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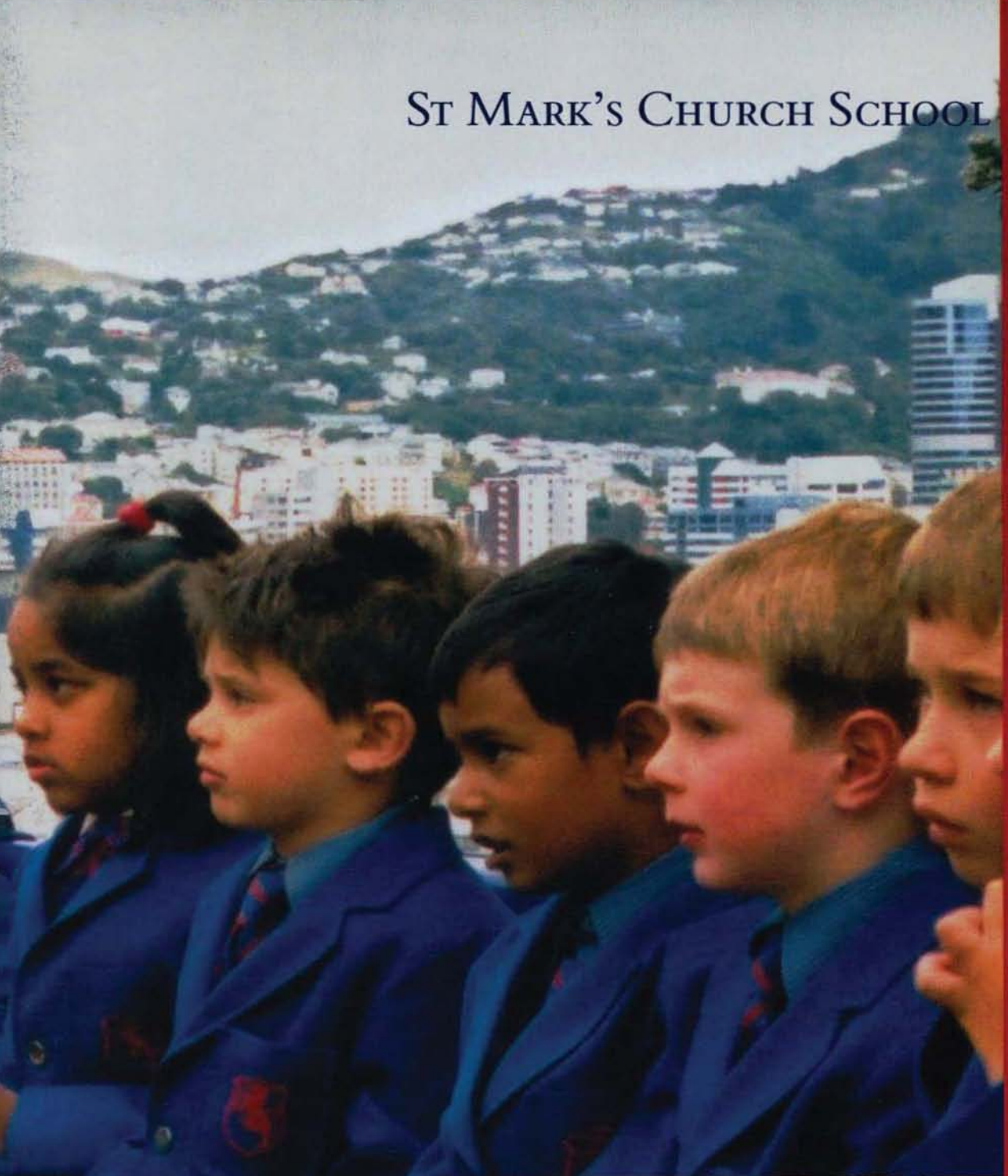

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AT ST MARK'S CHURCH SCHOOL, we aim to:

- *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 repect, understanding, tolerance and concern for others;*

- *welcome students from diverse ethnicities and socioeconomic backgrounds within the wider community.*

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Photo: Mayur Mahesh, Year 6.

