



St Mark's School Newsletter

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Kia ora everyone,

We are into our second week of Production practices and there is quite a lot of excitement among us all. Mr Gordon - "Lion King Jr" and Mrs Wells - "Three of a Kind" are leading us through rehearsal schedules - and including every student in each musical is paramount to success. You can encourage your child to learn the songs by accessing all words and music through the school blogs. This will make a HUGE difference to staff. Thank you!

Information Centre

We are currently unpacking and categorising all books for this area of the school, with the intention of opening this up to the community properly from the 14th August. With the generous help of some whanau members we have begun the process of taking stock of our collections and making them fit for purpose in the new space - Ōmoho. This will take some time and we are working closely with the National Library Service who offer their expertise free to us! Thank you to Mrs Cathy Kennedy who is joining us in this task and Mrs Fairchild for her enthusiasm and commitment to the task.

Re-opening and Blessing 11th August 10.00am

Planning is well advanced for this special event in our calendar. There will be such a wonderful mixture of people who have been part of the St Mark's story over the years. We are thankful that **Bishop Victoria** and **Dean Lawrence Kimberley** are able to join us on the day and staff and students look forward to welcoming guest and visitors to St Mark's School at 10.00am.

Winter Tournament

This Friday, 64 St Mark's School athletes will head to three different venues to compete in the Independent School Football, Hockey and Netball competitions. We thank Mrs Wright for her incredible organisation and those family members who will coach, manage and support our teams. We could not do it without you!

Ski Trips!

Next Monday and Wednesday, year 7 / 8 and year 5 / 6 respectively will head to Mt Hutt for the annual ski trips. We wish everyone - including wonderful parent helpers - a great day and thank Miss Yonetani for her outstanding planning and organisation.

Waka Puhara

A great start to their second week in their new spaces and it seems they have always been there! This Sunday the team joins the St Mark's/St Anne's parish as experts in crane making! Not to be missed.

A lovely card from a parent this week had this verse inside - "With God all things are possible" *Matt 19:26*. A new campus!

We are nearly there everyone!

Blessings

Averil



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School Notices

Upcoming Events

3 August	PA Meeting - 7.30pm
4 August	Winter Tournament
6 August	Waka Puhara Church Service - 10am
6 August	PA Quiz Night - 6.30pm
7 August	Year 7-8 Ski Trip
8 August	BOT Meeting - 7pm
9 August	Year 5-6 Ski Trip
11 August	St Mark's School Re-opening Ceremony - 10am

Church Certificates

Inaka	Finn J
Raupo	Amoni M
Kereru	Austin S
Ti Kouka	Theodore H
Kotuku	Samuel T
ToeToe	Summer B
Rimurimu	Jeremy H
Toroa	Ben M
Wheke	Lucy N

Canterbury Primary and Intermediate School Ski Race

Year 5-8 students who are keen skiers are welcome to sign up for the Canterbury Primary and Intermediate School Ski Race. Cheeseman is hosting this event. There is a \$40 entry fee per student.

Students should sign up on the sheets in Waka Pūhara or Waka Hourua by Friday 4 August. Please contact Cristy Yonetani if you have any questions: c.yonetani@saintmarks.school.nz

See our new table and chairs for the little ones to have their fluffies kindly donated by Aria R and Michelle.



Subway Lunch

Just a reminder that Subway can be ordered for lunch every Tuesday. Online ordering is available at www.subway.co.nz/schools and follow the instructions. Alternatively envelopes are in the office and you can either pay with the correct cash or credit card. Both methods of ordering are to be placed by 9am on the day.

Scholastic Book Club

Orders may be placed direct with Scholastic at www.mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz. Orders close on **Friday 4 August**.

20% of all sales earn rewards which enables us to purchase resources for our school.

St Mark's Re-opening Ceremony

This is a formal occasion. Boys are required to wear white shirts on this day.

Student Success

Zara G recently won a gold medal in the Top of the South gymnastics competition in Nelson and a few weeks earlier a silver at the Marlborough gymnastics competition held in Blenheim.

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/>