



St Mark's School Newsletter

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Ata pai whanau St Mark o,

As the morning opens on another newsletter, the school is buzzing with many opportunities to celebrate the successes of groups and individuals. Much reflection on the year that has been, and planning for the one to come provides a juxtaposition of contrasting views. What has gone well, areas where we can do better and areas of innovation energise us as we seek the best for every student and family in this school.

Advent Carol Service

This is our formal, whole school service lead by Rev. Canon Ben Truman, which families are required to attend. We gather annually as an entire school in the Transitional Cathedral and our school family will be hosted by Cathedral staff including Dean Lawrence Kimberley. The service begins at **7.00pm** and will feature our Junior and Performance choirs, set readings and both Advent and Christmas carols. Formal school uniform - boys white shirts.

Timings: **Performance Choir to arrive 6.15pm - seated together**

Junior Choir to arrive 6.30pm - seated together

Families to be seated before 7.00pm

Children not in choirs to be seated with their parents

Values

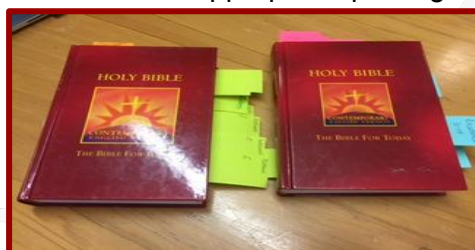
In 2018 we will look to embed the story of our school values more deeply across all curricula and co-curricula programs. As part of the school consultation process completed in 2016 four values were derived and shared with you - **Grace/Huatau, Excellence/Hiranga, Courage/Māiatanga and Faithfulness/Piriponotanga**.

They blend wonderfully together in a phrase:

*Through **GRACE** we act with compassion and humility to achieve **EXCELLENCE** using the potential of our God given talents and gifts.*

*This gives us the **COURAGE** to act to bring about change, as we show **FAITHFULNESS** to God and others.*

Senior students this week used bibles to locate appropriate passages to these values, thanks to the direction of Rev. Ben Truman.



Possessions

Please find your way to those items around the school that normally live at your house! Lunch boxes, hats, jerseys etc, as over the holidays we will find new homes for them.

Blessings everyone, Averil



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School Notices

Upcoming Events

30 November	8:30-9:30am Year-5 Whānau Welcome 7:00pm Advent Service, Transitional Cathedral
6 December	Mōkihi Carol Singing - Transitional Cathedral - 12.45pm - 2.45pm Year 8 Day - Jellie Park Year 8 and Families Leavers Dinner
8 December	Year 8 Sailing Day Year 3-7 Day at Spencer Park
12 December	Internal Prizegiving - 1.30pm
14 December	Formal Prizegiving - 7pm
15 December	End of Year Service - 2.15pm

Church Certificates

Inaka	Thomas O
Raupo	Isabel H
Kereru	Samuel B
Ti Kouka	Nikhil J
Kotuku	Amelia H/Ella R
Paua	Joseph /Aidan U/Alyssa A
ToeToe	Isabella S
Rimurimu	Max B
Toroa	Zachary A
Wheke	Minnie E

Sports Results

Waterpolo

St Mark's 2 v STAC 1

Miniball

St Mark's Tigers 2 v Halswell 6

Player of the Day: Rosa T

St Mark's Tigers 8 v Pioneer 12

Player of the Day: Toby S

St Mark's Cubs 8 v Thorrington 18

Player of the Day: Monty S

St Mark's Lions 22 v Somerfield Stingrays 2

Players of the Day: Clara N/Maddy C

Student Achievements

Congratulations to Leela S who achieved a merit in her BBO Intermediate Foundation classical ballet exam.

Congratulations to Solomon S, Vivek L, Bede H and Raj R who represented Development and Emerging cricket teams in the Year 6 metro spring tournament.

School Grounds Coffee Cart



Can you spare a hour in the morning? Can you make a good cup of coffee? or would you like to learn? The team at our "School Grounds" coffee cart need some new helpers.

School Grounds is our very own volunteer run coffee cart with all proceeds going back into the school to benefit our children. Last year we raised around \$3000. It's not just about the funds but also about the sense of welcome and community the cart offers through a cup of coffee!

The commitment required is just an hour once or twice a week, from 8.20 on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday. Experience making coffee a bonus but not required. We are happy to train up anyone who is keen.

If you are interested come and see us at the cart.

St Mark's students attending the Year 8 Independent Schools Dance





St Mark's School Fair

Raffle Results

1st Prize - Ticket Number 2696 = Janette Smith

2nd Prize - Ticket Number 3946 = Glenn Cossar

3rd Prize - Ticket Number 2641 = Rosie Belton

4th Prize - Ticket Number 0360 = Beata Bodnar

5th Prize - Ticket Number 4143 = Kristina De Rox

6th Prize - Ticket Number 0765 = Karita Malik

7th Prize - Ticket Number 3000 = L Wright

8th Prize - Ticket Number 1387 = Michaela Pearson

9th Prize - Ticket Number 2068 = Shar

10th Prize - Ticket Number 2926 = Kevin Grove

11th Prize - Ticket Number 3929 = Jayden Chand

12th Prize - Ticket Number 0335 = Ballantyne Family

Year-7 Horizons Leadership Course

"On Tuesday 21 November, year seven went to the Horizons leadership course at the Groyne. We worked on building leadership skills such as, teamwork, communication and trust." - Lilah



"This is the Titanic challenge. We had to get the rope and swing across to the "lifeboat". If we touched the ground with one foot, we had to hop the rest. If we put two feet in the water, we all had to start again because we couldn't leave anyone behind. I was the first person on the platform so I got to help everyone across." - Lilah



This is the flying kiwi. We all had to work together to get the kiwi (the person in the harness) to "fly". Seven people held a rope and ran in a direction. The person in the harness would run in the opposite direction than the people holding the rope. The momentum would lift the kiwi up into the air and the kiwi would fly." - Lilah

"After lunch we went on to the low ropes and high ropes... We had to climb up a giant ladder in threes, but I only made it up to the sixth step on it. We had harness on for it so that when we came down it would be safe for us. The others in the team would be down the bottom holding the ropes tightly so that we didn't fall." - Ruby





WELCOME
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Year 5 Whānau Are Invited...

Thursday November 30

8:30 - 9:30am

Multi-Purpose Room

We invite parents and whanau of Year 5 students to join us for a morning chat. At this meeting we will provide further information about what your child can expect in 2018 as they transition from Waka Puhara to Waka Hourua - our Senior School.

This discussion will be lead by Ms Cristy Yonetani (Waka Hourua staff member) and Ms Katrina Steans (Waka Puhara staff member).

At this meeting we will welcome your questions and feedback.

Opawa, St Martins
Parish FAIR

Saturday 2 December
St Anne's Church
8:30 am

Cash only
Cor Wilsons & Centaurus Rd

Optional BYOC

Years 6-8 in 2018

Our [BYOC portal](#) is now live. Students who will be in years 6-8 in 2018 have the option of bringing their own education licensed 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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This Week's Featured Chromebook



The Acer Chromebook C738T (R11) is our top-of-the-line option. This Chromebook features a touchscreen and tablet mode. This gives it much of the same functionality as an iPad! The touchscreen is especially helpful for students who are accustomed to this feature, as they can interact directly with the screen display.

For \$676.11, this Chromebook comes with a case, education licence, 3-year warranty, and 3-year material damage insurance (\$0 Excess). If you order through our portal, it will arrive 100% ready to go at school.



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