reo Māori, and we've survived controversy around issues from bi-lingual road signs to election campaigns.

At Hato Orana we've been working to establish our Te Whare o Wahine student leadership group which led organizing of our kaupapa to whakanui (celebrate) Matariki and te Wiki o te Reo Māori. We've had classes on poi, lunch time waiata sessions, kapa waiata, whānau class quizzes, mufti days and even a students versus teachers game of Kī-o-rahi. That last one was huge amounts of fun, although we did get a bit muddy.

Our kōtiro helped welcome new whānau and our first haka pōwhiri since Covid and helped to welcome the attendees of our Presbyterian Schools conference. On top of all of this they were also part of the waka ceremony which welcomed the FIFA Womens World Cup to Te Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington. Ka mau te wehi!

In class we've had exciting haerenga to the speech competition Ngā Manu Kōrero and helped celebrate languages week with our very popular parāoa parai. We've also continued the focus on our local hītori with another haerenga to view the Boulcott Farm Memorial on Military rd.

This marks my second and also last of these pānui as I will be starting a position at te Kāreti o ngā kōtiro ki Pōneke Wellington Girls College next year.

Ko te reo kia tika, ko te reo kia rere, ko te reo kia Māori - Let the language be correct, let the language flow, let the language be normal.

Mauri Ora koutou.

Nā James Barber



TE WHARE O WAHINE

Back Row: Olivia Clamp, Erin Ryan, Millie Forbes, Isabella Tyrer, Nevada Dornan

Front Row: Kyras Barrett-Lajpold, Bailey Taylor, Riley Pahina - Gillies, Mercedes McLaughlin, Scarlett Tito

Absent: Ava Palmer-Rennie, Brooke Puki, Gabrielle Clark, Mikaylah Forbes, Olive Swanson, Rachel Puki

FOOD TECHNOLOGY



DRAMA

Drama Workshop
Year 12 & 13



Trip to Circa Year 10



Clowing Year 9

SHEILAH WINN SHAKESPEARE



Left to Right: Sophie Newell, Anna Lynch, Cara Greally, Ashlyn McLachlan, Tess Alford, Zara Lyne

This year, I directed a rendition of 'King Lear' for the Sheilah Winn National Shakespeare Competition. It included a collection of lines from scene one of the original play, where King Lear goes mad and banishes his youngest daughter because she does not love him enough. Having a fully female cast, we called our piece 'Queen Lear'; this caused the actors to relate to their characters more, due to them being the same gender.

After lots of research and many group conversations, the actors embodied their roles. Cara (Lear) stepped into her role wonderfully, bringing a beautiful intensity to Lear. Ashlyn (Goneril) and Tess (Regan) played Lear's eldest daughters with confidence and attitude. Sophie (Kent), played Lear's loyal assistant in a

pioneering way, displaying him as a sensitive man, who wears his heart on his sleeve. Lastly, Anna personified Cordelia's innocence and tragic breakdown of emotion in a very clear and highly emotive way.

On the night, we performed at Wellington East Girls College. We had incredible success and received smashing feedback from the judging panel. It was a wonderful experience and allowed me to grow as a director, and to make connections with people I hadn't previously spent time with.

