



St Mark's School Newsletter

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Kia ora everyone,

The hive of activity and signs of this week's fair have been a joy to return to. Those visual signs speak of community, and a collective response to supporting the school. St Mark's fair is well known in Christchurch and it is a privilege to be part of it. Check the notices for opportunities to support Gary Miller and the hard working Fair Committee.

Waterpolo!!!!

This incredible group of St Mark's students have been on an outstanding journey this year. Three players started the year in E grade with the rest of the team in D grade.

Last weekend in Dunedin, through commitment, motivation, fitness, skill and belief, they played numerous games to earn themselves a place in the South Island final.

The St Mark's Waterpolo Team are the B grade Silver Medallists of the South Island!

Max W was one of 6 students in B grade to be selected and presented with a tournament team award in recognition of his outstanding contribution throughout the tournament - CONGRATULATIONS MAX!

Their achievements have also included D, C and B grade Canterbury Champions and Bronze Medallists in the Canterbury A grade tournament.

Behind these achievements are a dedicated coach/es - Kate Goodrick, Lee Morris - and a supportive throng of parents and whanau. We are so proud of you all and give thanks for your gifts and talents. Showcasing your talents and our school in such a positive, healthy way is a beacon to others!

Omōho

All library books are currently being recategorised to be ready for issue in our information centre. This has been a long process and my apologies for the time it is taking to have this space ready. Not only have a team of helpers been cleaning each book, but we have been editing our collections, working to introduce a visual category system for non-fiction books, introducing a new electronic issuing system to replace the old and unusable one, and working to furnish the space with a significant donation from the Parents' Association.

I want to thank you for your forbearance here.

Staffing - Base groups

An announcement on the configuration of base groups for 2018 will be made next week although staffing won't be confirmed until later in the term. This is due to additional appointments to be announced and the Board of Trustees will work rigorously to ensure high quality staffing for next year.

Book Fair!!

Next week!! We are looking forward to offering the opportunity to purchase books for your child from **Wednesday to Friday, 2.30 - 3.30 pm**. The display will be in Omōho, and eftpos will be available.



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

Grandparents' Day - Friday 10th November 9.30am

This annual event takes place next Friday and we look forward to welcoming those grandparents, or family members from an earlier generation to St Mark's School. They are guaranteed a warm welcome starting with our later **church service at 9.30am**, followed by a tour of the school and morning tea. The Parents' Association have asked that you contact the office to confirm numbers of family members attending.

It is great to be back with my school family. There is no place quite like home. Visiting a number of chiesa's, basilica and duomo in Italy was a highlight for Mark and I, and being in places where people had worshipped a living God for hundreds of years was uplifting.

Many blessings and see you at the Fair!!

Averil



School Notices

Upcoming Events

2-3 November	Year 7 Leadership Camp
4 November	School Fair
6 November	Class/Individual Photographs
7 November	Music Performers Night
8-10 November	Book Fair
10 November	Grandparents' Day
17 November	Show Day
30 November	Advent Service
12 December	Internal Prizegiving
14 December	Formal Prizegiving
15 December	End of Year Service

Church Certificates

Inaka	Autumn M
Raupo	James D/Harry S
Kereru	Jake H/Olivia S
Ti Kouka	Catalina M/Charlotte P
Kotuku	Theo S/Dustin S
Paua	Clara N/London V
ToeToe	Eli D/Hannah A
Rimurimu	Harry C/Tom H
Toroa	William M/Anna R
Wheke	Peter S/Jaden H

Sports Results

Basketball

St Mark's Lions 12 v OLA Allstarts 35
Player of the Day: Nariah D

Primary Schools Triathlon

Students who are interested in entering the Primary Schools Triathlon at Pegasus Town on Wednesday 29 November 2017 need to email d.wright@saintmarks.school.nz. Race details can be found on www.primarysportscanterbury.org.nz.

Term Dates 2017

Term 4 - Monday 16 October to Friday 15 December

Term Dates 2018

Term 1 - Monday 29 January to Friday 13 April
Term 2 - Monday 30 April to Friday 6 July
Term 3 - Monday 23 July to Friday 28 September
Term 4 - Monday 15 October to (to be confirmed)

Lost

Toby S left his scooter at school and it has now gone missing. A photo of this is on the school noticeboard. If you have seen this please contact the office.

