



# St Mark's School Newsletter

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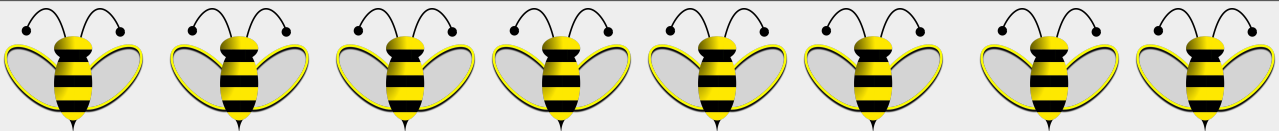
Kia ora everyone,

A whakatauki for this week:

*Nāku te rourou nau te rourou ka ora ai te iwi*  
With your basket and my basket the people will succeed

This was offered at the Association of Integrated Schools of New Zealand Conference which I am attending with Raylene McEwan (my thanks to the Board of Proprietors for this opportunity). It has great relevance for this conference and importantly for all of us.

As we move into the last half of the Term, every day draws us closer to the opening of the whole campus. There are some photographs in this week's newsletter taken on a tour on Monday. Today I signal a final call for help!! We need it!! To move into the new spaces!!!



**2 WORKING BEES!!! Saturday 24th June and Saturday 1st July. We need you!! There will be a detailed plan for each Saturday, focussed on moving resources, erecting shelving and shifting furniture into place. Please let the office know of your availability for either Saturday by Wednesday 21st June.**

## New Families

This week we welcome **Amoni McCallum** and his parents **Akami and Melissa**, **Isla Hawera-Ridler** and her parents **Olivia and Cameron (and sister Ruby!)** and **Lily and Leo Gargett** and their parents **Bobby and Christie**. We pray God's blessing on all our new family members and ask that they quickly find in our St Mark's family a turangawaewae - a place of belonging, a place to stand and a place of identity.

## Board of Trustees

In today's newsletter you will find an update from the Board of Trustees. I draw your attention to the review of Board Policies and the request to give feedback to the Board. Policies under review are critical for the operational outworking of our School Charter. Please take the time to understand the policies and comment - your voice is critical in shaping policy and processes.

## Winter Tournament

Staff are working towards entering teams in the Winter Tournament. This will take place on the first Friday of Term 3 - details next week.



*Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story*

## Music Festival

Our best wishes and prayers are with the Performance Choir who join other local schools next Tuesday and Wednesday at this event. We hope to share our items with the school community at next Friday's church service.

## Thanks and praise!

- The development of the School Garden is ongoing - thanks to all those "Friends of the Garden" who are working in this area. And a grateful thanks to the school family who donated a sum which will likely purchase a garden shed!
- Hockey at St Mark's School - a traditional strength - has been given an incredibly generous boost from a school family. In partnership with the school, new hockey sticks, balls, cones, shin pads etc have been purchased for our junior school members in a wonderful effort to grow the sport within our school.

In sharing this news I am ensuring the anonymity of those families and **at the same time** acknowledging the contribution that **everyone** makes to our school on a daily, weekly and ongoing way. Not everyone can, or will choose to give extra financial assistance to the organisations of which they are a part. At St Mark's school significant support is seen in joining us in worship during our weekly services, volunteering to return reading books to boxes, coaching a sports team, writing an email to a teacher in support of teaching, joining the PA, attending sessions of the Kia Kaha program, making beautiful coffee for us all or praying for a member of our community who needs support. Following our entry into the final spaces we will acknowledge the significant effort of those who have contributed to the restoration of our school in so many many ways.

But at this juncture it is worth remembering Jesus was very clear about money and giving.

*Matthew 6:19/20 "Don't store treasures for yourselves on earth where moths and rust will destroy them and thieves can break in and steal them. 20 But store your treasures in heaven where they cannot be destroyed by moths or rust and where thieves cannot break in and steal them. Your heart will be where your treasure is."*

*Matthew 6:4 "Your giving should be done in secret. Your Father can see what is done in secret and you will be rewarded."*

Having money is not the issue, but rather what is done with it with anonymity and with humility. At a very personal level I welcome the contribution of everyone - however small or large, financial or otherwise. But with an assurance of preserved anonymity. These contributions assure us all of the strength of our community and an encouragement for our future.

