

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.

Issue 28

7 September 2016

Kia koutou everyone,

Week 7 sees a very busy week in the life of the school. A meeting with a prospective parent this morning proved that one of our best advertisements is our students.

The parent told me that as she was making her way to the office, she passed the school assembling for church. She witnessed a senior student being praised in front of the whole school for helping a much younger child in the playground. I assured her this was not orchestrated but a commitment within this community to support in faith and love, each and every member. I was so thrilled that our story was being lived out in this natural and meaningful way.

This week we welcomed **Ollie Naera** and his parents **Matt and Emma**, to our wonderful school family. We know they will find in this place a turangawaewae - a place of belonging.

Cantamaths

It is important to acknowledge the outstanding effort of our Year 8 Cantamaths team at the recent Canterbury Primary Schools competition. The team earned a golden ticket which meant they correctly answered all 20 questions in less than 30 minutes. Records suggest they are the only Year 8 St Mark's team to have achieved this and can be very proud of this success. We will celebrate this at our Friday assembly.

Rugby Tickets

In a recent promotion by AMI to Canterbury customers, our school was nominated for 20 free tickets through their "Play it forward" campaign. As a result we will have access to tickets for the **Canterbury vs North Harbour Game on Friday 7th October**. When we have confirmed the number of child and adult tickets we will allocate them across our community. Thank you to those who nominated our school for this opportunity.

Tree planting

Previous newsletters have advertised the planting of heritage fruit trees this week as part of our School Garden Program. We have deferred this until next week due to availability of time and staffing. However, next Saturday, 17th September, there is Tree Planting at Travis Wetland from 10am. Spades are provided and this activity marks the end of Conservation Week.

Anglican Schools Network

On 15th September at 10am, I will join all other Principals of Anglican Schools in the Diocese, to begin a conversation with Bishop Victoria asking how we might work together as schools with a common special character. What it means to connect in this way and how our resources may be shared for the benefit of children growing a personal faith in Christ, will be central to these discussions. I am so encouraged by this development and can only see huge benefits for strengthening of faith and teaching and learning.

Our prayers and love go with Christine and Richard Fairchild as they take leave overseas.

Blessings everyone,

Averil

School Notices

Upcoming Events

8 September	Kids in Town
9 September	Jump Rope for Heart
10 September	Working Bee
13 September	Neill O'Reilly evening
16 September	Mufti Day School Disco
18 September	Junior School Church Service, St Anne's Church
21 September	Yr 3 Living Springs
21-23 Sept	Yr 4/5 Wainui Camp
18 October	School Photographs
24 October	Labour Day
25 October	Teacher Only Day
27-28 October	Yr 7 Leadership Camp
7 November	Athletic's Day
14 November	Athletic's Day postponement day

Church Certificates

Kereru	Benjamin Cumberpatch
Ti Kouka	Sonja Cole
Kotuku	Vivek Lallu
Paua	Zoe Rea
ToeToe	Tyler Whitta
Rimurimu	Blair Lavery
Toroa	Amy Dunn
Wheke	Leela Spanton

Sports Results

Basketball

St Mark's Titans lost to Medbury Blue
Player of the Day: Anna Redmile



School Holiday Golf Coaching Programmes

Have fun learning golf these school holidays, programmes running 26-30 September, venues include Hagley, Rangiora, Harewood, Hororata, and Waimairi Beach. Contact rachel@canterburygolf.co.nz or 359 4000 ext 2 to find out the details of a programme running near you. Cost is \$10 per session.

Rachel Thow - Golf Development Manager

P: 03 359 4000 | **M:** 021 304 765

F: 03 359 4001 | Visit canterburygolf.co.nz

Walking Group

The weather is warming up, the birds are singing and the blossom is blossoming! It's time to get those running shoes out from the back of the wardrobe. St Mark's Parents Walking Group is starting up again. If you are ready to brush off those cobwebs, meet me in the foyer Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9am for a brisk half hour walk and chat. It's a great way to start your day. Everyone welcome, even strollers, prams and four legged friends.

Hope to see you there!

Rachael Okey



Inspired by the Rio Olympics?

