



St Mark's School Newsletter

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Kia ora everyone,

There has been significant communication lately of greater import than what could be gathered in this newsletter - student achievement and success aside! I refer you to those recent communications from staff and myself in the first instance today.

We are encouraged by those of you who have indicated already your availability to join us during our delivery of the Kia Kaha program. A wise parent reminded me this morning that whilst the program addresses the issue of bullying, it also seeks to through positive relationships to address friendships, choices and consequences in behaviour, self-confidence, and we will add forgiveness and restorative practices. It is delivered by the classroom teacher - so embedded in a key relationship.

This week we welcome **Hosea Frost** and his parents **Roddy and Ashleigh**, and **Max Booth** and his parents **Chris and Angela**. Welcome to the St Mark's family! May you find God's love here and a turangawaewae for your extended family.

Pink Breakfast

This morning staff gathered in support of the "Pink Breakfast" campaign in support of the Breast Cancer Foundation. We started in prayer, raising up all families in our school who are personally affected by this disease and asking God's peace and presence. This is an acknowledgement of those known to us who are on this journey and who are in our prayers. Thank you to the wonderful **Louise Elliott** for this initiative and we will be thrilled to deliver our donation to honour the hard work of the Foundation.

From our Senior Students

Tena Koutou katoa

Last week we kicked Friday off with cross country. In the morning the seniors and middle school walked to Hansens Park and did the best we could. The juniors who ran hard at Risingholme in the afternoon with some senior students helping them. Well done to all those who competed and hopefully everyone had fun.

This year the Performance Choir are taking part in the Christchurch South Music Festival with five other schools. Yesterday, the Performance Choir had their first rehearsal at Hillview with all the other schools participating.

Zen Kuwasaki & Sophia Goodrick

Cross Country

A wonderfully warm day, two venues and great parental support meant that our annual cross country was enjoyed by all. Individual performances are noted in the newsletter today, but on your behalf I formally thank **Mrs Delwyn Wright** for her superb organisation.

House Fun Run

Staff want to thank you most sincerely for your support of this event. An astonishing \$2016.30 was raised from sponsorship and this will be a welcome donation spread across the charities identified by the House Leaders and students - **Ronald McDonald House, Cholmondeley Home and KidsCan.**

Student Success

Today we highlight some recent successes of our students both in and out of school. This is an expression of our special character as we celebrate the unique gifts and talents of **everyone**. To ensure this happens across the school for **ALL** our children, a series of frames have been erected in the foyer of the school. **Watch this space** for examples of how these talents are expressed in your child's classroom. And in this is a message for us all!

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace, in it's various forms" 1 Peter 4:10

Blessings everyone
Averil



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

School Notices

Upcoming Events

17 May	Sports/Cultural Photos
21 May	PA Ice Skating Night - 4.30-6.30pm
31 May	Singing Cup competition

Church Certificates

Kereru	Violet Harrison
Ti Kouka	Tessa Woolhouse
Kotuku	Chelsea Pannett
Paua	Summer McCarthy
ToeToe	Jackson Powell
Rimurimu	Thomas Henderson
Toroa	Brieanna Cox
Wheke	Zen Kuwasaki

Sports Results

Waterpolo

St Mark's 8 v Canterbury Waterpolo 6
Player of the Day: Jada Morris/Sophia Tiso

Canterbury Primary & Intermediate Schools Artistic & Rhythmic Gymnastics Competition

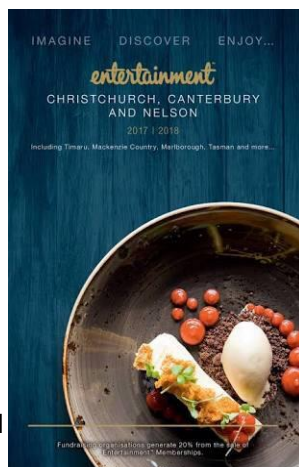
If any students are interested in entering the Canterbury Primary and Intermediate Schools Artistic or Rhythmic Gymnastics competitions in June please see Mrs Wright.

PA News

Entertainment Book

We are again holding this Fundraiser this year. These books will be distributed to you in the next two weeks.

If you do not wish to receive this book, please complete the opt-out form which has been sent home with your child today. This is to be returned to the School Office by Friday, 12 May.



PA News

SAVE THE DATE!!

PA Ice Skating Night

Sunday 21 May 4:30-6:30



Fun for the whole family! We've booked out the rink, so grab your friends and get your skates on!

