

ST MARK'S CHURCH SCHOOL





AT ST MARK'S CHURCH SCHOOL, we aim to:

- *produce a caring and supportive environment in which the Christian faith, as expressed by the Anglican Church in New Zealand, is nurtured;*
- *provide a sound, structured, stimulating range of academic, creative, sporting, social and practical experiences in which students may develop their full potential as confident, enthusiastic learners and seekers of personal excellence;*
- *encourage students' development of self-esteem, initiative, independence and leadership;*
- *foster respect, understanding, tolerance and concern for others;*
- *welcome students from diverse ethnicities and socioeconomic backgrounds within the wider community.*

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Dip.Tchg., EFM Cert., RT

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(*Personal Assistant to the Principal*)
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Officer*)

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(*Assistant Receptionist*)

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Mr R. Such

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Principal's Report

TWO THOUSAND AND ONE BROUGHT ST Mark's many fine accomplishments, among which is an excellent ERO report affirming the special character of the School.

It noted, amongst a number of other points, St Mark's high-quality teaching practice, high-quality pastoral care, and high-quality specialist programmes, all of which are positive differentiators.

A letter from the Ministry of Education notes:

The report is excellent and reflects on the quality of education received by the students and the performance of the Board, Principal and staff in providing education services at St Mark's Church School.

It was pleasing to read that the students receive a very good education, that school leadership and quality of teaching impacts positively on students' achievements and stimulating classroom environments contribute to this. The Board is to be commended on the effectiveness of its practices.

Academically, culturally and in the sporting arena, 2001 has been an extraordinary year.

St Mark's stands for excellence. It is a school, which, in doing its job, extends all, expecting every pupil to reach a personal, highest level of achievement.

St Mark's neither confuses equality of opportunity with sameness, nor settles for second best. It accepts there is a place for competitive striving because that is how life is. It is a necessary preparation for the world beyond the school.

This is especially so where our young people are considered today as products of a "high-aspiration" culture. In other words, the goals to which they must aspire are becoming increasingly challenging. Therefore it is up to us to provide the quality learning experience and qualifications which will allow them to attain their goals.

The implications of high-aspiration culture as it applies to St Mark's Church School are central to the resolve of the School Board, Property Trust and Management to ensure that St Mark's teaching facilities provide an excellent platform—academically, physically, socially, emotionally and spiritually, so that our students may succeed in achieving their goals.

High-quality education will remain key to meeting such challenges successfully. We must continue to provide a sound all-round base for each child upon which all future learning may prosper. This begins with the basics, working to ensure that these are well instilled in the warm, loving Christian environment that is St Mark's. As the child grows and matures—as an imperative of holistic development, broadening and deepening the curriculum—St Mark's challenges students to think laterally and divergently, to be entrepreneurial in their outlook, and open to change and new ideas.

In preparation, St Mark's has already moved forward significantly in the provision of information communication technological resources. ICT is used very definitely as an aid to learning, harnessed to develop and extend classroom learning. Already, our students are competent practitioners and communicators via such media. In this we have become a true learning environment, the teachers being taught by their students.

With the advent of the Performing Arts' rooms and Music studios, we now enter more fully into holistic development of the children. Immersion from an early age in music, speech and drama will stand young people in good stead both in their future business lives and in their leisure.

Sports, Physical Education and Health are enormously important, essential for the future health and prosperity of both the individual and this country, particularly given that our country's population continues to grow larger and heavier. We remain confident in the light of ERO feedback that our PE and sports programmes are of high quality.

High-quality delivery of English and Mathematics remains a given and we will continue to seek and ensure that all students receive not only a thorough grounding, but are extended and challenged, or supported and enabled, according to their needs.

Most excitingly, with the advent of our Science and Technology rooms, we now move into the realms of greater possibility, entrepreneurship and better preparation of our students for their technological future.

Increasingly challenged by a future, which, if they dare to be excellent, is theirs for the taking, our students' learning must be exciting to them. It is up to we who are educators to provide this. Exciting, stimulating learning will continue to be the School's greatest challenge.

The immediate challenge for the children is that staff and parents must expect that the quality learning experiences be met with the children's full focus and effort. Nothing less will do if they are to attain their future goals.



Right: Principal Tina Leach with the Governor General, Dame Silvia Cartwright.

Staff Notes

AS WITH any other family, the staff of St Mark's welcome newcomers and farewell those who, for a variety of reasons, are leaving. This year has been no exception to the rule as when we look back over the four terms we have had a few staff changes.

We welcomed Vivienne Wallace, on a one-year tenure, as the teacher of our third Year 8 classes. Vivienne quickly fitted into the Senior Department team and wholeheartedly endeavoured to give her class interesting and worthwhile programmes of work. Her sense of humour and sensitivity to the needs of her pupils have proved to be a valued adjunct to her teaching.

Jason Ward has been one of the Preschool for three and a half years now. Our young pupils have enjoyed and responded to his teaching and coaching. His enthusiasm for sport reached far beyond the Preschool. Jason coached a variety of soccer teams and this year his 12th grade soccer team won the Spolsky Memorial Cup. Staff enjoyed many social events which he organized as convener of the social committee. Mr Ward must have gained inspiration from the staff as he leaves to start teacher training in the year 2002.

At the beginning of Term Four we farewelled Dale Anderson, who for the past four years has been Head of Upper School and Curriculum Director. Over

the last few years there have been massive changes to the New Zealand curriculum framework and Dale ably assisted staff to become familiar with each curriculum area as it came on line. Her rapport with the senior students and her obvious interest in their achievements gained her much respect. The Senior Management Team, staff and pupils missed her greatly as she moved on to work with Learning Media, as a Project Director, at the end of term three.

Ron Stewart took on the role of acting Head of Upper School for Term Four. Ron brought considerable experience to the position as he was a principal before he went into semi-retirement. Since then he has been frequently called upon to



St Mark's Church School Staff, 2001

Back row: Mrs J. Barry, Ms D. Maud, Mr E. Bartlett, Ms L. Carr-Smith, Mr J. Ward, Mr R. Such, Miss B. Thompson, Mrs J. Mein.

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Third row: Mrs M. Ward, Mrs D. Sharpe, Miss J. Gilchrist, Miss M. Martin, Miss C. Whitehouse, Mrs K. Sheehan, Mrs J. Watchman.

Second row: Ms S. D'Souza, Mrs A. Lavin, Mrs C. Underhill, Mrs J. Duffy, Mr L. Holder, Mrs S. Klemick, Mrs S. Barclay, Mrs M. McAlister, Mrs C. Hurd.

Front row: Mrs A. Heath, Rev. M. Holland, Mrs J. Cole, Mrs M. Wilson, Mrs C. Leach, The Rev A. Hendery, Mr R. Stuart, Miss S. Brockhurst, Mrs N. Sutherland.

Absent: Mrs W. Foster-O'Sullivan, Ms V. Wallace, Mrs M. Sharpe.

Staff Notes

“step into the breach” when a senior management or principal’s place needs filling. Ron’s gentle but firm touch on the reins has been appreciated by all the staff.

Our valued Head of the Junior Department, Sylvia Klemick, is leaving us at the end of the year to take up residence in Australia. Over the past year and a half she has ably directed the teachers in that area and they have benefited from her experience and expertise. Sylvia has built up a very close-knit team who work very well together. Our best wishes go with Sylvia as she makes a new life overseas.

After her retirement as a full-time teacher at St Mark’s, Moira McAlister has undertaken two roles in the school. One day a week she worked as the archivist and on another day she undertook special needs teaching with a group of pupils. Moira has had a long association with the school as she started teaching here in 1974 and was involved as a parishioner before that. Auckland’s gain is our loss as she is heading up north to be near her family.

Margot Wilson



Above: Mr Such, Building Supervisor, with Mrs Cole and Mrs Leach after winning the Pride of Workmanship Award from the Rotary Club of Wellington South.



Senior Management, 2001

Back row: Miss S. Brockhurst, Mrs J. Cole.
Front row: Mrs M. Wilson, Mrs C. Leach, Mr R. Stuart.



Heads of Department, 2001

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Front row: Mr M. Holland, Mrs M. Wilson, Mrs C. Leach, Mr R. Stuart, Mrs N. Sutherland.

House Captains, 2001

Back row: Thomas Minnee, Shanol Jokhan, Adithya Sreekumar, Joanne Bailey.

Front row: Vandana Jeram, Sandeep Naik, Mrs C. Leach, James Buchanan, Dimple Patel.





Student Leaders, 2001

Back row: Niranjn Naguleswaran, Vishal Nagar, Rochelle Sharpe, Rakesh Champaneri, Lauren Bailey.

Middle row: Hayden Hunter, Catherine Murray, Anil Patel, Hamish McLeod, Nicola Crombie.

Front row: Anthony Yardley, Mia Sheldon, Mrs C. Leach, Peter Kandiliotis, Kate Bromley.



Upper School Peer Mediation, 2001

Back row: Cecilia Gilbert-Manava, Vaughan Montgomery, Rochelle Sharpe, Kate Bromley, Shivang Naik, Grace Kinsella, Nadia Ormiston, Mia Sheldon, Gemma Sowry.

Sixth row: Margaret Chan, Robert Lawton, Pavithar Gill, Rushika De Silva, Brittany Travers, Vishal Nagar, Morgan Faleolo, Adithya Sreekumar, Shanol Jokhan, Clifton Lee, Sian Trent, Jessie Alexander.

Fifth row: Kalpana Jayanatha, Jethro Carr, John Atkinson, Joseph Stapleton, Jordan Mills, Thomas Minnee, Sandeep Naik.

Fourth row: Krishna Naran, Richard Spring, Joanne Bailey, Deborah Paterson, Anil Patel, Lauren Bailey, Ali Dia, Paul Simpson, Courtenay Harris, Maria Moran, Keiichi Nguyen, Mrs D. Anderson.

Third row: Udayan Mukherjee, Jamie Robinson, Talosaga Talosaga, Anisha Balu, Moray Bevan, Timothy Banks, Arthur Cheung, Sophie Scott, Kate Middleton-Olliver, Nicola Crombie, Charis Chu, Hilary Neale.

Second row: Rafiella Sanna, Simon Joe, Bhavin Patel, Michael Dickson, Christopher Blackburn, Joseph Mou, Adam Taylor, Dharini Gopal, Soniya McArtney.

Front row: Dinesh Ramji, Robert Lawton, Amy Sos, Suhanya Joseph, Jara Allen.



Lower School Peer Mediation, 2001

Back row: Grace Kinsella, Khushbu Ishwer, Nilesh Manga, Arjun Paliwal, Benjamin Wierenga, Andrew Bowman, Andrew Atkinson, Natasha Nagar.

Fourth row: K. C. Hendricks, Melissa Naik, Reuben Rajendra, Susanne McDonald, Tanisha Nagar, Olliver Bennett, Chloe MacLachlan.

Third row: Alasdair Keating, Sathya Narayanan, Paul Rataul, Sameer Magan, Martin Clark, Peter Wierenga, Joshua Anderson, Erin Campbell, Priyanka Gordhan.

Second row: Bethany Forsythe, Nina Harland, Courtney Young, Elizabeth Gordon, Nicholas Roberts-Gray, Tessa Ralston, Sheldon Ross, Aneesha Budhia, Sonali Chauhan, Mrs W. Foster-O'Sullivan.

Front row: Tai Collins, Amy Smith, Shanell Ramji, Jessica McBurney, Amber Kay, Anna Hislop, Crystal Man, Mitchell Carr.



Road Patrol, 2001

Back row: Vaughan Montgomery, Nadia Ormiston, Jonathan Abernethy, David Nichols, Vaero Hagai, Shivang Naik, Kate Bromley, Thomas Deacon.

Fourth row: Anthony Yardley, Joanne Bailey, Peter Kandiliotis, Patrick Durant, Gemma Sowry, Lauren Bailey, Richard Spring, Clifton Lee, Thomas Minnee.

Third row: Shanol Jokhan, Adithya Sreekumar, Mia Sheldon, Rochelle Sharpe, Cecilia Gilbert-Manava, Grace Kinsella, Vishal Nagar, Paul Soulis, Sandeep Naik.

Second row: Adam Taylor, Hamish McLeod, Osmond Bishop, Krishna Naran, Denzil Rickerby, Anil Patel, Christopher Mitchell, James Buchanan, Dimple Patel, Mr E. Bartlett.

Front row: Nicola Crombie, Jaime Robinson, Hayden Hunter, Rakesh Champaneri, Joseph Stapleton, Niranjan Naguleswaran, James Kiatphuengchai, Catherine Murray, Charis Chu.

Library

The Annie Holm Memorial Library has had a high profile in this year's school programme.

Book Week was again held in conjunction with the New Zealand Post Book Awards. All classes scrutinized and evaluated the entries appropriate to their level. Because of the building programme, we didn't have a guest speaker but hope to have one for the 2002 awards.

The Library was again used as a venue for the Trinity Speech Exams for the Speech and Drama department. The Ministry of Education held courses during the September holidays.

St Mark's Auxiliary organized and held a very successful Book Fair in November, with books supplied by Ashton Scholastic. The Library was buzzing during the lunch-hours and after school and the total of books sold was over \$4,000, of which the Library benefited by \$1,000.

The children raised \$650 from the MS Readathon organized by Ms Foster. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to those two groups for their support.

The Library is fully utilized by all areas of the school and is very popular with children during the lunch-hour.

The coming year will see the expansion of the book stock so that the Library will remain an integral learning facility.

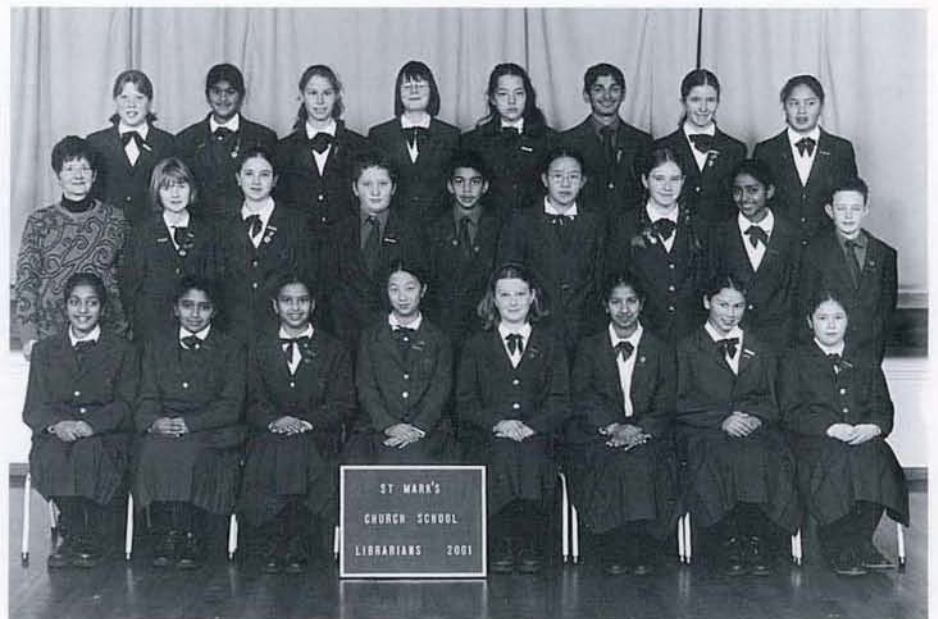
Susan Barclay
Librarian

Librarians, 2001

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Our Communities

St Mark's Parents' Association

THE YEAR 2001 saw the St Mark's Parents' Association undertake its biggest event yet. In April, a Dinner-Dance and Silent Auction were arranged to raise funds for the Music Suites. The date of September 15 was chosen and planning and donation requests went ahead. The search for just about everything was on.

There was a steady stream of donations that continued until the day of the Auction. We were extremely lucky to have the venue of the Overseas Terminal donated. It proved to be a fabulous venue and the organizational skills of Angela Vinnacia and Kevin Bull were superb. Neale Printers generously donated the printing for the event and Mary Mac Design, the graphic design.

The support we received from the wider Wellington community was staggering and we succeeded in lifting the profile of St Mark's Church School, making support for future events more accessible. We, as a school community, have taken a huge step towards realizing what we can achieve if we put our minds to it. Fundraising is a necessary part of school life today and with the enthusiasm and support of the St Mark's School community we can provide those extras that we would like to enhance our children's learning. I met some great people through helping with this event, both inside and outside of the School Community and was touched by the many acts of generosity of both spirit and kind. We raised \$24,519 which will go to the music rooms.

The Parents' Association met seven times this year. We sponsored a Wine and Cheese night for all parents, a Disco for the Upper School, gave monetary support for the school, staff and the OSCAR programme, and donated \$8,000 to the Science and Technology Department.

The Parents' Association wishes to extend thanks to all parents and family members who willingly supported and encouraged our efforts this year. Our thanks also go to all the staff within the school and acknowledge their valuable contribution to our children. My thanks to all the members of the Parents' Association for their support, creativity and humour in organizing and assisting with this year's project.

Julie Clark

St Mark's Auxiliary

THIS YEAR has been a year of continued contribution to school life on the part of the Auxiliary.

In March, co-convenors were elected so that duties might be shared among the group. This is just one example of the cooperative nature of the Auxiliary.

Volunteers have assisted throughout the year in the school library, covering and repairing books; at sporting events, including field days and swimming competitions; on photo days, ensuring that each child looks his or her best; at open days, welcoming newcomers to the school; hosting a morning tea during the ERO visit which included overseeing the playground so that all staff could participate in the morning tea; and at special events like the rededication of the school, serving as hosts to the visiting dignitaries.

A new initiative of Room Parents was launched early in the year, which has expanded parent involvement with the Auxiliary thus increasing the communica-

tion and social activities within the school community. The programme has been well received and with parent involvement will continue in 2002.

Our traditional activities, Ice-cream Day, Cupcake Day and the Sausage Sizzle, were thoroughly enjoyed by the children. The reward for many of the volunteers is the chance to see the happy faces of our children at these events. Volunteers are always needed and the Auxiliary welcomes all those within the community to take part.

This year's Annual Book Fair, held in early November, featured Scholastic Books. It was a joy to see so many of the children eagerly looking at the books. All proceeds from this annual event go directly to enhance the library and this year over \$1,600 in books was donated.

This year also found the Auxiliary providing a major support role for the first Parents' Association Dinner-Dance and Silent Auction. Members assisted with many facets of the evening including

gathering of auction items, decorating the venue and donating hand-crafted, limited-edition St Mark's Teddy Bears which were a great hit.

With the completion of the building development, monies held for the last several years by the Auxiliary were dispersed. Funding was provided for the new slide in the junior playground, \$1,000 was given to the preschool for equipment, and \$1,700 was given to the Science and Technology department.

Our thanks go to Mrs Leach, the office staff, teaching staff and Mr Such for their consistent support. The enthusiasm, wit and cooperation of the Auxiliary members are an example of what a small group can achieve.

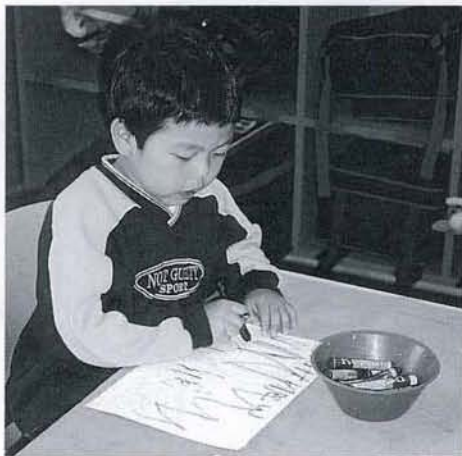
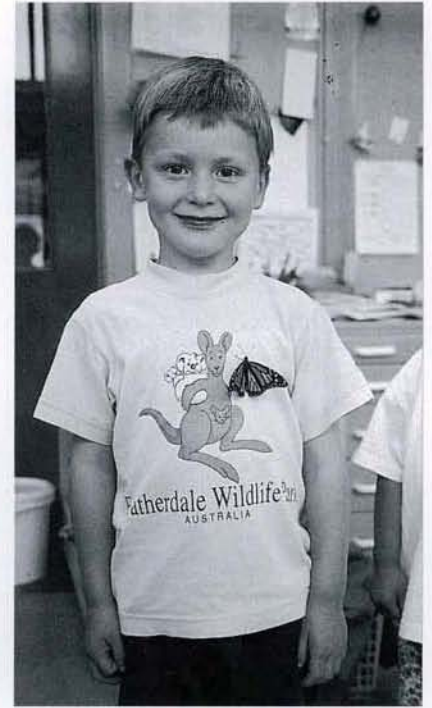
Finally, we would like to thank the many parents who have contributed their time and efforts to our 2001 activities and urge all of you to consider assisting with one of our many projects in the coming school year.

