



# St Mark's School Newsletter

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Welcome back to Term 4,

I hope you all had a chance over the school holidays to enjoy some quality family time. The staff have planned some interesting and worthwhile learning experiences for our students this term. It was great to see how refreshed and ready the children were on Monday morning at the start of the new term.

As you know, Averil is in Italy enjoying a pretty special adventure and catching up with family at the same time. She will be back in the third week of the term.

I would urge you to keep a close eye on the "Coming Events" section of this newsletter and the school calendar. There is so much happening this term! We have Athletics Day, Teacher Only Day, Waka Puhara Camp, Year 7 Leadership Camp and a host of other events scheduled.

We welcome new families to our school this term, Olivia H and her parents Gareth and Victoria, Jackson O and his parents Simon and Nicola, Isabel H and her parents Dan and Steph, Jasmine G and her parent Stella and Ariya S and her parents Nathan and Serena and brother Cruze. We welcome you all to the St Mark's family. May your family find here a turangawaewae, God's love and much happiness.

We have just received the latest set of ICAS Test results, this time for Maths. Students achieving Merit Awards were Bella E and Ashley P.

Students achieving Credit Awards were Hannah A, Michael C, Kaelan G, Olivia B, Peter S, Hannah W, Ollie C, Mike A, Sophia G achieved Distinction in the test, a great result. Congratulations to all our St Mark's mathematicians.

Cristy Yonetani and Averil were pleased and heartened to see such a great turnout to the special event they hosted at the end of last term around E Learning. As we take the important steps towards BYOC it was heartening to see so many parents interested and engaged in the process.

Just a reminder that Tuesday, 24 October is a Teacher Only day. Enjoy the extra long weekend!

Blessings to all,  
Adrian Rennie



*Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story*

# School Notices

## Upcoming Events

19 October	Athletics Day - Y3-8
20 October	Athletics Postponement Date Y3-8
24 October	Teacher Only Day
30 October-	Waka Puhara Camp
1 November	
1 November	Junior Tabloid Sports Day
2-3 November	Year 7 Leadership Camp
6 November	Class/Individual Photographs
7 November	Music Performers Night
10 November	Grandparents' Day

## Term Dates 2017

Term 4 - Monday 16 October to Friday 15 December

## Term Dates 2018

Term 1 - Monday 29 January to Friday 13 April  
Term 2 - Monday 30 April to Friday 6 July  
Term 3 - Monday 23 July to Friday 28 September  
Term 4 - Monday 15 October to (to be confirmed)

## Year 6-8 Optional BYOC For 2018

Our Bring Your Own Chromebook (BYOC) portal will go live on Friday. Families with students in years 6-8 in 2018 will be able to purchase Chromebooks through the portal. We strongly recommend purchasing through the portal, as the Chromebooks there have been specifically recommended by Cyclone and are bundled with everything students will need for BYOC in 2018. Please stay tuned for further information coming to you by email.

## Scholastic Book Club

Order forms for Scholastic Books have been sent home. Orders may be placed direct with Scholastic at [www.mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz](http://www.mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz). Orders close on Friday, 27 October.

# PA News

## Artwork Calendars/Diary/Cards

The artwork done by the children is now ready to be viewed, order forms are with the class teacher or your child. Payment details are on the form, please can the forms be returned to the office (remember to return the order form if you pay by internet banking) along with payment, if by cash or cheque, by Friday 27th October.

There will be no late orders accepted as we need to get the order back before the end of the term.

## St Mark's School Fair 2017

### RAFFLE BOOKS

THANK YOU to all those that have already returned their sold Raffle Books. If you have books still to return please do this as soon as you are able.

Welcome Back Everyone! This year the school Fair Team would like to offer something a bit different for our main stage entertainment.

We are putting out an OPEN CASTING call to any child or adult or family, who would like to do something fun or interesting on our stage.

We have asked our school groups and clubs to show our mums and dads what they can do.

Now we are asking you guys because we know there is so much talent out there! This year we are giving thanks back to the children who perform with a voucher to spend at the Fair.

ALL ENTRIES need to be in by next Friday 27th October. Anyone can enter by popping your entry into school office fair box, our fair email or through our facebook page with the following info:

NAME:

YOUR PHONE NUMBER:

ITEM DETAILS:

MY PERFORM NAME:

GYGT! Go you good thing!

Email: [fair@saintmarks.school.nz](mailto:fair@saintmarks.school.nz)

<http://www.facebook.com/stmarks.schoolfair>

White Elephant, Clothes, Toys and Books can be dropped off in the School Hall from Wednesday, 25 October. Please look for the signs for each section.

# Student Achievements

Congratulations to the following students who participated in sporting events during the holidays.

Brie C competed at the South Island Canoeing Championships and achieved the following results:

7 placings out of 13 races and 3rd school overall for under 14

Under 14 k2 200 2nd overall

TK2 200 1st overall

TK1 200 3rd overall

Under 14 wK1 200 1st

Under 14 WK2 500 1st

TK1 500 3rd

Under 14 wK1 500 2nd

TK1 100 3rd



Ana S has achieved Gold medal in the Primary and Secondary Karate Championship 2017 for both Kata (set of movements for fighting) and Kumite (fighting ) 9-11 years old.



Holly-rose M represented Canterbury Girls' 12th Grade Football in Blenheim. They were placed 5th out of 11 teams.

Oliver C represented Canterbury Boys' 12th Grade Football on Blenheim. They were placed 4th out of 16 teams.

# 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/>