



ST ORAN'S WEEKLY

Friday 22 November

Kia ora e te whānau

We have just watched tired but clearly happy Year 9 campers unload from the bus back here at school. They have experienced sunshine, rain and even hail across the last three days up at Kaitoke YMCA, but regardless they have had a fantastic time kayaking, wall climbing, crate stacking and stepping up to the challenge of the Giant Swing! Our heartfelt thanks to Mr Ewens who oversees EOTC experiences and enables camps like these to happen; and our additional thanks to the teachers who supported Year 9 in their activities and gave up evenings with their own families to stay overnight at camp. The girls will no doubt sleep well this weekend!



School has been quieter with only three year groups on site, but still very busy, with our focus on keeping akonga engaged and learning. Our Year 10s have been focusing on Character Strengths and the importance of leaning into our strengths and being deliberate in our actions. And we have welcomed Harold the Life Ed bus to school for our Year 7 & 8 students, who have been engaging in additional health focused lessons courtesy of the Trust.



Earlier in the week we had students compete in the EPro Hutt Valley semifinals and then again in the finals later in the week. Initially, their design was for a scooter with a light, and at the finals they had to build self-opening curtains activated by light! We are very proud of our teams and competitors, and grateful to the science faculty who encourage and support the girls.

As we tidy up for the week, our SOC Alumni are setting up the Atrium to welcome back 'Year 14' - our 2023 leavers. This is a very special annual event and is always well attended with the girls keen to reconnect and step back into school, albeit briefly! It is still hard to comprehend that our current Year 13s will soon be joining the ranks of 'old girls'!

We look forward to celebrating the 2024 year with you all at our upcoming Academic Prizegiving at the Micheal Fowler Centre, on Monday 9th December. Wishing you all a good weekend. Ka kite anō.



Thank you to our School Council who are promoting 'Summer Sense'. All students should bring a hat to school in Term 4.

Birthday Wishes this week to:

- Amelia J
- Aviah W
- Adrienne D
- Ella G
- Amelie C
- Olivia C
- Aria P
- Lauren E
- Zariya L
- Lexie F
- Alyssa P
- Eva C
- Amber H
- Kylee H



Welcome back Harold!