PORT HILLS ATHLETICS will help your child discover skills and determination they didn't know they had. Above all though, it's about friends, meeting personal goals and setting new ones.

Club Nights-weekly Interclub-Colgate Games-Cant Championships

Prepare for school athletics!
Want to know more? Come to Registration;
Sunday 18th September 2.30-4 pm
Wednesday 21st September 5.30- 7 pm

Based at; Hansen Park, Opawa.

Info; T&F Junior Club Captain

Megan Allan

021 02737136 yal@xtra.co.nz

WWW.PORTHILLS.ORG.NZ

Uniform Shop

A reminder that next term sees a change to summer uniform. The shop is stocked with summer uniform now.

PA News

School Disco - Friday 16 September

Years 0-4 Junior Disco - 6.00-7.15pm
Years 5-8 Senior Disco - 7.30-9.00pm

There will be a new requirement where parents/caregivers will sign their child in on arrival and out on departure.

Parent Disco

**WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU PARTIED LIKE
ITS 1999?**

**WHEN DID YOU LAST SHAKE YOUR GROOVE
THING?**

**PARENTS – THIS ONES FOR YOU!!!
NO KIDS ALLOWED!**

PARENT DISCO

SATURDAY 15th OCTOBER 7:30pm SCHOOL HALL
\$25pp or \$40 for TWO TICKETS

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW FROM THE OFFICE!!!!

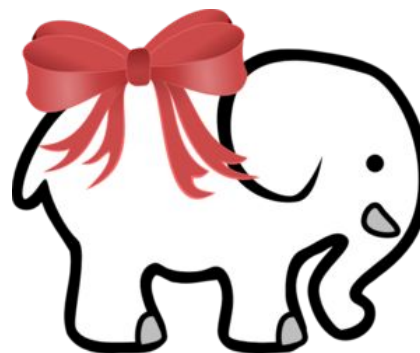
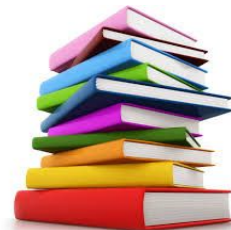


These are a few of my
FAVORITE THINGS



Stall Convenors Needed

All stalls are now convened except for The Book Stall and the Cake Stall - so if you have a passion for books or a bent for cakes please consider assisting by volunteering to convene one of these two stalls. Please contact Nerrisa Rossiter on 027-823-7612



White Elephant Drop-Off

White Elephant/Near New Clothing/Toys/Books - People have been asking when these can be dropped off. this will be the week of the Fair (Oct 31 - Nov 4) and details of where will be released closer to the time.

Jar Tombolas

Jar Tombolas - Start thinking of these and putting them together during the upcoming School Holidays - there will be a competition to see which class can collect the most at the beginning of term 4.

Thank You from the Fair Committee.....

Working Bee



From the Board of Proprietors

Sorry all but it is working bee time again.

The time has finally come to start moving resources back into our new PE Store and Music Suites.

A working bee has been scheduled for:

Saturday 10th September from 8am

(That's right, this Saturday!)

Finish time will be when the job is done.

The aim is to:

- Move the PE resources that are currently outside the old room 8 and in shipping containers to the new PE store.
- Move the music resources from the staff room to the new Music store room and Music Suites. Did I mention that there "may" be some pianos that require relocation?
- Sort out the caretakers shed in preparation for new shelving.

If there are Fair committee members available this would be a good opportunity to sort out the Fair Container while there will be extra hands and skips on site.

Due to the short notice there will not be a return slip like previous working bees.

If you can make it, we would love to see you, even if you can only make it for an hour.

If you have any specific questions, please leave a message with Louise in the school office with your details and I will be in contact before Saturday.

Kind Regards,

Matt Sherwood
On behalf of the BoP

Jump Rope For Heart



6th September 2016

Kia ora koutou parents / whānau and caregivers,

WHEN: It is hard to believe but this **Friday** will be our Jump Rope for Heart day. We will run this in the afternoon and the activities will be organised by the student house leader's of the school.

