



St Mark's School Newsletter

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Kia ora everyone,

I open this week's newsletter with some pictures of a visit from a past parent and current Fire Chief Mr Geoff Johns. His son Troy Johns was the Senior Student in 2011 and his family donated the flagpole which is sited in the Waka Puhara building. Geoff's visit was to raise a temporary flag for our school. He was very generous of his time and I am always grateful when alumni join us. Geoff and his colleagues extended the visit to spend time with Mokihi sharing the capability of the fire truck and their life saving equipment. What a treat!



Student Leadership 2018

All students in year 7 have had multiple opportunities this term to develop their leadership potential in preparation for 2018. Each student has written a letter to me expressing their suitability for roles offered across all areas of our school. I have appreciated the time that most have taken to consider what they would be best suited for. I have communicated to all students on a number of occasions that my view of leadership is one of "servant leadership" not "being in charge".

This has strong links to leadership in the bible and is a living expression of service to others. I have also communicated to students that some will be disappointed with the roles assigned. This is a natural response. However experience has shown me that these times are also learning opportunities for developing resilience and resetting to adjust to the role that exists. We are currently working through these roles as a staff with the final decision and communication resting with me. This information will be shared with our Year 7 students next Wednesday and at our Prizegiving Thursday 14th December.



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

Some roles have a greater public face and voice - Student Leaders and Church Leaders in particular. Head/s of Choir and Orchestra have limited yet public opportunities. House Captains, Enviro Leaders, Peer Support, Information Centre, Sports Leaders, Technology Leaders have important roles to play within the school environment. These factors, while they may differ from emphasis in previous years, acknowledge the actual expectations and duties within the roles.

Staff and I very much look forward to working with our current year 7 Students as year 8 Leaders. They will begin their roles from the start of 2018 outworking our special character and working to bring their ideas to fruition as the year unfolds. They will be fortunate to be the first Year 8 class since 2011 to have access to the full campus.

Year 8 Leavers Dinner

It will be wonderful to have time as a staff, parents and students at this special occasion tonight. I want to sincerely thank **Fiona Clark** and her team on the PA for the work that has been done (and will be done!) to honour the journey of this wonderful group of people.

Advent Carol Service

Thank you to so many of you and your extended family who attended our service last Thursday. What a joy our choirs were and we can only be thankful for the talents afforded them and us as a school through Mr Paul Ellis. Every Year 8 student had a role to play in the service, a tradition to be continued. I have received feedback from Cathedral Staff who were stunned at the content, solemnity and brevity of the service. I welcome your feedback on any aspect of the service.

All Junior students in Mokihi visited the Transitional Cathedral today for their annual carol singing and gift giving. This is a special occasion and they have been preparing for this with many singing rehearsals.

Internal Prizegiving

This is scheduled for next Tuesday 12th December, 1.30pm - 3.00pm. This is where we acknowledge the cultural and sporting achievements of students throughout the year. Each student is aware of their placings in various activities and events, however to ensure that those family members who would like to attend the prizegiving are able to, we will publish a full copy of the recipients on the school noticeboard.

Formal Prizegiving

Thursday 14th December 7.00pm. School hall

This year the Kapahaka group will perform from approximately **6.50pm** and then welcome guests to the stage. We thank **Matua Steve Reid** for making himself available for this night. Rev. Canon Ben Truman will open in prayer before the formal speeches and prizegiving proceeds. We ask that you are seated well before 7.00pm so that we may start promptly. There will be a seating area for students which will be supervised by staff.

Amnesty on Library Books

It has been a much longer process than expected getting all books and resources from the old school library cleaned, sorted, categorised and added to a new asset register. **Ashley Powell and Daniel McNeill** our Information Centre leaders deserve a special mention as they have had to understand this frustration yet inevitable back step to ensure these steps are achieved. They have been patient. I thank them for that.

In light of this progress, we ask that ANY library books lurking in dark places are returned before the end of the year, so our Information Centre - Ōmoho, meaning "provisions for the journey" - can be fully operational in 2018.

Working Bee Tuesday 19th December 2017 - from 10am

The Board of Trustees need your help!! An asset register is to be created in visual and written form!! If you are in Christchurch and free (even for an hour) we promise coffee, tea and a light snack for those in our St Mark's family who are able to assist. This work - checking off all the assets in all teaching and learning areas - is important as we gather a full understanding of our assets. We would be grateful to see as many of you as possible.

Blessings

Averil

School Notices

Upcoming Events

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
29 January	2018 School Term begins

Church Certificates

Inaka	Sofia D
Raupo	Ariya S/Jackson O
Kereru	Jesse S/James P
Ti Kouka	Zara P
Kotuku	Jasmine O
Paua	Louis T/Tommy P
ToeToe	Alex N
Rimurimu	Julia G
Toroa	Oliver C
Wheke	Ruby J

Sports Results

Waterpolo

St Mark's 5 v STAC 2
Finished 5th in A Grade

Scholarship

Congratulations to Daniel McNeill who has been awarded the 2018 Performing Arts Scholarship to Catholic Cathedral College.

