



St Mark's School Newsletter

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Kia ora everyone,

A whakatauki for this week focussed on working together

Ma whero ma pango ka oti ai te mahi
With red and black the work will be complete

This refers to how we might cooperate to complete the work ahead of us. The colours refer to the kowhaiwhai patterns that are woven and exist on the inside of meeting whare.



1. Working Bee this Saturday 24th June - from 9.00am

This weeks working bee is focussed solely on erecting Lundia shelving. There is significant shelving to be erected in the new resource room attached to our Information Centre. Matt Sherwood asks for a **small number of people** this week and if they are able to bring a **10 ml ring spanner or socket and a large phillips screwdriver!** This is a complex job but must happen first so that resources may be moved into place.

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2. Working Bee Saturday 1 July - from 9.00am

This working bee requires **MANY MANY HANDS** to make light work of moving teaching resources, erecting furniture and helping staff organise the spaces ready for the start of Term 3. Coffee and tea will be available throughout the morning which will be orchestrated by staff.

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Mufti Day

This Friday is disco day. It is also Mufti Day! Staff have agreed that there will be **no** gold coin donation required for this mufti day.



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

South Christchurch Schools' Music Festival

Last night our Performance Choir performed at this festival for the first time. The students sang wonderfully and were commended for their performance by many. This festival, unlike the larger Christchurch Music Festival, enables individual schools to showcase their talent. A traditional choral piece and a contemporary piece, ensured our choir could display their talent across genre. Congratulations to **Mackenzie J** who introduced the choir with aplomb and grace. The perform again tonight and earned special principal's treat for their efforts. My thanks to Paul Ellis and Victoria Panckhurst who accompany them!

Music Festival Special Groups

It is with great pleasure that I can announce that the following students were successful in their auditions:

- **Isabel B - Orchestra *French Horn***
- **Charlotte P - Junior Choir**
- **Peter S - Junior Choir**
- **Hannah W - Junior Choir**

Congratulations to these students and our very best wishes for their inclusion in these groups.

Parent Interviews

Please take this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher/s to discuss progress and learn more about the steps your child is taking for success and achievement.

Whanau Hui

Please take note of this opportunity open to everyone. The change of time may suit you and you can be assured of coffee and muffins. The bicultural foundations of Aotearoa and the impact on the New Zealand Curriculum and critically relevant. Board of Trustees Policies reflect the unique position of tangata whenua and we invite as many of you who are able to join us in this conversation that is alive and ongoing.

Singing Cup

Next **Wednesday at 1.30pm** you are welcome to join us for this important occasion in our calendar. It will be very special to welcome **Mrs Christine Sullivan and Mrs Alison Waghorn** as our guest judges. Their expertise and connection with the school are to be celebrated.

New Vicar

It was a great pleasure to learn of the appointment of the **Rev. Ben Truman** to the parish of St Mark's/St Anne's. He will start on the 1st October and I look forward to getting to know him, as we all will, as he joins us as an integral part of our school. The Rev. Helen Roud will be with us for all of term 3 and her last service with us will be the **29th September 2017**, at which time we will have a celebration of all she has meant to us. Please pray for them both as their journey's of faith take new directions.

This newsletter feels like lots of information. I can't apologise for that because your involvement in partnership with staff makes our school the great one it is. We don't always get things right but we can only deliver the best for your child, WITH you.

See you at the disco!!



Blessings everyone Averil



Whānau Hui

Wednesday 28 June 8:30 am

St Mark's School Staffroom

Nau mai, haere mai ngā whānau
katoa ki te "Mātauranga o ngā ākonga
Māori o Te Kura o Hato Māka".

*Welcome families of St Mark's School
to a hui about the future of education
for our Māori children.*

This hui is for all those interested in Māori education. The school will be putting on some kai (coffee and muffins). Families are welcome to bring a plate to share. Children are welcome!



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.

School Notices

Upcoming Events

23 June	PA Disco Y0-4 - 6.00-7.15pm Y4-8 - 7.30-9.00pm Mufti Day
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

Kereru	Angel Shaw
Ti Kouka	Jackson Vuleta
Kotuku	Zoe Rea
ToeToe	Daniel Santiago
Rimurimu	Jacob Yule
Toroa	Inaki Belton-Illarri
Wheke	Mackenzie Johnston

Sports Results

Basketball

St Mark's Titans lost to West Spreydon School
Player of the Day: Liam Sullivan
St Mark's Lions 4 v St Martins 23
Player of the Day: Trinity Mann

Netball

St Mark's Leopards 4 v Marist Albion 7
Player of the Day: Elizabeth Redmile

Winter Tournament Sports Trials

Hockey Yr7/8 - Friday 23 June, 11.00am on the school turf

Hockey Yr5/6 - Monday 26 June, 11.30am on the school turf

Football Yr5/6 - Monday 26 June, 3.15-4.15pm on the school field

Student Success

Congratulations to Ana Sleghel who gained a silver medal in the Canterbury/Westland Karate Championship in kumite/fighting.



Canterbury Primary School 2017 Artistic Gymnastic Competition

Last week Sophia Skinner, Sophia Willis and Olivia Meyer represented St Mark's at the above competition.

Sophia Skinner competed in Grade 3 Artistic ranking 31st of 52 gymnasts.