Fiona Crombie, Irene Hendricks & Rebecca Tyne

Preschool

Term One

The year in Preschool began by celebrating Chinese New Year, the year of the snake, with paper lanterns and a special shared lunch. This was followed by the now annual Teddy Bears' Picnic, held on Wellington College grounds. The weather was wonderful and everybody enjoyed running races (often in different directions) and a picnic morning tea.



Above: Daniel with a living butterfly badge. **Left:** Madison playing a rakau game. **Far left:** Matthew printing his name, 'Hard work pays off'. **Below left:** Daisy, Rosemary and Jasmine—the joys of autumn.

Term Two

During Term Two the children and staff went to Takupuwahia Marae. This is always an interesting visit and a welcome opportunity to renew friendships and introduce the children to the Marae.

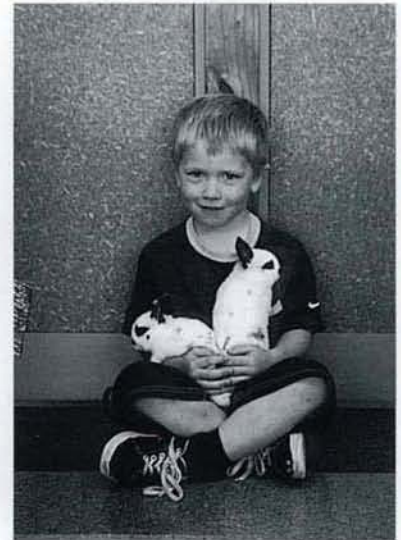
Full advantage was taken of the warm and sunny Autumn weather with expeditions to gather some beautiful leaves, fruit, cones and berries. Some of our children were surprised and delighted to discover a real apple tree—with one apple still attached—within our own school grounds.



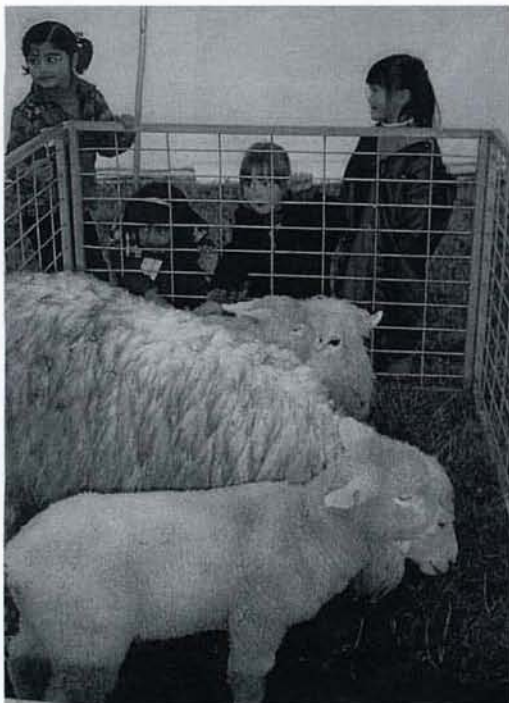
Term Three

'Different cultures' is always a favourite topic and with help from enthusiastic parents, there was a wonderful display within the Preschool of special treasures from many families. Many children wore with pride the costumes of their own country.

Towards the end of the term we went on a bus trip as part of our Transport topic. The children laughed with glee as we went through the bus-wash, but undoubtedly the highlight of the trip was seeing Mitchell's father at the Ferry Terminal.



Top right: Felix and Kishore practising going camping in the holidays. **Right:** Joshua and Alice, 'Just checking the spelling'. **Far right:** Alex with the rabbits. **Below:** Hena, Neesha, Rosemary and Brittany at the farm.



Term Four

Our yearly visit to the Wallaceville Animal Research Centre occurred in Term Four. After a walk around the farm the children were able to stroke or hold a variety of farm animals, including lambs, chickens, calves and a puppy. Parents, children and teachers enjoyed a picnic lunch under the oak trees.

In November we celebrated Diwali with candles, rangoli patterns and barfi—a bright and happy time to fit a festival of light.

The culmination of the year is the joy of Christmas—a time of sharing and giving and hearing again the story of the birth of baby Jesus—always a very special time in the Preschool.

New Entrants

Year 1



Top: Junior Department Zoo trip: Billy Gibson, Blake Highet, Shanni De Silva, Christopher Bowman, Harrison Lyon. **Middle:** Photo frame construction with Bradley Banks, Aidan Brock and Sophie Roberts-Grey. **Above:** Year 0 trip to the Zoo.

The Concert

Miss Martin and I went to the Robbie Williams concert.

Sophie Roberts-Grey

In the Weekend

In the weekend Chaoson came to my house. We played hide and seek.

Chris Bowman

Spider

I am a spider. I like to catch bees, dragonflies and flies. I like to eat dragonflies.

Cyma Parbhu

In the Holidays

In the holidays I went to the Christmas parade with my Mum and Dad. I saw Father Christmas.

Chaoson Chhim

In the holidays I went to Vanuatu. The hotel was called Meridian Port Veila. There was a kids' club and I went to some places.

Blake Highet

In the holidays I am going to Rebecca's house on Wednesday. It will be fun.

Priyanka Patel

The Sun

The sun is bright.
The stars are light.
The space goes by.
The sky is high.

Juanita Falealili

Camping

I went camping. I had a tent in a bag and the bag was big. I went with my Dad, who had to drive the car. He had to drive up the hill and we nearly crashed.

Lachlan Waugh

My Sister

I made a fairy for my sister because my cat scratched her on the face. It was below her eye.

Zeenat Vintiner

The Funeral

I went to a funeral in Auckland. I went on a plane. The funeral was sad but I liked the plane.

Josephine Surridge

At the Hospital

I went to the hospital today because I needed an operation. When my operation was finished I was all dizzy. When I got back to my room I fell off my bed.

Daniel Petrovich

Dinosaurs

Dinosaurs became extinct long, long ago. My favourite dinosaur is brachiosaurus. It had a long neck and ate plants.

Rohil Singh

Pooh Bear

Pooh Bear has a red T-shirt. His friends are Piglet, Tigger, Rabbit and Eeyore. He lived in the Hundred Acre Wood with his friends.

Sasha Hayman

Fairies

Fairies are magic. Fairies can fly. They have wings and can change people into anything.

Adèle Etcheverry

Greedy Cat

Aunty gave Greedy Cat some cat biscuits with a bunch of broccoli but Greedy Cat didn't like his lunch so he went to school. The children gave him food.

When the family came back, Aunty said, 'Your cat is still too fat.'

Aaron Chan

Picture Frames

On Thursday I made a picture frame with my parents. My Dad used a glue gun on the picture frames.

Harry Brown



Above: Mufti Day, Term Three 2001.

Year 2

The Juniors' Trip to the Zoo

On Tuesday, March 6, the Juniors went to Wellington Zoo, to see Bug Mania.

At Bug Mania, we saw butterflies in cabinets that we looked at with a magnifying glass. There were some butterflies that were different but they were mainly the same species. There were also some insects in little round cabinets. I did not like the snails and slugs.

We went to see the zoo animals, too. We saw some chimpanzees, camels, lions, tamarin monkeys, zebras and other animals. The weather was sunny. We were supposed to go on Friday but it was raining, so we went on Tuesday instead.

Roshani Naguleswaran

Father's Day

On Father's Day I gave my Dad my photo frame. We gave him a Lotto ticket. We gave it to him on Sunday when he finished his bath. He came downstairs and said, 'Thank you.'

Then he had a cup of tea and arrived later at Grandpa's. After lunch my Dad took Nimish and me to Lyall Bay School to play. When we went back, Mum went shopping. We did drawing and played.

At night, we had a barbecue and ate ice-cream. My sister and I played picnics and had lots of fun. Then I went to bed.

Risha Patel

The Very Scary Bloodhound

Once I drew a big dog. It looked real. Then I cut it out.

Suddenly, a cloud came from the picture and there stood a very scary-looking dog. I said, 'You're a-a-a bl-blood h-hound!'

The bloodhound looked up at me and barked six times. Then he opened his huge mouth and I screamed. There, in the lips of its mouth, were four huge tusks. They were so big and sharp that you would not like to touch them. The bloodhound had a very big throat that you could see right through its body. Then it disappeared.

I drew another picture of a real dog.

Ruby Moyes

A Photo Fun Day

Our class made photo frames. We did a specifications sheet which helped us plan what we wanted our frame to look like. Then we made a practice one out of paper.

The next day we made a proper frame. We decorated them with heaps of colourful stuff like sparkly Sellotape. It took quite a long time but they looked really nice in the end.

Mary, Ann and Bruce came to help. We made frames because we had a photo that needed a frame.

Jordan Letoa



Above: Some members of 2G proudly display photo frames they designed and made as part of the Technology Unit, 'Framing our photographs'. From left to right: Rhys Dentice, Matthew De Maggio, Eassa Dia and Tessa Chirayath.



Above: Members of the Junior Department at MtVictoria on the Mystery Bus Trip: Tristan Wiles, Nimish Patel, Nileesha Parbhu, Elizabeth Hazlewood, Lily Grebe.

Cupcake Day

On Monday, June 25, all of St Mark's Church School had cupcakes. We had them to raise money for the new buildings.

The ladies brought the cupcakes in a box. We paid our money and chose our cupcake. We put our cupcakes in our lunchboxes and ate them at playtime.

Mario Parussini

The New School Buildings

On Friday, October 12, we went down to St Mark's Church for the opening of the new school buildings. Some people were dancing in the narthex.

It took a long time for the Governor-General to come in. After that we sang 'God Defend New Zealand' and then a song called 'Kainga Tuturu'.

After the service we went into the birdcage and Bishop Thomas blessed the building. Then the Governor-General cut the ribbon that was on the office door.

Tristan Wiles

The Secret Eight

One Friday afternoon Thomas, the leader of the Secret Eight, said to his sister Caroline, 'We have not had a Secret Eight meeting in ages.'

So Caroline sent out letters to Jordan, Taylor, Blair, Luc, Catherine and Dorothy. The letters said, 'Please come to a meeting at 10 A.M. on Saturday in the Greenhouse.'

Then their Dad came in the door and asked, 'Where is your mother?'

'Out shopping,' came the replies as Thomas and Caroline went upstairs.

'Wait,' said Dad. 'I thought there might be something here for your Secret Eight.'

They came downstairs to look at the newspaper.

Thomas and Caroline looked through the newspaper cautiously. Suddenly Thomas said, 'Come over here, quickly.'

'What is this about?' Caroline asked.

'It says here that there has been a robbery of a precious violin worth heaps of money,' explained Thomas. 'It's up to the Secret Eight to find it and the person who stole it.'

'Get some scissors right away and cut it out and we will show it to the other members of the Secret Eight tomorrow,' said Caroline.

Saturday came quite quickly and just before 10 A.M., Thomas and Caroline were down in the Greenhouse.

'Knock, knock,' came the sound from the Greenhouse door.

'Password?' called Thomas.

'Mint!' replied two voices.

'Enter,' called Thomas.

'Hello Luc and Blair, you're very punctual,' said Caroline.

'Two more members are coming, close the door quickly!' said Thomas.

'Knock, knock,' went the Greenhouse door.

To be continued ...

Fraser Hughson

The Storyteller

On Monday a storyteller named Donna came to tell us some stories. She was from Australia. She told us about Angry Annie. It was about Donna when she was little.

Once her sister came into her room and said, 'You took my ball!'

'No, I didn't,' said Donna.

'Yes, you did!' said her sister.

Donna got so angry that she went over to her sister's table and shook it. Her sister's favourite Mickey Mouse lamp was on it. It fell off and broke into one hundred pieces.

Her sister called their Mum and Dad. When Mum and Dad came in they both asked, 'Did you do that?'

Donna got so angry that she ran into the lounge and slammed the door, but a nice painting fell and broke into a million pieces. She jumped behind the couch and hid.

Her mother came in and pulled her out and said, 'Did you do that?'

Donna ran to her room shouting, 'I'm running away.'

So she packed her suitcase and left. It was cold and dark outside so she sat down. Suddenly she heard something—but it was just her cat.

Then, she saw a dark shadow. Her neighbour turned the corner and told her to go tomorrow.

When she got home her Mum opened the door. Donna said, 'I'm going tomorrow.'

That night, her Mum gave her a doll called Angry Annie. She told Donna that whenever she felt angry, she was to tell Angry Annie. So Donna put Angry Annie under her pillow and went to sleep. In the morning her sister came in. She said, 'You did take my ball.'

Donna got angry but then remembered Angry Annie. So she pulled the doll from under her pillow and told her what was wrong. Suddenly, she felt better and she didn't run away again.

Sophia Sherwood

Journey into Space

Today, I am going into space to visit all the planets. I won't be able to land on Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune because they are all gas planets—but I will take photos.

I am going in my magic space rocket. Countdown: three, two, one—blast off!

The first planet I'll visit is Mercury, the closest planet to the sun. It is very hot during the day and during the night it is very cold. Mercury takes only 88 days to orbit the sun.

The next planet is Venus. Venus is the hottest planet and the second planet from the sun.

The third planet from the sun is Earth—our home. Earth is the only planet with life.

Now I'm going to the earth's moon. I've got some moon dust and rocks. I will leave some instruments to find out if the moon has earthquakes.

Next stop is Mars. Mars is very cold. It looks red because of all its rust.

I'm heading for Jupiter. Between Mars and Jupiter is an asteroid belt which I must watch out for. Did you know that some asteroids are so big that you can land on them?

Here is Jupiter—the gas giant. I'll take some photos. Wow, look at that big spot. It's a huge hurricane that's been going on for years.

Now I'm going to Saturn. Saturn has beautiful rings that are formed from bits of rock.

Now I'm off to Uranus. This is a strange planet because it's tilted to one side.

Next is Neptune. Did you know that for 20 years Neptune changed places with Pluto and became the ninth planet?

Pluto is next and it is the furthestmost planet from the sun. It takes Pluto 250 years to orbit the sun.

It's time to go home now. Goodbye, planets—hello, Earth.

Aroha Noanoa

I am a Pencil

I am a pencil and my owner's name is Jeremy. He uses me every day. He likes maths best because he likes adding up numbers.

One day Jeremy lost me in the library and when he came to do his maths, he couldn't find me. So he went and told Mrs Ward. She said, 'When did you last have it?'

'I had it in my pocket when I went to the library,' said Jeremy.

Mrs Ward said, 'Go back to the library and take someone with you to help.'

Jeremy asked Seamus and they went back to the library. They looked everywhere but they couldn't find me. I was in the corner with a pillow on top of me.

When the girls came in to tidy up the library, one of them picked me up and put me in her pocket. She used me for everything but when I got blunt she threw me away.

Oliver Syme

My Holidays

In the holidays I went to Rotorua. It was very sunny but I didn't like the sulphur smell.

On the way to Rotorua I went to the Air Force Museum and bought a small toy glider. After that we went to the Army Museum. It was exciting. We finally arrived at our hotel.

Soon we went to the volcanic valley and walked up the mountain. The mountain once had an eruption. We went to bus stop one and it takes an hour to get there.

We went on a boat ride and saw a yellow rock.

On Monday and Tuesday, my Dad was still on leave so we played chess.

Jonathan Jeeveraj

Church Drama

When we were doing a play about Ebenezer, Dylan in 3w was Ebenezer. Oliver was the Mayor, Aroha was the mother and I was one of the children.

Ebenezer had lots of money, but one day he had a terrible shock. He died and no-one came to his funeral.

Poor Ebenezer died as he had lived—alone. In the end I think he learned his lesson about being rich. But to Ebenezer, being rich always meant, 'Better off than I am now'.

Poor, sad Ebenezer. Some people think that Ebenezer is still counting money in his mind in Heaven.

Drew Brown

Lost

One day I got lost in a maze. I only had my backpack with me. I thought, 'Oh no, I don't know how to get back to the start.'

I had an idea. If I was in the middle, I could go one way and if it led me out, then I wouldn't be lost. The only thing was that I didn't know which was the right way. I decided to go right. I also put a cross on the ground where I was standing. My compass was in my backpack so I got it out and remembered that I should be heading southwest.

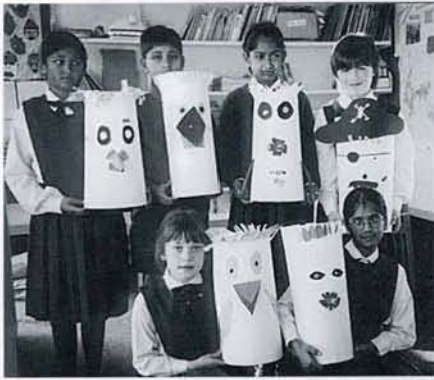
I had just started walking when I heard my Mum calling. So I followed her voice and got out of that maze safely.

Rebecca Coutts-Lynch



Year 3 trip to the Marine Laboratory, Island Bay.





Marine Laboratory

While we went around the pool, Victor picked up a starfish. He told us how they breathe through their skin. Then Victor picked up a sea cucumber and said that they breathe through their bottoms. The colour of the sea cucumber was green.

Then we went inside. I liked the sea-horses best because of the way they swim and get food. Judy picked up a turtle and its name was Murtle. We touched its shell and it was warm.

We all got to feed the fish. I put a piece of food in the water and the black fish ate it. We all saw the octopus, but it was shy and very small. When it was my turn to touch the cabs and starfish I was too scared to touch a thing. I enjoyed the Marine Laboratory.

Tanisha Nagar

Revolting Rhymes

Revolting Rhymes would have to be the funniest ballet I have ever seen. I liked the way the narrator told us what was happening and rhymed the words.

The best thing about the ballet were the funny characters. My favourite part was when Little Red Riding Hood pulled out a pistol to shoot the cunning wolf.

I also liked Cinderella. I noticed that one of the ugly sisters was a man dressed up as a girl. Cinderella ran backstage and changed very quickly because she had velcro at the back of her dress. It was funny when the Prince ripped Cinderella's dress off.

At the end, the Prince chopped off the heads of the ugly sisters, but Cinderella didn't like men who did that so she married a butcher instead.

It was the best ballet I've ever seen.

Bethany Forsythe

Spring

Spring is finally here. The trees have new buds. I can see beautiful yellow blossoms right at the bottom of a rich green tree. They are nodding their heads in the gentle breeze.

I decide to take a walk and pass lambs playing in the sun. They are jumping and skipping with their friends. In the lake there are ducklings learning to swim in the cool water. The birds around me are chirping an inspiring song but a faint buzzing gets louder and louder.

Suddenly, the sound gets softer. I guess it was a bee. I look down to the ground to see a purple violet.

K. C. Hendricks

Brownlocks and the Three Lazy Rats

Long ago there lived three lazy rats in a deep hole under the ground.

One day a little girl called Brownlocks was walking in the field when she stumbled into a hole. She looked inside and it was very dark. Suddenly, something bit her on the nose. She let out a squeal. The rat hissed at her and went back into the hole.

The next morning Brownlocks ran back across the field and a voice said, 'Stop!'

A fat rat, a middle-sized rat, and a tiny, little rat were in front of her. 'We are crossing,' said the fat rat, 'and you nearly stepped on us.'

'I'm really sorry, I didn't see you,' said Brownlocks.

The rats moved slowly across the grass. 'Hurry up,' said Brownlocks.

