

PRESBYTERIAN SCHOOLS CONFERENCE
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SCHOOL ROLL 2018

As at July 2018: 187
Preschool Roll: 50

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Saint Kentigern Banner

Over the course of 2017, as part of a combined Christian Education and Visual Arts project, the students in Years 4-7 at the Girls' School worked on a 'Miracles of Saint Kentigern' banner. After many weeks of designing, sketching, painting and applying dyes, the girls completed their artwork prior to Christmas, ready to pass their artwork on for the sewing and quilting process. Working in small groups within their year level, the girls were each responsible for a section of the banner. Each panel depicts one of the four miracles that Saint Kentigern performed during his life.

*'This is the bird that never flew
This is the tree that never grew
This is the bell that never rang
This is the fish that never swam'*



Creative Arts Evening

*'Absolutely everybody, everybody, everybody,
absolutely everybody in the whole wide world!'*
The cheerful, upbeat song that concluded the Girls' School Creative Arts Evening summed up

the sense of support and inclusion that emanated from this year's show. Over the course of three nights, 'absolutely everybody' from Year 1 to Year 8 stepped out on stage to showcase the Arts through music, dance and drama.



'Kapa Haka'

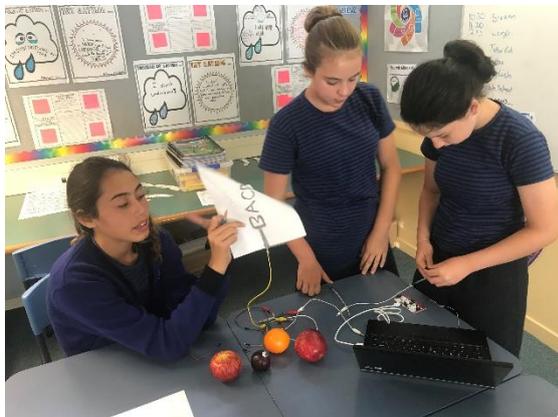
It is now three years since the Kapa Haka group was first formed following a visit to our local Marae. Under the direction of Whaea Demant, emphasis is placed on self-expression, discipline and the girls are taught the cultural and historical significance in the items they learn. The combination of their confident stage presence and beautiful voices has resulted in the group giving some commanding performances.



LOOKING FORWARD

STEAM Innovations Programme

Saint Kentigern Girls' School has begun a journey to empower our girls to think more creatively and develop their communication, collaboration, critical thinking and problem-solving skills ensuring they are equipped and enabled for a highly technological world. Underpinning STEAM is a focus on design thinking, which is a mindset and approach to learning that includes collaboration and problem solving. Working with mBot robots, ozbots, makey makey circuit boards, sferos and drones, all of this new equipment requires the new skill of coding – a new 'literacy' at school level that will become part of many future jobs.



We're Moving!

Earlier this year the Saint Kentigern Trust Board announced its decision on the master plan for our two Primary schools and the Preschool.

Key features of the master plan for our Girls' School are:

- A new purpose-built 19-classroom Girls' School, with a new learning commons, library and recreational areas at a new location above and to the left of the Gate 5 entrance on Shore Road where it will have its own "front door" and distinct presence

- A new specialist Arts, Science and Technology block that will be available to both Primary schools on a separate timetabled basis

Shore Road is the current site of our Boys' School.

Planning will now begin on Phase 1 building developments and all aspects of related management; construction is currently anticipated to take place through 2020-2021 with all new facilities completed and ready for occupation in 2022.



Giving Service Abroad

In July, 20 Year 8 students from both the Boys' School and Girls' School, 20 parents and 4 staff headed to Vanuatu to give service at Macses and Etas Presbyterian Schools. Both schools are severely under-resourced with little furniture in class, no toilets, electricity or running water.

Ahead of the trip, our schools collated and dispatched a container full of school furniture, playground equipment, clothes, shoes, medical equipment, stationery, outdoor furniture, water tanks and two tonnes of cement! Their first job will be to unpack and distribute the contents.

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Whilst there, they will be installing solar panels, making incinerators, painting a container café and a host of other jobs. During the October holidays, a further two combined teams from the schools will head to Fiji on service trips.