Sophia Willis competed in Grade 4 Artistic ranking 5th of 15 gymnasts.

Olivia Meyer competed in Step 3 of the Competitive Artistic ranking 9th of 26 gymnasts. Olivia was also placed 2nd in the vault

Violin Lessons

Lorenz Weston-Salzer, ATCL, Dip Outdoor Education. I enjoy playing a variety of genres including classical, east european, celtic and folk. I am currently playing in an balkan and gypsy style band and experimenting with my electric violin and loop station. I am available to teach Suzuki or traditionally as preferred. Fees are \$15 per 20 min individual lesson, or \$20 per 30min. Feel free to contact me on 0275673696 lorenzws@icloud.com.

PA NEWS

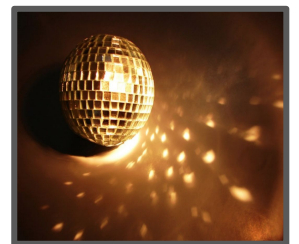
School Disco

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.

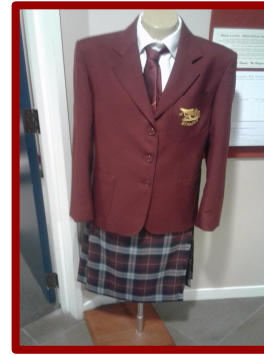
DJ – Boogie Beats

Coffee Cart

The Coffee Cart now have Eftpos facilities available!



Uniform Shop



We are currently very fortunate to have a small team of dedicated volunteers who manage our shop. St Mark's School Uniform Shop was set up initially to sell second hand clothing. It has evolved into what it is today because Ballantynes stopped stocking our uniform. Fortunately space has always been found on site to try and offer the best service and convenience to parents as part of the special character of the school it is required that a formal uniform be worn.

The team have a heavy responsibility of minimum orders (sometimes as much as \$10,000), fixing supplier errors, maintaining adequate stock levels with the seasonal changes and introducing new lines as the uniform evolves. There has been some recent issues of socks and kilts not arriving as per ordered and this puts a lot of stress on the volunteers and the parents alike. Fiona is always looking at new suppliers but this can sometimes result in further delays and costs. The shop also does a sterling service of on selling second hand uniforms. This service helps to reduce costs to parents of rapidly growing children and is especially useful when the children reach Year 9. The shop currently makes a small profit which contributes to the books donated by the PA for our New Entrants at prize giving. We are very fortunate that the school has never had to find funds if we were to make a loss.

All of our volunteers also have families and paid employment to juggle as well. Fiona has run the shop for the past 8 years. The shop has just installed a new mobile Eftpos terminal which can also be used at the Fair and Coffee Cart and has just installed a new computer system to enable some future proofing.

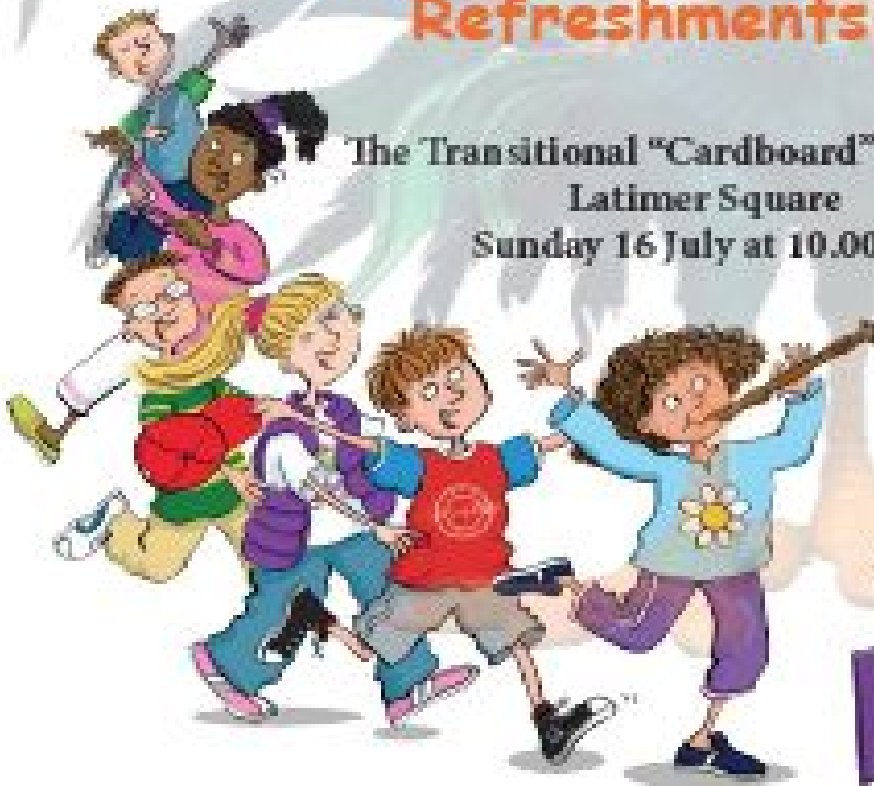
The Uniform Shop is currently open on Tuesday 8.30-9.30am and Thursday 2.30-3.30pm.

Thank you very much Fiona, Sam, Carolyn, Neroli, Vicky and Ruth for all the work that you do.



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

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/>