'Mind your own business!' said the little rat in a squeaky voice.

'You're just lazy,' said Brownlocks.

'No we're not,' said the rats together.

Brownlocks jumped over them anyway. One of the rats tried to bite her but he was too slow. When Brownlocks looked back at the rats, they hadn't moved a bit.

Brownlocks kept on running until she reached the stable. She saddled up her pony called Pepper. She rode off into the meadow towards the wood trail. As she got close to the woods a deer sped in front of her. Pepper reared up and Brownlocks fell off.

Two hours later she woke up on the soft grass. She saw three small grey things coming towards her. She got up and started nervously walking toward the forest.

Suddenly, a horse came out of the woods but it wasn't Pepper. It was Black Morgan, her father's horse. As she got up and took the halter, the rats suddenly appeared beside her. One rat said, 'We're sorry for being mean.'

Brownlocks said sorry, too, and asked them all to come for dinner. All the rats said, 'Yes!'

Brownlocks asked her mother and father if the rats could stay for dinner and they both said, 'Yes.'

Jessica McBurney

Learning to Swim

When my friends were having swimming lessons after school I started to feel lonely. I asked my mum if I could have swimming lessons too.

After about three weeks I was beginning to get good and could swim eight laps in the lane pool.

One day while I was swimming, a man dived off the diving board and almost hit me on the head. Soon I will be shifted to an experienced class with Nicholas, Courtney, Jayme and Andrew. At night I swim laps with my Dad and we have McDonald's afterwards.

During maths one day at school, a notice came around to say that there would be a swimming competition. Most of the class entered, so I did as well.

On the big day, my Mum and Dad came to cheer me on. 'Boom!' goes the starting gun and I started at a slow pace. When I realized I was coming last, I sped up and reached second place.

During the last lap the person in first place slowed down. That was my chance. I heard Mum and Dad shouting, 'Two more metres to go—come on!'

I felt confident about winning and as my hand touched the edge of the pool I realized I'd won. Mum and Dad came running to me. Dad tripped on his shoe lace and almost fell into the pool. They told me that I had done really well.

The next day at school I was asked to join the relay team to compete against Marsden School.

Peter Wierenga

Norbert's Puppets

During school we went to Norbert's Puppets. The play was *Snow White*.

Mrs Duffy said, 'The puppets' hands are supposed to be big.'

I liked it when the witch said, 'Mirror, mirror on the wall, who is the fairest of them all?'

The mirror said, 'Snow White.'

The witch said, 'No, no, no!'

I laughed when the hunter's hair came off his head.

Norbert is a man from Germany. He was so funny that my hair nearly came off! We had such a great time.

Norbert changed his voice at times. He made his own puppets out of wood.

Tessa Ralston



Opposite page: Year 4 marionette puppets which were made to perform plays the children had written. **Left:** Benjamin Wierenga, winner of year speech competition, *A Crayfish Tale*.

Year 5

Building Project

At St Mark's our building is getting rebuilt. We will get nice new classrooms and they will be bigger, have more shelving space and windows from the floor to the ceiling. There will be a lift for disabled people. There will be carpeted corridors and we will have lockers inside.

The girls' toilets are beautiful. The staff room is much bigger and it has new carpet, too. We are also going to have new science and technology rooms.

The bad thing is that the builders keep cutting through wires and making the fire bell ring so that we have to go outside. There is also a lot of dust and out-of-bounds areas that you can't play in and lots of noise which makes it hard to concentrate.

Moving classrooms is OK, but it is hard work carrying stuff down the hall and back. But, I know it is worth it because it will look lovely when it is finished.

Vanessa Gray

Something had to be done.

The School building was getting old.

Making plans to rebuild the school.

Architects, builders, trucks and cranes all pulled into the school.

Redoing the classes and the gardens, too.

Kind and friendly builders.

So now St Mark's Church School's

building is finished.

Olivia Calman

Swimming ... Swimming

On February 13, St Mark's Church School went to the school swimming sports on the bus to Kilbirnie Pool.

The Year 8 boys started with the freestyle and next with backstroke. Miss Thompson was the announcer who talked loud and clear so all swimmers were in time for their races.

After Year 8, 7 and 6 had finished their races it was time for Year 5. Sam Shillson, Samuel Thyne and Sammy Sadler came first, second and third respectively in Year 5's races.

Mrs Murray was taking photos of the spectators and swimmers. The relays were the best of all. The girls of West Watson house won the relay. Some of the parents were the judges and the teachers thanked them for a job well done.

After the team events, everyone had a great time and hopped in the bus and came back to school. We were all starving and the next thing we did was have lunch.

Shenarl Perera



Above: Vanessa Gray, Alexandra Johnston and Emily Steel enjoying their geometry.

Report on a Visiting Performer

On Monday, September 17, we went to a performance called *Destiny Bay*, told by Bob Bickerton. This was a Maori story based on truth.

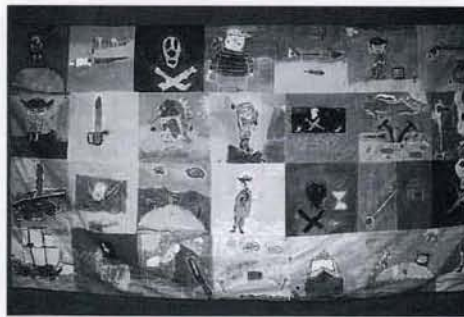
It was about a group of whalers who came to New Zealand in 1841 in search of whales. The main characters were Tom, a whaler, Mere, a girl and Mahara, a warrior.

Bob Bickerton played some musical instruments—harp, violin, uilleann pipes, fiddle, koauau, tumutumu, and porotiti—as he told the story. We thought it was good because Bob showed us how to make and play the Maori instruments and he was very good at facial expressions.

Chara Sherwood, Taylor Hughson, Sammy Sadler and Stephen Hagar



Clockwise from top left: Class masks used for speech exams. Artwork by Shenari Perera. Pirate Banner. Aaron Hagley's mask for class drama.



Green

Green is a frog
Slimy like sludge
Peas are green
All squishy
Green is greenstone
Smooth as silk
Green is Owen
Which always wins
Green is the sea
Calm and cold
Green is a tree
Rushing in the wind
Green is a fish
Swimming in the sea
Green is a lime
Sitting in a tree

Emily Steel

Blackbeard

Blackbeard had long plaited hair and a black beard. He was 6'4 feet tall and had eight pistols and two cutlasses. He put cannon fuses under his hat and in his beard and would light them in an attack. He had evil eyes, a deep voice and was really mean.

In the ocean there was a Spanish galleon on the horizon. Blackbeard spotted it and yelled, 'Come on me mates, let's get this ship.'

Blackbeard and his pirates caught up to the galleon and threw spikes and grappling hooks onto the deck to pull the boats together. The pirates then boarded the ship and the musicians played scary music while Blackbeard lit his fuses. The people on the galleon were terrified and some fainted because they thought Blackbeard was on fire.

Blackbeard had a red flag flying. He told his crew to get everything valuable on board. Some people tried to stop them but

Blackbeard shot most of them. He told people to give their rings, but they refused, so Blackbeard cut their fingers off.

The pirates went back to their own ship and sailed away. That night they ate disgusting tack and salted meat, and drank wine. When they were all asleep, one person got up to steal the booty. Blackbeard caught him and he was marooned on a desert island the next morning with just a gun and one bullet to kill himself with before he died of thirst.

Two weeks later, ten men caught scurvy. It made their hair fall out and their gums and skin swollen. They caught this from lack of fresh fruit and vegetables.

The next morning Blackbeard locked himself and his crew at the bottom of the ship. He smoked out the room with cannon fuses and always reminded them who held out the longest.

Alex Roberts-Grey

Year 6

My Dream Garden

I had a dream about a beautiful garden. I wanted to plant it in my own backyard.

The garden had palm trees of all sorts. There were flowers—tulips, roses, lilies, poppies and more. It also had a pond and in the pond were frogs, goldfish and lily pads. There were even ducks swimming around in circles on the pond.

I can remember the fruit trees—apples, kiwifruit and lemons. There were vegetables as well—tomatoes, peas and silverbeet. I noticed native plants like the silver fern and the pohutukawa.

The garden had a table with chairs and a big umbrella. There was even a little bird bath. I liked the garden because it was peaceful and quiet.

A garden takes a long time to grow in your backyard. You have to buy trees, plants and seeds. You must not forget to water the plants, and you can grow them in compost or soil. I can remember that the garden had a rainbow shining over it.

When I woke up I looked out the window and couldn't believe what I saw—a garden just like the one in my dream! Everything was how I saw it—my dream had come true at last.

Dharmistha Jeram

King Arthur

On Saturday morning, I woke up early and remembered that it was my birthday. All my friends would be coming over.

I had just tidied up the place when the doorbell rang—it was Shivum. When everyone else arrived we decided to play hide and go seek. I was “it” because it was my birthday. I counted to one hundred and said, ‘Here I come, ready or not.’

I asked Mum where they had gone and she said they had gone down to the old deserted barn. So off I ran down the road.

When I got to the barn I opened the door and froze. There was a weird portal in the corner. The barn door shut behind me and it looked like the only way out was through the portal.

I walked up to the portal and put my hand in. I could feel something pulling me in. I tried to hold onto a pole but it broke and I went flying in.

A blinding light forced me to shut my eyes. When I opened my eyes, I was lying down in the woods. There were trees everywhere.

Suddenly, I heard a galloping sound from behind me. I turned and saw a horse approaching and realized that it was a knight with armour and a sword.

The knight yelled, ‘Die!’ and swung his sword at me. I ducked and the sword went over my head. The horse skidded to a halt and the knight turned around and said, ‘I will get you this time.’

He came at me again and I started to run away but an arm wrapped around me and heaved me onto a horse.

‘Who are you?’ I asked.

‘I am King Arthur,’ said the knight. ‘It is dangerous out here, as you have seen. Would you like to come to my castle?’

I said, ‘Ok, but what about my real world? I am from the future.’

‘Don’t worry, this has happened before. One year in this world is one second in your world,’ said the knight.

‘Then I guess I can stay as long as I want,’ I said.

‘We are delighted to have another traveller from the future,’ said King Arthur.

We soon arrived at the castle and King Arthur showed me around. He even showed me Excalibur. The castle was so huge that by the time we finished it was dinner time and I was very hungry. We went into the dining room and it was full of knights.

Suddenly, out of nowhere, a portal appeared.

‘This could be my only way back. Goodbye King Arthur and thank you.’

I jumped into the portal just as I heard King Arthur say, ‘Goodbye’.

That was the most magnificent adventure I had ever had.

Sunil Patel

Parrot Biography

Life as a pirate’s pet parrot isn’t the easiest I know, but being owned by Blackbeard wasn’t that bad. There were a few good memories and I’ll tell you a few.

I remember when Blackbeard came into the pet store looking for a pet parrot. He said to the store owner, ‘Ya got a talking, aggressive parrot with black and red plumage?’

‘No Sir,’ answered the store owner. ‘We’ve only got a multi-coloured parrot, but it talks.’

‘Arrgh, it’ll have to do. Come here bird, you’re part of Blackbeard’s crew now.’

So my adventure began. We fought many battles together and sailed the seven seas. Blackbeard and his crew were the meanest people on earth.

One day Blackbeard shouted, ‘We’re going to look for treasure.’

We sailed to the Spanish Main where the treasure was buried. We followed the map up a mountain and ended up at a dead end.

‘You’ve gone the wrong way, Captain,’ said an Australian shipmate.

'Shut your gob,' shouted Blackbeard, and he picked up the man and threw him against some rocks.

Just as he hit the rocks, they moved apart. There, in the middle of a hidden cave was the most splendid, beautiful riches the pirates had ever seen.

The Australian who had been thrown against the rocks wandered into the cave just as a fire-breathing dragon appeared and burned him to a crisp.

'Please,' said Blackbeard, 'give us some competition,' and with a slice of his sword the dragon's head came off and rolled down the mountain.

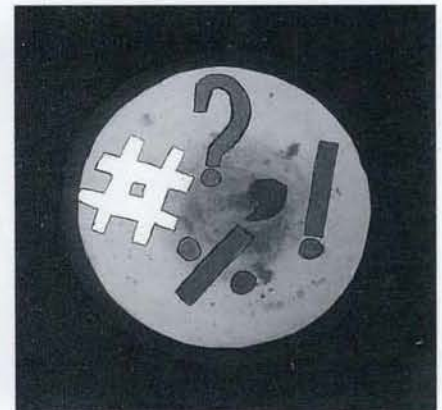
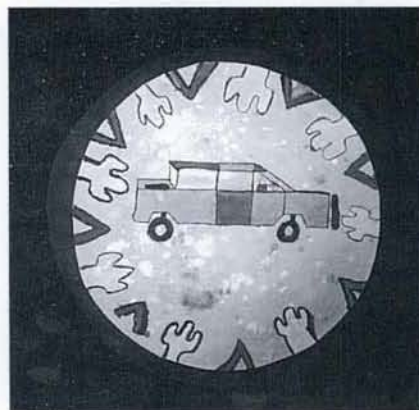
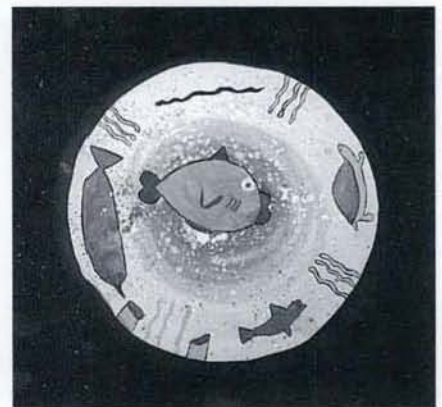
The treasure was loaded onto the ship and we sailed to the nearest dock and the only thing standing in our way was Calico Jack and his crew. We declared a fight ... to the death. The battle raged on and on until there was only Blackbeard and Calico Jack left. They looked at each other and blood came from both of their hearts. They died that way.

Thomas Wigglesworth

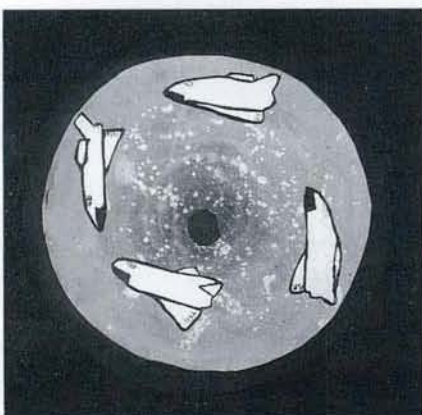
Popcorn

Bang! Pop! Crackle! Goes the popcorn.
Popping in the microwave the kernels are making small explosions.
Crackle! Pop! The popcorn is ready.
Hot! Ouch!
Tasty and salty. It's butter popcorn.
There is a river of butter running through the popcorn.
Yummy!

Ashley Young



From top to bottom: Artwork by Jayne Stewart, Cushla Hume-Merry, Yuan Chi, Hannah Focas, Patrick Whelan.





Above left: The Baromonster designed and made by Jessie Alexander and Kalpana Jayanatha. **Above right:** Raghav Gupta.

Golden Prince Review

Pyrrhus is the 16-year-old son of the great warrior, Achilles. He is leading his father's troops into battle at the fabled siege of Troy.

A prophet has said that Troy will be broken into during this battle. Pyrrhus struggles to gain respect from his troops and to sustain his father's image. He eventually finds the secret to respect and gains courage while fighting.

I enjoyed this book because of the style of writing and the constant suspense that was created by the author, Ken Catran.

In the beginning Pyrrhus escapes from the city of Pythia and journeys to Troy to fight in the Greek Army. He is concerned about his image and is always trying to match his father, Achilles, and gives a lot of thought to the matter. On p. 70: '... my thoughts were on other matters. Lord Achilles filled them. "Father" did not come so easily to my tongue now.' I think that Ken Catran keeps this area of the book interesting by subtly hinting at conflicts to come.

In the middle of the book Pyrrhus learns more about being a leader. On p. 115: 'I was learning about being a King ... I had to know my men, good, bad and lazy ... all ways, to all of them, I had to be leader.'

All this leads up to an exciting climax. My favourite part was the end when Ken Catran built a vivid picture of the scene. The plot of the story was based around the Greek legend of the Trojan Horse with a few twists.

I could not recommend any changes to the book because it is one the best I have read. The story is in the genre of fantasy-adventure and I think it is a great example of a recount. I would recommend this book to fluent readers from the age of 11 and up. Some adults would enjoy this riveting book as well.

Udayan Mukherjee

Biography

Sherryl Jordan, also known as Sherryl Brogden, was born on June 8, 1949 in Hawera. She created her first book at the young age of four when she was given a notebook filled with blue paper. She imaginatively turned it into a picture book about a mermaid.

As a child, she wrote piles of stories, some of which were even novels. Several of her earliest novels were sent to publishers by her delighted teachers. Disappointingly enough, none of Jordan's early creations were published. But that didn't stop her. She commented, 'Those early works established in me a love of writing that has never faded. The path to publication was long and hard.'

In Jordan's childhood she illustrated Joy Cowley's book, *The Silent One*, for which she won the national competition in 1980. She soon gave up illustrating for writing. She learned the real technique of writing by going to seminars and listening to other writers—but mostly through criticism, rewriting, determination and iron will.

During this long period of Jordan's life, she wrote 27 picture books and 12 novels. Three of her picture books were published. None of the novels were published but this did not stop her. In 1988, she began her 13th novel. Knowing that this was either the continuation or deterioration of her writing career, Jordan decided that if this novel was rejected like all the others, she'd give up writing.

The book was called *Rocco*—a novel for young adults—and was a great success. The book was published and Sherryl Jordan is now the author of many books.

These days her writing hours have been shortened because of Occupational Overuse Syndrome. Now she only writes novels, in which she says she finds more pleasure.

According to Sherryl Jordan, all her fantasy novels have been gifts. She didn't think them up—they struck her mind when least expected. She comments, 'My thoughts overwhelm me with impressions, sights and sounds of their new worlds; enchant me with their characters and dare me to write them. Before I begin writing I have the whole novel in my head like a movie. I believe that every book is whole and complete before I am give the first inspiration.'

I would describe Sherryl Jordan's books as 'best ever' as she makes her stories seem so real. They inspire you to discover the infinite space between truth and fantasy.

Kalpana Jayanatha

The Kids' Literature Quiz

The Kids' Literature Quiz is an annual quiz for the Year 7 and 8 students. I found it a great pleasure to be a part of it this year.

Two teams of four from Year 7, including myself, were entered in the quiz which was to be held at the Wellington College of Education.

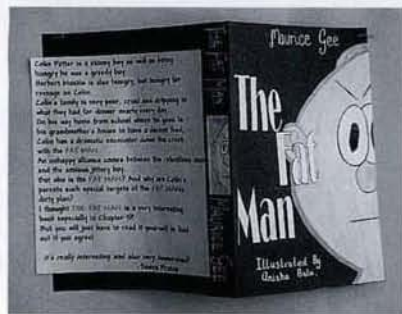
In preparation for the quiz, the two teams started reading up on New Zealand authors, novels and children's books. We proceeded to program last year's quiz questions into our brains.

We were jittery with excitement and anticipation to compete against the other schools in this challenging competition. We couldn't wait for the day to approach.

I spent every spare minute reading books which I hoped would aid me on the day. Our teams were given weekly coaching by the dedicated Mrs Anderson and it was at these sessions that we created our own questions to ask each other.



Top left: New Zealand author study by Emmanuelle Papadopoulou. **Below left:** Book cover designed by Anisha Balu. **Below right:** 'Sixties' fashion poster by Jessie Alexander, Kalpana Jayanatha, Margaret Chan and Priya Chauhan.



Finally the day of the quiz arrived. We were all beside ourselves with nervousness and excitement. We were driven to the venue and equipped with a drink bottle, lunch and our brains in full throttle!

The quiz got underway. The categories were, Harry Potter, Orphans, Food, Comics, Cartoons, and Riddles.