Principal's Report

'My parents' decision to send me and my brothers to St Mark's Church School was the best decision they could have made.

'We owe so much to the preparation we received at St Mark's which has stood us all in good stead all our lives.' So said a past pupil when attending the 'Gathering' to celebrate 85 years in the life of St Mark's Church School.

It was a splendid occasion and a great pleasure to welcome back a happy and talkative group of past pupils, many of whom had not been back to St Mark's for a great number of years. There were surprises aplenty as old friendships were renewed and histories exchanged. Their delight in returning to their old school, albeit a vastly different one from their day, was infectious and the evening raced by with stories both hilarious and touching being told amidst tears and gales of laughter.

Staff and Board members were proud to show the physical changes wrought in the past few years and prouder still to hear that the School still retains the special feeling of friendliness, warmth, welcome and focused commitment to learning as it has always had. It was gratifying, too, to hear that the children's work displayed showed the high standard of achievement for which St Mark's has always been known.

In what has been an extremely busy year, 2002 brought its fair share and more of academic, cultural and sporting successes. Teaching programmes and practices to consolidate better teaching, learning and assessment procedures have been a priority and we achieved pleasing results in the Australian School Competitions. Our outstanding record in Trinity College speech and drama examinations continues to bring St Mark's international attention. Our Chapel and Chamber Choirs have been much in demand and we are delighted with the growing inter-school cultural and sporting visits this year.

I am most grateful to the School Board for the opportunity to visit and to see first hand the management practices and curriculum development in some excellent schools in England and, on return, to feel refreshed, proud of the standard of work and the many truly special achievements here at St Mark's and excited because the future of the School is bright indeed.

Finally, a small but heartfelt tribute to the School's many communities is necessary. I have worked in fine schools and visited many, yet none where relationship between staff, students, parents, board and community are more cordial, collegial and supportive than at St Mark's. It is because of this family approach to the life of our School that St Mark's reputation continues to grow from strength to strength, or as a long serving Board Member said, 'in leaps and bounds'.

Ours is truly a School in which we can be justifiably proud. I encourage you to spread the good news that others may experience that which we are willing and able to give. Thank you all for your support. The staff and I look forward to more great teamwork in the coming year.

Christina A. Leach
Principal

Staff Notes

Appointments

This year we have been pleased to welcome several new staff members who have quickly settled into life at St Mark's. It is always exciting to have some changes as it frequently adds other skills and talents to an already vibrant staff.

Mr Kent Favel, who joined us as Curriculum Director and Head of Upper School at the beginning of the year, is enjoying the many challenges of his position on the Senior Management Team. Talking of teams, he has established a rugby side which we hope will go from strength to strength in 2003.

Mr Rob MacLean, our Business Manager, has proved to be an invaluable asset to the School with his hands firmly on the financial reins. His full-time position has meant that **Jan Cole**, the Bursar, is now part-time. We are delighted that Jan is continuing to maintain her role in the financial life of the School.

Mrs Katherine Mackay, the Development Director, has brought a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to the position. She has quickly developed an understanding of the special character of the School and is working closely with both parents and staff.

Mr Neil Anderson, who came to St Mark's as Director of School Administration and Dean of International Students, has had a very busy few terms coming to grips with the complexities involved in the smooth running of the School. We are pleased to tell you that Neil has entrusted us with the education of his young son, Joshua, who attends Preschool. Sadly, Mr Anderson resigned at the end of the year for family reasons.

Mr Jon Hammond ably took over the role of Director of Religious Education from Rev Michael Holland. He quickly became an integral member of staff and

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his sermons have been enjoyed by both children and adults.

Miss Nicky Birkett, who took on the position of Deputy Head of Preschool, soon found out what a stimulating place our Preschool is and was eager to add her unique strengths to an already first-rate team. Nicky's interest in physical education and fitness has proved to be a great benefit to the children. Since her recent marriage, we now know her as Mrs Cross.

Miss Sarah Kitson, now Mrs Hickey, has been teaching a Year 5 class in a long term relieving position. We are happy to tell you that Sarah will be continuing in this role for another year, teaching the same level and displaying the same high standard of commitment which she has given to her class this year.