Zara Lyne, Year 13



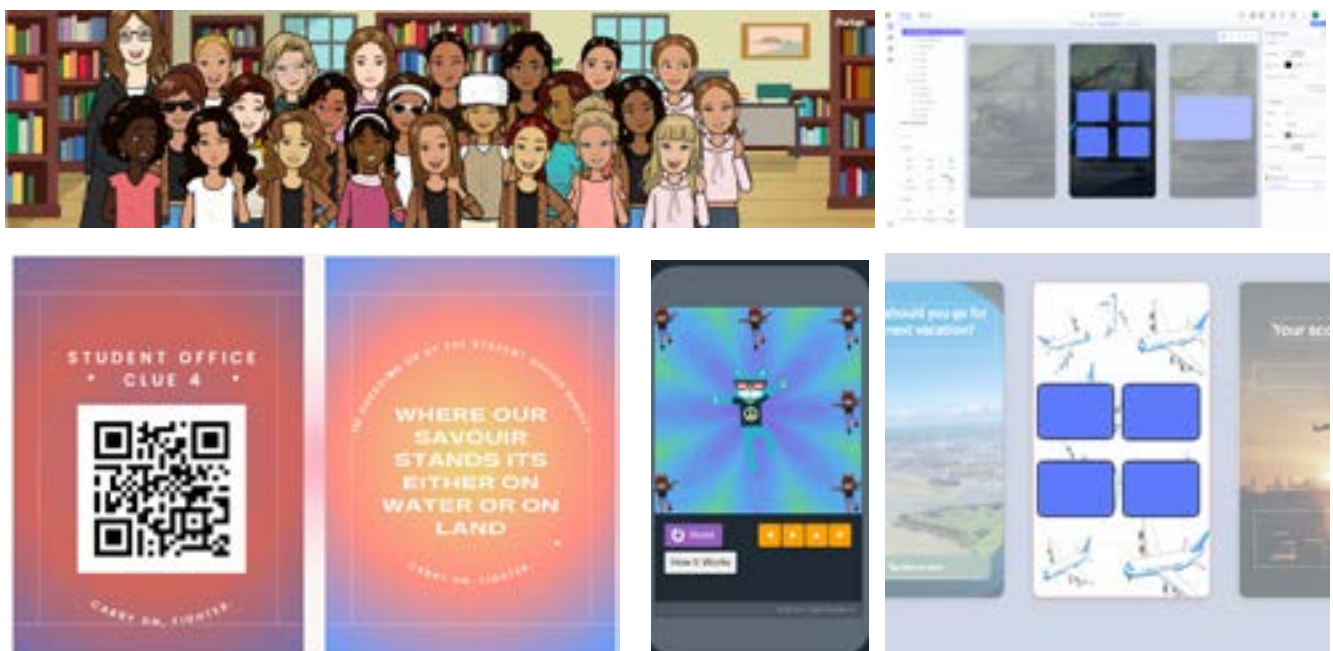
DESIGN & VISUAL COMMUNICATION



This year, the course ran from Year 9 to Year 12 and next year, we are looking forward to the first DVC students graduating from the course. It is very exciting!

We had our first student go into an architectural industry internship, spending one day a month in a real-world architectural firm, doing site visits, sitting in on client consultations and making photocopies. Our DVC course continues to showcase how St Oran's has some very talented students.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY



YEAR 12 & 13 BALL





BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board operates with 12 trustees – five elected parents, four representatives from the Board of Proprietors, the Principal, a teacher representative (elected by the staff), and a student representative (elected by the students). The Board of Trustees met regularly throughout the year via a combination of in person and Zoom meetings taking place.

Coming into 2023, there was hope that the disruptions of Covid-19 would be put behind us and we could resume a more settled year. Thankfully, Covid only had a mild impact on the running of the school, however we were faced with other challenges along the way including teacher strike action which did add to the stresses of students and parents in the early part of the year. The Board wishes to acknowledge the resiliency of our students, parent community, and our staff as the negotiation of a fairer conditions and pay deal went through its process.

2023 will also be remembered as a year of change, we unfortunately accepted the resignation of our Principal – Ms Jeanette Duffy, our Assistant Principal – Chris Hosnell, and our Executive Officer – Cherie Wildon, from the school's leadership team. Loss also means gain for us in these roles and we welcomed Ms Ilana de Ras as Assistant Principal, Ms Chris Holden as Director of Finance and Property, and will welcome Ms Amanda Gibbs as our new Principal starting in 2024.

