



St Mark's School Newsletter

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Kia ora everyone,

"Education is a human right with immense power to transform. On its foundation rest the cornerstones of freedom, democracy and sustainable human development." – Kofi Annan, former U.N. Secretary General.

I may have used this quote before but it is a good one to remind ourselves of the privilege of education. Today's newsletter slightly shorter (Hurrah I hear some of you shout!) records some of this important message in the context of God's mission in this place to grow His Kingdom in word and deed. It is no accident that our school vision statement is: **Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story**. We each have our own but we also have our collective experiences around which is wrapped our special character. In the last weeks of term I will offer parts of our charter - a community charter contributed to by you. As we tell this story we can be encouraged by the stories of the past and look confidently to the future - **Your Word is a lamp to our feet and light to our path**. It was a precious visitor this week that reminded me of this.

Alumni Visit and significant parts of our St Mark's Story

On Friday we had a visit from Margaret (nee De La Hunt) and Royston Palmer. Margaret attended St Mark's School from 1939 - 1947. It was just a delight to welcome her to our school in 2017 and hear first hand her experiences of the school during the war years. She told me that there were air raid shelters built on, or near the land of the school where the asphalt is behind the senior playground. These were specifically for staff and pupils she informed me unless you were close enough to run home. As there is little reference to war years in our 75th Jubilee booklet, Margaret has agreed to write on this era in preparation for our Centenary celebrations in 2021. She generously left us a book voucher for our new Information Centre which I will pass on to **Ashley Powell and Daniel McNeill** our heads of the Information Centre to make an appropriate purchase near the opening of the rest of the campus.

There were two gems Margaret shared with me that I want to share with you all. She had wrapped in tissue paper her "St Mark's Shield". A shield was held by everyone and depending on your academic attainment over a single year the numbers of the year were engraved in different colours - gold for top academic achievement! Margaret went on to be Proxime Accessit (runner up to Dux) and a career in Education including Principalship.

Margaret and Royston were treated to a complete tour of our school by **Sophia Goodrick and Millie Trusttum** including a trip to our beautiful sycamore tree Margaret used to climb!

What a joy to have them both here! We would love to meet more of our alumni as we add to our story!



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

On Friday we welcomed **Lucas Cumming Bellolio** and his parents **Marc and Rosa**. Welcome to the St Mark's family! May you find her a turangawaewae for your family and God's love in abundance.

School Garden

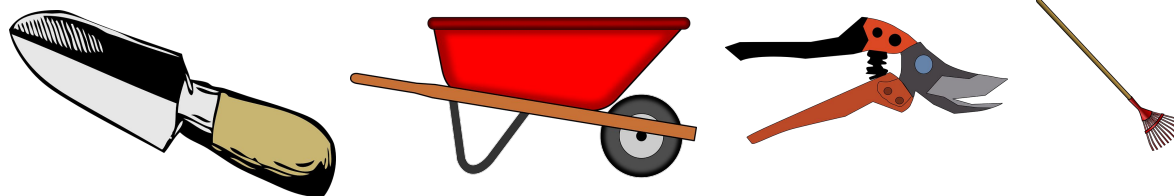
This morning the wonderful "Friends of the Garden" and I met to discuss the next steps for our school garden. This is located at the rear of the Junior School - take a look at the lushness of the plantings. Currently the Junior School are using the contents of the garden for baking and creating on Friday afternoons. This program (which has only just begun!) is a wonderful addition to our school is indicative of the 5th Mark of Anglican Mission: **To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.**

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO ADD TO OUR TOOLS!

DO YOU HAVE ANY OF THESE LYING AROUND AT HOME?

- Hand trowels for children to use?
- Secateurs?
- Spades for adults or children?
- Shovels?
- Garden forks?
- Leaf rakes?
- Watering cans?

If you are willing to donate any of them please bring them to the office and we will gladly receive them!



Notes:

- The evening with Nathan Mikaere-Wallace **Monday 10th April 7.30pm at Beckenham School Hall**, still has limited spaces if you wish to attend - see noticeboard for details.
- Please encourage personal responsibility in your children with regards to their belongings.
- More next week about a PRIDE OF LIONS growing in our school!!!!