As the three-hour quiz progressed we triumphed and faltered, but we were all extremely proud of our performance. I personally found it a mentally exhilarating experience.

As the quiz drew to a close, the St Mark's A and B teams walked away with very commendable marks. I felt extremely proud of myself and my teammates, and very proud to be a student at St Mark's Church School.

Brittany Travers

Year 7 Camp

We arrived, bubbling with excitement, at the peaceful Camp Akatarawa. It seemed like the perfect place to have the Year 7 camp.

After a swift meeting we heaved our luggage into our cabins. Then we were herded together to begin our trek to Staglands. The hot sun beamed down on us while we sauntered along the roadside and I felt a crave for water so I sipped my water bottle to my sun-dried lips.

As the sign for Staglands came into view we all gave a loud cheer for we were tired and needed some food. After a well

deserved lunch we set off to view the nature reserve.

My favourite animal at Staglands was the Clydesdale horse. I favoured the gentle giant by feeding it most of the food pellets I had. When our exciting day was over we trekked back to Camp Akatarawa for a rest.

The next morning we awoke to a group of rowdy children. Widely enjoyable activities followed a hearty breakfast. Kayaking was my favourite experience, yet all the activities were great fun, such as bush-craft skills, cookery, and the intuitive course.

On Thursday we were given the option of three activities. My first decision was to jump high on the trampoline. My second choice was to have one more go in the beloved kayaks, which by the end we were all soaked to the bone. My last choice was to relax in the camp pool. We all dived, splashed and swam in a carefree manner.

Our last night at camp was full of rowdy children—we didn't want to leave. The next morning we knew our week of enjoyment was over. We packed our things and boarded the familiar bus.

Soniya McArtney

A Breathtaking Moment

It was swimming sports' day and the stands were packed. Some of the blue-clad children occupying the seats would be swimming later and they made me nervous. I was burdened with the knowledge that my race grew closer.

I made my way over to the dressing rooms and inside my friends and I hurriedly donned our swim togs. I was just emerging when the first race began. My heart was pounding as I retreated to the safety of the stands—a spectator for now.

Cheering with the rest I soon forgot that I would be out there soon. Then I heard my race being called. My legs felt like jelly as I made it to my allotted lane. I climbed into the pool; the cold water and nerves making me shiver. I waited for the blast of the starting horn.

As I heard the ear-piercing sound the adrenaline pumped through me and I shot off like a bullet. Going as fast as I could, I almost forgot to breathe because at that moment all that mattered was getting to the other side. I was careless and taking in water, and like the *Titanic*, I didn't stand a chance.

Suddenly I knew I had to take a breath but I took in too much water and started to choke. I stopped and poked my head out of the water—I was sure everyone was watching me. I was so embarrassed. I don't remember the rest but I made it to the other side in what seemed like an eternity. I was probably last. The feeling of everyone watching burns in my mind for swimming sports to come.

Elizabeth Tsikanovski

Rowi

It is the year 2015 and all countries have introduced a one child rule to stop the already large population of the earth growing any larger. People are choosing to have children a lot later in life so their child can support the family when the parents are too old to work. Rowi is one of these children. This is the story of what will be a special day for her, from her point of view.

Yuck, this place smells like a communal toilet. Which isn't really bad considering this is a government office lobby. I've been in ones which smell worse. I've heard that some mothers put the bodies of their second children in the drains so the stench from the rotting bodies stinks the whole place out.

I have been working here since I was 12 years old and I've only had one promotion since then, from drain cleaner, to just general cleaner. It might not sound like much but it pays the rent and feeds my parents.

I pick up my broom and sweep the floor. The dust here is terrible since all the unemployed and poor people bring it in off the roads. Well, at least it's better than what the workmen bring in.

Phew, there are so many stairs up to the first floor. Hello, here's Rano the paper boy. He's sleeping near the door of an office and I prod him with my broom so he will get out of the way.

'Hello Rowi,' he says, 'You're up early.'

'I have work to do,' I reply.

'Do you know that Lia's gone?' Rano says.

I feel icy fingers on my spine. 'Where?' I croak.

'To the Hospice. AIDS,' says Rano. He sits down and begins to cry. I wrap my arms around him and he sobs into my shoulder.

'She was so nice to me,' Rano snuffles. He then gets up and wipes his red-rimmed eyes.

He says, 'Thanks Rowi, you're a real friend.'

I watch Rano walk down the corridor and I shake my head. Even though I know there's no place in this world for people with AIDS, I wonder how right it is to take people away from their friends and family. Just another wasted life, I tell myself.

I finish sweeping the floor so I pause on the balcony. I can see the poor people

begging on the streets below. The Hospice is in the distance and I try not to think about Lia. The sun begins to set in the distance. It's time to feed the "illegal" children.

I hate this place, where the walls are painted brilliant white. It takes a lot of scrubbing to keep them that colour. I can hear the little kids crying. It makes me feel like a monster knowing what's going to happen to them. As I push food through a hole in the door, a little voice asks, 'What's gonna happen to us?'

'You're going to a better place,' I answer, choking on the lie as the words come out.

The security guard gives me a curt nod as I go into Mr Kenan's office. I hate this job as much as I hate feeding those children downstairs. All I can do is pray that Mr Kenan isn't in.

The door creaks as I cautiously open it. Oh no, just my luck, he is in. I hate it how he stares at my baggy, dirty clothes and filthy boots. How perfect he looks in his expensive suit and neat tie. I bet that jacket could feed two families for a month.

As I empty his wastepaper basket he says, 'The population has gone down 13 per cent since the one-child rule was established.'

'That's good, sir,' I say but I couldn't care less about the stupid one-child rule.

Then Mr Kenan asks, 'Do you hate me, girl?'

Of course I do—everyone does. But he could fire me so I play my cards carefully.

'No, sir. I don't know you well enough to hate you.'

No answer. Mr Kenan just stares out the window. I creep quietly towards the door and walk out. The security guard nods at me again as I turn and walk down the hallway. I puzzle over Mr Kenan and wonder if he feels any remorse for the families he destroys, or the lives he ruins. Somehow I don't think so.

I go up to the secondary office floor. Unlike the main office floor, I'm allowed to call the workers here by their first names. I wonder where my friend Mike is.

I see him as he walks towards me.

'Mike,' I ask, 'where have you ...'

'Been?' he says, 'Oh, just quitting my job.'

He's obviously gone nuts. He has a good job that sends his wife to college

and gives him leather gloves in winter.

'I've decided to become a freedom fighter,' Mike grins, his cheeks flushed pink. 'I think it's time I did something for the freedom of second children in the world.'

'That's good,' I mumble.

'Thanks Rowi,' he says as he runs down the hallway to the staircase.

A nasty voice inside my head says, 'Why don't you tell him about the fact that freedom fighters end up like those kids downstairs. The ones who go out to that station in the country and never come back.' Sorry Mike, but my parents need to have a chance to eat food that doesn't come from someone else's rubbish bin. It hurts me to know that in a few weeks Mike will probably be dead.

As I put my broom and bucket away, I shiver. It's windier and the nights are getting colder and soon it will start snowing. The streets are almost deserted now. I shiver again and pull my thin coat around me.

Trip, trap. My boots clatter across the bridge over the canal. What's that story about the troll under the bridge? I'm almost 14 now and too old for fairy tales, but old enough to know the effects of my actions.

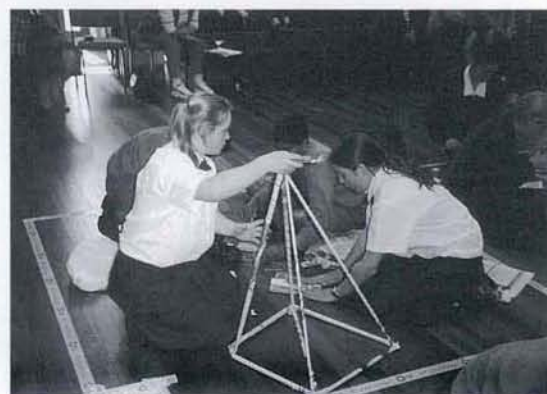
I stop halfway across the bridge and climb over the safety barrier. I stare down at dark, murky water. One jump could end it all. I consider for a moment. No waking up in the morning to clean the entire house. No seeing endless beggars crowd the streets. No having to face the fact that I betrayed Mike.

But then I remember Lia's smiling face. She was so nice—always smiling when I came down the hall. She didn't have a fair chance at life. I can't believe I would take my own life while Lia's drains away from her in a room filled with other dying people. I can't keep hiding from what is right for the rest of my life. Even if it means I lose my job.

Lord, give me the serenity to accept what I can't change. The strength to change what I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

I smile and I remember the prayer my mother repeats before bedtime. I climb back over the barrier and continue walking home as the first few flakes of snow drift from the sky.

Nicola Crombie



My Fifteen Minutes of Fame

This was going to be awesome. I was going to be on the front page of the newspaper with my Science Fair exhibit. I had won Best Exhibit in the Wellington Region. The press took photos of me like I was the President of the United States of America.

The newspaper came the next day and I ran to the shop to buy it. But when I looked at the paper, my photo wasn't there. I went through the whole paper until I found a tiny article on the back page. I was so upset.

Patrick Durant

Year Eight Mathswell Competition

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This was the first question of the Year 8 Mathswell Competition of which eight students from our school took part.

The competition was held in August at Wellesley College. The competition consisted of two halves, the first half being 30 multiple-choice, problem-solving questions. The second half involved team problem-solving.

The representatives from our school came 13th equal out of 28 competing schools. Niranjana Naguleswaran, one of the representatives from our school said, 'It was a tough but enjoyable competition and I hope to do something like this again soon.'

Mark Simpson

New Computers for St Mark's

The latest technology arrived at St Mark's recently. The school purchased around 30 new computers for the multimedia room, classrooms, office and reception area, and the new music rooms. These computers are very fast and it is an exciting move for the school.

The new computers all have Windows 2000 Professional, which is perfect for the security measures needed for the server. The school will be able to increase productivity with faster loading times and navigate the internet more easily. Students use computers at St Mark's to undertake research, do homework, type up stories and to surf educational web sites.

Tom Deacon and Hayden Hunter

Top: Year 8 students act out excerpts from Shakespeare. **Above:** Catherine Murray, Anil Patel, Adithya Sreekumar and Lauren Bailey at the BP Technology Challenge at Wellington College of Education.

The new Kirby and Coffey Wings



ST MARK'S CHURCH SCHOOL'S building programme began in 1992 with the redevelopment of the Preschool into a purpose-built facility, Selwyn House. The programme continued in 1998 with the opening of the Calder Communications Centre (multi-media and library facilities), new senior department classrooms as well as further development of the St Mark's hall.

Two thousand and one brought us the long-awaited and much-needed redevelopment and expansion of St Mark's Coffey and Kirby wings. The project upgraded existing structures while adding purpose-built spaces for music, science, technology and food technology.

The St Mark's Church School Board and the Parish Property Trust viewed this project as essential to the continued success of the school—committing to the project not just for today's students but also for the generations to come.

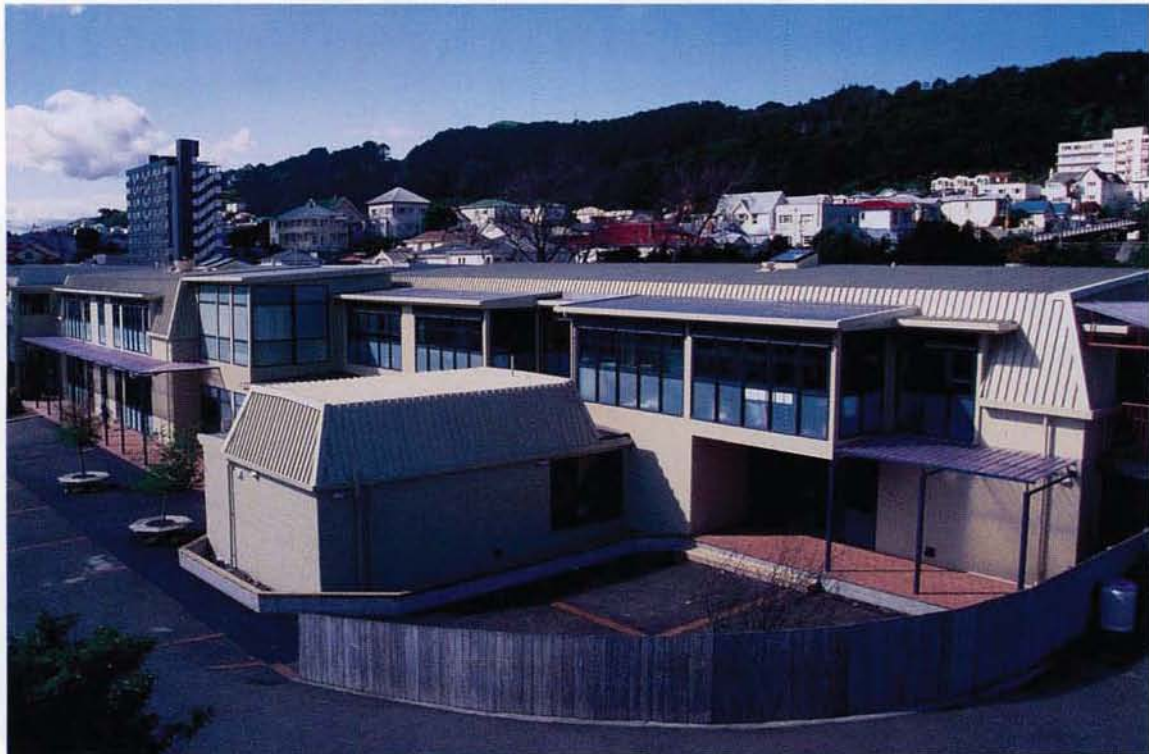
The Coffey-Kirby project began on December 14, 2000 and was completed in September 2001. The redevelopment of these buildings has provided a more positive learning environment for our students. Classrooms are colourful, bright and airy and are better acoustically. They are also generously provisioned with power and data outlets, which support modern teaching and learning practices. Internal alterations to the existing buildings have increased the School's capacity to provide for individual and group teaching and activities, as well as providing more appropriately sited offices and workspaces.

The additional spaces became necessary due to the new Technology and Performing Arts curricula. The two-storey extension begins at the Paterson end of the School's Basin Reserve site and provides two additional junior classes, workspaces for ESOL and reading recovery and the science and technology centre including a purpose-built food technology area on the first floor.

A further extension, parallel to the border with Wellington College's playing fields, houses seven music practice rooms. These form an essential part of the new purpose-built music room adding another dimension to St Mark's already comprehensive music programme.



Top left and right: The Coffey and Kirby buildings before redevelopment. **Middle:** Scaffolding surrounds the buildings as work commences. **Bottom:** The new look.



Special Programmes

Special Abilities

THE LEARNING NEEDS of children with special abilities have largely been catered for in the classrooms through a child-centred teaching approach. Students are grouped, where appropriate, to allow for a wide range of abilities and each is able to work to their own capacity within the teacher-directed programme. Specialist staff are also invaluable in their areas of expertise in providing for the special interests of many students.

In the Middle and Senior Departments, however, extension programmes operate outside the classroom and under the guidance of the Curriculum Director. Those offered in 2001 follow.

Mathematics Achievement Challenge

This is an extension class for children in Years 5 and 6 who have demonstrated special ability in Mathematics. It is designed to stimulate interest and deepen understanding in this curriculum area. Valued behaviours include: pursuing an investigation; working cooperatively; sustaining interest; taking responsibility for learning; and goal-setting.

Students worked at an investigation, and, on successful completion, gained a badge for their selected category. Their growth in independence has been impressive.

NIE Current Event Quiz

This year, we entered the Year 7 and 8 students who showed the most commitment to their classroom current events' programmes. These students received extra coaching during their lunch-break and thoroughly enjoyed their involvement in the quiz.

Two teams qualified for the Wellington Regional Finals, held this year at Tawa Intermediate School, and we are delighted to report that one of them achieved a third placing.

Mathswell Competition

Our Year 8 teams entered the local competition again. They competed well and behaved in a manner that brought credit to St Mark's.

Science Fair 2001

The building redevelopment meant that the school had to scale down this year's Science Fair entries. Whilst it is normally a compulsory part of the programme for Years 7 and 8 students, this year the opportunity was open to those students with a particular passion for science.

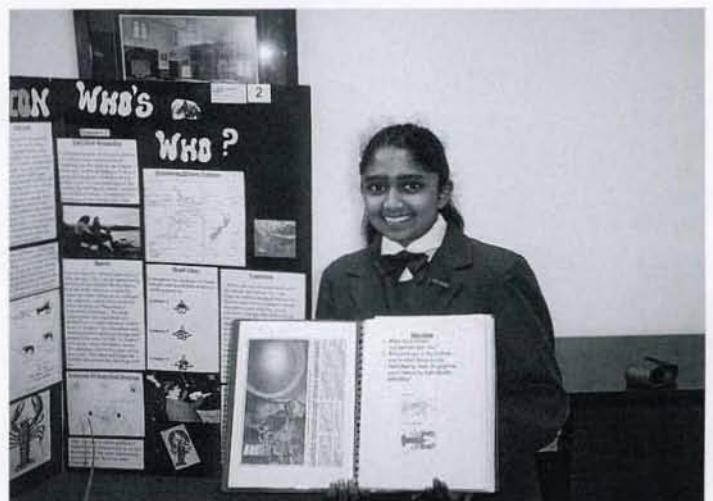
The school received around twenty entries of which eight qualified for the NIWA Regional Science Fair. This number of entries involved around 18 students working in groups individually.

Congratulations to Dharini Gopal of Year 7 whose comprehensive study on lobsters resulted in a first place in Class 1 of the NIWA Regional Science Fair held at Victoria University. Dharini's study was unique and was based on how different lobsters could be personally identified through individual features. Several other entries from St Mark's also gained special prizes this year.

St Mark's Principal, Mrs Leach, was delighted with the high standard of entries this year and, in particular, Dharini's research, which she described as outstanding.



Dharini Gopal won first in her class at the NIWA Regional Science Fair for her study about identifying lobsters.



Special Needs

The special learning needs of our students have largely been met within the classrooms through child-centred programmes and careful grouping where appropriate. However, there are occasions when students require extra support and we are fortunate to be able to provide special programmes administered by staff with expertise in the following areas.

Reading Recovery

This programme is designed for our lowest-scoring six-year-olds who, after a year of classroom instruction, have not yet mastered the basics of literacy. A Reading Recovery specialist teacher, through a daily one-to-one programme, provides the special learning needs for these children. The average time each student spends on this programme is one term. One of the many positive features of this internationally acclaimed programme is the ongoing external monitoring of student progress.

Comprehension, which has been commented on in previous years, showed a marked improvement, indicating that teachers have taken on board the fact that comprehension is the deciding factor when levelling children for instructional reading. While improvements have been made there remains a continuing concern and teachers need to maintain their push to make children realize that reading is not just "getting the words right". Fluent readers do not necessarily absorb the content of the text.

Monitoring

Ongoing monitoring by classroom teachers enables them to be in touch with the real facts as to where their children are in relation to accuracy versus comprehension. Children should never be promoted by the score alone.

Eighty per cent comprehension should be attained before promotion is considered. The use of Probe tests and the PM Bench Mark Kit has made teachers more aware of the shortcomings in comprehension in some children.

Scores were, for the first part, very pleasing with a good number of children achieving above their chronological age. It is often tempting to push these children higher. However, the range of materials for children today is huge and a broader range of genre should keep these children avid and competent readers.

Dale Sharpe and Jan Watchman

Lower School Special Needs

This year, once again, we have been fortunate to have had the expertise of Mrs M. McAlister who has been working with several of the lower school children.

Each Wednesday she has given selected pupils extra tuition in creative writing, mathematics and reading skills. It has been rewarding to see that, on many occasions, a little one-on-one help has enabled these students to gain in confidence and catch up with their peers. Pupils were selected for a variety of

reasons.