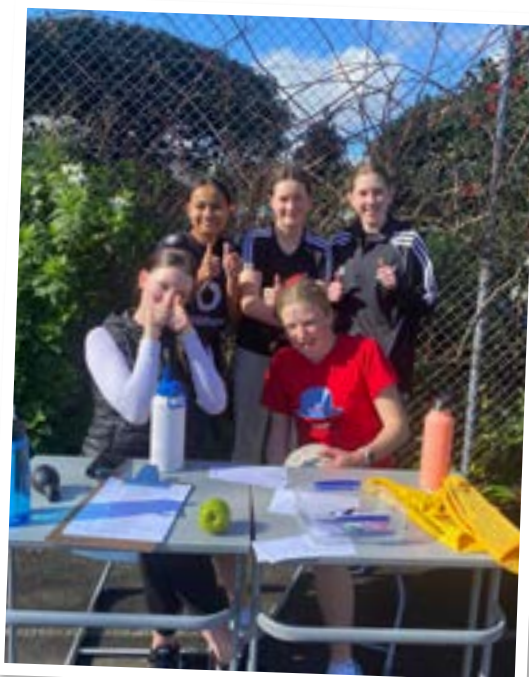
Change also allows for growth and the Board wants to acknowledge Ms Cindy Ford for taking on the Acting Principal role for a large part of 2023, and Mrs Natasha Parsons for stepping up into the Acting Deputy Principal – Achievement and Professional Growth role. Thank you both.

Change was not only at a staff level. 2023 saw focus on the new National Education and Learning Priorities (NELP's) which sets out the Government's priorities for education that will ensure the success and wellbeing of all learners. Part of this focus was the development of the Strategic Plan for the College for 2024-25 that aligns with the Ministry of Education stated priorities.

As a Board member the selection of a new Principal is without doubt the most important task we will undertake as part of our duty. I wish to thank the Board for the work and effort that went into this process and the outcome that was achieved. Equally I want to acknowledge the time and effort put into the Strategic Plan 2024-25 by the Board and the College's leadership team. Of note is Ella Sidford's input as Student Representative to the board for 2023. Ella provided valuable insight from the perspective of our students and helped the board see things from their viewpoint.

I look forward to 2024, with hopefully the major changes behind us.

Peter Williams,
Presiding Member, Board of Trustees



BOARD OF PROPRIETORS

We are very pleased with the ongoing progress to ensure our school culture reflects our special character. It is important that our Christian Studies programmes are of relevance, embrace diversity of perspectives and align with the Presbyterian values. The modular approach in the senior Exploring Faith classes is working well.

Great progress has been made in the service projects in our local community as we work to build an enduring relationship with those in need with the four organisations who we are partnering with. It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm of the students helping with the various activities and doing practical acts of service. I do hope that your child shares their experiences in the area of community support with you. My hope is that our students will continue to serve when they leave St Oran's.

Pastoral care for those in our school community is important. Some of our students, staff and families deal with matters that are difficult and unsettling at times and some issues are also particularly challenging. We must continue to respect each other, be caring to each other and importantly continue to ensure our school culture is inclusive of all. How fortunate we are to have behind us our special character based on the Presbyterian faith provided by our Founding Fathers, to ensure our girls, staff and families are supported when required. This enables us to continue to provide a quality education in a warm and secure extended Christian family environment.

We are fortunate to have very passionate and hard-working people in all areas of the college. This includes Board members, teaching staff, non-teaching support staff, parents, and local community members. All these groups are involved in the maintenance of the college in all areas ensuring that our students, staff, and visitors have a learning and working school that is always presented as a welcoming learning environment. The best that it can be. Thank you to all the Board members (BOP and BOT) for their time, effort, and contribution to the college.

In August, we hosted the annual Presbyterian Church Schools Conference. This is a special and unique opportunity for the Presbyterian schools to get together and talk about important issues, and to listen to invited speakers. The theme of the conference was, 'Let the uniqueness of the child guide our work.' A big thank you to all those who were involved in the two-day conference.

This year has seen us farewell our Principal Jeanette Duffy, and our Chaplain Sue Fenton. We are incredibly grateful for the significant contribution they have made to the special character and culture of St Oran's.

I want to encourage you all to be involved and to support the college in whatever way you can. We live in busy times, but all schools including St Oran's need your involvement. This could be anywhere, including Board participation, Parents Assn membership or assisting with our sports teams.

Wishing everyone all the very best for a safe and happy Christmas/ New Year period with their whanau.

Elizabeth Coe,
Chairperson, Board of Proprietors



FOUNDATION TRUST BOARD REPORT 2023

The essence of the Foundation Trust is to provide assistance to families at school experiencing financial hardship and the Trust has continued to provide that support to families in 2023.