Mrs Di Guirioli, who has taken on part-time work in the school office, is now well aware that there never seems to be enough staff on hand there as it is such a busy place. Di has calmly risen to the challenges faced by our office staff.

Mrs Lee McKenzie took on the important role of Head of the Junior Department. She has the important task of setting in place a basis for the future good work habits of our young pupils. In Term Four, Lee was supported in the new entrant area by **Mrs Jenny McKinnon** who is a very experienced teacher.

Miss Rebecca Moses became acting Head of the After-school Care programme when Carly Anderson left us earlier in the year. She has been an asset and has run all aspects of the programme with the utmost efficiency.

Departures

Miss Sarah Brockhurst, the Development Director left in April to return to her home in the United Kingdom. Sarah has kept us up to date with her ventures and we hope to meet up with her again next year when she plans to return to New Zealand to seek a new position somewhere in Wellington.

Reverend Michael Holland left us in Term Two after six years to become an Assistant Priest at the Wellington Cathedral of St Paul. Michael will always have a strong connection with St Mark's as his Mother was a teacher here for many years and he himself was a former pupil. Staff were amused to hear from Michael that Cathedral life is just as busy as St Mark's and involved a similar level of commitment.

St Mark's Church School Staff, 2002

Back row: Mrs J. Barry, Miss C. Whitehouse, Ms D. Maud, Mr M. Fletcher, Mrs W. Foster-O'Sullivan, Miss M. Martin, Mrs M. Ward.

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Front row: Mrs A. Heath, Mrs K. Mackay, Mr R. MacLean, Mrs M. Wilson, Mrs C. Leach (*Principal*), The Rev A. Hendery, Mr K. Favel, Mr N. Anderson, Mrs N. Sutherland.

Absent: Mrs J. Duffy, Mr R. Such, Ms J. Stroghiu, Miss M. Hoya, Mr S. Phillips, Ms G. Bartle, Mrs A. Hancock, Mrs J. Whiteside, Mrs D. Giurioli, Mrs H. Bevan, Mrs J. Wigglesworth.

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Mrs Judy Duffy, who has been part of the School for 17 years, is sadly leaving us. Judy has given the pupils in her care the opportunity to be the best that they can be, offering a warm, stimulating environment in which to flourish. Christchurch's gain is definitely our loss as Judy moves to the 'Mainland'.

Mrs Dale Sharpe has spent seven years at St Mark's, firstly as a classroom teacher and latterly as the Reading Recovery teacher. Dale's patience and dedication over the years has helped many young ones on their way to greater success.

Miss Claire Whitehouse, who is leaving to return to the United Kingdom, will be a sad loss to our Senior Department. Claire's dedication to both her work and to the pupils in her care was impressive. We hope that one day she will return to New Zealand and pay us a visit.

Mr Edward Bartlett is taking a year's leave of absence to go with his wife and new son William back to the United Kingdom. We look forward to his return in 2004.

Miss Barbara Thompson, another long standing member of staff, is leaving after 17 years. She is taking up the position of Head of Middle Department at Johnsonville School. Barbara has a great enthusiasm for teaching, with a special love of ICT. Many of us have been extremely grateful for her support and sense of humour.

After-school Care

The old vicarage has again proved to be a safe haven for our pupils whose parents choose to make use of the after school care facility. The acting supervisor, Rebecca Moses, has done a wonderful job of providing a stimulating environment for all children in her care. She had been supported by her young team of assistants who have shown interest and enthusiasm for the programme.

For the younger pupils, afternoon tea has been followed by a variety of different activities, both indoors and outdoors. The art and craft work displayed on the walls has been a delight to see and I commend the staff for the opportunities they have made to the children.

The older children, having had refreshments, have headed for the library to tackle their homework for about an hour, before returning to the vicarage to join with the main group.

Many of our pupils use After-school Care as a base to come to and go from as they attend drama, sport practices and other activities. This will happen more next year as additional special activities become available after school.