- Those who missed out on receiving reading recovery.
- Direct entries to school who had some gaps in their learning.
- Some who may have found a particular concept difficult to grasp.
- Children lacking in confidence.

Those were just a few of the criteria for selection. Mrs McAlister will be leaving this part time post at the end of 2001 to relocate to Auckland.

Margot Wilson

Kip McGrath

Our on-site Kip McGrath centre continues to be well supported by our students and their parents, with 20 Year 4-8 students taking advantage of extension programmes after school. This is a user-pays programme.

SPELD

St Mark's offers SPELD on-site for certain students with very specific learning difficulties. Their highly individualized programmes are devised as a result of an exhaustive diagnostic process and take place during school time to complement the classroom programme. This is also a user-pays facility.

ESOL

Twenty-one students, from the Preschool to Year 8, have received English language support this year. This is a user-pays facility and a qualified ESOL teacher ably delivers the lessons.

Ron Stuart

The new Kirby and Coffey Wings

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PLANS were in place for the reopening and re-dedication ceremony for the Kirby and Coffey Wings on Friday, October 12, 2001. The weather, however, had other plans. All week a huge southerly storm thwarted attempts to rehearse for the ceremony—which was due to take place outside in the playground with invited dignitaries, students, staff, parents and guests in attendance. By Thursday, the decision was made to conduct the opening ceremony in St Mark's Church. It went off without a hitch.

St Mark's has over 30 different ethnicities represented by its student population. To celebrate this diversity, students were invited to dress in their national costumes and a number of children took part in some cultural dancing. One of the groups recently won an Indian folk-dancing competition with their dance, *chappa chappa*.

Her Excellency Dame Silvia Cartwright, Governor-General of New Zealand, was greeted by St Mark's Principal Tina Leach, Board Chairman Ross Sellwood, Property Trust Chairman Rev Alister Hendery and the Right Rev Dr Tom Brown, Bishop of Wellington.

Dame Silvia was presented with flowers by St Mark's Heads of School Mia Sheldon and Peter Kandiliotis. The ceremony then began with the National Anthem. Mrs Leach and Rev Hendery talked about the redevelopment project and how positive it is for St Mark's Church School.

Parents and invited guests were delighted when the whole school sang 'New Zealand, Kainga Tūturu'. During the last verse of the song, Year 7 and 8 boys moved into the narthex of the Church to perform a very moving and most powerful haka.



Above: Some children dressed in their national costumes demonstrating cultural dancing.

Her Excellency gave an inspirational speech to St Mark's students about effort and achievement. Dame Silvia said, 'You are privileged to be learning in such a wonderful, stimulating environment. Dream your dreams, set your goals and work your hardest to make those dreams your reality.'

To conclude the ceremony, the Bishop of Wellington blessed and rededicated the Coffey and Kirby buildings and a flock of pigeons were released as a sign of peace. A tour of the now reopened school gave the Governor-General and the many guests an opportunity to see St Mark's in action.



Clockwise from top right: The new food technology suite. The Bishop of Wellington blesses and rededicates the new buildings. Dame Silvia Cartwright cuts the ribbon to the new buildings. Year 7 and 8 boys perform a haka. Students sing at the opening ceremony.

Speech & Drama



Left: Jonathan Abernethy (back to us), Patrick Durant, Mark Simpson, Tom Deacon, Nicola Crombie, Hayden Hunter. **Top right:** Year 7 students at this year's Trinity Speech and Drama examinations. **Below:** The Middle Department enjoy 'Pirate Plays' as their classroom project.



FRIENDS, ROMANS, COUNTRYMEN, lend me your ears! 'To be or not to be, that is the question.' 'All the world's a stage and all the men and women merely players.' 'Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou Romeo?'

One of the highlights of this year for our Senior Department was the Elizabethan Festival held on September 11. The performances of excerpts from five of Shakespeare's plays (*Julius Caesar*, *Hamlet*, *Antony and Cleopatra*, *As You Like It*, and *Romeo and Juliet*) followed our study on the Globe Theatre and the Elizabethan period. Students worked hard learning lines to the rhythm of Shakespeare's blank verse and there was certainly high interaction between characters! It was very rewarding to see the students have so much fun discovering Shakespeare's language and plays. Their personal feedback confirmed the value of this unit.

Comments included: 'I simply adored this experience; the dressing up, drama and excitement and feel ready to devour it all again at the first given opportunity.'

'Shakespeare is remarkable.'

'Shakespeare wrote from his heart and you had to act and play from your heart.'

'It's very different from how we live and I would do it again—it was fun.'

'I really enjoyed Excerpts from Shakespeare and am looking forward to studying more of his plays at college.'

'I learned many new things like how they spoke, what they wore and how they lived—it was really fun and I will always remember what it was like.'

Meanwhile our Middle Department were discovering the energy required for Pirate Plays which complemented their classroom projects. They thoroughly enjoyed rehearsals, especially when we began the battle scenes and even learned a little about historic discoverers along the way. Thankfully there were no scars to match Captain Hook's!

However, to have a term of successful dramatic performance there must be a focus and programme leading up to it. This year we were delighted to begin drama classes at Preschool. It has certainly been an enriching experience to help enhance students' imagination and work with them as they discover more about their feelings and senses.

One of the highlights for the year was the focus on Te Reo Kori, working with

poi and rakau, not to mention teaching the haka. The concentration and energy shown by students was just amazing.

Speech competitions continued their strong tradition within the school. We were honoured that Ms Beverley Wakem, QSO and Mr Ian Johnston could adjudicate our Upper School Speech Competition. First place in the Middle Department speeches was awarded to Madeleine Langley, followed by Adam Pouloupoulos and Robert Bromley in second and third places respectively. Patrick Durant was the winner of the Senior Department speeches followed by Peter Kandiliotis and Hayden Hunter in second and third places respectively.

In Term Three we were delighted to welcome Mrs Carole Meredith as our guest adjudicator for the Year 4 speech competition. First place was awarded to Benjamin Wierenga, second place to Suzanne McDonald and third place to Sathya Narayanan.

This year, the Lower School discovered the art of puppetry from finger puppets in Junior Department through to marionette puppets in Year 4. The children loved the opportunity to create their characters and

work with them as they developed and performed their plays.

Chapel dramas are a key feature in the Lower Department drama programme and we were delighted by the students in Years 3 and 4 performing the biblical stories. Students from our Junior Department enjoyed preparing and performing in the nativity scene at the Lower School Giving Service.

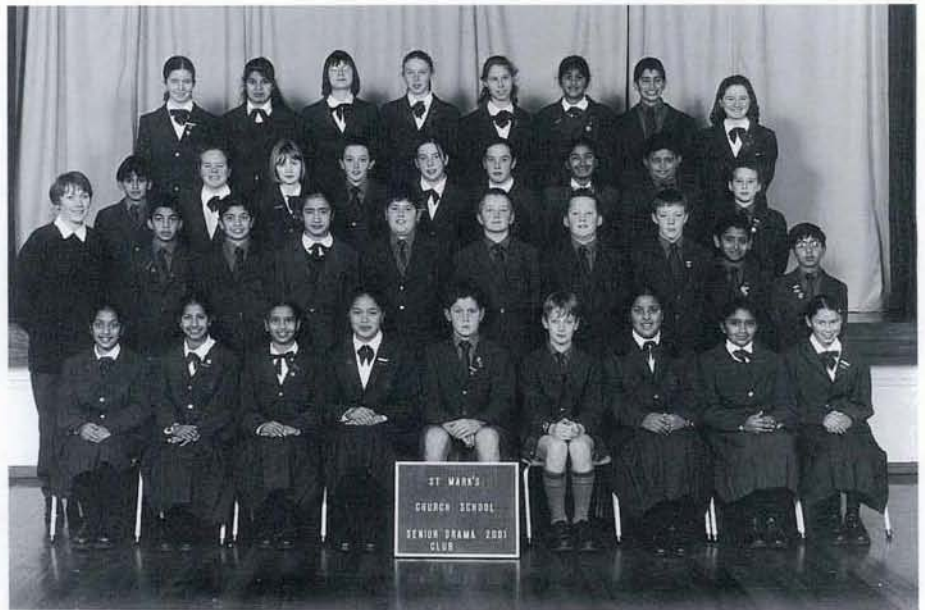
Once again Trinity College Speech and Drama examinations were held at school. Examiner Mrs Anne Brooks commented on the exciting drama programme operating throughout the school. Middle Department students prepared for their Group Performance Arts examinations. We were delighted with their personal growth and success. Many students had the opportunity to perform these dramatic presentations at the Wellington City Council Drama Festival, Out of the Hat. It was a wonderful experience for them to perform in a public arena.

The Drama Club run in lunchtimes has been extremely busy. Senior Department members also participated in the Trinity College Group Performance Arts examinations with outstanding success. They went on to perform in Television New Zealand's film *Freaky Braces* broadcast through the children's programme *What Now?*. The film crew were particularly impressed with the talent, professionalism and courtesy of our students and were delighted with the completed film.

Both Middle and Senior Department Drama Club members had fun developing and filming an advertisement for the *Fair Go* Ad Awards on the theme of 'healthy food'.

After-school speech and drama lessons continue to be well supported. Students had outstanding success in the Trinity College London examinations in June and we do appreciate the efforts of our itinerant teachers Mrs Ingrid Prossor, Miss Brigid Rennell and Miss Alexandra Cooney.

Vicki-Marie McGaughran
Speech & Drama Teacher



Senior Drama Club, 2001

Back row: Brittany Travers, Poonam Mistry, Rochelle Sharpe, Katherine Bromley, Mia Sheldon, Rushika De Silva, Pavithar Gill, Nicola Crombie.
Third row: Dinesh Ramji, Catherine Murray, Kate Middleton-Olliver, John Atkinson, Lauren Bailey, Joanne Bailey, Sonya Pratap, Bhavin Patel, Hayden Hunter.
Second row: Mrs V.-M. McGaughran, Anil Patel, Sandeep Naik, Deborah Paterson, Ali Dia, Paul Simpson, Miles Calder, Joseph Stapleton, Udayan Mukherjee, Raghav Gupta.
Front row: Suhanya Joseph, Dimple Patel, Vandana Jeram, Sian Trent, Patrick Durant, Michael Dickson, Anisha Balu, Dharini Gopal, Soniya McCartney.



Middle Drama Club, 2001

Back row: Sophie Ashworth, Kate Gill, Mrs V. McGaughran, Chara Sherwood, Madeleine Langley.
Front row: Pamela Siau, Vanessa Gray, Emily Steel, Joanna Tang, Jasmine Serepisos.

Religious Education & Chapel



Dedication of an oak tree in memory of Mrs Bessie Holland, former teacher and mother of the Rev Michael Holland and Dr Patrick Holland.

THE HIGHLIGHT of the Religious Education programme this year was moving into the RE room at the beginning of Term Four. It is great to have a dedicated room with resources at hand rather than carting books from room to room, and having space to display student work, posters and pictures related to RE lessons.

This year's Chapel Team were Anthony Yardley and Kate Bromley, and both carried out their duties efficiently ensuring that we have crucifers, acolytes, servers, readers and intercessors for our school chapel services.

On October 24, a special school eucharist was held to mark the twentieth anniversary of the ordination of the Rev Hendery as a priest.

In November, the Rev M. Holland was ordained as a priest at Wellington Cathedral, and several staff and students were present to support him on that occasion.



Left: Students with Mr Holland at his ordination service: John Atkinson, Thomas Wigglesworth, Kate Bromley, Shivang Naik, Anthony Yardley, Anil Patel, Vishal Nagar. **Below left:** Sandeep Naik puts a 'talik' on Kate Bromley during a Year 8 lesson on 'Diwali'. **Below right:** Year 7W at work in the new RE room.





Chapel Team, 2001

Back row: Anil Patel, Rakesh Champaneri, Vishal Nagar, Nadia Ormiston, Rochelle Sharpe, Mia Sheldon, Shanol Jokhan, Denzil Rickerby. **Middle row:** Kate Bromley (*Head of Chapel*), Rev M. Holland, Anthony Yardley (*Head of Chapel*). **Front row:** James Buchanan, Niranjana Naguleswaran, Joanne Bailey, Lauren Bailey, Nicola Crombie, Sandeep Naik, Robert Newson.



Junior Chapel Team, 2001

Back row: Joshua Anderson, Benjamin Wierenga, Andrew Atkinson, K. C. Hendricks. **Front row:** Elizabeth Gordon, Suzanne McDonald, Rev M. Holland, Anna Hislop, Bethany Forsythe.

Music

TWO THOUSAND AND ONE has been a challenging and exciting year for the music department. We began the year working out of the vicarage, in very cramped conditions. Ms Maud had to cart her equipment around the Junior classrooms on a trolley cleverly constructed for the purpose by Mr Holland, and Mrs Sutherland's classes filled every nook and cranny of the old vicarage's dining and living rooms. The Chapel Choir was too big to rehearse in the music room and it was definitely a squash for the orchestra. Groups of students were often to be found making music or devising actions in the vicarage garden.

The space became even more at a premium when we were given 12 keyboards no longer needed at Welling-

ton College. This was a very welcome addition to our stock of instruments. The Uniform Trust bought us a computer, which meant we now had two, and also funded the purchase of bright blue and red music satchels for the Chapel Choir. These lived in another of Mr Holland's wonderful trolleys so that they could be transported down the drive to the Church.

When moving day came in Term Four and we were able to shift the Music Department to the new and refurbished rooms it was very exciting to be able to set everything out in its proper place and really get on with the business of making music. At last we could work in groups in the new practice studios and students could hear the music they were making without having to compete with the noise from the rest of the class.

The computers have perhaps been the most eagerly awaited development in music at St Mark's. Using the music notation programme Sibelius, a significant number of students have been able to experience the satisfaction of hearing their compositions played back to them and printing most professional looking copies of their music to put in their books. This has also been accompanied by frustration as we have learnt along the way, but nobody has been deterred and some great work has been produced, with many more budding young musicians eagerly waiting to have their turn.

Despite the crowded conditions, 2001 was no less busy than any other year. We took part in the annual Artsplash Festival, with the Chapel Choir singing for other schools and senior citizens as part of

Honours' Awards

Jonathan Abernethy

Music 2001 bar for excellence in choral singing and vocal performance

Katherine Bromley

Music 2001 bar for excellence in choral singing and vocal performance

Miles Calder

Drama honours for excellence in rehearsal and performance skills

Nicola Crombie

Drama 2001 bar for excellence in rehearsal and performance skills and service to drama

Rushika De Silva

Drama honours for excellence in effective communication, rehearsal and performance skills

Michael Dickson

Drama honours for excellence in rehearsal and performance skills

Patrick Durant

Drama honours for excellence in effective communication, rehearsal and performance skills

Dharini Gopal

Music honours for excellence in choral singing and vocal performance

Vaero Hagai

Drama honours for excellence in theatrical lighting

Hayden Hunter

Drama honours for excellence in effective communication, rehearsal and performance skills

Soniya McArtney

Drama honours for excellence in rehearsal and performance skills

Kate Middleton-Olliver

Drama honours for excellence in leadership, rehearsal and performance skills

Thomas Minnee

Music honours for excellence in choral singing

Catherine Murray

Music honours for excellence in choral singing and service to music

Mia Sheldon

Drama 2001 bar for excellence in effective communication, rehearsal and performance skills

Thomas Wigglesworth

Music honours for excellence in choral singing and vocal performance

other concerts associated with Artsplash. The Chapel Singers rehearsed each week and sang most Wednesdays at Lower School Chapel. The Lower School Choir performed at assembly, and the Recorder Ensemble entertained the Lower School with Space Music. The Year 8 students studied Mediæval and Renaissance Music and every student played a piece in appropriate style at the Elizabethan Festival. We did have to use our imaginations though to turn keyboards into spinets and guitars to lutes. Of course the humble recorder was right in its time and place.

We held a Performing Arts Concert at the end of Term Two as a showcase for music and drama, and enjoyed several individual performers as well as groups.

The Chapel Choir has had a particularly successful year and deserves special

mention. As well as the performances during Artsplash they took part in the Nurses Service of Commemoration at the National War Memorial, sang at devotions during the Anglican Schools' Conference, and gave a superb performance in a concert staged by the Bel Canto Choir. After singing wonderfully at the Carol Service they managed to record several tracks the next day for a CD which we hope to make available later in 2002. Jonathan Abernethy performed as a soloist at the Bel Canto concert with Bel Canto and also at the Gala Concert with the choirs of both cathedrals during the Sacred Heart Cathedral Festival of Music. On both occasions he was a great ambassador for St Mark's. It was sad to farewell the Year 8 choir members at the end of the term as many of them had been stalwart choristers for several years.

During the year all levels of the school have been educated and entertained by various performers in and out of school. This is a very important part of the Arts Curriculum and it's good for us to see what happens out in the wider world of the Performing Arts and gives us much to which we can aspire.

Through all of this, of course, the weekly music, guitar and recorder classes have continued. It never ceases to amaze me that we pack so much into each school year, and each year is as exciting and challenging as the one before.

In 2002, we hope to begin itinerant music lessons in the new practice studios, and there will be the excitement of Festival performances to look forward to. I feel sure there will be many other challenges and, most importantly, that we will continue to enjoy meeting them.

Nicola Sutherland
Director of Performing Arts



Artsplash Choir, 2001

Back row: Deborah Paterson, Jara Allen, Poonam Mistry, Brittany Travers, Morgan Faleolo, Rushika De Silva, Sian Trent, Jessie Alexander, Cushla Hume-Merry.

Fifth row: Priya Chauhan, Hamish Faleolo, Christopher Kinghorn, Kalpana Jayanatha, Anil Patel, Hannah Focas, Marcus Gurtner, Sonya Pratap, Bhavin Patel, Anisha Balu.

Fourth row: Dinesh Patel, Adam Pouloupoulos, Hilary Neale, Kate Blellock-Rollitt, Samuel Thyne, Natasha Tollo, Soniya McCartney, Suhanya Joseph, Jonathan Emsley.

Third row: Mrs N. Sutherland, Udayan Mukherjee, Jdrah Tupai, Simon Joe, Regina Wong, Jayne Stewart, Nicola Crombie, Angela Matias, Natalie Theodoridis, Joseph Mou, Dharini Gopal, Shenari Perera.

Second row: Alexandra Johnston, Emily Steel, Jainesh Sukha, Benjamin Atkins, Rachel Rogers, Tarun Patel, Allen Tai, Dominic Forsythe, Madeleine Langley, Vanessa Gray, Catarina Sanna.

Front row: Jasmine Serepisos, Ida Chirayeth, Chandni Patel, Sophie Ashworth, Dharmesh Gordhan, Wey Liam Kong, Raymond Chan, Penelope Kandiliotis, Sheenal Jakan, Pamela Siau.

Music

Chapel Choir, 2001

Back row: Grace Kinsella, Rochelle Sharpe, Katherine Bromley, Jonathan Abernethy, David Nichols, Dane Falealili, Mia Sheldon, Poonam Mistry.

Fifth row: Jessie Alexander, Sian Trent, Rushika De Silva, Adithya Sreekumar, Morgan Faleolo, Brittany Travers, Pavithar Gill, Deborah Paterson, Clifton Lee.

Fourth row: James Birt, Angela Matias, Catherine Murray, Nicola Crombie, Kate Middleton-Olliver, Yurika Nishiyama, Simon Joe, Spyro Serepisos, Thomas Wigglesworth.

Third row: Mrs N. Sutherland, Arthur Cheung, Hayden Whelan, Ashley Cook, Jordan Mills, Thomas Minnee, Soniya Pratap, Niranjana Naguleswaran, John Atkinson, Timothy Banks, Dharini Gopal.

Second row: Sheenal Jokan, Amy Sos, Rachel Rogers, Thomas Atkins, Samuel Thyne, Udayan Mukherjee, John McDonald, Suhanya Joseph, Sophie Ashworth, Catarina Sanna.

Front row: Benjamin Atkins, Hayden Hunter, Ida Chirayeth, Bryony Morrison, Soniya McArtney, Chara Sherwood, Madeleine Langley, Yuan Chi Ngan, Samuel Sadler.