The Foundation Trust has also continued our sponsorship of two scholarships at St. Oran's – Music and Speech & Drama. The recipients of our scholarships this year are Abigail Perfect for Speech & Drama and Kaiserina Papali'i for Music. As with most things these days, costs in this area have been rising and the scholarship amount had not changed in some time. The Trust reviewed this and increased the amount on offer in 2023 to ensure it still covered all appropriate costs.

The Foundation Trust continues to work alongside the Parents Association helping with the St. Oran's golf day fundraiser. This

is always a very successful day and continues to build a strong relationship between the two groups.

Sue Avison, a long standing Trust Member, resigned at the end of last year. Sue provided many years of service to the Board, we are extremely grateful for her contribution and will miss her input and enthusiasm. As a result of Sue's departure, the Trust is now actively looking for an additional 1-2 new Members.

Warm wishes for a wonderful Christmas break and summer holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone again in 2024.

Katy Young
Foundation Trust Chairperson

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Another year has passed both terribly slowly and insanely quickly. I'm happy to report that the St Oran's Parents Association (PA) continues to enjoy the support of the St Oran's community through direct donations and participation in our fundraising event. We have been pleased in turn to then support the school's SLT in their requests for specific items.

As I write this, we have just completed another annual golf day. This was successful with near record levels of engagement this year including two new major sponsors, and 32 teams. We haven't yet counted the final takings but it is looking good. The event is not only a great fundraiser for the school but an opportunity to get the school together. We were even able to coax St Oran's staff to provide a team and they performed credibly against some very, very dedicated golfers. Overall, it was a fantastic day for everyone - even if we did have the traditional rain for the last half hour out on the course.

The diminishing return on the major fundraising event – the annual golf day - caused the PA to review that activity and how it is operated to ensure it is providing the best financial and, critically, social return for the school community. We are bringing on board two new major sponsors which will give us extra flexibility and we are looking forward to another great day – no matter how bad the weather will be.

Next year, we are looking to run additional activities which may raise additional funds but will

primarily about building a stronger school community. There will be more news on those in the New Year. We have had preliminary discussions with Jeanette, but final decisions have not yet been made and won't be for some time yet.

We continue to adapt to the changing needs of the school community with 2022's leaver dinner replaced by a post-awards function, and the unfortunate cancellation of Fearless Girls, meaning that we redistributed the funding to other EOTC activities for that grade.

We have had discussions with the school and boards to ensure that they are aware of the full range of support and funding the PA can provide to the school and that there are more options than previously thought. This means that we could support the school with desks and IT purchases for the refit of the computer areas as well as the more normal mundane requests that we receive.

We hope for this engagement to continue as we seek out the next "big thing" that the PA can support financially. We are inviting ideas, thoughts and suggestions from the entire school community. So if you have a suggestion, please email storanspa@gmail.com.

Like all volunteer groups we rely heavily on a small core group for the committee, and we have seen a few new faces this year and others have moved on as their children do. This ongoing renewal does create risks as experience and knowledge leaves, but also ensures fresh ideas and energy.

I would like to thank them all – the new and more veteran members of the committee for their dedication and support.

And for those who have done their time, thank you. You now get your Wednesdays back.

Ben Ryan,
Chair, St Orans Parents Association



ST ORAN'S ALUMNI AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Our vision is to gather not only our Alumni but also past staff of St Oran's together and create opportunities to connect, catch up, network, build relationships, rekindle friendships, socialise, and have fun while doing this.

Sometimes it's hard to find your direction, your "why" ... exploring what drives you, motivates you. Sometimes this becomes so obvious once we connect with others and hear their stories.

It's such an exciting time for women all around the world with equity at the forefront of so many businesses and government organisations. We see this as a great opportunity to build our own strong, connected network.

Our world within the confines of the St Oran's gates was so small compared to what we have all experienced so far since walking out of those gates for the last time, and we would love to see those experiences shared, explored and new connections made that benefit all Alumni.

