

# St Mark's School 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.*

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Are you ready to be "Tangled in Time"? Monday 7pm the curtain will be drawn and the show of the year will be underway. I am sure that every family will enjoy the performance of their own child/children as well as the musical as a whole. Like me, you will be amazed at the amount of effort, energy and number of hours that have been put in to make it the success it will be.

Advent night for our whole school is next Thursday 19 November. This significant occasion is again being held in the Christ's College Chapel from 7pm. Please see the separate notice containing details.

In case you don't know Emily Wells tripped in class on Tuesday and now is at home convalescing with two broken bones in her ankle! I know that you join with me in wishing her a speedy recovery and in hoping that she is back on deck in a few weeks time.

Tomorrow morning following our usual end-of-week Church Service at St Mark's all students and staff will return to school for an informal farewell to Father Lawrence and Elizabeth Kimberley. Thank you to all parents who have kindly provided a plate of food for the shared morning tea and do feel welcome to join us on the school courtyard from 10.15am. A presentation will be made on behalf of current and former students.

A reminder too that our school community is invited to attend the induction and installation of Father Lawrence at Dean of Christchurch Cathedral from 5pm in the Transitional Cathedral on Sunday 22 November.

School photographs are scheduled to be taken on Friday 20 November. Please ensure that your child has full school uniform (white shirts for boys and correct socks and shoes).

No doubt you will be aware that this 13 Friday, November is Canterbury Anniversary Day (Show Day) which is a public holiday throughout our province. I hope that the weather is conducive to outdoor activities and provides a freshener heading towards Christmas.

Thank you to those parents who have chosen to meet with me to discuss probable base group placements for 2016. I have found the process to be positive and professional. Class lists will be available on or before the 11 December.

Kind regards  
Trevor Beaton

Dear Parents and Caregivers

You will be aware of new legislation which aims to protect vulnerable children. St Mark's has had a policy of police vetting people who work with children at the school. We are now required to develop a comprehensive Child Protection Policy and this is in progress. In the meantime the following policy applies.

**Policy**

In order to ensure a safe environment for students and staff we require safety checks, which include police vetting of all staff, contractors, music, singing and drama tutors and volunteers, who are involved in any activity with children at our school.

Volunteers who are involved in overnight camps, offsite activities, provide one-on-one supervision, general supervision (e.g Road Patrol) or coaching activities will be subject to Police Vetting. Any other volunteers will be subject to Police Vetting on a case by case basis depending on the nature of the volunteering and the contact with or supervision of children.

The Child Protection Policy will be posted on the school's website once it has been approved.

**ERO Update**

We have received formal notification that The Education Review Office (ERO) team will be onsite from 1-3 December. We are looking forward to this independent review – the last review took place in 2010.

I hope you have a lovely Show Weekend.

Yours sincerely  
Christine Nijdam

## St Mark's School Advent Service

The Advent Service will be held in Christ's College Chapel on Thursday, 19 November at 7.00pm. This service is compulsory for all children to attend, so please note the following details below. We would be delighted to have parents, grandparents and friends join us for this special service, which is one occasion when the entire St Mark's family comes together.

Please allow plenty of time for parking, as this service will begin promptly at 7.00pm. There is no car parking available in the College grounds, but there will be parking available in the adjacent streets.

- Student dress - Formal uniform (white shirts for boys, shoes and socks for all students). The Performance Choir will have separate instructions on dress.
- 6.40pm - all children to report to their class teacher for a roll call. Please report to the area beside the Chapel (please keep off the grass area).
- After directing children to the roll call area, parents are welcome to take their seats in Christ's College Chapel.
- 6.50pm - the children will enter the Chapel and sit with their own class.
- Please ensure all children go to the toilet before leaving home.
- We would appreciate children having a gold coin (in their blazer pockets) for the collection (proceeds to Cholmondeley Children's Centre).
- Post service - parents may collect their children from the assembly area beside the Chapel. Please indicate to the class teacher that you are taking your child.