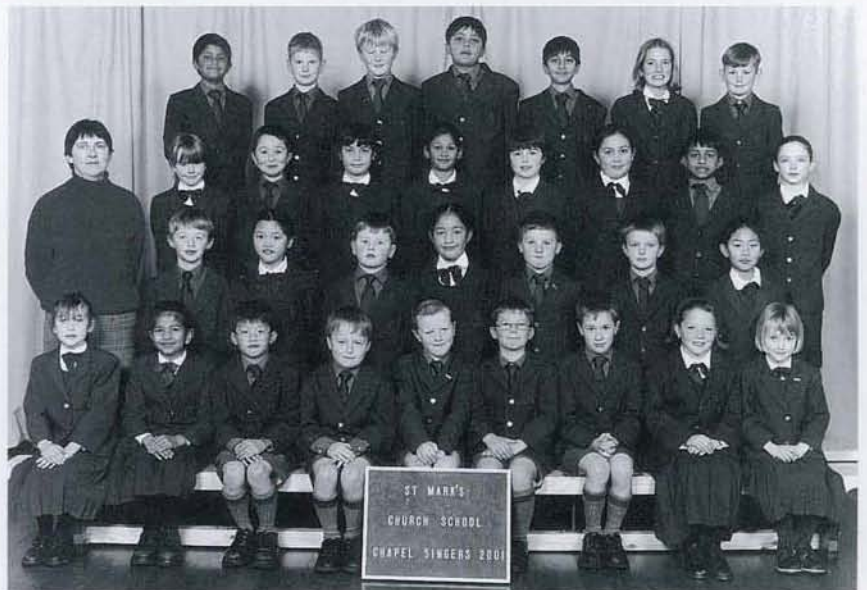
Chapel Singers, 2001

Back row: Satya Narayanan, Joshua Anderson, Callum White, Arjun Paliwal, Sameer Magan, Erin Campbell, Thomas Everden-Russell.

Third row: Mrs N. Sutherland, Amber Kay, Oliver Bennett, Sophia Sherwood, Tanisha Nagar, Suzanne McDonald, Ariana Collier, Reuben Rajendra, Tessa Ralston.

Second row: Calum Waugh, Agnes Cheung, Matthew Birt, Waiana Wright, Michael Abernethy, Drew Brown, Crystal Man.

Front row: Bethany Forsythe, Aneasha Budhia, Jade Lee, Dylan Lovering, Matthew Keay, Jed Harland, Peter Wigglesworth, Nina Harland, Susanna Middleton-Olliver.



Chamber Choir, 2001

Back row: Sian Trent, Katherine Bromley, Jonathan Abernethy, Morgan Faleolo.

Middle row: Hayden Hunter, Catherine Murray, Jordan Mills, Kate Middleton-Olliver, Nicola Crombie.

Front row: Soniya McArtney, Thomas Minnee, Mrs N. Sutherland, Hayden Wheeler, Dharini Gopal.





Lower School Choir, 2001

Back row: Thomas Everden-Russell, Seamus Ahkit-Egan, Sean Bevan, Natasha Nagar, Pryanka Gordhan.

Fourth row: Rhia Stone, Darien Howey, Ariana Collier, Chandula Wijeweera, Shanell Ramji, Oliver Syme, Amy Smith.

Third row: Chloe McLachlan, Rebecca Coutts-Lynch, Jonty D'Arcy-Smith, Alasdair Keating, Aroha Noanoa, Oliver Bennett, Jack Pedersen.

Second row: Jonathan Jeeveraj, Kajal Patel, Jeremy Tai, Nina Harland, Agnes Cheung, Olivia Harach, Bronwyn Chin.

Front row: Fiona Gurtiza, Anthea Pouloupoulos, Matthew Keay, Jade Li, Calum Waugh, James McKay, Aimee Bovey, Susanna Middleton-Olliver.



Orchestra, 2001

Back row: Anil Patel, Shanol Jokhan, Thomas Minnee, Vishal Nagar, Sandeep Nail, Osmond Bishop.

Middle row: Amanda Chan, Suhanya Joseph, Joseph Mou, Kate Middleton-Olliver, Dimple Patel, Dimitri Theodoridis.

Front row: Anisha Balu, Ida Chirayeth, Rushika De Silva, Deborah Paterson, Dharini Gopal, Neelam Bikha, Sonya Pratap.

Absent: Ms D. Maud.



Recorder Ensemble, 2001

Back row: Kate Middleton-Olliver, Deborah Paterson, Jessie Alexander, Mrs N. Sutherland.

Front row: Sian Trent, Hilary Neale, Dharini Gopal.

Sport

SPORT plays an important part in the lives of the Children at St Mark's Church School, not only for the health aspects it promotes but also for the enjoyment that players get from being involved. A variety of sporting codes have been on offer and over 50 teams have participated in the various competitions organized by local associations.

The lunchtime clubs have been in recess this year because of the building development but it is hoped that these will be introduced again in 2002.

Apart from the weekly competitions, the school offered the following events:

Term One

Flag-bearing at the International Rugby Sevens' tournament
School Swimming Sports
Central Zones' Swimming Sports
Wellington Interzone Swimming Sports
School Athletic Sports
Central Zones' summer tournament—
T-Ball and Cricket
Milo Cricket Cup

Term Two

School Cross-country Championships
Central Zones' Cross-country Championships
Wellington Interzone Cross-country Championships
Wellesley College winter exchange in hockey and soccer
Table-tennis tournament

Term Three

Central Zones' winter tournaments for Years 5-6 and 7-8

Term Four

Central Zone Athletics' Championships
Wellington Interzone Athletic Championships
Wellington Junior Tennis tournament

Honours Awards

Contribution to all Sport

Joanne Bailey
Lauren Bailey
David Nichols

The Carrying of the Flags

ST MARK'S CHURCH SCHOOL was invited to carry the flags for the International Rugby Sevens' tournament held in February at the WestpacTrust Stadium. This spanned three days and involved the carrying of the national flags in the street parade from the Government buildings to the Civic Square. The flags were also carried at the Parade of Nations held one evening during the event and, a small group of children were invited to carry the flags for the presentation of the trophies immediately after the finals in each section were played.

This event was one of the highlights of the year and was an excellent start to the sporting calendar at St Mark's Church School.

Athletics

The School Athletic Championships were again held in March and every child contributed in some way to the success of these sports. The format was similar to that of 2000, with house points being awarded for both participation and individual placings.

From the results, a team of 53 competitors was selected to represent the school at the Central Zones' event. With the council intentions to replace the track at Newtown Park, this event was transferred to Nairnville Park, also the venue for

Wellington Interzones. The place-getters from the zones' event were selected to represent the zone and the school at the Interzones, an event where the best athletes from the five zones compete against each other. The competition is of a high standard and our congratulations must be extended to David Nichols, Vaero Hagai, Dane Falealili, Hayden Whelan and Conor Bartosh who all gained individual placings, and also to the Year 8 girls who were placed in the relay event.

Netball

The season was the same as any other. Early morning wake-ups on Saturdays, cold and wet weather, and seven brave St Mark's children running and leaping around the court while chasing a round ball, all enjoying themselves.

Six teams were entered into the Motu Kairangi competition and these were graded according to their results over the first four weeks. The teams competed fairly and displayed good sportsmanship despite the outcome. The Lions team had a very successful season, winning their division of the Year 8 grade.

For the first time at St Mark's, Year 3 players were introduced to the game. A skills' programme based at school

operated during Term Three and this finished with an exciting game against Island Bay School.

Many thanks must go to all the coaches who gave the time to nurture the players in this sport and to Mrs Harris and Elizabeth Murray who assisted with the umpiring duties each week.

Representative Honours
Courtenay Harris

Honours Award
Jayne Stewart



Netball—Lions, 2001

Back row: Gemma Sowry, Mia Sheldon, Cushla Hume-Merry, Mrs A. Lavin (*coach*).
Front row: Maria Koroniadis, Courtenay Harris, Catherine Murray, Katerina Halikias, Amy Sos.



Netball—Leopards, 2001

Back row: Mrs W. Foster-O'Sullivan (*coach*), Melissa Naik, Natasha Nagar, Khushbu Ishwer, Elizabeth Gordon, Mrs J. Forsythe (*manager*). **Front row:** Bethany Forsythe, Nina Harland, Tessa Ralston, Courtney Young, Sonali Chauhan.



Netball—Panthers, 2001

Back row: Mrs A. Lavin (*coach*), Dharini Gopal, Tabatha Atoa-Jakobs, Sian Trent, Jessie Alexander, Mrs B. Neale (*manager*). **Front row:** Suhanya Joseph, Dimple Patel, Rochelle Sharpe, Margaret Chan, Hilary Neale.



Netball—Jaguars, 2001

Back row: Sophie Scott, Maria Moran, Rushika De Silva, Kalpana Jayanatha, Mrs S. Steward (*coach*). **Front row:** Ashleigh Young, Regina Wong, Anisha Balu, Jayne Stewart, Soniya McCartney.



Netball—Cougars, 2001

Back row: Kate Blellock-Rollitt, Chara Sherwood, Sophie Ashworth, Mrs S. Gray (*coach*). **Front row:** Melissa Naik, Madeleine Langley, Rachel Rogers, Vanessa Gray, Emily Steel.



Netball—Meercats, 2001

Back row: Natasha Tollo, Kate Gill, Reena Patel, Mrs K. Johnston (*coach*). **Front row:** Jasmine Serepisos, Alexandra Johnston, Catarina Sanna. **Absent:** Olivia Calman.

Cricket

Ten teams entered the Wellington competition under the umbrella of the Wellington Collegians' Junior Cricket Club. Many St Mark's players from Years 5 to 8 have been selected to represent the club at the annual Hastings Tournament over the summer holidays.

The school entered the Milo Cup for the first time. This is a national intermediate-age competition, initially played in zones. The St Mark's team was drawn to play Karori Normal School, which we eventually lost in a bowl-out.

My thanks must be extended to all coaches and managers and also to the Collegians committee.

Representative Honours

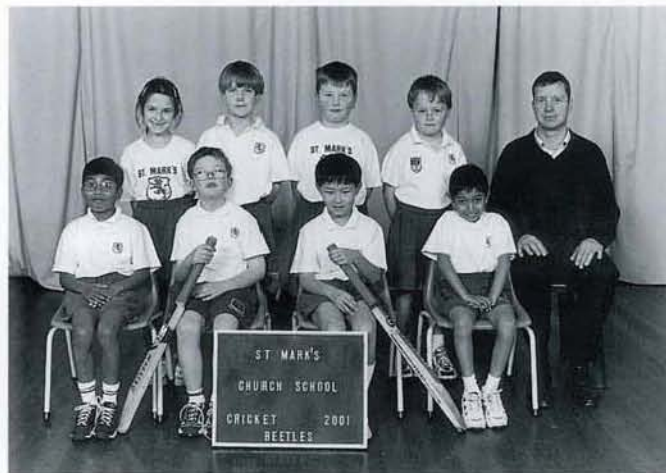
Wellington A—Alexander Harden, Patrick Whelan

Wellington B—Marcus Gurtner, Bhavesh Rama

Awards

Upton Cricket Trophy

Vishal Nagar



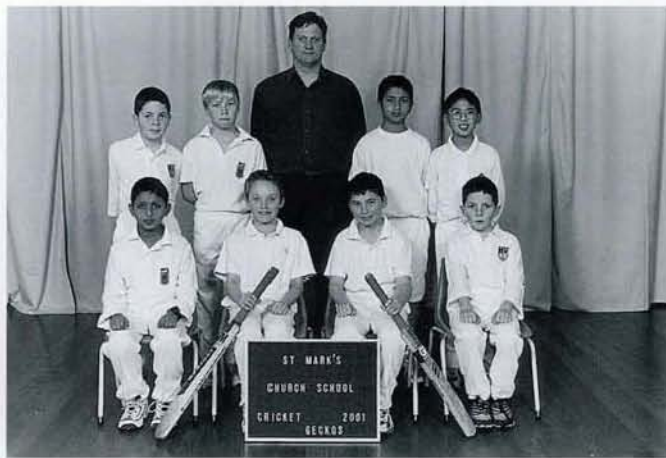
Cricket—Beetles, 2001

Back row: Anthea Pouopoulos, Alexander Giuroli, Matthew Birt, Dylan Lovering, Mr B. Christani (*coach*). **Front row:** James McMillan, Jevon Fulbrook, Andrew Ang, Jonathan Jeevaraj.



Cricket—Tigers, 2001

Back row: Mrs R. McDonald (*coach*), Suzie McDonald, Callum White, K. C. Hendricks, Mr G. White (*co-coach*). **Front row:** Jade Li, Alexander Royfee, Peter Wigglesworth.



Cricket—Geckos, 2001

Back row: Alexander Roberts-Gray, Conor Bartosh, Mr G. Forsythe (*coach*), Priyesh Patel, Wey Liam Kong. **Front row:** Bhavesh Rama, Dominic Forsythe, Patrick Rodbourn, Nicholas Roberts-Gray. **Absent:** Andrew Newson.



Cricket—Tuataras, 2001

Back row: Wilson McKay, Mihir Desai, Michael Royfee, Jay Patel, Thomas Wigglesworth, James Birt, Mr N. Royfee (*coach*). **Front row:** Adam Pouloupoulos, Tom Atkins, Krishna Patel, John McDonald, Yuan Chi Ngan.



Cricket—Kiwis, 2001

Back row: Timothy Banks, Ben Nansett, Anil Patel, Nadia Ormiston, Lauren Bailey, Shea Thomson, Mr P. Whelan (*coach*). **Front row:** Alexander Harden, Joanne Bailey, Marcus Gurtner, Patrick Whelan, Andrew Lamb.

Badminton

Badminton is a popular sport and with the continuation of the coaching through the afternoon sports' programme the standard of play is improving.

In the past the Wellington Badminton Association has organized an eight-week competition in both Terms Two and Four. With the promotion of the administrator, only the Term Two competition was available and the school entered six teams. Many children were much younger than their intermediate age competitors but despite this had some success and gained much

satisfaction from participating. Congratulations to the number one team who won this competition.

On behalf of the players I would like to thank Mrs Helen Murray and Mrs Kath Bailey who assisted with the supervision of the teams.

Representative Honours

Niranjan Naguleswaran

Thomas Atkins



Badminton, 2001

Back row: Niranjan Naguleswaran, Lauren Bailey, Richard Spring, James Steel, Cushla Hume-Merry, Anthony Yardley, Joanne Bailey.

Third row: Christopher Mitchell, Kalpana Jayanatha, Nadia Ormiston, Vaero Hagai, Peter Kandiliotis, Thomas Minnee, Patrick Whelan.

Second row: Sohan Dahya, Dinesh Ramji, Dimple Patel, Mihir Desai, Michael Royfee, Adam Taylor, Natalie Theodoridis, Tom Atkins, Andrew Lamb, Mrs A. Lavin (*manager*).

Front row: Ben Atkins, Adam Pouloupoulos, Jayne Stewart, Yurika Nishiyama, Ben Chapman, Catherine Murray, Dimitri Theodoridis, Emily Steel.

Cross-country

The school cross-country was held in May at MacAlister Park. The competitors were transported to the park by bus and once again were able to compete in one of two courses.

The first five boys and girls from each year group were selected to represent the school at the Central Zone championships. This event was held over the same course and the zone then selected a team to represent the zone and the school at the Wellington Interzone championships. Thirty-eight runners were selected to compete at this event and several were placed in the first ten in their year group.

Cross-country training sessions have continued on Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes and those who attended, despite the many cancellations because of bad weather, reaped the benefits of this training. On behalf of these children, I would like to thank Mr Dave Banks who gave so generously of his time to train these athletes.

School Cross-country Champions

Lower Department

Suzie McDonald, Andrew Atkinson

Middle Department

Cushla Hume-Merry, Michael Royfee

Senior Department

Lauren Bailey, Christopher Mitchell

Awards

St Mark's Trophy

Cushla Hume-Merry, Michael Royfee

Wellington Harrier Club Cup

Lauren Bailey

Stephanie Wilson Cup

Christopher Mitchell

Cross-country, 2001

Back row: Paul Simpson, Tom Deacon, Kate Bromley, David Nichols, Nadia Ormiston, Hannah Shillson, Gemma Sowry, Christopher Mitchell.

Fourth row: Soniya McCartney, Cushla Hume-Merry, Arthur Cheung, Isaac O'Connor, Timothy Banks, Kate Middleton-Olliver, Keiichi Nguyen, Dimple Patel.

Third row: Mr D. Banks (*coach*), John Atkinson, Tanesha Dahya, Denzil Rickerby, Sian Trent, Patrick Durant, Lauren Bailey, Marcus Gurtner, Joanne Bailey, Dominic Forsythe.

Second row: Reuben Rajendra, Patrick Rodburn, Ashleigh Young, Thomas Wigglesworth, Michael Royfee, Jayne Stewart, Hillary Neale, Mihir Desai, Erin Campbell, Chloe McLaughlin, Mrs A. Lavin (*manager*).

Front row: Tessa Ralston, Olliver Bennett, Andrew Atkinson, John McDonald, Yuan Chi Ngan, Amy Sos, Suzie McDonald, Alexander Royfee, Catarina Sanna.



Swimming

A few days after the Christmas holidays, the school swimming sports were held at the Aquatic Centre in Kilbirnie. The pool was filled with swimmers and the air was filled with house chants, encouraging the swimmers to swim their best to gain the extra house points on offer for gaining a place.

Two thousand and one was the first year that the swimmers could compete to break the newly established records and our congratulations must be extended to the following: Dominic Forsythe, Alexander Roberts-Gray, Jayne Stewart, John Atkinson and Gemma Sowry.

From the school sports, a team of 44 children competed in the Central Zone Championships. The place-getters then represented the zone, and the school, at the Wellington Interzone



event where St Mark's experienced success in both individual and relay events. Congratulations to the place-getters—Andrew Atkinson, John Atkinson, Dominic Forsythe, Joseph Stapleton, Jayne Stewart and the Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 boys' relay teams.

Honours Awards

John Atkinson
Dominic Forsythe

Awards

Michael Sorenson Cup
John Atkinson

Swimming, 2001

Back row: Lauren Bailey, Tanesha Dahiya, Courtenay Harris, Jeramie Harden, Cushla Hume-Merry, Denzil Rickerby, Ben Nansett, John Atkinson. **Third row:** Marcus Gurtner, Joanne Bailey, Hannah Shillson, Dimitru Matias, Gemma Sowry, Joseph Stapleton, Isaac O'Connor, Arthur Cheung. **Second row:** Sam Shillson, Natasha Tollo, Rafaella Sanna, Jayne Stewart, Samuel Thyne, Andrew Atkinson, Dominic Forsythe, Olliver Bennett, Mrs A. Lavin. **Front row:** Courtney Young, Ashleigh Young, Raghav Gupta, Wilson McKay, Alexander Roberts-Gray, Nicholas Roberts-Gray, Catarina Sanna, Amber Kay.

Basketball

Two teams, one boys' (Asteroids), and one girls' (Lakers), entered the Wellington Basketball Association competition which competed throughout Terms Two and Three.

The number of teams entered into each of these grades was disappointing but this did not detract from the standard of play. The Asteroids team went through the competition unbeaten and, despite a few nervous moments in the final against Mt Cook, came out as the winners of the Form II grade.

The Lakers team improved throughout the season to become the runners-up in the Form II girls' grade. I would like to thank the coaches for the time they gave to the players throughout the season.

New Zealand Representative Honours

Jordan Mills

Honours Award

Jordan Mills



Basketball—Asteroids, 2001

Back row: Jordan Mills, Sandeep Naik, Robert Lawton. **Front row:** Jonathan Abernethy, David Nichols, James Steel. **Absent:** Max Howe.



Basketball—Lakers, 2001

Back row: Gemma Sowry, Cecilia Gilbert-Manava. **Front row:** Deborah Paterson, Nadia Ormiston, Amy Sos. **Absent:** Hannah Focas.

