



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 4
23 May 2018

Kia ora St Mark's whanau,

How do we measure children's success? A group of children when asked "Would you rather be rich and famous or help people" overwhelmingly chose the latter. Not all did but that is the richness of diversity in children! When asked this question adults might point to each child's unique God given abilities, others might point to personal attributes and others might measure success in social terms. Our views and perspectives on success are personal and can change over time however celebrating personal achievements small and large encourage self-worth. This week we have seen glimpses of all possible perspectives of success:

- **Cross Country;** our whole cross country team were the best ambassadors at the Independent Schools Cross Country. In year 5 **Ioli K, Rafi W-S, Max P and Theo Y** were placed 1st, 2nd, 8th and 19th respectively! Amazing running!
- **Play in mixed age groups;** please see the photograph later in the newsletter of a range of children playing with **Ben M** golf ball game!
- **Enrichment programs;** celebrating the opportunity for students to extend their thinking and skills and uniqueness.
- **Learning programs;** celebrating the enormous steps some children are taking every day to reach their potential.
- **Delicious Coffee and Fluffies;** available to us 3 days a week due to the skill and enormous giving of parent (and clergy!) volunteers.
- **Our beautiful grounds;** tended so brilliantly with the skills of our caretaker **Kevin**, who is now famous in Christchurch! See the article on the noticeboard in the foyer.

These are just some examples of success. I know you have others more personal to you.

With success of course comes times when we are not successful and things don't go as planned! When things don't go as we expect then there needs to be a different response. **Resilience** can help us here! Sir Michael Rutter talks about resilience as being the successful adaptation to situations despite the presence of risk. Research shows that schools have a vital role to play in the development of resilience through meaningful involvement in all tasks and taking responsibility for individual action. These ideas lead to social competence, problem solving, autonomy and a sense of purpose. **WOW!** And teaching and learning!!

We have been discussing this as a staff and how we can enable resilience in children. So you are unlikely as parents to receive a call asking for sports gear to be dropped off! We have extra stuff here except mouthguards, boots and special items. In some cases you can't play without specific gear! Let's encourage every child in year 5 - 8 to be responsible for their own gear - from home to school and back again!

From 0 - 3 we can have the highest expectations in other areas. Can your child carry and unpack their own bag? Can they remember where they left the one shoe they don't have? Can they tell you what they need for swimming in week 7 before it is packed the night before?

True partnerships share every aspect of learning! Let us be known as a school that celebrates and understands success in all its forms, and successfully fosters in children self belief and social competence who are resilient and can adapt to change.

Elsewhere in the newsletter and calendar you will find happenings and opportunities our work offers our students. Behind all of this are two incredibly supportive Boards - The Board of Trustees and Board of Proprietors, a brilliant Parents' Association and a community of which we can be proud to be a part.

Ngā mihi mahana, Averil



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

School Notices

Upcoming Events

24 May	Open Day - 10am-2pm
25 May	Make a Wish Mufti Day
27May-1 June	Book Week
29 May	Court Theatre Performance - 2pm
30 May	Speech Finals
4 June	Queen's Birthday
5 June	Teacher Only Day
11-22 June	Y0-3 Swimming - Pioneer
17 June	Mokihi Service - St Mark's/St Anne's Church - 10am
21 June	Sport/Cultural Photographs
25-27	Whanau/Teacher Interviews
6 July	End of Term Service - 2.30pm

Church Certificates

Raupo	Cristian D-N
Inaka	Tyree D
Kereru	Laurika D-L
Ti Kouka	Max B
Kamana	Jesse S
ToeToe	Islah S
Kotuku	Oscar P
Paua	Toby Sharr
Mako	Sophie F-D
Toroa	Oliver C

Sports Results

Netball

St Mark's Leopards (Yr3) 0 v Merrin 7
Player of the Day: Piper E
St Mark's Lions (Yr4) 2 v Merrin 4
Player of the Day: Olive A-C

Basketball

St Mark's Titans 8 v Sacred Heart 10
Player of the Day: Anna R

Cross Country Zone Team 2018

Congratulations to our Cross Country Zone team. The Cross Country was held at Roto Kohatu, which was a very good venue for a cross country. We have two students who were placed in the top 6 - Ioli K 1st and Rafi W-S 2nd in the Year 5 boys race. These two will head to the Canterbury Cross Country on Wednesday 20th June at Halswell Quarry.