As ever, the continued financial support provided by the Parents' Association has meant that Becky has been able to maintain a wide variety of games, crafts, art and practical supplies. These are joyfully received by both the children and the staff as it is very difficult to provide activities for children who have already had quite a long day.

Pastoral Care

Frequently when you ask staff and parents about their feeling for our school, there seems to be a similar thread running through the answers. It is difficult to put a finger on it exactly, but St Mark's has a strong 'heart' which underlies all it does. We are a group of people, staff and parents who want the very best for the children, academically, physically, culturally and with an appreciation of values. It is a big ask but St Mark's is well on the way towards providing this for our pupils.

As unhappy or unsettled children do not work to their full potential, it is important that parents and staff combine to smooth out the concerns which are causing any problem. All of our teachers and others on staff give pastoral care when necessary. As a primary school we are fortunate to have a Principal and two Heads of School who are ready and willing to step in and work with any pupils who need extra support. Learning the strategies to deal with difficult social

Senior Management Team, 2002
Back row: Mr N. Anderson, Mrs K. Mackay (*in attendance*), Mr K. Favel, Mr R. MacLean.
Front row: Mrs C. Leach (*Principal*), Mrs M. Wilson.

Senior Managers and Deans, 2002
Back row: Miss C.Whitehouse, Mrs N. Cross, Ms S. D'Souza, Mrs M. Ward, Miss J. Gilchrist.
Front row: Mr E. Bartlett, Mr K. Favel, Mrs C. Leach (*Principal*), Mrs M. Wilson, Mr N. Anderson.

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Heads of Department, 2002
Back row: Mrs L. Mckenzie, Mr L. Holder, Mr J Hammond, Mr E. Bartlett, Miss B. Thompson, Mrs C. Underhill, Mrs N. Sutherland, Mrs A. Lavin.
Front row: Mrs A. Heath, Mr K. Favel, Mrs C. Leach (*Principal*), Mrs M. Wilson, Mr N. Anderson.

situations comes with experience, so why not let "old heads" advise young pupils who are unsure of how to handle a problematic situation?

Whilst we encourage a culture of speaking out and asking for help, this is still a challenge for some. We work to overcome this. I am pleased to say that on several occasions this year, we have had concerned friends speak out for others and because of this, we were able to talk it through together.

All in all, I feel that we are continuing to take great strides in the quality of pastoral care we provide for those in our care at this School.

Margot Wilson
Head of Lower School
Director of Pastoral Care

Valedictories

THE END OF YEAR is a special time with a series of events leading up to the carol service and tonight's Prizegiving. What makes these occasions even more special is celebrating them here in the Cathedral, where important state ceremonies take place.

A time will probably come when we will forget many of the people here today, but we will always have a powerful memory of the school spirit which we feel on these occasions. This comes from being surrounded by familiar faces, being aware of those who were at St Mark's before us, and knowing there will be many who will come after us.

There is meaning for me also when I look up at the old flags, the colours of the Wellington Regiment. My great-grandfather served in that and died of the wounds he received in the trenches in France in the Great War. The law in America is that school valedictory speeches must not refer to religion. That is not a problem for us. We can be motivated by our Christian values and inspired by the glory of this cathedral.

Last weekend, I went to see *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*. In one scene Harry questions what he is doing. Dumbledore tells Harry that what is important in life is not what you are able to do, but what you choose to do. He said, 'It is our choices that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities.'

That is an important thought on a night like this when we share the joy of our schoolmates who have won prizes for special achievements. Dumbledore's words reinforce what we are taught at St Mark's. Success is not measured by what we are. It is measured by what we do. As my grandmother used to say, 'Whatever you do, do with all your might, things done by halves are never done right'.

For those who do not get prizes tonight, remember that Albert Einstein failed maths at secondary school, but he was the genius who developed the Theory of Relativity. Michael Jordan wasn't good enough to play basketball for his school team, and look what he has done. Winston Churchill couldn't get into Oxford or Cambridge University. But he never did things by half: he became Prime Minister, was awarded a Nobel prize and, recently, was voted the most influential person in British history. These people made a difference because they were resourceful and determined.