Flippaball

Flippaball is played all year round and St Mark's has entered teams into each of the term competitions, with two teams entered in Term 3. All enjoyed success and the more experienced players have encouraged and assisted with the development of the younger players.

My thanks must go to Ms Rose Gibson and Mrs Sandy Stewart who have coached and managed the teams throughout the year.

Water-polo

Two teams were entered into the Wellington Water-polo Board competition which runs over Terms One and Four. After a grading round in the first term, all teams were ranked and competed for competition honours in the fourth term. The A grade team was placed in the second section of the competition and the D grade team, consisting of Years 5 and 6 players, were placed in the C grade competition and were winning most of the games at this level.

Our thanks must go to Ms Lisa Chapman, Mrs Sandy Stewart and Mrs Jo Barry who have managed and coached the teams throughout this competition.

Awards

Glen Moyle Trophy
Gemma Sowry

Ogilvie-Lee Cup
Alexander Harden



Flippaball—Division 1, 2001

Back row: Wilson McKay, Patrick Whelan, Ben Nansett, Alexander Harden, Mrs S. Stewart (*coach*). **Front row:** Jayne Stewart, Cushla Hume-Merry, Natalie Theodoridis.



Waterpolo—A Grade, 2001

Back row: Isaac O'Connor, Ben Nansett, Jeramie Harden, Marcus Gurtner, Alexander Harden. **Front row:** Hannah Shillson, Coutenay Harris, Lauren Bailey, Joanne Bailey, Gemma Sowry.



Flippaball—Division 2, 2001

Back row: Andrew Bowman, Jayne Stewart, Kate Gill, Natalie Theodoridis, Conor Bartosh, Ms R. Gibson (*coach*). **Front row:** Joanna Tang, Hannah Focas, Cushla Hume-Merry, Tessa Ralston, Amber Kay.



Waterpolo—D Grade, 2001

Back row: Anthony Harach, Alexander Harden, Jayne Stewart, Dominic Forsythe, Mrs S. Stewart (*manager*). **Front row:** Marcus Gurtner, Wilson McKay, Ben Nansett. **Absent:** Sam Shillson.

Soccer

The close association with the Olympic Soccer Club has continued with 2001 providing nine soccer teams. There were many successes, most notably the 12th grade team who won the second division of that grade, and the 7th grade Lions who were undefeated by the end of the season.

On behalf of the players, I would like to thank Mr Jason Ward for his contribution to the coordination of soccer within the school, to the Olympic Soccer Club for their contribution to the success of this season and to all coaches who supported the players throughout the season.

Representative Honours

Joanne Bailey
Lauren Bailey
Kate Bromley

Soccer Trophy

David Nichols



Soccer—13th Grade, 2001

Back row: Jeramie Harden, Jonathan Abernethy, David Nichols, Richard Spring, Niranjan Naguleswaran, Mr J. Servos (coach). **Front row:** Denzil Rickerby, Joanne Bailey, Thomas Minnee, Lauren Bailey, James Buchanan.



Soccer—12th Grade, 2001

Back row: Robert Lawton, Sandy Hislop, Hannah Shillson, Kate Bromley, Marcus Gurtner, Shea Thomson, Mr J. Ward (coach). **Front row:** Jara Allen, Timothy Banks, Dane Falealili, John McDonald, Michael Royfee. **Absent:** Emmanuelle Papadopoulos, Christopher Blackburn.



Soccer—11th Grade Lions, 2001

Back row: Adam Papadopoulos, Cody Sage, Jay Patel, Patrick Whelan, Basil Serepisos, Thomas Wigglesworth. **Front row:** Catarina Sama, Robert Liu, Wilson McKay, Peter Kandiliotis, Dharmesh Gordhan. **Absent:** Marcus Hunter, Mr C. Leach (coach).



Soccer—9th Grade Lions, 2001

Back row: Andrew Atkinson, Spyro Serepisos, Erin Campbell, Ms E. Robinson (coach). **Front row:** Crystal Man, Suzie McDonald, Joshua Anderson, Alasdair Keating, K. C. Hendricks.



Soccer—8th Grade Lions, 2001

Back row: Sophia Sherwood, Aroha Noanoa, Ariana Collier, Mr S. Wypych (coach). **Front row:** Jade Li, Jack Pedersen, James Wypych. **Absent:** Darian Howey, Matthew Searle.



Soccer—8th Grade Kiwis, 2001

Back row: Oliver Syme, Rhia Stone, Michael Abernethy, Mr E. Keay (*coach*).
Front row: Matthew Keay, Jed Harland, James White, James McMillan, Jonathan Jeevaraj.



Soccer—8th Grade Jaguars, 2001

Back row: Jonty D'Arcy-Smith, Callum White, Alexander Royfee, Mr A. Fulbrook (*coach*).
Front row: Jevon Fulbrook, Alexander Giuroli, Peter Wigglesworth, Andrew Ang, Dylan Lovering.

Soccer—7th Grade Lions, 2001

Back row: Tristan Wiles, Andrew Graham, Mr J. Serepisos (*coach*).
Front row: Jordan Letoa, Jonathan Kotrotsos, Thomas Serepisos.
Absent: Luc Ferry, Harrison Roberts-Gray.

Soccer—7th Grade Kiwis, 2001

Back row: James Calcott, Harrison Lau-Young, Nicholas De Silva, Mr C. Calcott (*coach*).
Front row: Oliver Sadler, Joseph Percy, Blake Highet.

Soccer—7th Grade Jaguars, 2001

Back row: Timmy Junkjohn, Fraser Hughson, Callum Bonniface.
Front row: Kayne Hosie, Matthew De Maggio, Max Duncan, Mr B. Makis (*coach*).

Hockey

At the end of last season, many players left for secondary school and the start of this season saw many new players taking the field for the first time. One team was entered into the local B grade competition and after a shaky start, developed into a good working unit to win the second section of the competition.

Our thanks must go to Jainesh Patel who assisted with the weekly umpiring duties and to Reverend Michael Holland and Miss Hannah Fairburn for coaching and managing the team.

Honours Award
 Vishal Nagar



Hockey, 2001

Back row: Mr Michael Holland (*coach*), Udayan Mukherjee, George Lourantos, Peter Kandiliotis, Anil Patel, John Atkinson, Rafaela Sanna, Sunil Patel, Miss H. Fairburn (*co-coach*).
Front row: Dimitri Theodoridis, Shivang Naik, Vishal Nagar, Shanol Jokhan, Sohan Dahya.

Table Tennis

A lack of venue because of the building development meant that the lunchtime table tennis club was unable to operate in 2001. This did not prevent the school entering the annual Wellington Table Tennis Association tournament for primary and intermediate age children. Six teams were entered into the teams event which was followed by an individual event and there were many successes throughout the day. The team consisting of Niranjana Naguleswaran, Jeramie Harden and Hamish McLeod were runners-up in the teams event while Osmond Bishop won the plate section of the individual competition.

On behalf of the competitors, I would like to thank Mrs Kath Bailey and Miss Ruth Patterson for their assistance at this event.



Table Tennis, 2001

Back row: Mrs C. Bailey (*manager*), Jeramie Harden, Kate Bromley, Vaughan Montgomery, David Nichols, Richard Spring, Osmond Bishop, Hayden Whelan, Jordan Mills.
Front row: Arthur Cheung, Lauren Bailey, Niranjana Naguleswaran, Joanne Bailey, Catherine Murray.

Outdoor Education

Camp Akatarawa

Camp Akatarawa—an isolated sanctuary, perfect for the annual Year 7 camp.

We arrived bubbling with excitement and unloaded our bags into our cabins, chattering and negotiating which bunk we would sleep in for the week.

Our first activity would be a scenic walk to Staglands—a beautiful nature reserve three kilometres down the road. Once every one was mustered together we began our trek around Staglands looking at various birds and having rides on the mini flying-fox.

After the expedition we were rewarded with a refreshing swim in the pool. It became a bit chaotic once all 60 kids had hopped into the pool, but we managed to cool off and have some fun.

On the second day of camp the activity was kayaking. Before the day was over I was saturated due to intentional splashes from members of my group. Everyone ended up wet anyway by going for a swim afterwards. Later that day we discovered a tyre swing over the dam from where we went kayaking. We had the choice of swimming in the river or the pool (the river was definitely colder).

Wednesday was quite low-key as we had a quiet cooking session. There was a cookie competition that Mr Jones was judging, but unfortunately a piece of our creation disappeared *mysteriously*.

The next activity was “bush skills”. Various people were blindfolded and guided to a set destination. I was instructed to walk up a steep narrow pathway covered in bushes. The end result was me tripping over a tree stump and painfully bruising my leg.

That evening we had the traditional “nightline”. I volunteered to be the leader for the girls as we walked through bog, forest floor and bramble. A warm hot chocolate awaited us on our return.

Thursday was option day and we had the choice of swimming, kayaking, trampolining, games, or conquering the 14 m high flying-fox. I chose swimming followed by the flying-fox. The flying-fox was definitely a challenge for some people, but for me it was exciting as I soared across the lush field, screaming while the wind blew through my hair.

Friday was “clean-up” day and all hands were on deck in the morning—my job



being to sweep out the cabins. We later had a game of Chinese whispers during which we could hear the rumbling of bus engines and we knew that our week at Camp Akatarawa was finally drawing to a close. On the bus ride back to school I thought of the memorable times I had shared with friends, all the activities I had participated in and the happy chatting around the dinner table. Camp Akatarawa was a wonderful experience.

Brittany Travers, Year 7



Top: Marcus, Wilson and Danny trying their hand at kayaking. **Above:** Tom Atkins on the flying fox.

Reflections on El Rancho Camp

Orienteering was great but it was a struggle. My group was the first to go and we managed to hit the end with help from Mr Holland.

The confidence course was challenging and everyone made it without any injuries. Mrs Whelan was very helpful but I wasn't confident to I missed out all the tyres.

Indoor rock climbing was the best but I didn't reach the top of any walls. I tried, and Mr Aitkins, Tim and Tessa all supported me, but I was too afraid to go higher. I still enjoyed it as much as anything.

Team Initiative was so hard yet enjoyable. It should be called brain teasers because it totally teased my brain. Mr Heaton was so clever and helped us so much.

Kayaking was so entertaining it could have been turned into a comedy show because of the amount of times we lost our paddles and did really silly things.

Flying-fox was too high but I still gave it a go. Tom and I had a screaming competition.

The mudslide was excellent. It was the highlight of the camp but I disliked the mud and stickiness.

Year 6 camp was amazing. There was more excitement than I ever thought there would be.

Hannah Focas, Year 6

*We extend
a warm welcome to
the following pupils
who have joined
the school
during the year.*

Joshua Anderson
Adriel Ang
Isham Azad
Kailash Bahirathan
Malith Batuwantudawe
Callum Boniface
Mikaela Bovey
Uli Brodie
Harry Calcott
Lachlan Cassidy-Rowse
Roanna Chan
Dylan Chong
Martin Clark
Hannah Clayton
Hohaia Collier
Kouri Collier
Alice Cooke
Bethan Crombie
Bashir Davis
Ann de Maggio
Matthew de Maggio
Aida Economu
James Ellwood
Jonathon Emsley
Brittany Eng
Morgan English
Cameron Fleming
Emma Fulbrook
Matthew Fung
William Gibson
Krishaan Gordhan
Karl Grebe

Lily Grebe
Anastasia Hagai
Annabelle Hammond
Jonathan Harris
Thomas Heaton
Anna Hislop
Lauren Holloway
Felicity Hopkinson
Tiffany Huang
Grace Hughson
Cushla Hume-Merry
Joshua Joe
Alasdair Keating
Krishn Kumar
Ching-Hei Kwok
Ivan Kwok
Hena Malhotra
Isabella Malloch
William Martin
Michaela McBride
Barnaby McIntosh
Fay McIntosh
Felix Meo
Alec Allen
Andrew Morse
Joseph Mou
Isham Mukherjee
Francis Natoli
Jayme Natoli
Joseph Natoli
Isaac O'Connor
Kate O'Meeghan

Shaan Pama
Meera Patel
Neesha Patel
Priya Patel
Mednoon Pattanachote
William Pereira
Ranisha Perera
Brooke Quirk
Alex Reeves
Alex Saini
Robert Sangalli
Sachin Sarin
Samuel Scott
Zachary Serepisos
Ronald Shearman
Pamela Siau
Matthew Sisson
Max Syme
Yukie Tan
Christian Tuveve-Aiono
Sazia Vintiner
Zeenat Vintiner
Henry Wang
Chandula Wijeweera
Sam Wilton
Hannah Withers
Thomas Wu
Elizabeth Wycliffe
James Wypych
Ashlee Young
David Zhou

*We extend
our best wishes
to the following
Year 8 pupils
and wish them
every success
at college.*

Jonathan Abernethy
Joanne Bailey
Lauren Bailey
Moray Bevan
Osmond Bishop
Katherine Bromley
James Buchanan
Miles Calder
Jethro Carr
Peter Carras
Rakesh Champaneri
Charis Chu
Ashley Cook
Nicola Crombie
Thomas Deacon
Patrick Durant
Kaynonia Gilbert-Manava
Vaero Hagai
Katerina Halikias
Jeramie Harden
Hayden Hunter
Vandana Jeram

Shanol Jokhan
Peter Kandiliotis
Jiravat Kiatphuangchai
Grace Kinsella
Jared Knowsley
Maria Koroniadis
Clifton Lee
George Lourantos
Dimitru Matias
Hamish McLeod
Thomas Minnee
Poonam Mistry
Christopher Mitchell
Vaughan Montgomery
Catherine Murray
Vishal Nagar
Niranjan Naguleswaran
Sandeep Naik
Shivang Naik
Krishna Naran
Robert Newson

Keiichi Nguyen
David Nichols
Nadia Ormiston
Anil Patel
Dimple Patel
Denzil Rickerby
Jamie Robinson
Rochelle Sharpe
Mia Sheldon
Hannah Shillson
Mark Simpson
Paul Soulis
Gemma Sowry
Richard Spring
Adithya Sreekumar
Joseph Stapleton
James Steel
Adam Taylor
Dimitri Theodoridis
Graeme van den Beld
Anthony Yardley

Prizegiving 2001

Dux of St Mark's Church School

Peter Kandiliotis

Jane Gillies Memorial Prize for

Proxime Accessit

Hayden Hunter

Maddeley Memorial Prize for Third in Year 8

Thomas Minnee

Special Prizes

Board Bursaries

Robert Bromley (internal)

Alexandra Harris (external)

Board Scholarships for 2002

Adam Pouloupoulos

Thomas Wigglesworth

Vicar's Award for Contribution to Chapel Life

Katherine Bromley

Anthony Yardley

Jonathan Soulis Memorial Prize

for Endeavour

Vishal Nagar

Annie Holm Memorial Prize

for Service to the School

Peter Kandiliotis (Head of Lower School)

Mia Sheldon (Head of Upper School)

A. J. Grey Cup for Excellence in Sport

David Nichols (Senior Boys)

Joanne and Lauren Bailey (Senior Girls)

School Supplies' Cup for Highest House

Points

West Watson

St Mark's Sports' Shield

Julius

Chess Cup

Thomas Atkins

Hope Cup for Team Spirit and Sportsmanship

Rakesh Champaneri

2001 Australian School of Computer Studies

Medal Winner

Peter Kandiliotis

Buckthought Cup for Art (50th Anniversary)

Osmond Bishop

Clarkson Music Cup for Excellence in Music, Year 8

Jeramie Harden

Clift Cup for Drama

Mia Sheldon

Fulton Liberal Arts' Cup for Excellence in

Music and English

Shanol Jokhan

Janson Cup for Speech

Patrick Durant

Old Pupils' Rosebowl for Arts & Language

Hayden Hunter

Claire Egarr Cup for Service to the St Mark's family

David Nichols

Clive Gaby Ibbotson Cup for Thoughtfulness and Helpfulness

Anil Patel

Kirby Memorial Cup for Student Who Has

Gained Most from His/Her Education at St Mark's

Jethro Carr

Partridge Cup for Thoughtfulness and

Helpfulness

Catherine Murray

Lang Cup for Mathematics

Niranjan Naguleswaran

Stringer Cup for Science

Thomas Minnee

Jaimon Cup for Instrumental Music in Year 7

Suhanya Joseph

Huffam Cup for Endeavour in Year 7

Jessie Alexander

Judith Bydder Cup for Example in Sport

Marcus Gurtner

Friends' Trophy for Sport in Middle School

Cushla Hume-Merry

Chapman Cup for Speech

Madeleine Langley

Chapman Cup for Excellence in Class Music in Year 6

Thomas Wigglesworth

Richard Janson Tray for Excellence in Speech and Drama, to the Student Attaining the

Highest Marks in the Trinity Examination

Rachel Rogers

Parents' Association Cup for Consistent

Endeavour in the Middle School

Roshini Patel

Divinity

Bishop's Prize for Divinity

Katherine Bromley

Class Prizes for Divinity

Anil Patel (Year 8)

Jessie Alexander (Year 7)

Bryony Morrison (Year 6)

Ida Chirayath (Year 5)

Maudley Memorial Prize for Religious

Education in the Middle School

Thomas Wigglesworth

Prizegiving 2001

Year 8

General Excellence

**Osmond Bishop
Katherine Bromley
Hayden Hunter
Peter Kandiliotis
Thomas Minnee**

Year 7

General Excellence

**Jessie Alexander
Arthur Cheung
Kate Middleton-Olliver
Brittany Travers**

Highly Commended

**Dharini Gopal
Suhanya Joseph
Soniya McArtney
Maria Moran
Udayan Mukherjee
Deborah Paterson
Elizabeth Tsikanovski**

Year 6

General Excellence

**John McDonald
Bryony Morrison
Adam Pouloupoulos
Thomas Wigglesworth**

Year 5

General Excellence

Kate Gill

Diligence

Caterina Sanna

Class Photographs



Preschool 1

Back row: Mr J. Ward, Rosemary Keay, Felix Meo, Sazia Vintiner, Natasha Stewart, Paris Bertos, Ashlee Young, Cameron Fleming, Rashaad Azam, Mrs M. Sharpe.

Middle row: Mrs H. Bevan, Nathanael Loong, Joshua Pinnell-Diplock, Jasmine Brown, Christian Tuveve-Aiono, Alice Cooke, William Martin, Mitchell Anderson, Sachien Budhia, Mrs C. Hurd.

Front row: Tyler Poysden, Krishan Gorhan, Neesha Patel, Alexander Reeves, Lachlan Cassidy-Rowse, Krishn Kumar, Ishan Mukherjee, Brittany Eng.

Absent: Hena Malhotra, Georgia Borthwick, Matthew Fung.

Preschool 2

Back row: Mrs A. Heath, Lachlan Waugh, Daisy Heremaia, Chyanne Bevan, Daniel Petrovich, Christina Cunningham, Ruby Harland.

Middle row: Mrs H. Bevan, Zeenat Vintiner, Hamesh Patel, Poonam Patel, Mark Phillips, Josephine Surridge, Jonathan Lane, Mrs M. Storey.

Front row: Herman So, Ho Sze Bing, James McKnight, William Su, Milan Hirah, Madison Young.

