



# St Mark's School Newsletter

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Kia ora everyone,

Emirates Team New Zealand win over Oracle in the America's Cup was thrilling (and tiring for those committed to early rises!). What it says about team work is written across the media, as is the money committed to the challenge, the number of people behind the scenes and the sheer effort it takes to compete. What is also written within these pages is a team of people who set their sights on this challenge four years out from this day - and succeeded.

Their path to success was littered with risk taking, innovation, questions and solutions - and "cyclors" - never been seen before combining the talents of a rower and a cyclist - they weren't even sailors! To me this epitomises how we must value at all costs the strengths and talents of everyone because perhaps even in the most unlikely of occasions we all can contribute.

I pray that this is what we all feel about St Mark's. Just like Emirates Team New Zealand we are in education for that journey. We take steps to achieve our goals and together we achieve what is best for every child. Let's keep innovating, taking risks, asking questions, seeking solutions - and try our hands at being on the "cyclor"!

## **Productions 2017! 2 of them!**

**THREE OF A KIND - Years 0 - 3.** This production is well underway and promises to be a celebration of all things in this age group. With the expertise of all staff and the talents of every child we will learn about the combined power of 3. 3 Bears, 3 Blind Mice, 3 Wise Men!

**THE LION KING JUNIOR - Years 4 - 8** The planning and preparation for this production is in full flight thanks in large part to the enthusiasm of our resident thespian **Mr Tom Gordon**. We are so grateful for his energy. Auditions have been held and principles and understudies have been named. There is much happening behind the scenes and we are thankful to all who have contributed so far.

## **COSTUME HELP!**

Does anyone have a contact who is able to transport costumes for the Lion King Jnr production from Woodford House School (a sister Anglican School) near NAPIER, Hawkes Bay. There are 14-15, 40litre containers containing wonderful costumes we have access to? Someone in our great community may be able to help! Please contact me directly.

## **Commenting on Board of Trustees Policies**

This can be done at any time through the "green" bubble. Once you have entered schooldocs, search the policy you wish to give feedback on, click on the "green speech bubble" and follow instructions. We look forward to hearing from you!



*Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story*

## Winter Tournament

Our aim through trials and code selection has been to get as many St Mark's students on the sports fields across codes as we can. I am grateful to **Mrs Delwyn Wright** for her persistence here and drive to include many. I am also grateful to **Mr George Carnoutsos** (hockey selector) and **Simon Chretien** (football selector) who have willingly given of their time to independently select teams. We are currently securing capable coaches across teams.



### **Working Bee Saturday 1 July - from 9.00am**

This working bee requires **MANY MANY HANDS** to make light work of moving teaching resources, erecting furniture and helping staff organise the spaces ready for the start of Term 3. Coffee and tea will be available throughout the morning which will be orchestrated by staff.

**NO CHILDREN. We do NOT have consent in the new Middle School for children. If you arrive with your child you will be turned away.**

Blessings everyone - Averil



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

#### Term 2 Outcomes:

As you will recall in term 1 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 for the following policies

- Recognition of cultural diversity
- staff leave
- separated parents and day to day care

As there was only feedback from one member of the school community (a BOT member) no changes have been made to these policies.



#### Term 2 2017 Reviews: **WE NEED YOUR INPUT PLEASE**

This term we are reviewing the following policies and invite your feedback

##### **Bullying**

- Digital technology and cyber safety
- Abuse reporting procedures
- Education outside the Classroom (we would specifically like feedback on photos being taken at school events and use of social media)
- Child protection policy

It is from these policies that the procedures are developed in relation to the way the school approaches these things operationally. For this reason, we want to encourage parents to become familiar with these policies and recommend any changes that might be required.

#### **If you would like to view and give feedback on the policy it's as easy as 1,2,3!**

1. Go to [www.schooldocs.co.nz](http://www.schooldocs.co.nz) and click on search for your school. Pick St Mark's School.
2. Enter the following user name and password  
Username: stmarks      Password: saint
3. Find the policy that's up for review, read it, click on the red bubble in the top right hand corner of the policy and enter your feedback. (if there is no red option, pick the green speech bubble instead).

Feedback can be given anonymously if you choose.

The cutoff for feedback is the last day of term 2.

# School Notices

## Upcoming Events

30 June	Mōkihi visit to Art Gallery
6 July	PA Meeting - 7.30pm
7 July	End of Term Service - 2pm
24 July	Term 3 begins - 8.55am

## Church Certificates

Kereru	Theo Allan-Caney
Ti Kouka	Maybelle Horgan
Kotuku	Ayrton Edwards
ToeToe	Mason Whitta
Paua	Genavieve Neale/Lucy McWhirter
Rimurimu	Leela Spanton
Toroa	Ashley Powell
Wheke	Vivek Lallu

## Sports Results

### Waterpolo

St Mark's 8 v St Patrick's 0  
Player of the Day: Oliver Clark

### Basketball

St Mark's Titans lost to Somerfield  
Player of the Day: Isaac Wood  
St Mark's Lions 6 v Christchurch South 34  
Player of the Day: Jacob Yule

## Lost Property

A black Macpac puffer jacket (size 10) has been handed into the office. It may have been left behind during swimming. If you think this is yours, please call in and see us.

There is an extensive amount of items in the Lost Property cupboard in the hall entrance. Please check this if you are missing clothing. Lunch boxes will be disposed of at the end of term.

# Community Notices



## **Re: Access to School Dental Services over the school holiday period**

The Community Dental Service has a contract to provide an emergency dental service for pre-schoolers and primary school children over the school holiday period. The service is limited to the relief of acute pain only and will operate from 8:45am until 12:30pm from the Hillmorton Community Clinic, Sylvan Street, Christchurch for the following times.

**Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> July to Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017  
(excluding weekends)**

**Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> July to Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017  
(excluding weekends)**

Routine treatment will **not** be offered/available over the holidays and any accident related issues will be referred to Community Dentists as per usual practise.

# Place in Space Expo

Tuesday 4 July 1:30pm - 3:15pm

St Mark's School Hall

Our year 6-8 Waka Hourua students  
invite everyone to come and view  
their Place in Space projects.

Pop in and view our travel expo and  
vote for your favourite and most  
inviting destinations in space!

# Digital Citizenship Afternoon



Tuesday 4 July 3:30pm

St Mark's School, in Toroa

We welcome you to a discussion of digital citizenship and online safety.

*What is digital citizenship and how are we promoting digital citizenship at St Mark's School?*


*What can we do to keep our students safe online, both at school and at home?*

This digital citizenship afternoon is being held in response to feedback from our e-learning evening last term. We look forward to your involvement as we continue our St Mark's School journey towards making the most of e-learning opportunities for our students.



# A Heavenly Hallelaloo

A church service with plenty of fun and music-making for kids of all ages! Refreshments to follow!



The Transitional "Cardboard" Cathedral  
Latimer Square  
Sunday 16 July at 10.00am



KidFest

# St Mark's School Blogs

Please visit our blogs to see some of the teaching and learning happening in our St Mark's School family. There are also extra learning opportunities online for students.

We welcome your comments!

## Mōkihi

*Aukaha kia kaha.*

*Strengthen the bindings.*



<http://stmarksmokihi.blogspot.co.nz/>

## Waka Pūhara

*Kia kotahi te hoe o te waka.*

*Let's paddle in unison.*



<http://stmarkswakapuhara.blogspot.co.nz/>

## Waka Hourua

*He moana pukepuke ka ekengia e te waka.*

*A choppy sea can be navigated.*



<http://stmarkswakahourua.blogspot.co.nz/>