Year 5 Boys

1st	Ioli K
2nd	Rafi W-S
8th	Max P
19th	Theo Y

Year 5 Girls

23rd	Julia M
24th	Olivia M
26th	Jasmine G

Year 6 Boys

11th	Torbin C
12th	Liam S
15th	Michael C

Year 6 Girls

16th	Isabella S
18th	Chelsea P

Year 7 Boys

14th	Bede H
20th	Vivek L
21st	Max Y

Year 7 Girls

18th	Sophia W
23rd	Minnie E

Year 8 Boys

10th	Jordi W-S
14th	Oliver C
19th	Freddie T

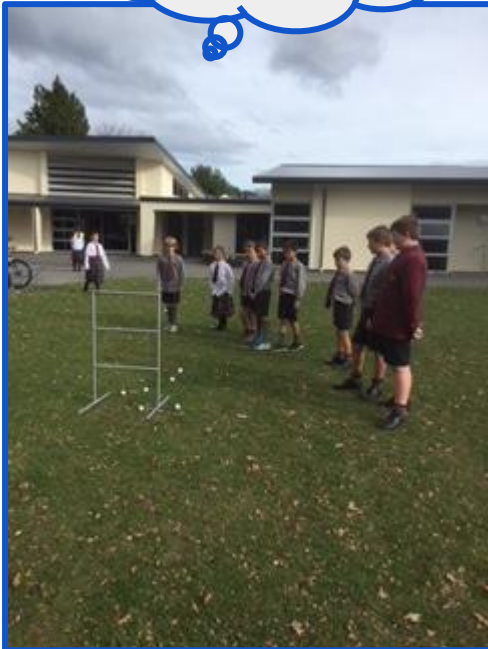
Year 8 Girls

19th	Lucy N
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Winter Sports - Year 5/6 Hockey



Ben M's Golf Game



Seth K
ready for
karate



Independent Schools' Cross Country



E-Learning Update



Thank you for supporting our Waka Hourua Bring Your Own Chromebook (BYOC) programme.

Over 70% of Waka Hourua students now bring their own Chromebook to school.

This fantastic BYOC uptake has enabled us to transform the way we teach, creating new and exciting learning opportunities and developing 21st century learning skills. Equitable access is important to us. We continue to provide access to Chromebooks at school, but these are shared one between two.

Our Chrome Education Licence system is proving to be of great benefit to students as we customise the online learning environment and do our best to keep students safer online. Please be aware that a Chrome Education Licence is required to join our BYOC programme. Licences are included in the recommended Cyclone bundles, or can be purchased for \$48 from the office.



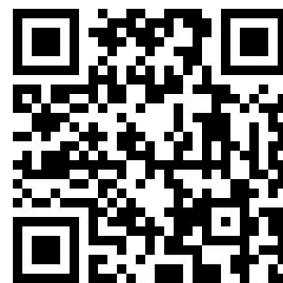
You may have noticed that our blogs are no longer being updated. This is because we are exploring a better way to share our students' learning: Seesaw. When we are satisfied that Seesaw is beneficial for our St Mark's School Family, there will be a schoolwide launch.

Please continue to share your feedback and questions with us.
We would love to hear from you!

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Go BYOC Any Time

All Chromebooks meet our minimum required specifications. We recommend purchasing through the Cyclone portal, as these particular models have been tried and tested in schools across New Zealand.



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Willows

LUNCH BAG



Available from Term 2

Willows Lunch Bags will be available for order each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday with a different selection available each of those days.

Each Lunch Bag is \$6.50 with extras available also.

Order forms will be available from the foyer and completed forms to be put in the Order Box by 3:30pm each Monday for that weeks Order/s.

You can order for 1,2 or all 3 days of the week and on-line internet banking is available for payment.

50 cents from each Lunch Bag sold will be donated back to the school by Willows