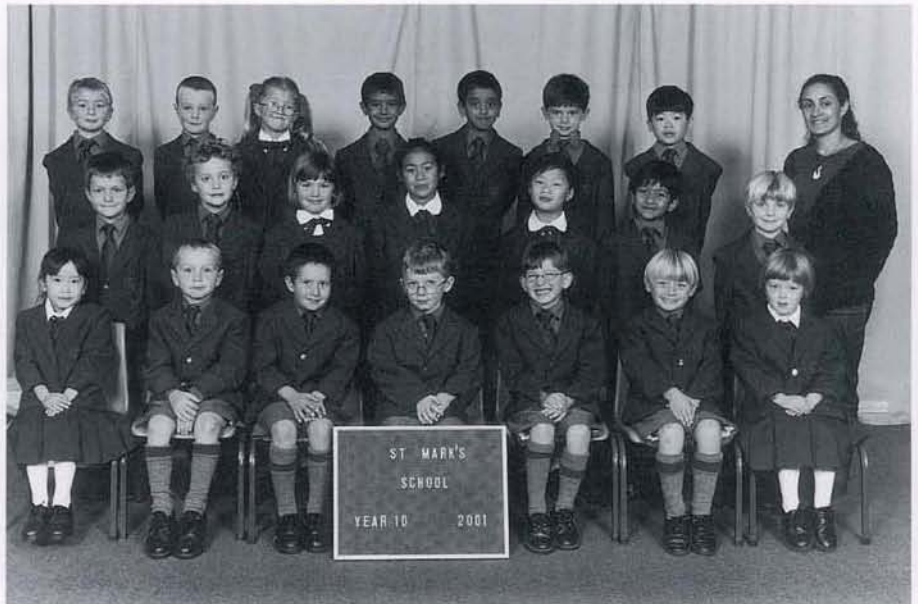


Year 1 D'Souza

Back row: Joseph Natoli, Ollie Sadler, Amy Bennett, Rohil Singh, Kailash Bahirathan, Nicholas De Silva, Aaron Chan, Miss S. D'Souza.

Middle row: Harry Brown, Jack Foot, Adele Etcheverry, Juanita Falealili, Jessica Su, Jayson Patel, Joseph Percy.

Front row: Georgia Eng, Joshua Bartosh, Mark McIntosh, Thomas Wood, Shea McBride, Samuel Wilton, Sasha Hayman.



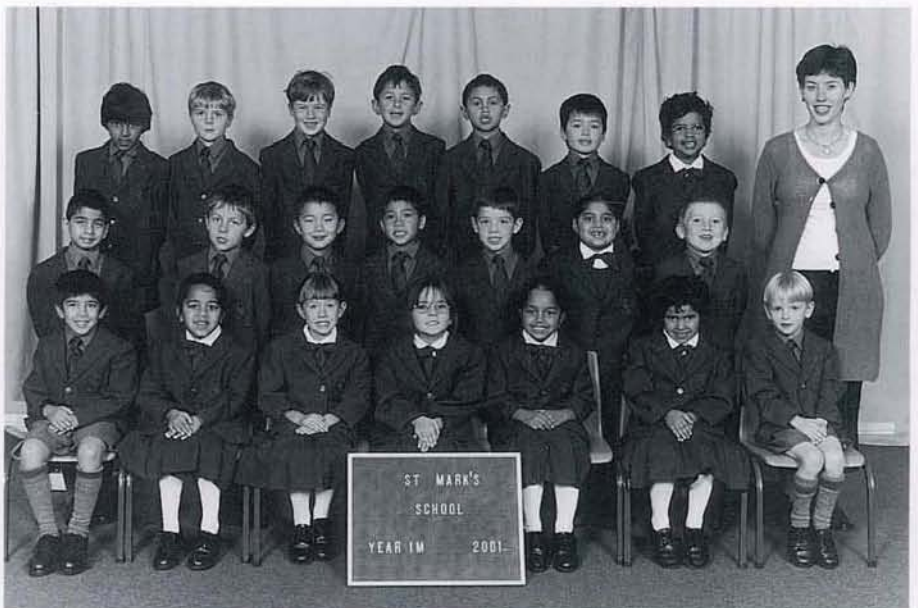
Year 1 Martin

Back row: Krishnaan Gopal, Christopher Bowman, Harrison Lyon, Harrison Lau Young, Bradley Banks, Aidan Brock, Shanni De Silva, Miss M. Martin.

Middle row: Haresh Patel, William Gibson, Henry Wang, Chaoson Chhim, James Calcott, Cyma Parbhu, Steven Gordon.

Front row: Vinay Dahiya, Leena Patel, Rebecca Gray, Sohpie Roberts-Gray, Priyanka Patel, Risha Amarsi, Blake Highet.

Absent: Mark Phillips.





Year 2 Gilchrist

Back row: Grace Ellis, Joseph McManamon, Felix Etcheverry, Andrew Graham, Taru Naug, Amelia Petrovich, Fraser Hughson, Matthew De Maggio, Miss J. Gilchrist.

Middle row: Tessa Chirayath, Luc Ferry, Richeany Chhim, Matthew Hocking, Risha Patel, Eassa Dia, Rhys Dentice.

Front row: Roshani Naguleswaran, Jetal Patel, Jordan Sunkel-Lozell, Timmy Junkjohn, Matthew O'Meegan, Kayne Hosie, Evangelina Telfar, Krina Nagar.



Year 2 Fairburn

Back row: Jordan Letoa, Pearl James, Michael Janis, Ameshka Perera, Tanesha Patel, Hannah Copeland, Tristan Wiles, Miss H. Fairburn.

Middle row: Harrison Robert-Gray, Callum Boniface, Rithy Prak, Elizabeth Hazlewood, Nileesha Parbhu, Radhika Bhikha, Mario Parussini.

Front row: Max Duncan, Bradley Juchnowicz, Olivia McKay, Courteney Bevan, Ruby Moyes, Thomas Serepisos, Nimish Patel.

Absent: Lilly Grebe.



Year 3 Ward

Back row: Niko Apostolakis, Jack Pedersen, Aroha Noana, Jonty D'Arcy-Smith, Seamus Ahkit-Egan, Sophia Sherwood, Sonali Singh, Rebecca Bullen, Mrs M. Ward.

Middle row: James White, Dylan Lovering, James Wypych, Andrew Ang, Waiana Wright, Drew Brown, Jeremy Tai, Alexander Royfee.

Front row: Susanna Middleton-Olliver, Aimee Bovey, Michael Abernethy, Darian Howey, Oliver Symes, Baden Neale, Yong Choo Lee, Bronwyn Chin.

Absent: Jevon Fulbrook.

Year 3 Button

Back row: Edward Kong, Matthew Searle, Rebecca Coutts-Lynch, Kirin Tan, Callum White, Chandula Wijeweera, Thomas Evernden-Russell, Ariana Collier, Mrs M. Button.

Middle row: Fiona Gurtiza, Jed Harland, Peter Wigglesworth, Prashant Lakshman, Joshua Petelo, Hannah McKay, Matthew Keay, Chieh Li, Anthea Pouloupoulos.

Front row: Jonathan Jeeveraj, Matthew Birt, Calum Waugh, Kajal Patel, Rhiannon Stone, Olivia Harach, Alexander Giurioli, Ankit Paliwal, James McMillan.



Year 4 Foster

Back row: Paul Rataul, Martin Clark, Andrew Atkinson, Nilesh Manga, Grace Taylor, Peter Wierenga, Priyanka Gordhan, Mrs W. Foster-O'Sullivan.

Middle row: Shanell Ramji, Anna Hislop, Rajiv Pratap, Oliver Bennett, Chloe MacLachlan, Reuben Rajendra, Jessica McBurney.

Front row: Aneesha Budhia, Nina Harland, Jayme Natoli, Tai Collins, Nicholas Roberts-Gray, Amber Kay, Elizabeth Gordan, Courtney Young.

Absent: Kayla Thomas.



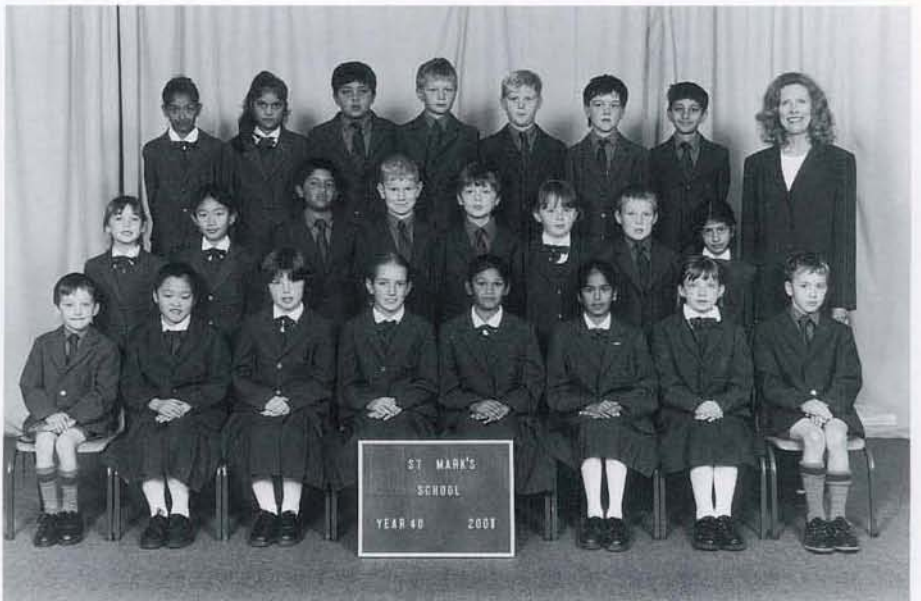
Year 4 Duffy

Back row: Natasha Nagar, Khushbu Ishwer, Arjun Paliwal, Benjamin Wierenga, Andrew Bowman, Sean Bevan, Sameer Magan, Mrs J. Duffy.

Middle row: Bethany Forsythe, Crystal Man, Sathya Narayanan, Joshua Anderson, Alasdair Keating, Amy Smith, Sheldon Ross, Sonali Chauhan.

Front row: Mitchell Carr, Agnes Cheung, Suzanne McDonald, Erin Campbell, Tanisha Nagar, Melissa Naik, Tessa Ralston, K. C. Hendricks.

Absent: Nicholas Thomas.





Year 5 Murray

Back row: Stephen Hazelwood, Conor Bartosh, Jadhah Tupai, Olivia Calman, Hamish Faleolo, Mayur Mahesh, Samuel Thyne, Sernal Perera.

Middle row: Mrs K. Turner, Jasmine Serepisos, Radhika Budhia, Catarina Sanna, Chandni Patel, Emily Steel, James McBurney, Alexandra Johnston, Keemath Gill, Pamela Siau, Mrs H. Murray.

Front row: Sammy Sadler, Howard Chau, Patrick Rodbourn, Vanessa Gray, Kate Bellock-Rollitt, Natasha Tollo, Anthony Harach, Wey Liam Kong, Benjamin Atkins.

Absent: Aaron Hagley.



Year 5 Mein

Back row: Andrew Newson, Taylor Hughson, Spyro Serepisos, Stephen Hagar, Kate Gill, Chara Sherwood, Brad Simpson, Jordan Chan, Mrs J. Mein.

Middle row: Madeleine Langley, Dominic Forsythe, Allan Tai, Rachel Rogers, Robert Liu, Raymond Chan, Sheenal Jokhan, Simeon Wilson.

Front row: Ida Chirayath, Amanda Chan, Sophie Ashworth, Sam Shilson, Dharmesh Gordhan, Alexander Roberts-Gray, Neelam Bhikha, Reena Patel, Joanna Tang.

Absent: Dillan Thomson.



Year 6 Underhill

Back row: Cody Sage, Jayraj Budhia, Marcus Hunter, Tanesha Dahya, Ben Rendall, Jay Patel, Basil Serepisos.

Middle row: Nimesh Patel, Thomas Atkins, Peter Kandiliotis, Sunil Patel, Robert Bromley, Chye Lu Lee, Danny Kandiliotis, Mrs C. Underhill.

Front row: Roshni Patel, Ashleigh Young, James Birt, Alex Harden, Thomas Wigglesworth, Yurika Nishiyama, Dharmistha Jeram.

Absent: Bryony Morrison.

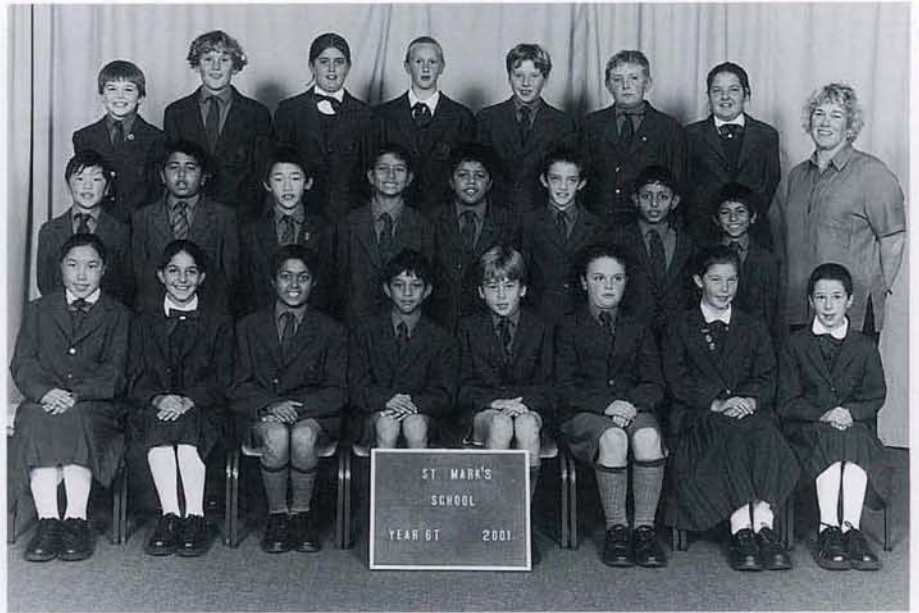
Year 6 Thompson

Back row: John McDonald, Benjamin Nansett, Hannah Focas, Cushla Hume-Merry, Marcus Gurtner, Patrick Whelan, Angela Matias.

Middle row: Aaron Chan, Shivum Patel, Yuan Chi Ngan, Priyesh Patel, Anish Amarsi, Adam Pouloupoulos, Bhavesh Rama, Sohan Dahya, Mrs J. Barry (*relieving teacher*).

Front row: Regina Wong, Natalie Theodoridis, Krishna Patel, Mihir Desai, Michael Royfee, Wilson McKay, Jayne Stewart, Penelope Kandiliotis.

Absent: Miss B. Thompson.



Year 7 Jones/Barry

Back row: Jordan Mills, Tabatha Atoa-Jakobs, Pavithar Gill, Rushika De Silva, Morgan Faleolo, Ali Dia, Sian Trent, Deborah Paterson, Mr C. Jones.

Middle row: Raghav Gupta, Suhanya Joseph, Simon Joe, Michael Dickson, Blake Heslop-Charman, Arthur Cheung, Anisha Balu, Andrew Lamb.

Front row: Hilary Neale, Dharini Gopal, Elizabeth Tsikanovski, Isaac O'Connor, John Atkinson, Hayden Whelan, Sonya Pratap, Rafaella Sanna, Christa Beach.

Absent: Max Howe, Shea Tomson, Sandy Hislop.



Year 7 Whitehouse

Back row: Seiha Eng, Paul Simpson, Jessie Alexander, Brittany Travers, Dane Falealili, Margaret Chan, Kalpana Jayanatha, Maria Moran.

Third row: Soniya McCartney, Joseph Mou, Priya Chauhan, Bhavin Patel, Courtenay Harris, Talosaga Talosaga, Timothy Banks, Dinesh Ramji, Miss C. Whitehouse.

Second row: John Lourantos, Udayan Mukherjee, Ben Chapman, Emmanuelle Papadopoulos, Kate Middleton-Olliver, Sophie Scott, Christopher Blackburn, Thomas Wu, Robert Lawton.

Front row: Jara Allen, Tarun Patel, Jainesh Sukha, Amy Sos.





Year 8 Wallace

Back row: Peter Kandiliotis, Cecilia Gilbert-Manava, Jonathan Abernethy, David Nichols, Dimitru Matias, Mark Simpson, Thomas Deacon, Grace Kinsella.

Middle row: Adam Taylor, Krishna Naran, Miles Calder, Patrick Durant, James Steel, George Lourantos, Hayden Hunter, Mrs V. Wallace.

Front row: Charis Chu, Gemma Sowry, Joseph Stapleton, Thomas Minnee, Graeme Van Den Beld, Jamie Robinson, Nicola Crombie.



Year 8 Holder

Back row: Peter Carras, Poonam Mistry, Jared Knowsley, Vaero Hagai, Nadia Ormiston, Hannah Shillson, Shanol Jokhan, Mr L. Holder.

Middle row: Vandana Jeram, Osmond Bishop, Rakesh Champaneri, Clifton Lee, Jethro Carr, Dimple Patel, Dimitri Theodoridis.

Front row: Keiichi Nguyen, Christopher Mitchell, Maria Koroniadis, Lauren Bailey, Catherine Murray, Ashley Cook, Moray Bevan.



Year 8 Stone/Bartlett

Back row: Paul Soulis, Vaughan Montgomery, Katherine Bromley, Shivang Naik, Mia Sheldon, Rochelle Sharpe, Vishal Nagar.

Middle row: Hamish McLeod, James Buchanan, Sandeep Naik, Denzil Rickerby, Anthony Yardley, Richard Spring, Anil Patel, Mr M. Stone.

Front row: Robert Newson, Katerina Halikias, Jeramie Harden, Adithya Sreekumar, Niranjan Naguleswarran, Joanne Bailey, Jiravat Kiatphuangchai.

Year 8 Memories

I remember the old Preschool. I used to play in the sandpit with the bulldozer. I also remember having nap time every day. We brought a pillow and a blanket to school to sleep on. I also remember my fly-up from Preschool to Year 0. We sat in a chair with the St Mark's logo on it. I got a certificate from the Principal, Mr McDonald.

Vishal Nagar

In Year 4, Mrs Duffy had two frogs and two fish. She gave out house points for each fly you caught for them. Every day people would run around the classroom catching flies.

Anil Patel

I've been at St Mark's since Preschool. St Mark's is a really good school and there have been many good times. We had an afternoon play, which meant we got a morning tea break, a lunch break and an afternoon tea break.

Patrick Durant

I came to St Mark's Church School in 2000 (Year 7). I came with the thought that St Mark's was a really strict school. On my first day I was nervous, but that was normal. I came into Mrs Duignan's class and sat down in a group which was very friendly and helped me. It was a great class. Overall, St Mark's has been great for me and I will always remember it.

Keiichi Nguyen

At the end of Year 7 came the prizegiving and carol service. I hadn't yet auditioned for the Chapel Choir but I was in the carol choir that sings at the carol service. At the prizegiving I got a certificate for excellence in Religious Education. I was pleased as I hadn't thought I was doing well enough in Religious Education to get one.

Ashley Cook

In Year 6, we went to Camp Akatarawa, which was fun. In Year 7, we went down to the South Island to Nelson Lakes to go skiing for two days. The first day was a lot of fun but unfortunately I decided to stay behind for the late bus and I fell into a hole. After I got myself out a snowstorm started and my face got frozen.

Shanol Jokhan

Year 4 was very exciting. I was in Mr Jones's class and he had a goldfish that had black spots. I remember cutting up a heart in science. I remember doing basic facts in Mr Jones's class. I didn't like doing them but I loved being in his class.

Catherine Murray

On the Year 7 Mountain Experience trip we did cabin skits. When Mrs Mein announced the winner she said, 'And the winner is Cabin 212.'

We leapt in the air, catcalled, yahooped and generally acted like we'd won an Oscar. We made total idiots of ourselves but it's one of my favourite memories.

Nicola Crombie

In Year 8 at the beginning of the year the gossip was all about who the "heads" would be. The day came; music—Catherine, drama—Kate, etc. I wasn't one. So the year went by. Then in Term Three, I was called in to Mrs Leach's office.

'Congratulations,' she said, 'you're a head.' I didn't know what to say.

Jonathan Abernethy

Then came the best year of St Mark's—Year 7. During this year, everything went smoothly and we got to go skiing! Due to the massive blizzard, it wasn't the perfect first experience of skiing but it was still great.

Thomas Minnee

St Mark's has always been my favourite school because there are good teachers, great friends and a great learning environment.

Niranjan Nagulswaran

I remember Mr Jones's fish, called Splodge, in Year 4 and taking turns in cleaning him out once a week, which everyone wanted to do. Mr Jones also used to write coded messages on the board like *r u r 4 h* which meant (after long thought), 'Are you ready for home?'

Kate Bromley