Blessings everyone
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School Notices

Upcoming Events

27 Mar	Waka Puhara - Freshwater at the Groyne
29 Mar	Waka Puhara - Rocky Shore, Taylors Mistake
6 Apr	E-Learning Community Evening - 7pm
13 Apr	End of term service - 2pm
1 May	Term 2 begins - 8.55am

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	Loukas Saxton
Kereru	Abigail Woolhouse
Ti Kouka	Aayush Kumar
Kotuku	Torbin Clements
ToeToe	Olive Allan-Caney
Rimurimu	Oliver Cuthbert
Wheke	Jaden Harrison

Waka Hourua Art

Banksy inspired artwork by Max Wright!



Sports Results

Water Polo

St Mark's Maroon 13 v Westbury 1
Player of the Day: Jada Morris
St Mark's Gold 6 v Villa Maria 4
Player of the Day: Leela Spanton

Miniball

St Mark's Tigers 18 v Halswell Kings 24
Player of the Day: Joseph Redmile
St Mark's Cubs 16 v Somerfield 8
Player of the Day: Vanessa Ashton

ISSA Swimming Sports Results

Congratulations to the students who competed in the ISSA Swimming Sports at Wharenuui Pool on Friday 17 March.

Results:

Zen Kuwasaki	2nd	12yr Boys' Breaststroke
	2nd	12yr Boys' Freestyle
Brieanna Cox	3rd	Open Butterfly
11yr Freestyle Mixed Relay - 3rd		
(Sophia Tiso, Sorell Shand, Max Wright, Zachary Adams)		

Zen Kuwasaki and Max Wright will represent St Mark's at the Primary Schools Swimming Championships on 6th April at Selwyn Aquatic Centre.

Board of Proprietors Invoices

Just a reminder that the Board of Proprietors Term 1 and 2 invoices are due for payment by the 31st March 2017. Please ensure payment goes into the following BNZ bank account - 020800 0014224 00, thank you.

Subway Lunch

Just a reminder that Subway can be ordered for lunch every Tuesday. The envelopes are in the office and you can either pay with the correct cash or credit card.

Scholastic Book Club

Order forms for Scholastic Books have been sent home. Orders may be placed direct with Scholastic at www.mybookclub.scholastic.nz. A new easy way to order online yourself and will be delivered direct to school. Orders close this Friday 24 March.

Visit to Travis Wetlands - Waka Puhara



Some of us were lucky enough to see the rare White Heron - Kotuku.



Independent Schools Swimming Sports



21 students represented St Mark's at the ISSA.
We are very proud of the team's effort.

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**Wharenui Pool
17 March 2017**

**'Try' is something we
take really seriously.**

Mikae Tuu'u

High Performance Sports Development

St Andrew's College is a great environment to test yourself against yourself. Yes, you're going to fall or fail from time to time. That's why we're here. To encourage you to get back up and give it another go. I look forward to meeting you. And challenging you.

See you at our Open Day.

**LIFE IS
CO-ED**

OPEN DAYS

SECONDARY SCHOOL

Wednesday 5 April
4.00pm–6.00pm

BOARDING HOUSES

Wednesday 5 April
3.00pm–4.00pm

PREPARATORY SCHOOL AND PRE-SCHOOL

Thursday 6 April
11.00am–12.30pm

For further information please visit our website www.stac.school.nz
or contact our Registrar Lynn Smith on 03 940 2016 or email enrol@stac.school.nz



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CASHMERE NETBALL CLUB FURTHER JUNIOR TRIALS - YEAR 6, 7 & 8

Thanks to all of those who came to trials today. We had a great turnout and the day went really well. As last weeks trial was cancelled due to bad weather, selectors have requested a further trial for years 6,7 & 8 next weekend. This will ensure that all players get a fair go.

While there was some discussion today about whether year 6 players would need another trial, the selectors now believe it would be beneficial to have another session and try out some different team combinations.

TIMES FOR TRIALS - SUNDAY 26TH MARCH

YEAR 6: 9 to 10am

YEAR 7: 9 to 10am

YEAR 8: 10:15 to 11:30am

VENUE: HAGLEY PARK

If your child cannot make this session please reply to this email (cashmerenetball@hotmail.com) advising us of their absence. Although preferable to attend both trial sessions we appreciate some children may have other commitments.

For those who did not register their child prior to today, please ensure this is done AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. This can be done by going to our web page <http://www.sporty.co.nz/cashmerenc>

Many thanks
K Garrick
Cashmere Netball Secretary