Our committee is a small, but active one. Joining up is not onerous... we share the "minimal" workload and tasks. Our goal is to organise social events, connect likeminded people and give back to our school community using our life experiences where possible.

The St Oran's Alumni and Friends Association is a space where everyone can contribute in small ways, sharing ideas, planning, and creating events to bring our Alumni together to socialise, connect and network.

Each year In November/December we welcome back our past Year 13's and host a "Year 14" get together with the Alumni committee and Staff. This is always well attended, and the graduates look forward to catching up with old friends and teachers.

This year we also hosted an Afternoon Tea at the school, with a tour of the grounds and an opportunity to catch up with past staff and students. We had Alumni and staff from the 70's through to the 90's attend.

We are proud to acknowledge the leadership and resilience of current students with two cups presented at the end of year school Prizegiving. The St Oran's Old Girls Senior Cup acknowledges a student who has shown outstanding leadership skills in her Tutor Group environment. The 2022 recipient of this prize was Sophia Harding. The St Oran's Old Girls Endeavour Cup is awarded to a Year 9 student who demonstrates exceptional effort and commitment and perseveres despite not always finding school easy. In 2022 this was awarded to Zoe Meitland.

Our vision is to help our St Orans Alumni be successful, independent, strong in both character and mind and to remain connected with one another for life. We want to watch these connections grow and create opportunities for networking, business support, sharing of knowledge and skills, personal support, friendship, and mentoring.

We hold a few social events each year so keep an eye on our Facebook and Instagram, and we also welcome our Alumni back to the school for career sessions with our students, as guest speakers, sports coaches, and mentors.

We are always looking for fresh ideas and input to assist in planning future events and opportunities for our Alumni to network, socialise and create life and business connections, so please don't hesitate to get in touch. You can reach us at oldgirls@storans.school.nz or find us on Facebook and Instagram.

Anna Kurth
President St Oran's Alumni and Friends Association



GET IN TOUCH WITH US!
OLDGIRLS@STORANS.SCHOOL.NZ



STAFF FAREWELLS

SUE FENTON



In Term 3, we farewellled our Chaplain, Mrs Sue Fenton. Before joining the staff team in 2020, Sue already had strong connections with St Oran's College. Her father-in-law, Dr Colin Fenton, is a former Chairman of the Board of Proprietors and our very own Fenton Block is named in his honour. Sue also worked for many years at Knox Presbyterian Church, engaging with children and families as one of her numerous ministry responsibilities.

During her time at St Oran's, Sue helped develop the Senior Christian Studies curriculum, which she also initially taught. After Joce Kearney retired at the end of 2021, Sue remained on the staff as a non-teaching Chaplain. In this role she continued to develop the Senior teaching curriculum with other staff members in the newly named Exploring Faith Faculty. In 2022 and 2023, Sue and Cindy Ford worked closely together to introduce enduring service relationships between each of the St Oran's College Houses and the following local organisations: Lower Hutt Foodbank (McRae), Hutt Valley Women's Refuge (Columba), Knox Presbyterian Church (Macfarlane), and Te Kakano o te Aroha Marae (Rutherford). We hope that this wonderful legacy to serve others in our local community will continue to enrich each deserving organisation as well as our College whanau.

Sue will be remembered as a calm, gentle wāhine who came alongside students and staff at St Oran's College, providing support, wisdom, and guidance during her time as our Chaplain. We wish Sue well in all her future ventures. Haere rā Mrs Fenton - we pray that "the Lord bless you and keep you" (Numbers 6: 24).



STAFF FAREWELLS

JEANETTE DUFFY

Farewell to these wonderful staff members.
St Oran's College thanks you for your time, effort and dedication to the college.
We wish you all the best in your new endeavours.

