



St Mark's School Newsletter

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Kia ora everyone,

The weekly newsletter still remains the most expedient way to gather significant reference points for our school community in one place - thank you if you have read this far!!

Another way for you to be abreast of all the exciting teaching and learning in our school is via the blogs. I commend them to your regular viewing and this week there is a showcase of the Mōkihi and Waka Hourua.

Staffing

This week we welcome **Mrs Tracey Hastings** to our teaching team as a New Entrant teacher until the end of 2017. Tracey comes with significant experience with New Entrants and is a very welcome addition to the Mōkihi Team. There will be an opportunity to welcome her formally at our Friday service. May she find God's peace in this place and joy in the children and families.

In addition we welcome **Mrs Sarah Quinlan** to the Waka Hourua team as release for Mr Tom Gordon who is in his second year as a beginning teacher. Sarah is already known to us as an excellent relief teacher and it will be our pleasure to work with her on a more regular basis.

With sympathy

This week we acknowledge the sad passing of **Mrs Christine Sullivan's** father. Christine was a much loved teacher at St Mark's School for many years, and we ask that you add Christine and her family to your prayers. Flowers and a card have been sent on behalf of St Mark's School staff, students and families.

Opening of St Mark's School Campus

This day of recognition, celebration and significance in the life of the school, has been set down for **Friday 11th August**. Whilst plans are not complete, I do ask that you keep this date in your diary. History will show that on this date we recognised the significant physical rebuild of the school, the marking of which involved our whole school family. Bishop Victoria will not only attend, but be part of the celebrations as we give thanks for a vision of a school that is not only forward looking but grounded in nearly 100 years of tradition.

Teacher Only Day

A reminder that this is in the calendar for this **Tuesday 6th June**. During this day staff will be working on gathering data around the effects of storytelling, an interim review of the Kia Kaha program and bullying documentation, and a review of a range of data for how students are tracking at this half year. This includes early National Standard data and qualitative signs of progress in all curriculum areas.

NZ Anglican Schools Conference

This was a wonderful opportunity to connect with other schools across the country and highlight our school post quake. My presentation focussed on how a God-centred school with an unrelenting focus on students and families is transformational. The challenges in Christchurch mirror our school's experience particularly those that are physical and emotional. The growing evidence about the impact of a moving earth is something I would like to share with you all (watch for a date and time to meet). This raised many questions from the floor and an increased awareness in the specific role a Christian School can play in a community seeking hope. It will be no surprise to you that anecdotally applications to special character schools are rising beyond capacities.

Calendar/Diary

- **Whānau Hui**
- **Court Theatre Performance**

If you have got to the end - thank you! Blessings everyone. Averil



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School Notices

Upcoming Events

1 June	PA Meeting - 7.30pm
6 June	Teacher Only Day
12-23 June	Year 0-3 Swimming - Pioneer
20-21 June	Music Festival 7.00-9.00pm Hillview Christian School
23 June	PA Disco Y0-4 - 6.00-7.15pm Y4-8 - 7.30
28 June	Whānau Hui - 8.30-9.30am
28 June	Singing Cup - 1.30-2.30pm
30 June	Mōkihi visit to Art Gallery

Church Certificates

Kereru	Iva Filipaina
Ti Kouka	Grace Howison/Sonja Cole
Kotuku	Annabelle Pattison
Paua	Ruby-Grace Miller
ToeToe	Melody Harrison
Rimurimu	James Garden
Toroa	Olivia Carlile-Smith
Wheke	Mitchell Williamson

Sports Results

Netball

St Mark's 7 v Belfast 9
Player of the Day: Olivia Cooper

Lost Property

Lost property is now located in a marked cupboard in the foyer to the hall entrance. If your child has misplaced an item, please check here. Lunch boxes will be stored in the Lost Property cupboard for one week and then they will be disposed of.

Subway

Subway is available every Tuesday. Prices have increased slightly from the beginning of Term 2 and new envelopes are available from the school office. Alternatively, a new more convenient way to order is online at www.subway.co.nz/schools. Both methods of ordering are to be by 9am on Tuesday.

Sunglasses

A pair of ladies black sunglasses were handed into the school office recently. If you think these may be yours, please contact us.

PA News

School Disco

Mark it in your diaries!



23 June 2017 in School Hall:

Years 0-4 6pm to 7:15pm

Years 5-8 7:30pm to 9pm

DJ – Boogie Beats

Entertainment Books

Books were due to be returned on Tuesday 30th of May. If you have these books in your possession may we ask that these be returned if you do not want to purchase the Entertainment book or if you have purchased a Digital App version of the Entertainment Book. If you would like to purchase the sent home Entertainment Book but would like an extension on the return date, please contact Serena Smith at stmarksentertainmentbooks@gmail.com or 021 134 9935. This can be easily accommodated.

Entertainment Book Pizza Party Winners!!!!!!

Congratulations to Ti Kouka!

You have won the Pizza Party competition!

We will be in touch with you to arrange the party date very soon.

A huge thank you to everyone who participated. Every Entertainment membership contributes to the school's fundraising efforts.

Some highlights from Waka Hourua and Mōkihi blogs this week. Please visit our blogs on the following page.

Waka Hourua Blog

- [Place in Space](#)
- [Bubble Science](#)
- [Statistics Review](#)

Mōkihi Blog

- [Watching Puppet Plays](#)



St Mark's School Blogs

Please visit our blogs to see some of the teaching and learning happening in our St Mark's School family. There are also extra learning opportunities online for students.

We welcome your comments!

Mōkihi

Aukaha kia kaha.

Strengthen the bindings.



<http://stmarksmokihi.blogspot.co.nz/>

Waka Pūhara

Kia kotahi te hoe o te waka.

Let's paddle in unison.



<http://stmarkswakapuhara.blogspot.co.nz/>

Waka Hourua

He moana pukepuke ka ekengia e te waka.

A choppy sea can be navigated.



<http://stmarkswakahourua.blogspot.co.nz/>