



St Mark's School Newsletter

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Kia ora everyone,
A whakatauki for the end of term as we celebrate all that has been:

Ko tō wairua ki te Atua, nāna ne ngā mea katoa
Turn your spirit to God from whom all things come

What a wonderful end to the second term around the uniqueness of our students, staff and community we have witnessed. We have enjoyed :

- **"A Place in Space Expo"** displays from our Year 5-8 Students - wonderful!
- **Singing Cup Finals** - and the opportunity to welcome **Mrs Christine Sullivan** and **Mrs Alison Waghorn** as experienced judges.
- **Kapahaka** - combined performance from the combined Kapahaka groups to the rest of the school in preparation for performances in the second half of the year! Kā pai
- **Home made soup in Mokihi** - from fresh ingredients from our school garden!
- **Speech finals** - the diversity of topics and presenters. We offer our congratulations to all finalists - please see an excerpt from **Myro M.** speech later in the newsletter.
- **Whanau Hui** raising expectations of our cultural narrative and responsiveness
- **Collective Resource Shifting** - at our working bees - thank you parents/whanau!
- **Year 8 Language Program for Term 3 and 4 announced.**
- **Auditions and Rehearsals for our Term 3 Productions!**
- **Garden Inspiration** from students of Paua - see the Inspiration Board!
- **Winter Tournament (set for Friday 28th July) practices** in football, hockey and netball. Thank you to **Mr George Carnoutsos, Mr Hamish Cuthbert, Mr Nick Tabak, Mrs Anna Metherell and Mrs Charlotte Cooper** who are working alongside staff to coach our athletes.

There is just not enough space to thank all volunteers who have contributed richly to our programs this term. It has been a busy one!

Enrolment Scheme

History is being written in this place, the next chapters of our story are rich and varied and more and more people want to hear how we are writing it. The Board of Trustees report published today, indicates that such interest in our school has precipitated an enrolment scheme that is transparent and reflective of our special character. Your feedback will be critical to its development.

End of Term Service

We will gather in the hall at **2.30pm this Friday, 7th July**, for our end of term service. You are all warmly invited to this service which will be lead by Rev. Helen Roud.

To Note:

You will notice that we are recognising student achievement by the child's first name and first letter of their surname. This is common practice among schools and recommended by Netsafe as a way of protecting names and identities of our students. We have adopted this at the end of this term and will continue through all publicly available print material.



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

Re-opening of St Mark's School Buildings - 11th August 2017

Thanks to the expertise of **Mrs Carolyn Norton**, specially designed invitations to our official opening and blessing of the buildings have been crafted and are ready for posting. Plans are well underway and the various formalities are being finalised. Please mark this date in your calendar.



Lost Property

There continues to be a steady stream of unclaimed items gathering in our lost property cupboard. We are hopeful that with the opening of the whole campus, that owners and possessions will not part company as much! The leftover lunchboxes and array of plastic items is a source of concern however from an environmental perspective (and health issue with leftover food!). This can be reversed we are sure!

Canterbury Primary Schools' Cross Country

On Wednesday 21st June, Isabel B and Zen K competed at the Canterbury Primary Schools' Cross Country. They both did their best and competed against over 100 people in each category. Zen placed 32nd out of 115, and Isabel placed 58th out of 110.

Performance Choir

On 20-21st of June the Performance Choir sang at the Christchurch South Schools' Music Festival. With our Choir Leader (Mackenzie J) speaking our school blurb. The theme of this years festival was 'Change'. There were six schools involved and St Mark's was the smallest choir with only 27 students. We have had great feedback from all the parents who came and watched. Thank you to Mrs Worner and Mr Ellis for their amazing efforts on teaching and conducting us. Also many thanks to Mrs Panckhurst for accompanying the choir on the piano. Every choir sang two individual items, St Mark's songs were 'Tis the Gift', and 'Brave'. One Choral and one Contemporary. It was a great experience singing with the other schools in the Opawaho area!

Mackenzie J

Holidays - a time to refresh

As you contemplate the holidays and the opportunity to mix more family time into your days, staff wish you all a safe and happy holiday. On your return to school we can look forward to the exciting academic and learning opportunities afforded to us by a complete campus. Waka Puhara staff, parents and students have weathered a lengthy period of an unlikely array of teaching and learning spaces. We acknowledge their commitment to their learning, the welfare of their community and love of the school. Constraints on the use of spaces across the school will disappear and staff can contemplate the delivery of a curriculum with strong foundational knowledge and innovative, collaborative skill development.