- Chris Hosnell
- Robyn Patston
- Irene Mason
- Cherie Wildon
- Louise Westerkamp
- Frances Hincliff
- Sarah Coales
- George Lake
- James Barber
- Lizzy Eaves



STAFF 2023

"EMPOWERING YOUNG WOMEN TO BE THE BEST
THAT THEY CAN BE"



Jeanette Duffy
(Principal)



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Stella
Adams



Nieve
Barker



Savanna
Boote



Katherine
Clöver



Ruby
Craig



Maria
Devine



Isla
Evans



Jessica
Gallardo



Elissa
Hearn



Addison
Jefferys



Olive
Kerr



Sameira
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Selma
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Alice
McGeorge



Lucy
Morgan



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Parker



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Patel



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Destiny
Thomas



Leanya
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Watkins



Ruby
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Gabby
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Sarah
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Amelia
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Hollie
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Sam
Goad



Tia
Henderson



Sarah
James



Sophie
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Amelia
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Bella
Sevicke-Jones



Vanisha
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Victoria
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Lilly-Rose
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Lila
Brasler-Joll



Georgie
Carter



Catie
Cleland



Mitia
Dyne



Lexie
Forbes



Abby
Garrity



Annie
Gray



Penny
Houlthan



Amy
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Divya
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Briar
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Jessica
Newell



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Michaela
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Lauren
Edmonds



Sophie
Evans



Jessica
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Laila
Guthrie-Thiel



Bree
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April
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Cordelia
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Tayla
Marchant



