

# Newsletter



*St Mark's School exists to provide a balanced education, where a child's academic, cultural, physical, social and spiritual needs are identified and nurtured in a dynamic Christian environment, grounded in the Anglican way and supported by a family orientated community.*

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Kia ora school family,

Week 2! What a lot of smiling faces around our school and so much to be thankful for. As we work our way through these early weeks, inching closer to the opening of the middle school, my door is open. I appreciate we are in challenging times physically and I know that Waka Puhara are looking forward to their new homes!

## Calendar

From today the google calendar is "live" on our school website. This means you will be able to check across the year for major events and for any changes and additions that may affect teams. I encourage you to access this frequently for your planning and information. Alerts to calendar events will still be accessed through the newsletter.

## Wheels

The return of this popular Thursday event is scheduled for each Thursday starting tomorrow!! Children from Year 0-3 are welcome to bring their "small wheels" to school for this supervised lunchtime fun! Helmets are essential.



## Kapahaka

In 2017 we welcome **Steve Reid** to our team. Steve started yesterday with Year 4-8 and will be working with Mokihi to establish our kaupapa across the school. Steve works in a number of other schools and brings his own faith to this role of significance. We welcome him warmly and are so thankful for his expertise.

## Performance Choir

Auditions for this choir - Year 6 and 7 will take place next week. This will coincide with the Year 8 camp, and any aspiring choristers in Year 8 will have their auditions in week 4. Performance Choir will rehearse **Wednesday 8.20am** in the first term from week 5.

Details of the development of a Junior Choir are to be announced.

## Year 8 Camp

We wish all of our Senior Students, Mr Rennie, Mr Gordon and Miss Yonetani a wonderful camp in Hanmer Springs. This camp has been planned with challenges, leadership and fun in mind and they will have access to a range of activities to meet these purposes. Mrs Jill Kelk and I will be teaching in Waka Hourua from Tuesday - Friday. A great opportunity for me to strengthen my connection to these students!

We look forward to joining with you all at the Parents' Association Back to School Barbeque on Friday night.

Blessings to you all  
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# School Notices

## Forms

All emergency contact forms are to be returned to the school office.

## Upcoming Events

10 Feb	Parents' Association BBQ - 5.00pm
16 Feb	Parents' Association AGM - 7.00pm
14-17 Feb	Year 8 Camp
24 Feb	Swimming Sports

## Church Certificates

Paua	Ruby Tikao
Rimurimu	Charlotte Panckhurst
Toroa	Brie Sinclair
Wheke	Jordi Wright-Stow

## 2017 Year 8 School Based HPV Vaccination Programme

This programme is optional for boys and girls.

Packs have been sent home with the children today. All forms are to be returned to the school office by Monday 13 February regardless of whether you are opting in or out.

## PA NEWS

BBQ/Get together, Friday 10 February from 5.00pm onwards on St Mark's School Grounds.

## Bouncy Castles, Crazy Bikes - plenty of fun to be had!



Bring: a salad to share, your own beverages, children, your own plates, cutlery, cups etc.

BBQ meats, bread and lots of sauce provided.

# General Notices

## 2017 Junior Registration Dates



Junior registrations Boys and Girls (Under 6 to Under 18) will be held in the Sydenham Lounge at the Cashmere Club, 88 Hunter Terrace, Cashmere.

Wednesday 1 March 2017 from **4pm to 8.00pm**  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017 from **10am to 2pm**

Please complete a new registration or update your existing online registration information and pay your subscription at [www.sydenhamrugby.co.nz](http://www.sydenhamrugby.co.nz)  
Birth certificates are required for all new members..  
Jackets and jerseys will be fitted on registrations days and shorts and socks will be available to purchase at this time.

Also this year the CRFU is looking at running Girls only grades

- 8 and under all girls Ripa Rugby
- 10 and under all girl's tackle grade

If you are interested in playing Girls Rugby we can arrange for one of the Sydenham Senior Women's players to come and talk to the children. Please contact the club to arrange a time.

Your local dance school, The Patricia Paul School of Dance is currently giving Jazz, Hip Hop and Ballet lessons in your area. The school's director is teacher, choreographer & ex-ballet dancer Patricia Paul A.R.A.D. (London). Ballet lessons from 3 years through to Advanced, and all levels in Jazz and Hip Hop starting from age 6. For all enquiries please phone 372-9191 or email [info@studioone.co.nz](mailto:info@studioone.co.nz)