



ST ORAN'S WEEKLY

Friday 28 March

Kia ora e te whānau

I've glanced up from my desk today and as well as being grateful for the beautiful autumn sun, the view and noise out on the tennis courts is always changing and makes me smile.

Currently the senior students from Columba are adding the finishing touches to their House Performing Arts song in preparation for Monday night. There are enthusiastic dance moves and energetic singing. This morning, I heard the laughing from a Year 8 PE class armed with hockey sticks, and at morning tea it was encouraging to watch groups of students sitting in circles, sharing stories and talking to each other (without a phone in sight!)

This weather was also appreciated by our first XI cricket team this week during their summer tournament week games. It was a tough tournament for them and whilst the results didn't go the way we hoped, I know every team member took each match as a learning experience. Their effort, determination, and teamwork are what truly matter, and those qualities will make them a stronger team next time they are out on the pitch.

Up the line, in Palmerston North our volleyball team is returning victorious, wearing bronze medals proudly around their necks. Third place at the New Zealand Secondary Schools National Tournament is an outstanding achievement and a great end to their SOC Volleyball career for six Year 13 students.



And finally Happy Birthday to our ever-popular school mascot, St Roaran. I'm not sure exactly how old they are but there were ice creams, a sausage sizzle and party pinata treats at lunchtime on the field. There were certainly smiles and laughs here too as we wrap up another week at Hata Orana.



I look forward to seeing many of you on Monday night up at The Lanes. On behalf of us all, ka kite ano - Amanda Gibbs.



Happy Birthday St Roaran



Congratulations to Emily Williams who placed third in the under 12 girls at the NZ Secondary Schools Triathlon.

Birthday Wishes this week to:

- St Roaran
- Georgia C
- Lulu A
- Pruthvi A
- Penny S
- Millie T
- Destiny T

Academic Trivia Night

Raising a phenomenal \$2754 in support of our Relay for Life fundraising, this inaugural event also provided an excellent opportunity for our community to come together. Our staff teams got in the fundraising spirit too!