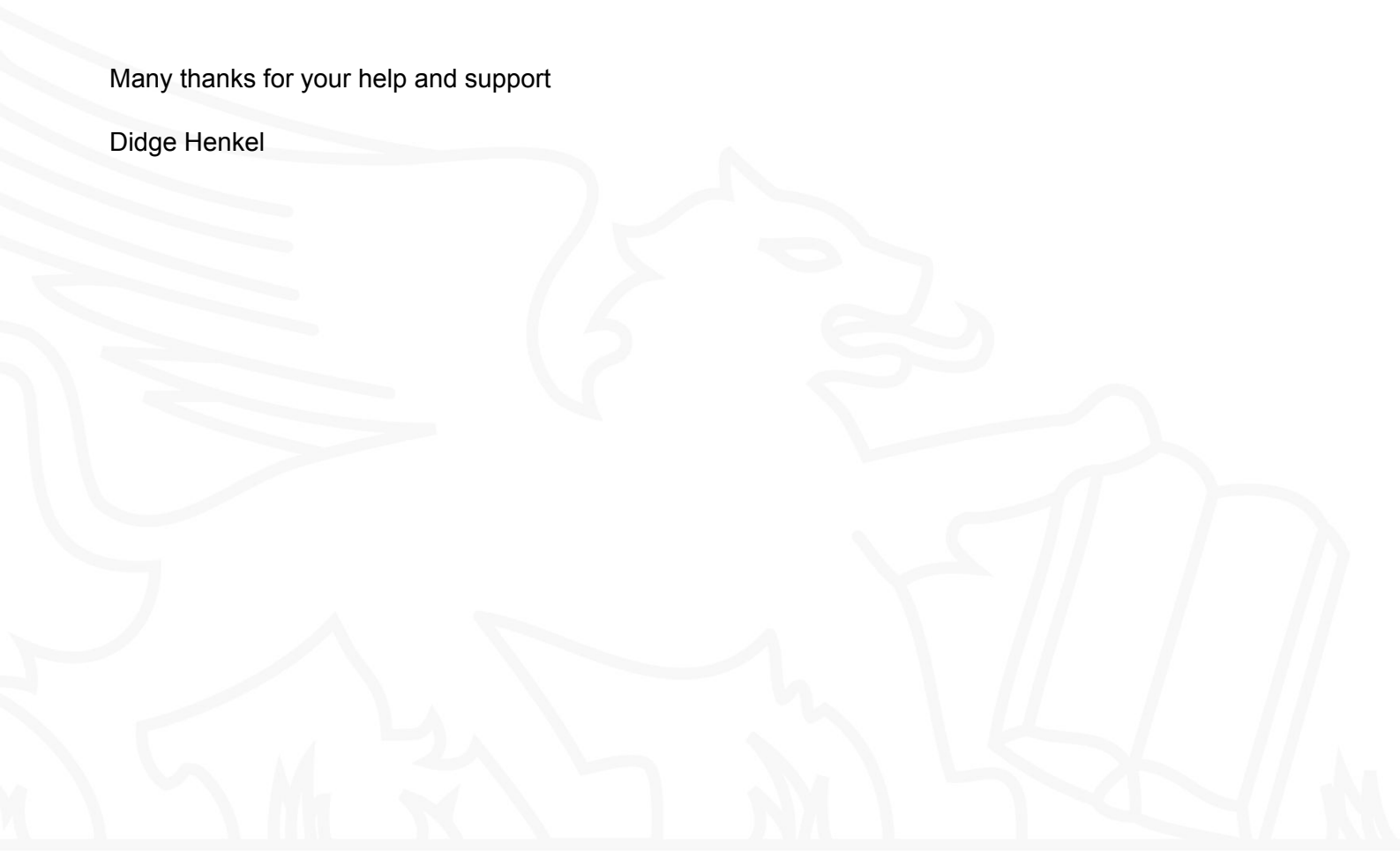
CLOTHING: Please can your children come dressed in house colours for the day (no uniform required all day). Having looked at the forecast, this suggests that Friday will be fine and 11 degrees. The house colour clothing will need to be suitable to skip in.

AMOUNT WE AIM TO RAISE: As I school I have suggested that we will aim to raise \$1000 for this very worthy cause.