There will be ample opportunity next term to honour the gifts and talents of those committed to the building program, and thank God for those known and the many not known to us who have contributed in so many ways. I offer the following verse in expectation of this.

"When hard pressed, I prayed to the Lord; He brought me into a spacious place"

Psalms 118:5

Arohanui everyone - see you next term.

Averil

School Notices

Upcoming Events

6 July	PA Meeting - 7.30pm
7 July	End of Term Service - 2.30pm
24 July	Term 3 begins - 8.55am
2 August	Strum, Strike, Blow Festival

Church Certificates

Kotuku	Monty S.
ToeToe	Leo-Sebastian M.
Paua	Cooper M.
Rimurimu	Jeremy H.
Toroa	Anna R.
Wheke	Mike A.

Sports Results

Waterpolo

Last Friday's semi final St Marks vs Chisnallwood 7-6.

Having won D grade last term, last Friday St Mark's waterpolo team secured their place in the C grade final this Friday at Jellie Park at 7.45pm. Supporters very welcome!



Basketball

St Mark's Lions 9 v Oaklands A 25
Player of the Day: Olivia C-S.

Netball

St Mark's Leopards 9 v St Andrew's 11
Players of the Day: Elizabeth R./Zoe R.

Maroon and Gold Sports Socks

This year we are sending an unprecedented number of students to the Independent Schools' Winter Tournament. We respectfully ask families for donations of second hand pairs of St Mark's maroon and gold sports socks. Socks can be left at the school office.

Student Success

Congratulations to Harriet P. who passed her ABRSM Grade 4 Cello exam with Distinction.

Singing Cup

Families, staff and students enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of musicianship last Wednesday afternoon as the finalists - from across the school - entertained and sang with confidence and aplomb. The difficult task of judging as assigned to **Mrs Christine Sullivan** and **Mrs Alison Waghorn**, whose expertise and musical acumen was relayed to the audience. Their significant connection to the life of St Mark's school was highlighted and we thank them so much for adjudicating for this important annual event. We also thank **Mr Peter Hind** for accompanying a number of singers. The depth and breadth of the items speak to the musical talent in the school and reflects the long history of musical excellence at our school. We congratulated all finalists, and pay particular attention in this newsletter to those who were placed.

Girls Solo Cup

1st - Mackenzie J

2nd - Ashley P

3rd - Amelia H

Boys Solo Cup

1st - Daniel M

2nd - James P

3rd - Theodore H

Duet Cup

1st - Daniel M and Mackenzie J

2nd - Isabel B and Samantha P

3rd - Madeleine C and Amelia H

Speech Cup

The following is an excerpt from the winning speech at the recent Speech Cup finals. This excerpt is included not only because of our successful Aoraki Matatu unit, not only because our conversations about bullying have only just begun, but importantly because we need to hear what our students think and ask questions of ourselves. Are we helping the flames of others shine brighter? Thank you **Myro**.

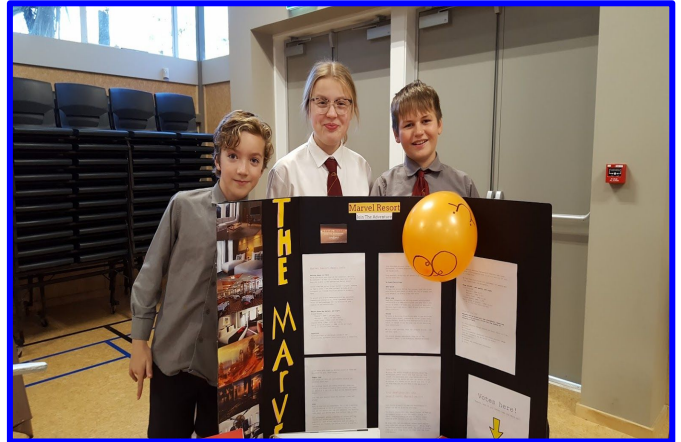
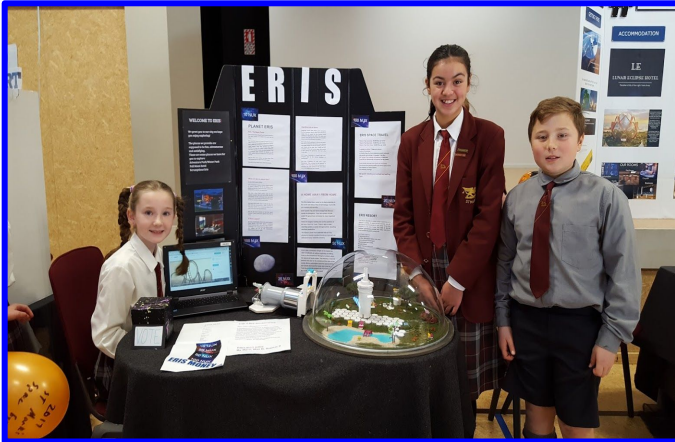
When a person or group of people repeatedly hurts or excludes another person, it really speaks more about WHO they are inside and WHAT they are thinking. What their actions really tell us, is that they have their own insecurities.

