



# St Mark's School Newsletter

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Kia ora everyone,

What rain we have had! Welcome relief for the emerging school garden but a continuing issue for those working to sure up the road to Kaikoura and the residents there. Please continue to pray for the people, particularly families and school staff in Kaikoura who continue to create their "new normal". Today we welcome back Mrs Brereton who returns to school after injuries to both legs. We have had the privilege of working with some excellent relief teachers in her absence - **Mr Doug Watkinson, Ms Mel Herron** who have added their own gifts and talents to the class program in ToeToe. Their contribution is a perfect example of *The Goose Story Part 4* -

Finally,  
and this is important,  
when a goose gets sick, or is  
wounded by gunshots and falls out  
of formation, two other geese fall out with that  
goose and follow it down to lend help and protection.  
They stay with the fallen goose until it is able to fly, or until  
it dies. Only then do they launch out on their own, or with another formation  
to catch up with their group.

**IF WE HAVE THE SENSE OF A GOOSE,**



**WE WILL STAND BY EACH OTHER  
LIKE THAT**



The Goose Story by Dr. Harry Clarke Noyes ARCS NEWS, Vol. 7, No. 1, January 1992

## Year 6-7 Camp

In 2017, the year 6 and 7 students went to the annual camp at Waipara. A variety of activities, run by both instructors and school staff. The aims and objectives of Education Outside the Classroom centre around providing challenging activities that are both individual and group oriented. Being away from home can be a challenge itself and we are grateful to those parents who volunteer to assist with camp - we couldn't have had such a successful camp without you. Enormous thanks to **Fiona Clark, Martin Trusttum, Pip Garden, Anna Metherell, and Alex Mann** - their challenges were many including arming themselves with water pistols as "Hunters" in the Animal Survival game!



*Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story*

The pictures taken when I visited on Wednesday night, show some Year 7 students stepping into leadership roles. On your behalf I also want to thank **Miss Yonetani, Mr Gordon and Mr Rennie** for committing their time and energy to this camp and others, to ensure rich and varied camp experiences. In Term 4, the Year 4 and 5 students will camp at Woodend Christian camp, and the Year 7 students will tent at Living Springs Outdoor area for a leadership camp.

### Coin Trail

Thank you to those who made a voluntary contribution to the Zonta Wrap Around Project via the coin trail last week. Your offerings supporting this initiative was \$240.20 and earned St Mark's School a selection of books for our new Information Centre and a voucher to the school for a seminar by Dr Sandra Hastie (Principal of Rangī Ruru Girls School) on goal setting and motivation. Details about this seminar are yet to be finalised but look out for the "Margaret Mahy Treasury of Stories" when our Information Centre opens - a gorgeous book!



### From our Senior Students

*Tena koutou katoa,*

*Last week the year eights all had three amazing and successful sessions of lawn bowls and everyone used a lot of encouragement and persistence. We enjoyed this different activity and we are all a lot more confident in this area.*

*We know that the year 6/7 had a very successful camp with lots of new activities including tree climbing and a water fight.*

*Zen Kuwasaki & Sophia Goodrick*

### Please note:

- **Performance Choir** - As we are in the final stages of auditions (delayed due to camps), the Performance Choir will begin rehearsals on from next **Tuesday 21st March at 8.30am. Please note change of day.** The leader this year is **Mackenzie Johnston.**
- The display for Lent in the foyer made by the Year 8 students! (see photo later in newsletter)
- The **E-Learning community meeting on April 6th - 7.00pm.**

It has been heartening to watch the roof appear on the final building stage. This is a significant sign of progress and although some delay is likely we can now envisage a brand new campus soon. It was also a lovely surprise to receive a letter from the Principal of Marian College informing me that a former student - **Taz Brown** gained NCEA Level 1 endorsed with excellence and in her letter congratulating staff for their valuable contribution to this success. It is time for an Alumni List!!!! As we approach our centenary - 2021 - this will be vital to our celebrations.

Blessings everyone

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# School Notices

## Upcoming Events

17 Mar	ISSA Swimming Championships
22 Mar	Sausage Sizzle
27 Mar	Waka Puhara - Freshwater at the Groyne
29 Mar	Waka Puhara - Rocky Shore, Taylors Mistake
6 Apr	E-Learning Community Evening - 7pm

Please refer to our calendar on our website which is updated regularly. It has all major events throughout the year for you to see.

## Church Certificates

Inaka	Sofia Seruitanoa
Kereru	Lennix Creevey
Ti Kouka	Stella Pannett
Kotuku	Devina Dev
Paua	Oscar Pearson



## Sausage Sizzle

Next Wednesday (22 March), we will be holding a sausage sizzle to raise funds for our Waka Hourua camps and Genius Hour projects. Sausages will cost \$2 each. We will take pre-orders from Mōkihi and Waka Pūhara students on Tuesday.

## Scholastic Book Club

Order forms for Scholastic Books have been sent home. Orders may be placed direct with Scholastic at [www.mybookclub.scholastic.nz](http://www.mybookclub.scholastic.nz). A new easy way to order online yourself and will be delivered direct to school. Orders close on Friday 17 March.

## Sports Results

### Water Polo

3 March  
St Mark's Maroon 13 v Kirkwood 0  
Player of the Day: Myro McKee  
St Mark's Gold 10 v Heaton 0  
Player of the Day: Jacob Yule

10 March  
St Mark's Maroon 7 v Cobham Blue 2  
Player of the Day: Sophia Tiso  
St Mark's Gold 2 v Cobham White 4  
Player of the Day: Max Bachop

### Miniball

St Mark's Tigers 8 v Pioneer Young Ones 20  
Player of the Day: Rosa Tabak  
St Mark's Cubs 12 v OLA Saints 8  
Player of the Day: Miriama Northcott

## Lent Display in the Cholmondeley Ave entrance



## Community News

Marist Albion Junior Rugby Club is seeking new members for its Under 6 Ripa rugby teams. This is a winter sport suitable for girls and boys born in 2011 (or earlier). Expressions of interest to [admin@maristalbion.co.nz](mailto:admin@maristalbion.co.nz) or Stephen Kinder 027 271 6671.



## **An Update from the Board of Trustees Review Committee**

### **Term 4 Outcomes:**

As you will recall in term 4 we advised you that two policies were up for review as part of the regular 3 yearly cycle. We also provided you with the login details for school docs if you wanted to provide some feedback as part of this process.

Here is a summary of the outcomes

- **Health and Safety**
  - There were no responses provided for this review. As it was an optional review and not scheduled the Board will review this again at a later date when scheduled.
- **Education Outside the Classroom**
  - 1 piece of feedback.
  - No changes required.
  - 4/5 rating for both policy and implementation rating.
- **Sun protection policy**
  - Policy content 4.67/5 rating
  - No changes required.
  - Implementation rating 3/5
  - What this means is that the policy doesn't need changing but there's some feedback to suggest it might require the staff having a look operationally to ensure its being applied appropriately and consistently.



# Year 6/7 Camp at Waipara

Camp  
7th - 10th  
March



The camp photos are showing on the TV in the school foyer.