



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 7
13 June 2018

Kia ora parents and whanau,

This is a week of significant activity - Thursday year 5 and 6 sport, Junior swimming, Year 8 camp in Hanmer, choir rehearsals, drama club, chess club, Civil Defence Learning for years 3 - 5 and football with Jae for years 3 and 4. In addition staff are putting the finishing touches to the mid-year reports which can form the basis for discussion at the mid-year parent/teacher interviews. And it is always great to hear of what families are doing outside of school in the busyness of life.

Year 8 camp

Early reports are that the Year 8 camp is going very well. **Ms Cristy Yonetani** let me know that most of the group climbed most of the waterfall track in muddy conditions but that is was a great effort from all students. Students are also doing some of the cooking and she described the dinner on the first night as "edible". **Mr Adrian Rennie and I** head to Hanmer this evening to join Ms Yonetani and support the year 8 leaders camp. We have a stunning group of leaders in this cohort who have worked hard to work together taking the lead in various areas of the life of the school. There are some stunning pictures later in the newsletter.

Mokihi at Church THIS Sunday 17th June

If you are in Mokihi you will have had a personal invitation from Rev. Ben Truman to the service at **St Anne's this Sunday at 10.00am**. All family members are welcome to attend as we seek to continue the tradition of attending one service per year at the Opawa/St Martin's parish service. Please ensure your child is formally dressed in school uniform with blazers - boys in white shirts please. The students will lead the congregation in the singing of two doxologies. I look forward to joining with you.

Reminders:

- **Parent Teacher Interview Booking online - www.schoolinterviews.co.nz - code s3w3j**
- **Thursday 21st - Sport/Cultural/Leaders Photographs**
- **NZEI Paid Union Stop Work meeting - Wednesday 26th June**
- **E-Learning Hui - Wednesday 26th June 2.30pm - 4.00pm**

Association of Integrated Schools Conference

I am thankful to the Board of Proprietors for supporting my attendance at the conference in Wellington this week. This is made more special by the presence of **Rev. Ben Truman**. It is a great opportunity to press pause and understand the political landscape of our sector, hear of the stories from similar schools and learn more of property, economics, legal policy, governance changes, Pasifika Education and what the new Digital Technology Curriculum might mean for our school. Whilst the expressions of Special Character are different within this group of schools, there is a strong commitment at an Executive level to support the choice that Special Character schools offer parents and whanau. The sector represents 11.4% of all students in the country which is significant.

There is no doubting that we are in a period of significant change in Education in New Zealand with large numbers of working parties working on behalf of the Coalition Government. Can I encourage you to lobby your local MP in support of the work of Integrated Schools remembering we are the only full primary state-integrated Anglican school in the South Island!

Blessings to you all

Averil



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

School Notices

Upcoming Events

11-22 June	Y0-3 Swimming - Pioneer
12-15 June	Year 8 Camp
17 June	Mokihi Service - St Mark's/St Anne's Church - 10am
21 June	Sport/Cultural Photographs
25-27	Whanau/Teacher Interviews
29 June	Book Character Day
6 July	End of Term Service - 2.30pm
19-20 Sept	Wearable Arts Show

Church Certificates

Raupo	Eliha N/Genevieve F
Inaka	Ahri L/Darcy Q
Kereru	Aaish P/Olivia H
Ti Kouka	Holly R/Zara P
Kamana	Abigail W/Catalina M
ToeToe	Lincoln S/Lennix C
Kotuku	Vanessa A/Madeleine C
Paua	Milli L/Casper T
Mako	George A/Sophia W
Wheke	Isla J/Esha J
Toroa	Zachary/Oliver C

Sports Results

Netball

St Mark's Leopards (Yr3) 2 v St Francis of Assisi 1
Player of the Day: Coco A
St Mark's Lions (Yr4) 4 v St Francis of Assisi 4
Player of the Day: Saffron D

Basketball

St Mark's Titans 25 v Chch South Rockets 12
Player of the Day: Olivia C-S

Scholastic Book Club

Order forms for Scholastic Books have been sent home. Orders may be placed direct with Scholastic at www.mybookclub.scholastic.nz. An easy way to order online yourself and will be delivered direct to school. Orders close on **Friday 15 June**.

Student Success

Ethan and Seth K both competed in their Karate club championships in the weekend. Both completed an excellent Kata, and Seth placed 3rd in Kumite round! Both are going champs this weekend.



Community News



Electronic Music After School Programme:

PYDT are looking for young people to be part of a fresh, exciting Electronic Music Production programme at the Te Koru Youth Centre. If you're interested in learning how to make your own Music on computers in a fun, social environment at a cool Youth Centre, this is the place for you! If You would like more information about this programme, please email studio@pydt.org, or give Tom a call on 0210503237.

This musical endeavour is just one of the many programmes we run here at the centre, including our widely endorsed Leadership Training Course for schools, Holiday Programmes, after-school Youth Hangout spaces, Disability Youth Groups and so many others!

If you would like to know more about this programme or others, please simply reply to this email.