Trelise
Morgan



Anisla
Moriarty



Jaimee
Overvest



Sophie
Paul



Mia
Rowan



Erika
Saxby



Sahana
Sivasubramaniam



Holly
Somerton



Zoe
Steer



Chiara
Swift



Jayde
Uggie

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Milan
Anderson



Grace
Binner



Danielle
Chetty



Ruby
Coffey-Duffin



Molly
Conway



Sienna
Currie



Johanna
Felderhof



Penny
Gartner



Isabel
Godfrey



Chelsea
Grantham



Ava
Hosking



Mabel
Kerr



Bella
MacDonald-Wilde



Isabel
Mahony



Layla
Nasir



Olivia
O'Neill



Annabel
O'Riley



Ruby
Oosterkamp



Anisla
Parkin



Laura
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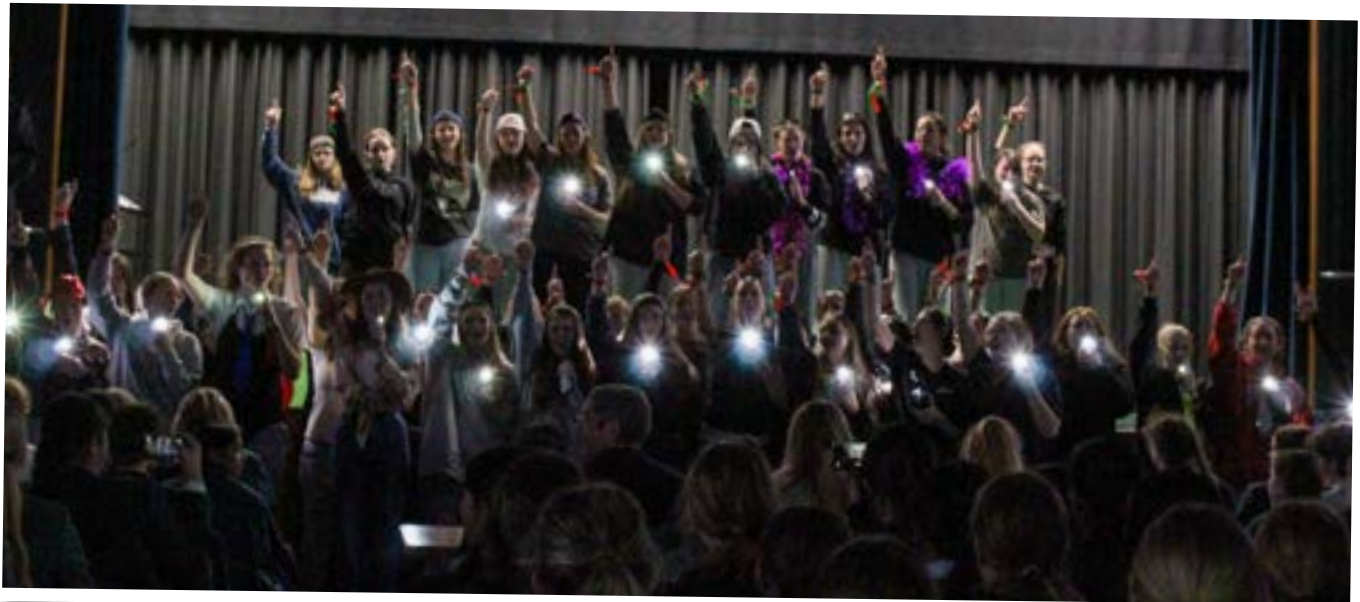
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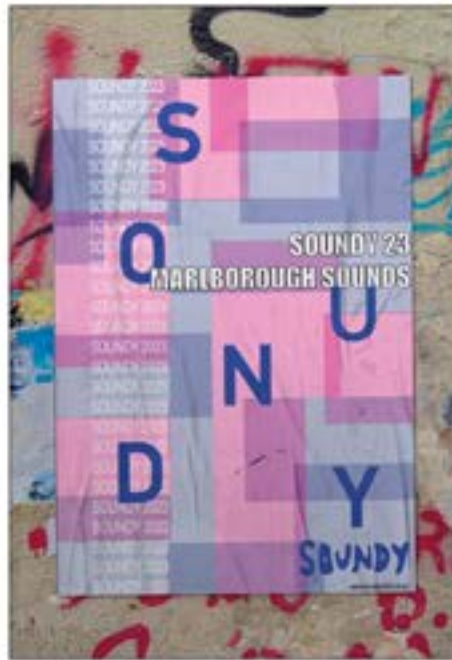
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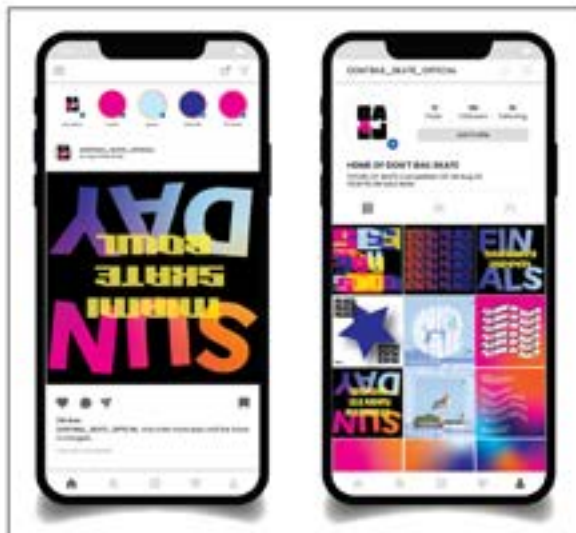
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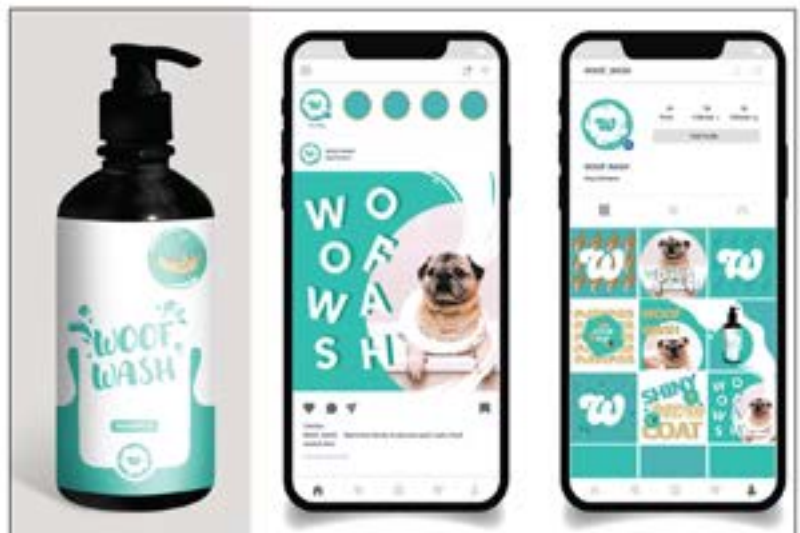
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