If you pay before the day you can **skate for just \$10 per person.**

Or you can pay on the night for \$12, cash only. Price includes skate hire, no charge for spectators.

Cash payments accepted at the school office (correct monies in a named envelope please) or you can direct credit your payment to:

St Mark's School PA
03-1598-0015833-00

Please ensure you put your surname and "ice-skating" as a reference.



Coffee Cart

"School Grounds" is a volunteer run coffee cart, operating out of the school foyer.

Mon/Wed/Fri mornings open 8:30 – 9:10am

Our coffees are great value, our fluffies are a hit and all profits feed back into the school under the PA umbrella.

At the moment we are cash only, but hope to have eftpos online later this term.

Coffee Cards are great value **pay for 10 coffees or fluffies and get 2 FREE!**

Just a gentle reminder to those on our IOU.....We still have some lingering from last year. If you are unsure please come and check the list by the cart.

Many thanks for your continued support...The School Grounds Team

Student Success

GOLF BALL LADDER GAME

This all started one day when Ms Yonetani and I were walking back from swimming. Ms Yonetani asked me if I would like to do a project. I was stoked. I had a lot of ideas, but there was nothing that I loved until I went on the year 6 & 7 camp. At camp, there was this game. It was so basic, yet so fun. My friends and I loved it. I slept on it and the next day, I decided I would build it.

I went and had a look at it and had a look what it was made out of. When we got back to school, I told Ms Yonetani about it. She said I need a budget and a plan. The one at camp was made out of steel. At first I thought I would do steel until I looked at the price, so I googled 'golf ladder game'. There were pictures of a plastic one. It was perfect.

I researched measurements and where to buy materials. Once I figured all that out, I wrote to Mrs Worner with a budget and Mrs Worner approved it. Before I bought everything, I watched videos about the game and the plastic looked very flimsy, so I thought to myself, I can do better than that. Family friends of ours own Statesman Engineering, so I asked if they could help me build a steel ladder. They said, 'If you work for us for a day, we will give you one of our workers.'

The next day I was up early, getting ready to be picked up. I worked the whole day sweeping and helping. The next day, they said I could have their worker Deon for a whole hour. I gave him the measurements and he got to work. 10 minutes later it was done. He asked me if I had ever welded and I said, 'No.' Then I did my first ever weld.

That night I was measuring rope for the two golf balls to go on. I had 6 of them then to make. Then I went to my Aunty's and tested it out with my cousins. It was awesome.

Special thanks to Deon, Dave, and Alana at Statesman Engineering

Without them, this would not have been possible.

JADEN'S AMAZING PROJECT

Last term I created a game based on World War One trench warfare. I am still deciding the rules but hopefully it will be finished soon. I used a lot more materials than originally planned but luckily it still turned out the way I wanted. You can see it inside the Waka Hourua space near the benches and the library.

GOLF BALL LADDER GAME



JADEN'S AMAZING PROJECT



Student Success

From the 25th to 28th May, Cooper participated in the South Island under 19 golf championships in Cromwell.

At 8 years of age Cooper was the youngest competitor by a few years however performed well playing off the Blue (championship / professional) Tees on the challenging Greg Turner designed course.

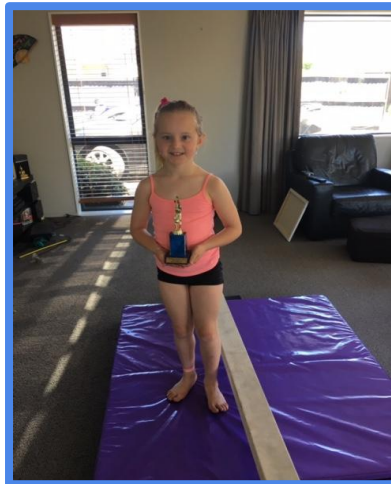
After three rounds and with the final day being played in gale force winds, Cooper finished up tied 47th out of 89 in U19 nett and 4th in U13 nett.

This was a fantastic experience and Cooper is even more inspired to keep working hard at his game after mixing it with the big boys who are in some cases, New Zealand's best amateurs.



Olivia Meyer has been selected for a development squad at Christchurch Gymnastics. This is a wonderful opportunity for Olivia, who along with her team mates will have access to great expertise in this area.

Congratulations Olivia!