### Dates to Note

14 November Canterbury Anniversary Day (Show Day)

16 November ISSA Athletics

School Production, Rudolf Steiner Hall - 7pm

17 November ISSA Athletics postponement day

School Production, Rudolf Steiner Hall - 7pm

19 November Advent Service, Christ's College - 7pm

20 November School Photographs

26 November Triathlon 9yrs+ - Pegasus Town

30 November Year 8 Parent Evening - 7pm

3 December New Entrant Parent Evening - 7pm

14 December In-house Prize giving - 11am

15 December Prize Giving Charles Luney Auditorium,  
St Margaret's College - 7pm

18 December School Year Finishes - Final Assembly  
1.00pm to conclude at 1.30pm

### Welcome Certificate

Reception Piper Eradus

### Church Certificates

Room 1	Millie Lallu
Room 2	Nariah Devereux
Room 3	Ruby-Grace Millar
Room 4	Sophia Skinner
Room 5	Lilah Johnson
Room 6	Mackenzie Johnston
Room 7	Wade Little
Room 8	Emily Curd

## Production Update - not long to go now!

It is not long now until our production hits the big stage.

Timing: Next Monday we would like all Yrs 7 & 8 at Rudolf Steiner School Hall by 6.00. All other classes need to be on site by 6.15. We expect to finish by 8.30. Rec. and R1 teachers will have more details about collecting their children during the production.

Makeup and costume: As there is very limited space to make up and dress, we would appreciate it if all Y4-8's could come already 'primed' with a light foundation base, such as a tinted moisturizer. All children will need to come ready dressed in as much of their costume as is possible. (please send along a supermarket bag so that these can come home this Wednesday/Thursday) If you are able to assist with makeup/face painting the junior classes, please contact your class teacher.

General information: Please note that there is no parking in the school grounds and that the audience will not be able to enter the hall until after 6.30, as we will be using the space for technical checks, make-up and dressing until then. It would also be greatly appreciated if people could stay at the end to help put the seats away, as we are not able to leave them out; the more we have the quicker the job.

Thank you

Chris Sullivan (Y8)

## Farewell to Father Lawrence and Elizabeth Kimberley

A final School Church Service is to be held on Thursday 12 November to acknowledge Father Lawrence's significant inputs over nine years to St Mark's School. We would also like to recognise the large part his wife, Elizabeth, has made to Religious Education for so many of our students. We are holding a celebratory morning tea here at school from 10.30am to 11.00am for them, our students and family members. You are invited to send or bring along a plate of suitable food for the shared morning tea. Tea and coffee will be served to adults.

## Student Successes

Congratulations to Sophie Watson who passed her BBO Grade 5 Ballet exam with Merit.

Congratulations to Connor Johnston who passed his Initial - Trinity Rock & Pop Guitar exams with Distinction.

Congratulations to Ashley Powell who won 7 first placings and 2 Southland Provincial Championship titles in Highland Dancing last week.

## Uniform shop News Flash

Hot from the maker, new in School hoodies! We have had made a marrow hoodie what Embroidery & screen printing, for use with school PE gear at sports days etc. to that end if you would like one for your child to wear at the zones next Monday, then tomorrow afternoon is your chance to get one from the uniform shop.

WE WILL ALSO HAVE THE SHOP OPEN TOMORROW MORNING AS AN EXTRA FOR THE PURCHASE OF THEM BEFORE MONDAY.

The pricing has yet to be finalised but it looking like it will be about \$42.

Thank you

Uniform shop team.



## St Mark's School presents . . .

### "A Tangle in Time"

- a humorous tale of a misguided & stubborn time machine

Where: Rudolf Steiner School Hall, Ombersley Terrace

When: Monday 16 November & Tuesday 17

November @ 7.00pm

Cost: \$8 per ticket (cash or eftpos)

**Tickets still available especially Tuesday**

Parking on the school grounds is not permitted.

## Sports Results

### Waterpolo

St Mark's 3 v St Margaret's 4

St Mark's 2 v Marshland Mudfish 5

Player of the Day: Yuma Kuwasaki

Player of the Day: Blake Clements

Overall Player of the Day: Gabrielle Carlile-Smith

### Miniball

St Mark's Giants 32 v Te Waka Wamas 12

St Mark's Tigers 6 v Oakland Thunder 29

St Mark's Cubs 7 v Thorrington Thunder 34

Player of the Day: Alice Metherell

Player of the Day: Isaac Wood

Player of the Day: Russell Dustan