Mrs Leach reminded Year 8 at the Leavers' Dinner that we can all make a difference. We have that opportunity. We influence the kind of world we live in by the choices we make every day. Those of us about to leave St Mark's are now teenagers. Most of the time we are fired up with curiosity, knowledge and ideas. We are grateful for everything we have learned. We have come a long way, but our journey is just beginning. St Mark's has pointed us all in the right direction. The values we have been taught are an inner compass, a personal Southern Cross to help us to choose the way.

We have had a pretty interesting time together. Everyone has faced challenges; in the classroom, in chapel, on the sports field and on the stage. Sometimes the challenge has been thrust upon us. Sometimes we have gone looking for it. We have faced challenges together, played together and grown up together. We have made friends for life.

One of the most important tasks for me tonight is to thank the St Mark's family on behalf of this year's leavers. There are so many people who deserve our thanks. But most importantly, our parents who have helped in school activities, spent many hours taxiing us about town, and supported us in all we do. They have been there to listen to our problems, to help us with our homework until it got too difficult for them and to pay school fees. And to our teachers, thank you.

We are who we are because of your dedication and commitment. We can picture

Valedictories

House Captains, 2002
Back row: Jainesh Sukha, Suhanya Joseph, Michael Dickson, Tarun Patel.
Front row: Deborah Paterson, Pavithar Gill, Mrs C. Leach (*Principal*), Jordan Mills, Jessie Alexander.

Long Service, 2002
Back row: Emmanuelle Papadopoulos, Alexander Hislop, Rushika De Silva, Morgan Faleolo, Paul Simpson, Jordan Mills, Sian Trent.
Second row: Tarun Patel, Dharini Gopal, Michael Dickson, Maria Moran, Blake Heslop-Charman, Robert Lawton, Andrew Lamb.
Front row: Jainesh Sukha, Amy Sos, Soniya McArtney, Mrs C. Leach (*Principal*), Hilary Neale, Suhanya Joseph, Dinesh Ramji.
Absent: Priya Chauhan, Bhavin Patel.

you in many different ways, encouraging us to be the best we can be. We will always remember your love. Thank you for all you have done.

Valedictory means the last word. At St Mark's we look to the Principal for the last word. As we go from here, I am sure Mrs Leach will reinforce her message for us, that we 'choose to make a difference'. We must certainly try and help to make the world a better place. We have learned at St Mark's just how important that is. And that's what we will do, with honesty, sincerity and with smiles on our faces.

John Atkinson, Year 8
Delivered at Prizegiving, December 2002

PRINCIPAL, BOARD MEMBERS, invited guests, parents and students. As we sit here tonight in this beautiful cathedral of St Paul, many of us are reflecting on the hard work, challenges, excitement and rewards that 2002 has brought. For many of us, our endeavours over the year are being rewarded in the form of a prize. But the true prize this evening is not in the form of a book or a cup. It is the prize and reward of belonging to and being involved with such a special school, St Mark's Church School. That is a prize in itself.

Every day we spend at St Mark's is a prize, a gift, to be treasured and preserved. Every day, the teachers give us the gift of their knowledge and understanding. Every day, we are so very gifted to be in such a culturally diverse, nurturing atmosphere. Let us not forget this.

For those who are leaving St Mark's, it seems surreal that our years at this truly wonderful school are coming to an end. However, in our hearts, we know that the once adorable, toothy-grinned selves laden with our blue berets and tiny wee caps have now flourished into mature, motivated young adults ready to face the future; particularly the Year 8s.

We acknowledge our parents and guardians, who have worked so hard to send us to this school, and who have always been there for us through thick and thin. As a result, we have gained respect for others, leadership, a stimulating range of academic, sporting, cultural, technological and spiritual experiences; self-esteem, understanding and, above all, a sense of excellence.

I am sure that I am speaking not only on behalf of Year 8, but the whole school, when I thank the wonderful teachers for this year. What a stimulating learning environment you have created for us, with numerous experiences and opportunities consistently there for us to grasp with both hands. You have shared your knowledge, friendship and amazing gifts and talents to help us become better people, leading us on the path to success, even when you were drained of energy. You have undeniably given us a springboard for the future, a light to carry forward, and are the backbone of this remarkable school.

