



St Mark's School Newsletter

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Kia Ora everyone and welcome back!!

A stunning sight greeted the team of Waka Puhara on Monday and it was with great excitement that students and teachers settled into their new home. The new spaces across the school are a constant reminder of the incredible gift of the talents and minds that have fashioned the physical environment of the next part of the St Mark's Story. Whilst we will have an opportunity to thank those directly involved on the 11th August, on your behalf I want to offer thanks to the teaching staff for their forbearance and professionalism along their journey, the PCG group: Matt Sherwood, Craig McInnes, Raylene McEwan, Stuart Anderson and Bruce Radburn for their expertise and drive, the Parents' Association and the school for the generous donation for the fitout of Waka Puhara, Louise and Christine who have graciously managed a constant flow of contractors, our caretaker Kevin for his unwavering commitment to moving things, and the students - whose lives are transformed in this wonderful school.



Our School. Our Vision. Our Mission.

Never before has there been such a signal to our community and the world about St Mark's School. We are a Christian Anglican School with Christ at the centre of all we do. Thank you to every Board of Proprietor member who have brought us to this place. Stunning!



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

New families

This term we welcome a number of families to St Mark's School:

Chhavi Dev and her parents **Ramen and Jyoti and sister Devina**

Aaish Prasanth and his parents **Prasanth and Leema**

Lakshmi Manjesh Nair and her parents **Manjesh and Anjali**

Emily, Elias and James Dodd and their parents **Gary and Amanda**

What a joy to welcome you all with prayers as you settle into your classrooms. May you find God's love here, and abundance of love from friends and a turangawaewae - a place to stand tall with us all.

Staffing

It is with great pleasure I announce the appointment of **Mrs Sarah Quinlan** working part-time in Waka Puhara. Sarah comes with a wealth of experience and we are delighted that she will work with groups of students in Waka Puhara on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Welcome to St Mark's School Sarah!

Environment Concern

Last term I wrote about my concerns that large numbers of plastic lunchboxes and drink bottles were being left and gathered every day. These were being kept and stored in the lost property cupboard and after a two week period recycled out of the school. It was very disappointing to find at the end of last term vast quantities of lunch boxes left at school. This is an environmental issue and reflects badly on us all as a school that has traditionally prided itself as an Enviro-school. Can I ask that you reinforce to your child that their plastic lunch container is their responsibility and that you check it has arrived home every night? Duty teachers for their part will ensure that students return their containers to their bags at the end of the eating period.

Waterpolo

On the last Friday of term, Mr Gordon, Miss Yonetani and I joined the parents and supporters of our Senior Waterpolo team in the final of the "C" division of the Waterpolo competition. This final was played with wonderful team spirit and skill. They won!!! On Monday we celebrated their success and look forward to supporting them as they work towards tournament in October. There will be a fundraiser to look out for! Thanks to **Kate Goodrick** for her untiring commitment to coaching this team.

Dates in the calendar:

- **Winter tournament Friday 28th July, postponement date 4th August**
- **Re-opening and Blessing of St Mark's School by Bishop Victoria**
- **Strum, Strike, Blow**
- **Ski Trips**

As the outside of the school is reclaimed through the laying of asphalt, grass and the covered way, we will see the entire school campus open up in the coming weeks. There will need to be a redefining of access points for parents, the health and safety requirements in certain areas and a commitment to treasuring our environment as the 5th mark of mission states. The rise of the importance of our school garden and the centrality of our Information Centre as the hub for our community can be outworked. The Information Centre has a Māori name - Ōmoho - it means "provisions for the journey" and will be a place to sustain and inform us all in fellowship.

Blessings

Averil

School Notices

Upcoming Events

2 August	Strum, Strike, Blow Festival
7 August	Year 5-6 Ski Trip
9 August	Year 7-8 Ski Trip
6 August	PA Quiz Night - 6.30pm
28 July	Winter Tournament
4 August	Winter Tournament postponement date
11 August	St Mark's School Re-opening Ceremony - 10am

Payment of St Mark's Board of Proprietors and Board of Trustees Invoices

When paying your invoice can you please ensure payment goes to the correct bank account. The bank account number is printed on the bottom of the invoices.

The Board of Proprietors invoice for Attendance Dues, Special Character Contribution and Parents' Association Donation.

BNZ bank account - 02 0800 0014224 00

The Board of Trustees invoice for camps, swimming, school donation, trips etc.

Westpac bank account - 03 1599 0032504 00

Student Absences

If your child is absent from school please contact the office by 9.00am either by telephone or by email at office@saintmarks.school.nz. The school office will contact parents if we have not received notification of the absence.

If you are planning a holiday please advise the school office by email and also the child's teacher.

Lost Property

The Lost Property cupboard has been re-located to the main foyer of the school.

Scholastic Book Club

Order forms for Scholastic Books have been sent home. Orders may be placed direct with Scholastic at www.mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz. Orders close on **Friday 4 August**.

Student Success

Congratulations to Theodore Holcroft who passed his Grade 1 ABRSM singing exam.

PA Notices

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop now has email! Please direct all uniform shop enquiries to

uniformshop@saintmarks.school.nz

Or alternatively the shop is open Tuesday 8:30-9:30am and Thursday 2:30-3:30pm

Coffee Cart

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



Open Mon/Wed/Fri mornings 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.

We offer cash and eftpos facilities

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

The School Grounds Team

**OUR WATERPOLO
CHAMPIONS -
WON "C" DIVISION**



A CITY MAKES MUSIC

WEDNESDAY 2 AUGUST 7PM

HORNCASTLE ARENA

DOOR SALES \$5

STRUM

STRIKE

BLOW

A THOUSAND CANTABRIAN CHILDREN PLAYING UKULELES, MARIMBAS and RECORDERS



CHRISTCHURCH CIVIC MUSIC COUNCIL /

MUSIC CANTERBURY

SUPPORTING MUSIC & THE ARTS IN CHRISTCHURCH & THE CANTERBURY REGION



STRUMSTRIKEBLOW.ORG

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/>