



St Mark's School Newsletter

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Kia ora everyone,

Brevity would aptly describe my section of the newsletter this week! As I sit to write to you all, there is great activity around the school. Kind helpers are cleaning and sorting books - this has been over a number of days, **Cathy** from the National Library is offering expert help on our collections, **Kevin** is tidying the physical spaces, **Louise** and **Christine** are finalising the printing of our ceremony sheet and off site there will be significant work finalising our morning tea and luncheon for Friday - thank you primarily to **Fiona** and **Susan**.

As we reach the milestone on Friday of our complete campus, there will be an opportunity to thank those whose expertise, time and wisdom have collectively "built" our school.

We look forward to welcoming **The Right Reverend Bishop Victoria Matthews** and a number of old and new friends who continue to support this wonderful school.

As we gather on Friday, I wonder what your response to the question "What is the special character of this school?" Because alongside the physical rebuild has been an emotional and spiritual journey. Reconnecting with faith, love and the hope of the Gospel has been defining. As an Anglican Christian school we can stand together steadfast in these things. Yes we have strong indications of our identity and traditions but what sets us apart is the significant choice for those seeking a faith based education for their children.

As we further explore our special character and outwork the Five Marks of Mission - seminal statements across the world for the Anglican church - in the coming months and years, we can be assured of God's love for all of us.

"I want them to be encouraged and knit together by strong ties of love. I want them to have complete confidence that they understand God's mysterious plan which is Christ himself".

Colossians 2:2

On a practical note, my personal thanks to staff and parents, in particular to **Miss Yonetani** for these successful opportunities to engage first hand in an activity that our beautiful country affords.

See you Friday!

Averil



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

School Notices

Upcoming Events

11 August St Mark's School Re-opening
Ceremony - 10am

Winter Tournament Results

Yr 7/8 hockey white 6th
Yr 7/8 hockey navy 5th
Yr 5/6 hockey 1st

Yr 7/8 football 3rd
Yr 5/6 football maroon 2nd
Yr 5/6 football gold 5th

Yr 7/8 netball 5th
Yr 5/6 A netball 3rd
Yr 5/6 B netball 5th

The Yr 5/6 hockey team will go forward to the CPS
Winter Tournament at Hagley Park on Thursday 24
August.

Sports Results

Waterpolo

St Mark's 6 v St Margaret's 2
Players of the Day: Oliver Clark/Max Wright
St Mark's 8 v Canterbury Waterpolo 1
Players of the Day: The Whole Team

Basketball

St Mark's Titans 24 v Somerfield 4
Player of the Day: Olivia Yule
St Mark's Lions 3 v Sacred Heart Celtics 17
Player of the Day: Trinity Mann
St Mark's Lions 11 v Cathedral Grammar 7
Player of the Day: Anna Redmile

St Mark's Re-opening Ceremony

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

Scholarship

Congratulations to Myro McKee who is the recipient of
the Peerswick Sport Scholarship at Riccarton High
School for 2018. We wish her every success for the
future.

PA NEWS

Quiz Night

A bit thank you to all the parents who supported this
event by purchasing tickets.

We made just over \$1,800 - an excellent result.

Thank you to our sponsors:

Ivy Blu Clothing
Rock Star Pizza
The Christmas Hut
Mitchelli's
Entertainment Book
School Coffee Cart
Alpine Ice
Dux Dine
Speights Ale House

The PA really appreciates the way the parents got
behind this fundraiser to make it so much fun and
success.

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/>