



St Mark's School Newsletter

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Kia ora everyone,

A short epistle today with some end of year happenings already upon us. The expression of the community and fellowship of our school abounds.

New Parents Evening

Thank you to those parents, staff and an incredible group from the Parents' Association who joined us last night at this event. A light supper was served as the opportunity to welcome new families to our school took shape. Whilst many siblings of current students join us in 2018, there are a number of new faces across the school to look forward to welcoming formally in the new year. We do hope that St Mark's quickly becomes a turangawaewae for these families as they find God in this great school.

Grey Power

This morning our Performance Choir shared their gifts and talents with a group from Grey Power, with a rich repertoire of choral singing accompanied and lead by our wonderful Director of Choir **Mr Paul Ellis**. Thank you to him for this additional work and joining us for **Kids in Town** tomorrow.

Individual performers - **Peter S, Harriet P, Sophia G, Daniel M and Samantha P** - added to the program showcasing their talent and wowing the audience with their skills.

Their feedback was that it took them right back to their days at school - and for some of them who were 90+ they reminded us all that this was a long time ago!

Their generous koha to the school will go directly to purchasing new music resources and add to our developing music programs.

Dogs in the Playground

A gentle reminder that no dogs are allowed in the playground. This is also true for dogs on a lead. We ask that families with dogs at school leave them tied outside school grounds or in their cars. As a dog owner and lover myself I understand only too well how dogs are valued family members, however the consideration for our children and unfamiliar animals is asked for and respected. The sign erected by the Board of Proprietors outside Cholmondeley entrance clearly indicates that dogs are not permitted on the school site. Thank you for your understanding.

Staffing 2018

On Monday, two permanent teaching positions were advertised for St Mark's School - two scale A positions, Year 0-2, and Years 5-8. The senior position is a tagged position. The Board of Trustees follow a rigorous process of appointment and I thank you for your understanding as the staff allocation to class is delayed until these appointments are announced.

Blessings
Averil



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School Notices

Upcoming Events

- 23 November Kids in Town - Orchestra & Performance Choir
Year 8 Independent Schools Dance
- 26-27 Nov Year 6 Cycle Safety
- 28 November Horizons Leadership Course - Year 7
- 30 November Year-5 Coffee and Kōrero 8:30-9:30am
Advent Service, Transitional Cathedral - 7pm
- 6 December Mokihi Carol Singing - Transitional Cathedral - 12.45pm - 2.45pm
Year 8 Day - Jellie Park
Year 8 and Families Leavers Dinner
- 8 December Year 8 Sailing Day
Year 3-7 Day at Spencer Park
- 12 December Internal Prizegiving
- 14 December Formal Prizegiving - 7pm
- 15 December End of Year Service - 2.15pm

Sports Results

Waterpolo

St Mark's B Grade South Island silver medalists 3 v Breens A Grade South Island gold medalists 6

Miniball

St Mark's Lions 26 v Thorrrington Tigers 5
Player of the Day: Theo Y
St Mark's Cubs 12 v Thorrrington Firebirds 6
Player of the Day: Milli L

Student Achievements

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved fantastic results in various areas.

Ruby J passed her Grade 4 BBO ballet exam with Distinction.

Hannah P passed her Jazz Grade 2 exam with Highly Commended.

Charlotte P has been awarded the Savage Club Junior Strings scholarship by the CSM. Charlotte plays viola in the Intermediate Symphony Orchestra and violin in Sinfonia at CSM.

Sonja C passed her Primary ballet exam with Merit.

Performance Choir performing for Grey Power audience



Community Notice

Christchurch Boys' Choir are performing 'Aires and Graces' their annual concert on 26 November at The Piano at 2.00pm.



WELCOME
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Year 5 Whānau Are Invited...

Thursday November 30

8:30 - 9:30am

Multi-Purpose Room

We invite parents and whanau of Year 5 students to join us for a morning chat. At this meeting we will provide further information about what your child can expect in 2018 as they transition from Waka Puhara to Waka Hourua - our Senior School.

This discussion will be lead by Ms Cristy Yonetani (Waka Hourua staff member) and Ms Katrina Steans (Waka Puhara staff member).

At this meeting we will welcome your questions and feedback.

Opawa, St Martins
Parish FAIR

Saturday 2 December
St Anne's Church
8:30am



Cash only
Cor Wilsons & Centaurus Rd

Optional BYOC

Years 6-8 in 2018

Our [BYOC portal](#) is now live. Students who will be in years 6-8 in 2018 have the option of bringing their own education licensed Chromebook to use in Waka Hourua from term one onwards. We encourage ordering early through this [BYOC portal](#) to ensure that you get a Chromebook that is optimised for learning. Please feel free to contact us with questions or concerns:

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This Week's Featured Chromebook



The affordable Lenovo Chromebook N23 is the cheapest Chromebook in our lineup. The coolest feature of this Chromebook is a reversible camera, great for taking pictures and using QR codes. This Chromebook has passed testing for drops of 75cm. This great value Chromebook will comfortably handle everything we do at school.

For \$554.42, this Chromebook comes with a case, education licence, 3-year warranty, and 3-year material damage insurance (\$0 Excess). If you order through our portal, it will arrive 100% ready to go at school.



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