



St Mark's School Newsletter

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Kia ora everyone,

"Hello" (as Adele would say!) to you all as I write this in the middle of week 9.

Last Wednesday I attended a lunch with other Principals of Anglican Schools in our Diocese. Apart from strengthening the connections for our school with others, there was an opportunity to discuss what we might do as a collective group - both staff and students. A number of options are in the planning stage. Bishop Victoria joined us at this lunch and the conversation moved to The Five Marks of Anglican Mission and Values/Virtues. Bishop Victoria made the point that we all have values which are more often shared by others, but virtues are those parts of ourselves that we aspire to. With this in mind I offer the following explanations of our values/virtues - **Faithfulness, Excellence, Courage and Grace** - as those parts of our Charter and Strategic Direction that we aspire to in all aspects of our life at St Mark's School. They have been deliberately captured to be outworked with children but apply to us all.

We act with: **GRACE**

- A generosity of spirit and encouragement
- Humility and kindness
- Unconditional love
- And forgiveness

To achieve: **EXCELLENCE**

- The potential for our unique gifts and talents
- The highest standards in all learning, spiritual and social opportunities.
- Work hard and always do our best
- Success in our personal goals

We always have: **COURAGE**

- We can take risks without fear
- We can stand up for what is right
- Admit when we have made a mistake
- Act to bring about change

And others can see: **FAITHFULNESS**

- We are a loyal and supportive friend
- We can be trusted to meet our promises and commitments
- We serve others before we serve ourselves
- We grow our faith in God for His glory.



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

Today I offer you a link to the Five Marks of Mission (which I will talk about next week).

[The Five Marks of Anglican Mission](#)

This week we welcome **Millie Heyrick and her parents Anton and Rebecca**. Millie is the sister of **Laura**. Welcome Millie! May you all continue to find here a turangawaewae and God's love.

From our Senior Students

Tena koutou katoa

A few weeks ago in a Religious Education lesson a group of students learnt about people who are in Africa with lack of clean water. As an experiment they created the sort of water some people in Africa had to drink. They have also left water bottles with holes in so that anyone can donate money that would go to Oxfam water wells. The money would then help make a well with fresh water for an African village. The bottles are located at the main foyer near lent display and if you would like to contribute, it is a very worthy cause .

Sophia Goodrick & Zen Kuwasaki

From the Garden!

Last week I made an appeal to the school on behalf of the Friends of the Garden for second hand tools for maintenance of this "growing" and living feature of our school! The photographs below give just a small glimpse of the abundance of the labours and fruits of this initiative. We are grateful to staff and parents who are nurturing this for us all.

At the end of the day

We ask that you pick your children up from the two supervised gates - Locarno St and Cholmondeley Ave - at 3.00pm. All students **not** collected after the clearing bell will be relocated to the office/foyer area. This will ensure safety and supervision. Thank you for your attention to this.

Lions!!!

The Lion of St Mark's is the symbol of Venice and the icon associated St Mark the evangelist. This is what is written on our school website:

The Winged Lion is the traditional symbol of St Mark the Evangelist. From the 5th century, four creatures mentioned in the book of Revelation have been assigned to the four evangelists, with the Winged Lion attributed to St Mark.

In Christian iconography the St Mark Lion was often depicted as holding up the book of St Mark's Gospel.

In recent weeks other lions have appeared! One from **Mrs Ali Ballantyne**, a Board of Proprietors Member (this lion is currently living in Mokihi), a statue brought from Venice to me by **Ashley and Jackson Powell**, and a lion gifted to the school by **Lily Ball** as part of Rev. Helen's call to **G.U.S** (give up something for Lent). Each one of these lions is precious because of the people who gifted them but a growing sense of God in this place. The suggestions that they become ambassadors in some way for the school is under discussion!!

Many blessings everyone
Averil





School Notices

Upcoming Events

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

Kereru	Ari Rosanowski
Ti Kouka	Felicity Wright
Kotuku	Jack Okey
Paua	Hannah Penman
ToeToe	Emily Heinz
Rimurimu	Sophia Tiso
Toroa	Ben Milligan
Wheke	Ella Trusttun

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.

Year 3 & 4 Technology

Last Thursday Year 3 & 4 had a visitor as part of their Technology.

It was Mrs Worner's son Thomas. He is a builder and he came to help the children who were attempting to build letterboxes.

He was much appreciated by children, parents and teachers. It is always awesome having an expert when it comes to using saws, hammers and nails. A huge thanks to Thomas.

Sports Results

Water Polo

St Mark's Maroon 8 v St Patricks 1

Player of the Day: Lilly Okey

St Mark's Gold 4 v Chisnallwood 9

Player of the Day: Oliver Clark

Miniball

St Mark's Cubs 12 v Somerfield Pukekos 24

Player of the Day: Clara Norton



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.



Christchurch Primary School Duathlon



**Bede Hamilton & Jacob Yule
of Rimurimu at the finish
line.**



**Julia Glassey, Brianna Cox
and Bella Edwards.**



It was a sea of competitors and bicycles for the Canterbury Primary School Duathlon held at Ruapuna Raceway on Monday 27th March, 2017. The weather was cold and wet but the St Mark's Competitors battled through and had a great morning out.



**'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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