

# Saint Mark's School Newsletter



*St Mark's School exists to provide a balanced education, where a child's academic, cultural, physical, social and spiritual needs are identified and nurtured in a dynamic Christian environment, grounded in the Anglican way and supported by a family orientated community.*

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Incredibly the penultimate week of the school year!

Thank you to all people who took the opportunity to meet with me to discuss placement of our students in Base Groups for 2016. I am pleased that in 100% of cases we were able to meet parent requests. Apart from new students to our school the Base Groups will remain as they are now. It has been a delight to see the excitement of students with their placements and their anticipation of being with a wider group for teaching and learning.

Along with the Board of Proprietors, our School Management Team is reviewing a more transparent model for payments in 2016. There are some costs such as Attendance Dues which are compulsory and for Year 7 and 8 students the Technology fee for the materials used for products taken home (sometimes this is food eaten soon after being made). Some other levies are voluntary donations. Some on and off site activities incur costs such as outdoor education, cultural visits, sports competitions and international academic competitions will be on a user pays basis. This is inherently fair and reflective of our society and enables all to be accountable for each child's expenses.

We welcome you and any other supporters of our school to our Prizegiving on Tuesday 15 December from 7pm. We would appreciate the children being there by 6.45pm for organisational purposes. Please consider that parking nearby may be limited. Please have students dressed in formal uniform for this significant occasion.

Our "In-house" prizegiving is being held at school on Monday 14 December from 11am. You are welcome to join us to recognise the achievements of students particularly in sports and cultural areas.

Kind regards  
Trevor Beaton

## Dates to Note

10 December	Performance Choir - South City - 12.30pm
11 December	Performance Choir - South City - 12.30pm
14 December	In-house Prize giving - 11am
15 December	Performance Choir - South City - 12.30pm
15 December	Prize Giving Charles Luney Auditorium, St Margaret's College - 7pm
16 December	Performance Choir - Barrington Mall - 12.30pm
17 December	Year 8 Big Day Out
18 December	School Year Finishes - Final Church Service 1.00pm to conclude at 1.30pm
1 February	School year begins

## Church Certificates

Reception	Abigail Woolhouse
Room 1	Oscar Pearson
Room 2	Rafi Wright-Stow
Room 3	Daniel Heinz
Room 4	Vivek Lallu
Room 5	Anna Redmile
Room 6	Arabella Lay
Room 7	Caitlyn Jerard
Room 8	Laura Alison

## Triathlon

### Primary School Athletic Championships

Congratulations to the seven St Mark's students who attended the Primary School Athletic Championships in Ashburton last week. A total of 1985 athletes from around Canterbury competed.

Our St Mark's team consisted of: Emily Garden, Marcus Hamilton, Victoria Henderson, Connor Johnston, Sorell Shand, Ella Trusttum and Jordi Wright-Stow. Our team performed incredibly well with almost all being placed in the top 10.

A huge congratulations to Marcus Hamilton who was 1st in the 11 year old boys discus with a throw of 30.24 m and 3rd in the 11 year old boys Shot put.





Congratulations to Ruby-Grace Miller and Genavieve Neale from Room 3 who recently held a bake sale. They raised an impressive \$110 which was donated to the Cholmondeley Childrens Centre.

### **Student Successes**

Congratulations to:

Caitlyn Rea who passed Grade 3 ABRSM Trumpet exam with Distinction

Hannah Sherwood who passed Grade 3 ABRSM Flute exam with Merit

Olivia Blake who passed Grade 2 ABRSM Singing exam with Distinction

Mackenzie Johnston who passed Grade 1 ABRSM Singing exam with Merit

### **Spprts Results**

#### **Miniball**

St Mark's Giants 16 v Prebbleton 47

Player of the Day: Holly-rose Munsey

St Mark's Tigers 26 v St Martins B 16

Player of the Day: Liam Sullivan

#### **Lost Property**

Lost property is located in the hall foyer. Please take the time to have a look to see if there are any items of clothing that might belong to your child.

#### **Stationery Accounts**

Stationery accounts will be emailed to you this week. Prompt payment of these would be appreciated by Friday 18 December.

#### **Uniform Shop**

The shop will be open in the holidays for the last minute back-to-school uniform for those whose kids have grown over the summer..... Thursday 28 January from 10.00am-1.00pm.

If you have an IOU on our board or have borrowed an item of clothing from us, please pay for or return the items by the end of this week.

Thank you all, we hope you have a great summer holiday.