The whakatauki at the start reflects this also. Your basket is valued. Your basket is worthy. When our baskets are gathered we all succeed!

Blessings everyone

Averil



### **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](http://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.

# School Notices

## Upcoming Events

20-21 June	Music Festival 7.00-9.00pm Hillview Christian School
23 June	PA Disco Y0-4 - 6.00-7.15pm Y4-8 - 7.30
28 June	Whānau Hui - 8.30-9.30am
28 June	Singing Cup - 1.30-2.30pm
30 June	Mōkihi visit to Art Gallery

## Church Certificates

Inaka	Sofia Daly
Kereru	Tessa Cooper
Ti Kouka	Aayush Kumar
Kotuku	Rosa Tabak
Paua	Genavieve Neale
ToeToe	Nathaniel Bayne
Rimurimu	Harry Campbell
Toroa	Oliver Clark
Wheke	Olivia Bayne

## Winter Tournament Football Trials

Trials for male and female Year 7/8 students wishing to represent St Mark's at Winter Tournament in Term 3 are being held on Monday 19 June from 3.15-4.15pm on the St Mark's field. Students who are interested need to bring all of their equipment and meet on the field.

## Student Success

Congratulations to Peter Smith who has passed the St Cecilia School of Music, Classical Piano Grade 4 with Higher Distinction (96%). He has been working on the syllabus for the past nine months, practising for an hour each day in the last few weeks.

## Sports Results

### Water Polo

St Mark's 15 v Queenspark 1

St Mark's 1 v Chisnallwood 4

Players of the Day: Max Wright/James Garden

### Basketball

St Mark's Titans 5 lost to Prebbleton

Player of the Day: Leo-Sebastian Mann

St Mark's Titans 6 v Medbury 12

Player of the Day: Kaelan Graham

### Netball

St Mark's Leopards 5 v Redcliffs 20

Player of the Day: Chelsea Pannett

## Scholastic Book Club

Order forms for Scholastic Books have been sent home. Orders may be placed direct with Scholastic at [www.mybookclub.scholastic.nz](http://www.mybookclub.scholastic.nz). A new easy way to order online yourself and will be delivered direct to school. Orders close on Friday 16 June.

## A Letter from Ronald McDonald House to Millie Trusttum and Sophia Tiso

Hi Millie and Sophia,

I work for Ronald McDonald House South Island with the community fundraising, and it is my pleasure to thank you for your donation to the House recently. St Mark's School is integral in enabling us to provide support, care and free accommodation to families from all around New Zealand whose children need specialised hospital care in Christchurch and Southland. Thank you so much for helping to make our families' journeys just that little bit easier. I would love to acknowledge your contribution by inviting you both and a staff member to Ronald McDonald House South Island for a tour.

Jemma Balmer

Ronald McDonald House South Island

## Puppet Plays

Two weeks ago all the year 8's performed their puppet plays in front of the school. We are grateful to Mrs Pascoe for giving her own time up to help us make and manage the puppets.

Mike Anderson



# Te Pouhere Sunday



Dear school family,

On behalf of the parish of Opawa-St. Martin's, I would like to extend a warm invitation to school families to attend this Sunday's service at St. Anne's Anglican Church, Wilsons Rd.

This Sunday is called Te Pouhere Sunday - a day that celebrates the constitution of our Three Tikanga Church. This year is the 25th anniversary of the Constitution which has given autonomy to the three cultural streams of the Maori, Polynesian and Pakeha Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. We will also mark Disability Sunday, aware that we are all God's people, made in the image of God.

I do hope you can join us.

Every blessing,

Revd. Helen

## PA NEWS

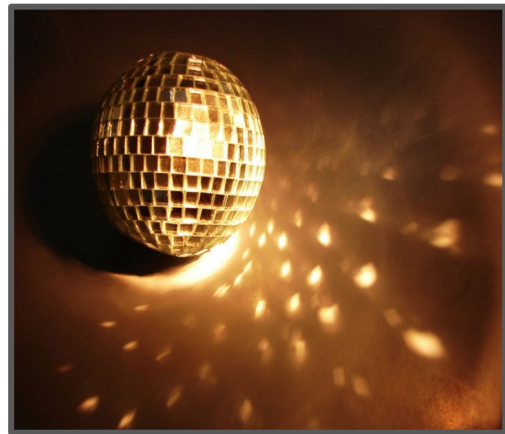
### School Disco

Mark it in your diaries!