Student Achievements

In the first week of the holidays Zara G competed in the Ashburton gymnastics competition where she achieved a silver medal. On Sunday she competed in the Olympia gym regional competition, winning gold.



Olivia M had gym prize giving over the weekend and she won 2 trophies:

Gymnast of the year Step 3 and Highest average score for the juniors.



Christchurch Schools' Music Festival



Isabel B, Charlotte P, Peter S and Hannah W were chosen to be part of the Special Groups in this festival

ST MARK'S SCHOOL FAIR UPDATE IT'S HERE, FAIR WEEK!!

MANY HANDS ARE WORKING AT MANY JOBS TO GET EVERYTHING
READY FOR THIS YEAR'S ST MARK'S SCHOOL FAIR –
THE GREATEST LITTLE FAIR IN TOWN.

DONATIONS **THANK YOU** for the tremendous response to our Fair Goodies Bag and the Jar Tombola – an amazing response

Plants/Produce/Flowers Our very own Saint Mark's School Garden Club are organising a Horticultural Stall this year and welcome any donations of a horticultural variety (Plants/Produce/Flowers) look out for more info in the newsletter.

Cake Stall Saint Mark's is renowned for the quality of the cakes and baked delights available at its school fair. Once again, we ask you to contribute to this by donating some yummy baking– biscuits, cakes, slices: whatever you can!

Please bring all baking, labelled with ingredients, to the room opposite the School Office on Friday/Saturday morning. Name any containers/plates you want returned.

Salad Bar A 'NEW' addition to our food offerings, following on from the wonderful and varied selection of salads prepared by the families at this year's Welcome Back BBQ we thought a great idea for our food court, we have containers available in the school office for you to put a salad creation into and **bring along on Fair Day.....**

GAZEBOS **SOS we need MORE – if you have a gazebo or pop up that we could borrow for the day please call Gary on 0275-918-777**

FAIR HELP **Friday** is a Busy day for White Elephant, Clothing, Books and Toys – so if you have some spare time to help with set up this would be greatly appreciated.

Saturday Morning we start set-up at 8am so we are ready in a timely manner to welcome our guests to this year's Fair. *All help greatly appreciated.*

Saturday Afternoon the pack down, is relatively straight forward but again
MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

Once this is completed the PA are providing an end of day BBQ with some great food and refreshments so that we may all just chill and enjoy each others company for awhile and regale each other with our stories of the day's activities.

Many Thanks, *The Fair Committee*

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/>

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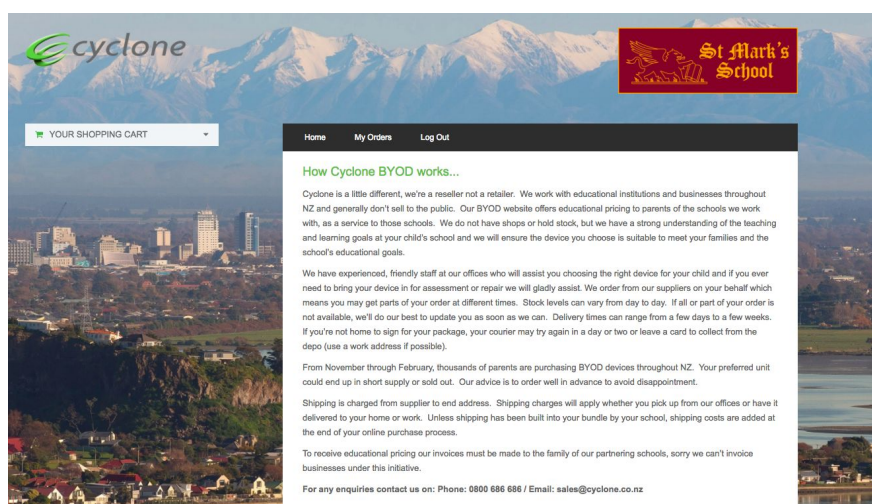
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Our [BYOC portal](#) is now live. Students who will be in years 6-8 in 2018 have the option of bringing their own Chromebook to use in Waka Hourua from term one onwards. We encourage ordering early through this [BYOC portal](#) to ensure that you get a Chromebook that is optimised for learning. Please feel free to contact us with questions or concerns:

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