St Mark's is a rarity among schools. Right through to Year 8, we were immersed in a sea of opportunity in which to express our own talents and personal gifts. The Chapel Choir (I'm sure we'll miss those 8 A.M. practices!), Orchestra, Drama Club, Chamber Choir, Artsplash Choir, the weekly Chapel services, the Librarians, a wide spectrum of academic enrichment options and the numerous sports teams have succeeded in bringing out our unique gifts or hidden talents, enriching our sense of self and providing us with skills we'll take with us in life.

I am proud to say that in the time I have attended St Mark's, I have had the privilege of seeing it flourish and develop into the even more amazing school it is today, bursting with culture, glowing with discovery, soundly structured and fully equipped for our rapidly changing world.

It seems only yesterday that Dame Sylvia Cartwright cut the ribbon to open the state-of-the-art Coffey and Kirby centres. And only a few weeks ago that those red and blue balloons soared majestically into the sky to signal the opening of the fantastic new

Student Leaders, 2002

Back row: Deborah Paterson, Rushika De Silva, Pavithat Gill, Jordan Mills, Kate Middleton-Olliver.
Second row: Amy Sos, Dharini Gopal, Jessie Alexander, Andrew Mills, Udayan Mukherjee, Suhanya Joseph.
Front row: Raghav Gupta, Brittany Travers, Mrs C. Leach (*Principal*), John Atkinson, Maria Moran.
Absent: Hayden Whelan.

Road Safety, 2002

Back row: Dharini Gopal, Michael Dickson, Maria Moran, Emmanuelle Papadopoulos, Sophie Scott, Simon Joe, Sonya Pratap, Anisha Balu.
Third row: Deborah Paterson, Jordan Mills, Rushika De Silva, Paul Simpson, Dane Falealili, Ali Dia, Sian Trent, Hilary Neale.
Second row: John Lourantos, Rafaella Sanna, Benjamin Chapman, Kalpana Jayanatha, Talosaga Talosaga, Shea Thompson, Andrew Lamb, Mr L. Holder.
Front row: Suhanya Joseph, Dinesh Ramji, Robert Lawton, Tarun Patel, Raghav Gupta, Amy Sos.
Absent: Hayden Whelan, Bhavin Patel.

Calder Block. We have come so far, from the old classrooms to the amazing new technology suites, and I can only wait with baited breath for what opportunities, experiences and developments await those lucky things who will attend St Mark's in years to come.

As pastures new await we Year 8s, or those leaving St Mark's next year, and we take our separate paths in life, we will hold our heads up high, and know that St Mark's provided us with the very best all-round education. It wasn't just the classroom that achieved this. It was our weekly Chapel services and teachings of values and respect for ourselves and others (the ethos of St Mark's) that have also led to our many lasting friendships, fond memories and a solid foundation on which to build for the future.

Whether we look back on our days at St Mark's and remember gallivanting around the wooden playground as three-foot-high juniors, savouring the opportunity of working in the technology rooms, the excitement of the many school productions, or a particularly memorable academic, sporting or cultural moment, St Mark's will always hold that special space in our hearts. This is our true prize.

Brittany Travers, Year 8
Delivered at Prizegiving, December 2002

Our Communities

St Mark's Parents' Association

'Fun' was the aim of this year's Parents' Association Committee. We organized two fund-raising events: movie nights for *Spiderman* and *Harry Potter* at the Reading Cinema. Both were well patronized and a relaxing way to end a busy week.

We held our inaugural Friday Family Sports Evening (or the Fear Factor Hexathon!) in early November. This saw a great turnout of School families, picnic baskets and warm clothes. It was great fun and the competition fierce. Our thanks to Wellington College for the use of their grounds.

The Parents' Association provided the funds for St Mark's OSCAR, as part of its commitments to after-school care. A small grant was provided to all teachers for those little extra supplies. We funded the Year 8 Leavers' commemorative photos, presented at the Leavers' Dinner. We hosted the annual disco for the students of the Upper School and the end-of-year Christmas events for the Lower School.