23 June 2017 in School Hall:

Years 0-4 6pm to 7:15pm

Years 5-8 7:30pm to 9pm



Glow things will be available to purchase. Chips will be 50c a bag. Drinks will be provided.

There will be a sign in and sign out system. Please note, for the junior disco the sign in will be in the hall foyer and sign out (collection) at 7:15pm will be the hall exit into the staff car park. Seniors sign in and out will be in the hall foyer.

DJ – Boogie Beats

### Entertainment Books

Books were due to be returned on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> of May.

If you have these books in your possession may we ask that these be returned if you do not want to purchase the Entertainment book or if you have purchased a Digital App version of the Entertainment Book.

### Uniform Shop

Thank you to all those who have waited patiently for the hoodies to arrive, we now have them in the shop.

If you have any small size 4 or 6 boys winter shorts or shirts you'd like to sell please can you drop them (clean & ready to sell) into the shop, with the completed second hand sales form (that can be found on the wall outside the shop). Due to supplier changes and minimum order requirements we have a bit of a wait for new stock to arrive and we have no second hand available either.



# Waka Puhara & Information Centre



HANNAH McQUEEN INVITES YOU TO

HANNAH  
McQUEEN  
financial strategist & coach

# SEMINAR SERIES

## CREATING FINANCIALLY INDEPENDENT KIDS

A must-see for any parent wanting to help  
their kids achieve financial success

Brought to you by  **partnersLIFE**  
Rewarding partnership – for life

Hannah McQueen is considered New Zealand's leading expert on personal finance. She is a Chartered Accountant, has her Masters in Tax, is the founder and Director of enableMe – Financial Personal Trainers, the author of two best selling books, and a Mum.

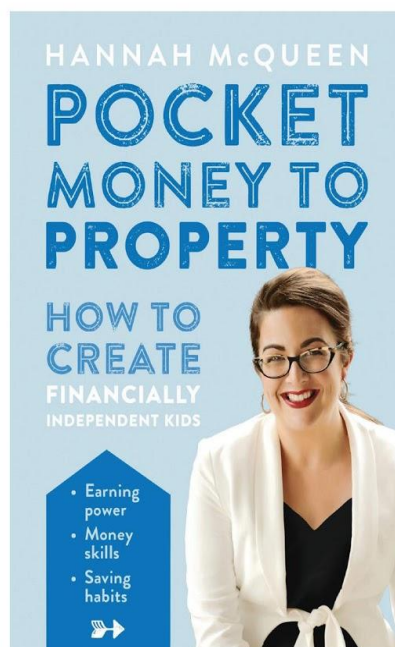
### What will this seminar cover?

Over the last two years Hannah McQueen has interviewed hundreds of kids, teenagers, millennials and parents to better understand the financial challenges facing our kids, why this generation is more disadvantaged than the last, and what we need to do about it.

In this impactful 75 minute seminar, Hannah will discuss her research and findings with the following areas being focal points.

- Why we are failing our kids when it comes to money.
- Why we need to teach our kids the value of money.
- What talking to your children 'honestly' about money means.
- Are you teaching your kids bad money habits?
- Are you stunting your child's financial growth?
- Should your child have a part time job?
- Will your children be able to buy a house when they leave home?
- Should your child go to university and should they be working while studying?
- Should they get a student loan or should you try and pay for this yourselves?
- How can you cultivate the entrepreneur spirit?
- How can we prepare our daughters for financial success when the odds are already stacked against them?

Most importantly Hannah will share with you her strategies to help you create financially independent kids to increase the odds of their financial success.



### Cost:

Tickets cost \$30 per person.

(Please note that 20% of the ticket proceeds will be donated to your nominated school).

### WHEN

20 June 7.00pm

### WHERE

The Piano  
156 Armagh Street,  
Christchurch

### BOOK NOW

Text "SEMINAR" to 268  
or go to  
[hannahmcqueen.com](http://hannahmcqueen.com)

# 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/>