Bullying happens in four forms; physical, verbal, cyber and social. There are usually three people involved inside the bullying alliance, the target, the initiator and the bystander.

There are major studies which show that NZ schools have the second highest rate of bullying in the world. Another national study shows that NZ students think that verbal bullying is the worst out of the four types of bullying.

We want ourselves and our community to lead healthy happy positive lives... DON'T WE? So when we talk about how to get rid of bullying we also need to think carefully about the word EMPATHY. If you were in that position how would it feel? Remember, blowing out someone else's candle, doesn't make yours shine any brighter!

“A Place in Space Expo”







KAPA HAKA





An Update from the Board of Trustees Review Committee

Term 2 Outcomes:

As you will recall in term 1 we advised you that two policies were up for review as part of the regular 3 yearly cycle. We also provided you with the login details for school docs if you wanted to provide some feedback as part of this process.

Here is a summary of the outcomes for the following policies

- Recognition of cultural diversity
- staff leave
- separated parents and day to day care

As there was only feedback from one member of the school community (a BOT member) no changes have been made to these policies.



Term 2 2017 Reviews: **WE NEED YOUR INPUT PLEASE**

This term we are reviewing the following policies and invite your feedback

Bullying

- Digital technology and cyber safety
- Abuse reporting procedures
- Education outside the Classroom (we would specifically like feedback on photos being taken at school events and use of social media)
- Child protection policy

It is from these policies that the procedures are developed in relation to the way the school approaches these things operationally. For this reason, we want to encourage parents to become familiar with these policies and recommend any changes that might be required.

If you would like to view and give feedback on the policy it's as easy as 1,2,3!

1. Go to www.schooldocs.co.nz and click on search for your school. Pick St Mark's School.
2. Enter the following user name and password
Username: stmarks Password: saint
3. Find the policy that's up for review, read it, click on the red bubble in the top right hand corner of the policy and enter your feedback. (if there is no red option, pick the green speech bubble instead).


Feedback can be given anonymously if you choose.

The cutoff for feedback is the last day of term 2.



A Heavenly Hullabaloo

A church service with
plenty of fun and music-
making for kids of all ages!
Refreshments to follow!



The Transitional "Cardboard" Cathedral
Latimer Square
Sunday 16 July at 10.00am



KidsFest

Community Notices

Mainland Futsal Holiday Programmes (indoor)

Age: 6-14 year olds

Dates: 10th, 11th & 12th July 2017 (WEEK 1) 20th & 21st July 2017 (WEEK 2)

Times: 9.00am – 3.00pm

Venue: St Thomas's of Canterbury College (WEEK 1) Pioneer Stadium (WEEK 2)

Cost: \$37.50 per day (\$112.50 for three consecutive days) 10% discount of second child when registering two or more siblings.

Keen to play? [Click here to register](#)

GIRLS ONLY Futsal Holiday Programmes (indoor)

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Times: 9.00am – 3.00pm

Venue: St Thomas's of Canterbury College (WEEK 1) Pioneer Stadium (WEEK 2)

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Keen to play? [Click here to register](#)

Mainland Outdoor Holiday Programmes

Age: 7-14 year olds

Dates: 13th & 14th July (WEEK 1) 17th & 18th July 2017 (WEEK 2)

Times: 9.00am – 3.00pm

Venue: English Park

Cost: \$37.50 per day (\$112.50 for three consecutive days) 10% discount of second child when registering two or more siblings.

Keen to play? [Click here to register](#)



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Re: Access to School Dental Services over the school holiday period



The Community Dental Service has a contract to provide an emergency dental service for pre-schoolers and primary school children over the school holiday period. The service is limited to the relief of acute pain only and will operate from 8:45am until 12:30pm from the Hillmorton Community Clinic, Sylvan Street, Christchurch for the following times.

Monday, 10th July to Friday, 14th July 2017 (excluding weekends)

Monday, 17th July to Friday, 21st July 2017 (excluding weekends)

Routine treatment will **not** be offered/available over the holidays and any accident related issues will be referred to Community Dentists as per usual practise.

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/>