Tom Linklater

Recording Studio Coordinator & Youth Worker
0210503237

Ti Kouka Pizza Party

Zac saying grace

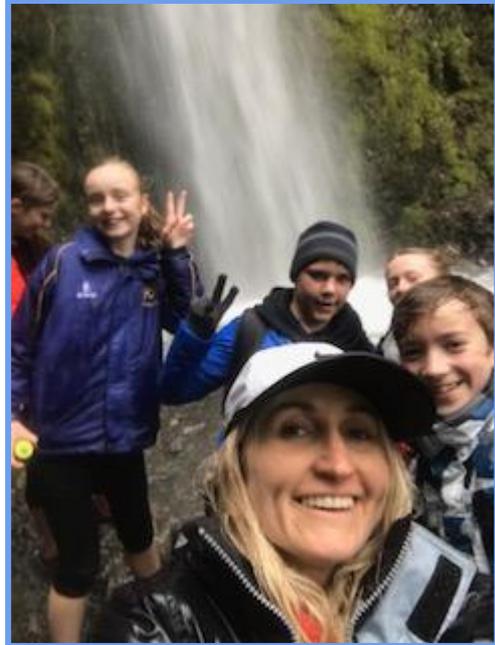


Thank you Serena for organising our yummy lunch!



Ti Kouka sold the most Entertainment books in the school

YEAR 8 CAMP - HANMER SPRINGS





Letter to send to parents

Dear Parents,

You may be aware of the nationwide crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers.

While there are many more children coming into the school system, there are not enough new teachers being trained. Urgent and significant changes are needed to ensure that the teaching profession can attract the people it needs and to ensure class sizes do not start to increase.

On **Tuesday 26th June**, the teachers from this school will be attending a NZEI Te Riu Roa paid union meeting regarding the *Kua Tae Te Wā* - It's Time campaign. The campaign aims to free teachers to teach and principals to lead, by getting the additional support and staff that schools need. The meetings will allow our teachers to discuss how the Ministry of Education has responded to changes that the union is seeking.

Our teaching staff are members of NZEI and legally entitled to attend this meeting. The teachers will be leaving school on **Tuesday 26th June at 1.30pm** to attend their paid union meeting which starts at **2.00pm**.

I strongly encourage parents to make arrangements to pick your children up from school by 1.30pm on **Tuesday 26th June**. If you are unable to pick your children up then, please advise us so that your children can be supervised until **3.00pm**.

I appreciate that this creates some inconvenience for families. However, I encourage you to support your teachers as they strive to achieve the changes which will safeguard quality education for all children and ensure we make teaching an attractive profession for graduates.

Anyone who may need help with arrangements should contact the office.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Averil Worner', written in a cursive style.

Averil Worner

E-Learning Update



Thank you for supporting our Waka Hourua Bring Your Own Chromebook (BYOC) programme.

Over 70% of Waka Hourua students now bring their own Chromebook to school.

This fantastic BYOC uptake has enabled us to transform the way we teach, creating new and exciting learning opportunities and developing 21st century learning skills. Equitable access is important to us. We continue to provide access to Chromebooks at school, but these are shared one between two.

Our Chrome Education Licence system is proving to be of great benefit to students as we customise the online learning environment and do our best to keep students safer online. Please be aware that a Chrome Education Licence is required to join our BYOC programme. Licences are included in the recommended Cyclone bundles, or can be purchased for \$48 from the office.



You may have noticed that our blogs are no longer being updated. This is because we are exploring a better way to share our students' learning: Seesaw. When we are satisfied that Seesaw is beneficial for our St Mark's School Family, there will be a schoolwide launch.

Please continue to share your feedback and questions with us. We would love to hear from you!

Cristy Yonetani
E-Learning Lead Teacher
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Go BYOC Any Time



All Chromebooks meet our minimum required specifications. We recommend purchasing through the Cyclone portal, as these particular models have been tried and tested in schools across New Zealand.



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I'M KEEPING MY WHĀNAU WELL THIS WINTER

GETTING THE FLU SHOT EVERY YEAR IS YOUR BEST PROTECTION AGAINST CATCHING OR SPREADING THE FLU.

Flu shots are available from your GP team or some pharmacies. You or your whānau may even qualify for a free shot.

Check out www.flufree.co.nz for more info and flu facts.



Newsletter Notice

Get ready for flu season – protect your whānau and community

Colder weather also brings along a nasty passenger – the flu.

As you may have seen in the media, it's been a terrible flu season in the Northern Hemisphere, which is a possible predictor for what we may see here.

Families in the Hurunui and Kaikōura districts can once again ensure their children have the best protection available against the flu this winter – and it won't cost a cent! Young people from six months to 17 years of age living in the Kaikōura and Hurunui areas (within the Canterbury District Health Board) can receive free flu shots.

Influenza infection rates are generally highest in children and healthy children are the major cause of the spread of the virus in the community. Around 80 percent of people infected show no or minimal symptoms so you can spread the flu bug without knowing you have it – and the elderly, pregnant women and people with chronic health conditions are particularly vulnerable.

Canterbury District Health Board is urging you to protect your whānau and the wider community by getting your flu shot as soon as possible. This year's vaccines have been specially formulated for New Zealand and are expected to offer protection against the strain that was circulating in the Northern Hemisphere.

While flu shots are free for under 18s, they're available for anyone for a fee from a doctor, nurse or some pharmacists. You or your whānau may qualify for a free shot as well – check out www.flufree.co.nz for more info and flu facts.



Willows

LUNCH BAG



Available from Term 2

Willows Lunch Bags will be available for order each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday with a different selection available each of those days.

Each Lunch Bag is \$6.50 with extras available also.

Order forms will be available from the foyer and completed forms to be put in the Order Box by 3:30pm each Monday for that weeks Order/s.

You can order for 1,2 or all 3 days of the week and on-line internet banking is available for payment.

50 cents from each Lunch Bag sold will be donated back to the school by Willows