



# St Mark's School Newsletter

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Kia ora everyone,

As we move through to the end of week 4, I want to commend the work of the contractors who are working to deliver the extension of Waka Puhara and Information Centre to the school community by the end of the term.

**Mrs Cathy Kennedy** from the National Library Service joined staff last week to discuss the direction of modern libraries/information or media centres, so we could understand how the space might be used. The potential for this space to be used by our school community throughout the week is exciting and we can be thankful the Board of Proprietors stretched the design to include this space.

This week we welcome **Joshua Waine** and his parents **Aaron and Sonja** Welcome to the St Mark's School family. We hope you find God's presence here and a turangawaewae for your extended whanau.

## Anti-Bullying

Thank you to those parents who have had the opportunity to join us for our **Kia Kaha** program in classrooms. **Senior Constable Ross Mitchell** commented that he was thrilled to see so many parents attending sessions which is not usual in his experience. If you are unable to attend and wish to have details of discussions in your child's class, please contact your classroom teacher.

## Anglican Schools Conference

I write my part of the newsletter from Auckland, as I have been supported by the Board of Proprietors to attend this conference. I am presenting a Kecha Pucha entitled "Building a School". There is a significant physical component to this and a metaphorical narrative of the school post quakes. Twenty slides each lasting twenty seconds will only capture a snapshot of this narrative, which focuses on how when we put students at the centre of a God-centred special character great things happen!

## Sport

There are various notices today about sport at St Mark's School. In trying to diversify and offer opportunities for St Mark's School teams to compete with other schools we need to make a start. In addition to these notices, I am in discussion with one school family member about hockey at our school - our traditional sporting strength - and how we might build depth here too. Again child-centred and developing and uplifting individual talents and skill.

I am grateful to all those who will spearhead these developments although we will seek independent support when sport trial dates are set.

Many blessings everyone

Averil



*Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story*

# School Notices

## Upcoming Events

6 June	Teacher Only Day
12-23 June	Year 0-3 Swimming - Pioneer
23 June	PA Disco
	Y0-4 - 6.00-7.15pm
	Y4-8 - 7.30

## Church Certificates

Kereru	Isabella Da Silva
Ti Kouka	Holly Rose
Kotuku	Meg Wright
Paua	Kaelan Graham
ToeToe	Laura Van Der Kley
Rimurimu	Sophia Goodrick
Toroa	Lilah Johnson
Wheke	Freddie Twist

## Singing Cup

The Singing Cup, scheduled in the calendar for next week, has been postponed until later in the term. Entries are now open for the three categories ( Girl's Solo, Boy's Solo and Duet/Trio Singing). A signup sheet will be sent around next week, with auditions in a few weeks time.

This is an amazing opportunity for students to perform to an audience.

Emily Wells

## Sports News

### **Independent Schools Cross Country**

Congratulations to our team of 28 runners who competed against 6 other schools at the cross country at Hagley Park on Monday. Our St Mark's team put in a huge effort against some tough competition. Isabel Bevin was placed 5th and Zen Kuwasaki 6<sup>th</sup> in the Year 8 events. Isabel and Zen will go forward to represent our zone at the Primary Schools Cross Country at Halswell Quarry on 21 June.



## **Independent Zone Netball Trials**

If any Year 7 or 8 girls wish to be nominated for the Independent Zone Netball Trials please see Mrs Wright by Friday May 26<sup>th</sup>. Trialists will need to be highly skilled and play competitive netball for a club.

## **Football**

We are considering entering two football teams - Year 5/6 and Year 7/8 for an upcoming tournament.

Trials would be held by independent selectors and entering the teams would be dependent on a suitable coach/s being found.

Please contact Mrs Wright at email [d.wright@saintmarks.school.nz](mailto:d.wright@saintmarks.school.nz) for expressions of interest.

## **Canterbury Metro Primary Schools Under 48 and 65kg teams 2017**

If any Year 7 or 8 rugby players would like to be nominated for the two representative teams who contest the South Island Tournament in late September please contact Mrs Wright at email [d.wright@saintmarks.school.nz](mailto:d.wright@saintmarks.school.nz) for expressions of interest.

## Sports Results

### **Waterpolo**

St Mark's 10 v St Margarets/Queenspark 1

Players of the Day: Myro McKee/Max Bachop

### **Basketball**

St Mark's Titans 10 v Prebbleton 24

Player of the Day: Ayrton Edwards

St Mark's Lions 17 v Cashmere Pistons 4

Player of the Day: Lucy Norton

# Kia Kaha Programme



Senior Constable Ross Mitchell will be at the school on the following dates for the 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/>