MONEY / DONATIONS: A huge thank you to those of you who have already sponsored children on-line, on the participant website (for those who are still to go to the website, the address is <http://www.jumpropeforheart.org.nz/participants/>) we are listed as St Mark's school, Opawa. If there is problem with the on-line system, you can still donate via cash or cheques (payable to St Mark's school). I have a selection of envelopes that can be used for such a purpose (Children will need to come to Ināka to collect an envelope). I will then collate all of this and send the paperwork off to Jump Rope for Heart – however, the preference is for using the on-line system just for ease! (Thanks for your help here).

Many thanks for your help and support

Didge Henkel



Mt Hutt Ski Trips

Thank You

Thank you to all the wonderful parents who joined us on our year 5-6 and 7-8 Mt Hutt ski trips this year. There was a lovely warm family atmosphere, with plenty of adults to look out for our students. We hope you enjoyed the day as much as we did!





On Our Blogs This Week

Mōkihi
Aukaka kia kaha.

Home Religious Education Community Te Reo English Maths Home Learning

Friday, 26 August 2016

On Thursday the New Entrant class enjoyed 'Stepping Back in Time' at Ferrymead Heritage Park. They dressed in the costumes that children may have worn many years ago and played lots of indoor and outdoor games.

St Mark's School Links

- St Mark's School
- Waka Pūhara
- Waka Hourua

Resources

- Storyline

Blog Archive

- ▼ 2016 (37)
- ▼ August (9)
- On Thursday the New Entrant class enjoyed 'Steppin...
- Edible Olympic Medal Making
- Maths Measuring
- Mair Mills making yummy scones with Inaka students...
- James' Amazing Flute
- Small Wheels Day
- Measurement Activities in Inaka.



[Stepping Back in Time at Ferrymead](#)



Waka Pūhara
Kia aotahi te hoo o te waka.


Home Religious Education Community Te Reo Maths English Science Art Music Physical Education Home Learning

Tuesday, 6 September 2016

Ski Trip 2016

[Ski Trip - Year 5 & 6](#)


Thursday 1st September was a fantastic day to head up to Mt Hut Ski Field with the Year 5 and 6 children. The weather managed to hold out most of the day, although it became a bit windy in the afternoon. A fantastic day was had by all and it was great to see so much persistence and resilience, especially from those who were skiing for the first time. We can't wait until next year when we can (hopefully) take another trip up to the ski field together.



St Mark's School Links

- Mōkihi
- Waka Hourua
- St Mark's School
- Ukulele Songs

PB Dance



Check out the PB Dance Blog for information on the year 5/6 and year 7/8 dance groups.

Resources

- Study Ladder
- Inspire My Kids
- Kiwi Kids News


[Year 5-6 Ski Trip Photos](#)

Waka Hourua
He moana pukapuka ka ekangia e te waka.

Home Religious Education Te Reo French Japanese English Maths Technology Arts Music Festival News

Wednesday, 7 September 2016


Waka Hourua Music Festival Choir



St Mark's School Links


- St Mark's School
- Mōkihi
- Waka Pūhara

Music Festival Songs



Rehearsal Music Online

PB Dance



No comments:

Music Festival Songs



Rehearsal Music Online

[Music Festival Songs](#)
[Learning Animal Names in Japanese](#)

CHRISTCHURCH BOOK TOUR

28 SEPTEMBER 2016

WORKSHOPS



**FIFI
COLSTON**

'The Painted Poppy:
illustrate like a
master'



**MARIA
GILL**

'Liven up your
Language'



**TANIA
ROXBOROUGH**

The Big Picture:
Structuring your
stories



**DESNA
WALLACE**

Poetry Alive



**MELINDA
SZYMANIK**

'Developing
characters:
Five Step Process'

Attend FIVE workshops in ONE day
with bestselling, award winning authors

WHEN: Wednesday 28th September, 9.30 - 3.00pm

WHERE: Burnside High School, 151 Greers Road, Burnside, Christchurch

COST: Early bird fee \$40 per student, \$50 after 1/9/2016

AGE GROUPS: 10-13, 14-18 years old

RSVP: mariagill@ihug.co.nz

Places are limited - don't delay - early bird fee ends 31/8/16
More information: <http://whatliesbeneathexhibition.blogspot.co.nz>

Prizes, morning and afternoon tea, signings