Daniel and Emily Heinz competed in the Queensland National Dancesport Championship in the school holidays. They were placed:

Daniel

Recreational Juvenile Open Boy:

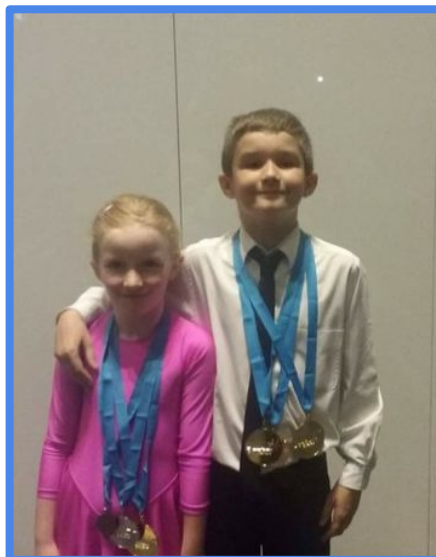
Latin - Cha Cha Cha - 1st
New Vogue - Marilyn - 1st
Standard - Waltz - 3rd

Emily

Recreational Juvenile Open Girl:

Latin - Cha Cha Cha - 4th
New Vogue - Marilyn - 1st
Standard - Waltz - 2nd

Congratulations Daniel and Emily!



PINK RIBBON BREAKFAST AT ST MARK'S



2017 Cross Country Results

YEAR 0 GIRLS			YEAR 0 BOYS		
1 st Isabella Stephen	2 nd Indie Leatua	3 rd Hannah Tremain	1 st Loukas Saxton	2 nd Hugo Fleischer	3 rd Finn James
YEAR 1 GIRLS			YEAR 1 BOYS		
1 st Zara Percasky	2 nd Angel Shaw	3 rd Holly Rose	1 st Zachary Ormandy	2 nd Samuel Boros	3 rd Jake Hutana
YEAR 2 GIRLS			YEAR 2 BOYS		
1 st Piper Eradus	2 nd Tessa Cooper	3 rd Stella Pannett	1 st Xavier Frost	2 nd Jesse Saunders	3 rd Benjamin Allan
YEAR 3 GIRLS			YEAR 3 BOYS		
1 st Olive Allan-Caney	2 nd Lily Ball	3 rd = Milli Lallu Saffron Down	1 st Dustin Shaw	2 nd Matthew Chinula	3 rd Samuel Trusttum
YEAR 4 GIRLS			YEAR 4 BOYS		
1 st Olivia Meyer	2 nd Julia McCarthy	3 rd Amelia Head	1 st Ioli Kuwasaki	2 nd Max Percasky	3 rd Theodore Yoder
YEAR 5 GIRLS			YEAR 5 BOYS		
1 st Olivia Cooper	2 nd Chelsea Pannett	3 rd Isabella Sloane	1 st Torbin Clements	2 nd Michael Chinula	3 rd Liam Sullivan
YEAR 6 GIRLS			YEAR 6 BOYS		
1 st Sophia Willis	2 nd Hannah Watson	3 rd Plumm Twist	1 st Max Yoder	2 nd Bede Hamilton	3 rd Vivek Lallu
YEAR 7 GIRLS			YEAR 7 BOYS		
1 st Trinity Mann	2 nd Anna Redmile	3 rd Lilah Johnson	1 st Jordi Wright-Stow	2 nd Freddie Twist	3 rd Liam Regan
YEAR 8 GIRLS			YEAR 8 BOYS		
1 st Isabel Bevin	2 nd Myro McKee	3 rd Bella Edwards	1 st Zen Kuwasaki	2 nd Mike Anderson	3 rd Jaden Harrison

Cross Country Photos



Kia Kaha Programme



Senior Constable Ross Mitchell will be at the school on the following dates for Kia Kaha programme. Parents are most welcome to attend these sessions.

Thursday 18 May

09:00-09:45	Inaka (Year 0)
09:45-10:30	Kereru (Year 0-2)
11:05-12:00	Ti Kouka (Year 02)
13:30-15:00	Years 5-6 (Miss Yonetani)

Friday 19 May

13:30-14:15	Year 3 (Mrs Brereton)
14:15-15:00	Year 4 (Mrs Brereton)

Friday 26 May

11:05-12:30	Years 7-8 (Miss Yonetani)
13:30-14:15	Year 3 (Mrs Brereton)
14:15-15:00	Year 4 (Mrs Brereton)

Monday 29 May

09:00-09:45	Inaka (Year 0)
09:45-10:30	Kereru (Year 0-2)
11:05-12:00	Ti Kouka (Y0-2)

Thursday 1 June

13:30-14:30	Year 5-6 (Miss Yonetani)
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Friday 2 June

11:05-12:30	Year 7-8 (Miss Yonetani)
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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/>