



St Mark's School Newsletter

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Kia ora everyone,

The last week in August signals the last opportunity to receive enrolments for 2018. As indicated by the Board of Trustees, there is a possibility that the enrolment applications to our school for 2018 will exceed the places available. A Draft Enrolment Scheme has been published and your feedback is encouraged. Copies are in the office and a box to place your feedback is on the bench. Please take the time to contribute.

OUR SPECIAL CHARACTER! PART ONE!

Five Marks of Mission - our defining statements and guide to our mission.

The Five Marks of Mission are an important statement on mission which expresses the Anglican Communion's common commitment to, an understanding of, God's holistic mission.

Combined the five represent a key statement of everything we do in mission and are wrapped around everything we do in teaching and learning.

The Five Marks of Mission define the special character of our Integration Deed and are outworked in programs that exist and will be developed.

The Five Marks of Mission are:

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
- To strive to safeguard the integrity and sustain and renew life of the earth

I will talk to these over the coming weeks but encourage you to check out the display in Waka Puhara!

As a staff we are committed to outworking these into our planning and curriculum to ensure they are "lived" in everything we do.

Community of Learning

I have been asked several times about the inclusion of St Mark's School in this government initiative nationwide - Investing in Educational Success. We are joining five other primary schools - Beckenham, Waltham, St Martins, Diamond Harbour, Opawa and Cashmere High School in a Community of Learning (CoL- yet another 3 letter acronym!). Sharing best practice and collaborating with other colleagues to raise the bar in planning and assessment can only operate to support our practice of raising achievement at St Mark's School. Our high expectations for every student continues within our context, and we can access resourcing to enhance the unrelenting focus on student achievement.

Daffodil Day

This Friday! Daffodils are available at the front desk and a koha would be appropriate. Please see the notice re **Ioli K** later in the newsletter and come to support him in his quest to support this cause.

Thank you for encouraging your children to learn their lines and lyrics of songs for our production. At the time of writing we are in the middle of an all day rehearsal for The Lion King Junior. Miss Yonetani has final drafts of graphics for programmes and Mr Gordon has been directing large numbers of actors and all is well. The Junior Production of Three of a Kind is going to be stunning if their rehearsals to date are anything to go by!!! What a celebration of those God given talents - perhaps you will see for the first time!!

Blessings everyone

Averil



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

School Notices

Upcoming Events

- 11 September BOT Meeting - 7.00pm
20 September School Production matinee & evening performance
21 September School Production Performance Evening
22 September Tuhono Kapa Festival - Hillview Christian School
28 September E-learning Day - 12.00pm-7.00pm

Church Certificates

Inaka	Lucas C
Raupo	Isla H-R
Kereru	Ryan Ma
Paua	Sebastian J
Rimurimu	Bede H/Julia G
Toroa	Bonnie S/William M
Wheke	Raj R

Sports Results

Waterpolo

St Mark's 8 v St Margaret's 2
Players of the Day: Zen K/Jada M

Netball

St Mark's Leopards 9 v Parklands 4
Player of the Day: Elizabeth R

Board of Proprietors Invoices

Term 3 and 4 invoices have been emailed out to families for payment by the 20th September. Please ensure payment goes to St Mark's Board of Proprietors bank account - BNZ 020800 0014224 00, thank you.

Term Dates 2017

Term 3 - Monday 24 July to Friday 29 September
Term 4 - Monday 16 October to Friday 15 December

Term Dates 2018

Term 1 - Monday 29 January to Friday 13 April
Term 2 - Monday 30 April to Friday 6 July
Term 3 - Monday 23 July to Friday 28 September
Term 4 - Monday 15 October to (to be confirmed)

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop now has a Facebook page - 'St Mark's Uniform Shop'. Join this page to stay up-to-date with incoming stock and specials.

Alternatively, contact the Uniform Shop via email uniformshop@saintmarks.school.nz.

Open hours: Tuesday 8.30-9.30am
Thursday 2.30-3.30pm

Board of Trustees

Enrolment Scheme

As the groundswell increases at St Mark's School we find ourselves in the enviable position of possibly having more applicants than spaces for the upcoming year and we predict that this will continue. With this increased demand comes the need to have a transparent and well defined Enrolment Scheme that lays out the process and procedures that are followed in assessing applicants and offering them a place at St Mark's School.

An Enrolment Scheme has previously not been formally documented, submitted and approved by the Ministry of Education, however with a full roll being imminent the Ministry has approached the school and Board of Trustees and requested that this is now formally agreed. The Board of Trustees has drafted an Enrolment Scheme that we would like to consult with the wider school community on before finalising and submitting to the Ministry.

Copies of the Enrolment Scheme, with a feedback form, will be available in the office from Wednesday 16th August 2017, please help yourself to a copy. If you have any feedback please complete the form and place this in the 'Feedback Box' in the Office. There is no need to add your name to the feedback form and all feedback will be kept confidential. We would ask that all feedback is submitted by Friday 25th August.

Community News

Imagination Yoga - Children's Yoga - Weekly Classes!

Parents, your Child will delight in their super-magical-fun yoga adventures, whilst you plant positive seeds for their future mind-body vitality.

Double positive!

Tuesdays 3:30-4:15pm for 4-6yrs: Huntsbury Community Centre, Huntsbury Ave

Thursdays 3:30-4:30pm for 7-12 yrs: Lyttelton Union Chapel, Winchester St.

Saturdays 10.00-10:45am for 4-6yrs: Lyttelton Union Chapel, Winchester St.

Saturdays 11.00-12pm for 7-12 yrs: Lyttelton Union Chapel, Winchester St

Drop-in welcome!

More info: siouxiesolar.com/imaginationyoga

Contact Lou 0226 250 321 or hello@siouxiesolar.com



Student Success

Holly-rose M has been selected to represent Canterbury in the 12th Grade Girls' South Island Football Tournament in Blenheim. Congratulations on this fantastic achievement.

Congratulations to Mackenzie J who received High Honours in her recent Pre-Elementary Jazz exams.

Harriet P recently won gold in both the Under 9's and 10's girls in the Mid-South Primary and Intermediate Fencing competition. Congratulations!

Congratulations to Ethan K who achieved Distinction in his initial grade drum exam.



**PLEASE SUPPORT IOLI
SHAVE FOR A CURE.
MONDAY 28TH AUGUST
12.45PM AT SCHOOL.**



Ioli K in year 4, is going to do the Shave for a Cure challenge. He will be shaving off his hair at school on Monday 28th August to raise awareness for Leukaemia and Blood Cancer New Zealand. Please help support Leukaemia and Blood Cancer New Zealand by donating in the donation box found in the school office from Wednesday 23 to Monday 28 of August.

For more information about shave for a cure visit

www.shaveforacure.co.nz

**Please help support Ioli and come and watch at 12.45pm
Monday 28 August.**



SAUSAGE SIZZLE FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

FUNDRAISER TO SEND THE ST
MARK'S WATER POLO TEAM TO
THE CANTERBURY WATER POLO
TOURNAMENT

\$2 PER SAUSAGE

PLEASE BRING YOUR MONEY ON
THURSDAY 31ST AUGUST TO
ORDER YOUR SAUSAGES

active KIDS

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

**CHCH BOYS HIGH, ROLLESTON,
LINCOLN, PAPANUI, WESTBURN**

- For ages five to 13 – junior & senior groups
- Sport and physical activity based
- Structured, safe and affordable
- Enthusiastic, fully trained staff
- All activities and excursions included in cost
- OSCAR approved; WINZ subsidies available
- 8am starts & single day bookings now available

P 03 373 5060

E activekids@sportcanterbury.org.nz

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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/>