Student Achievement

Congratulations to Daniel McNeill who passed Grade 4 Speech and Drama with Honours (NZSB)

Year 8 2018 School Based Vaccination Programme

We are pleased to inform you the Canterbury DHB will continue to offer a School Based Vaccination Programme to Year 8 boys and girls, who have not completed their eleven year old vaccinations in General Practice.

The School Based Vaccination programme will offer the two dose HPV vaccinations to protect against genital warts, cervical cancer, throat and mouth cancers, and other types of cancers later in life. In 2018 the programme has been extended to include a one dose Boostrix vaccination to provide protection against Tetanus, Diphtheria and Whooping Cough. To enable students to receive the vaccinations at school, a vaccination pack will be sent home in Term one, Parent/Caregivers will need to complete and return the consent form to school.

PA News

Uniform Shop

It has been a great year in the uniform shop. I would like to thank the volunteers for all the hard work and time you have put in this year you do a amazing job so thank you very much.

Please keep an eye on the Facebook page for updates and opening times for next year. We will be open two days over the holidays for those last minute items on Wednesday 17th January 10am-12 midday and also Wednesday 24th January 1-3pm. To contact the uniform shop please email uniformshop@staintmarks.school.nz and don't forget to join the Facebook page to stay up to date 'st marks uniform shop'



Community Notices

Opawa Tennis Hot Shots. Ages 5-12 years. Spaces available on Mondays 3.30-4.30pm. \$70. Starts 29th Jan. A great start to tennis. Contact: Andrea: 0212327141 ja.opawatennis@gmail.com.

On Wed, Nov 29, 2017 at 9:46 PM, junior admin - ja.opawatennis@gmail.com> wrote:
Hi all,

If you have any space in any last of the year (and first of the year!) newsletters could you please add this to your community news:

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Dental Care over the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will be providing emergency dental appointments on the **19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd December** available at the following clinics:

Hornby Community Dental Clinic
Northcote Community Dental Clinic
Woolston Community Dental Clinic
Aranui Community Dental Clinic



and from Hillmorton Community Dental Clinic:

Tuesday, 9th January – Friday, 12th January 2018 (inclusive)

This service will operate by appointment only and if we are unable to see your child, alternative options will be given. If your child has dental pain as a result of an accident please contact your dentist in the first instance.

New Year Clinic Openings

An emergency dental service will also be offered from Hillmorton Community Dental Clinic and Northcote Community Dental Clinic on the following dates:

Monday, 15th January 2018 – 19th January 2018 (inclusive)

and

Monday, 22nd January 2018 – 26th January 2018 (inclusive)

You can phone and make an appointment for these clinics by ringing 0800 846 983.



Primary Schools' Triathlon

On Wednesday the 29th of November, four St Mark's School students attended the Pegasus Primary Schools triathlon. All students had a great time enjoying the challenge that was laid in front of them. The course was set: 100m swim, 10.8 km bike, and 2.4 km run.

The highlight for me was the challenge and thrill of the event. Thank you to Mrs Delwyn Wright for organizing this event for us. It was the best.

Max W, Y7



Waka Hourua

Loving Service

SPCA Collection

On the 11th of November a group of year 6-8 students participated in a nationwide collection week for the SPCA. We collected at St Martins New World from 10 am - 4 pm with collectors varying throughout the day. We had to use the Habit of Mind Work with Others to successfully communicate with customers by thanking them for their donations, distributing leaflets and stickers and informing them about the SPCA and what they do. Nationwide, over \$30,000 was raised. St Mark's alone raised \$1052.60. - Lucy N, Y7

Our job was to wait patiently till a lovely person came along and put either some money in the buckets that we had or use the EFTPOS machine. The people who were working on their shifts stayed there for an hour and then left after another person came. Lilah and I were the organizers, we had to make sure that we had everything on the day. We also had to find people who would like to give up their Saturdays to help the SPCA. Our teacher, Miss Yonetani, was there to help us. Lilah and I stayed there the whole day as well. - Ella Y7

If you go to this link down below then it will take you to the SPCA home page. On the website it explains exactly what they do. At the SPCA, you can adopt a pet, learn how to care [for pets], join a cool club, and be kept up to date with what's happening for animals.

<https://www.rnzspca.org.nz/>

- Olivia Y7

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Beat the term-one rush!

Congratulations to those of you who have already purchased and received your Chromebooks.
We hope you are enjoying them!

Cyclone is currently handling BYOD orders from over 130 schools all around New Zealand.
Their peak ordering time is just before Christmas and just before term one.

Please be aware that Chromebooks and cases are sourced from different suppliers and will be delivered separately.

It is best to order early, as the whiteglove process (setting up the Chromebook for St Mark's School and your child) can take over a week.