Members of the Committee contribute in many ways—sitting on the School Board, Uniform Trust and organizing the various events for students and fund-raising activities.

We have achieved our goal for the year and enjoyed doing it. A huge thank you to all the Committee Members and best wishes to you all for the coming year.

Julie Clark

Our Communities

St Mark's Auxiliary

IT HAS BEEN a busy and enjoyable year for the Auxiliary. Every year we have Ice-Cream Day, Cup Cake Day and a Saussage Sizzle. These events are specifically for the children to enjoy as highlights through the year.

We have provided support at the swimming and athletic sports, afternoon teas at school exchanges, morning tea for staff whilst we did playground duty and assisted at other times when requested.

We have had two very successful fundraisers this year: the Abacus Art Calendars and the Scholastic Book Fair. Funds raised from these events go back into the School and Library.

We thank the staff and the parents who helped at these events throughout the year. Support and involvement from parents is essential to enable the Auxiliary to play an effective role in the School community. Your support, whether it is once a year or more frequently, is enormously valued.

The Auxiliary are a friendly group who meet once a month—all are welcome to attend. Mrs Leach and other staff members liaise with us. The dates are in the Term Calendar and the *Week in Brief*.

Fiona Crombie & Rebecca Tyne
Co-convenors

Library

THE Annie Holm Memorial Library has had a high profile this year.

Book Week was again held in conjunction with the New Zealand Post Book Awards. The highlight of Book Week was the visit from Mona Williams, who enthralled the students with her storytelling skills, and the Book Characters' Parade.

The parade was ably judged by Holly Robinson from the Children's Book Shop, who generously donated one of the prizes. All classes scrutinized and evaluated entries appropriate to their level in the Awards. At the end of the week they were able to vote in the Children's Choice category.

The Library was again used 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 very busy during the lunch-hours and after school with eager buyers looking for a bargain. The total amount of books sold was over $5,000, of which the Library benefited by $2,000. My sincere thanks go to the very willing members of St Mark's Auxiliary whose organization and dedication made it worthwhile.

The Library has been fully utilized by all areas of the School and is very popular during the lunch-hour. The homework centre uses the library after school so its full potential is realized at all times.

The following year will see an expansion of the book stock, so the library will remain an integral learning facility.

Susan Barclay
Librarian

Librarians, 2002

Back row: Shenarl Perera, Angela Matias, Elizabeth Tsikanovski, Jessie Alexander, Marcus Hunter, Anastasia Hagai, Margaret Chan, Kalpana Jayanatha.

Third Row: Jay Patel, Tanesha Dahya, Brittany Travers, Rushika De Silva, Courtenay Harris, Emmanuelle Papadopoulos, Maria Moran, Jara Allen.

Second row: Soniya McArtney, Sharini Gopal, Uli Brodie, Regina Wong, Stephen Hagar, Thomas Wigglesworth, Daniel Thom, Suhanya Joseph.

Front row: Sohan Dahya, Roshni Patel, Sian Trent, Mrs S. Barclay, Kate Middleton-Olliver, Dharmista Jeram, Alexandria Oldfield.

Founders' Day

On the 11th of September we celebrated the 85th anniversary of the founding of St Mark's Church School as a co-educational, independent Anglican church school.

From the beginning, the Rev Richard Coffey and the School's founding teaching staff, ably led by Miss Annie Holm, worked together to forge a culture of sound academic learning. This was widened by strengths in cultural and physical activities, all within the parameters of Christian values and an atmosphere of fairness, decency and respect for all.

Now a multi-cultural and internationally orientated, present-day St Mark's remains a family school, committed to ensuring that each student is given *the best beginnings for a lifetime of learning.* It is an exciting place where high quality education is valued and pursued; where students and staff alike are enthusiastic about life and learning. Staff encourage and assist students to make the most of the opportunities provided through a love of learning, independent thinking and an openness to new ideas in order that they may become confident, courageous citizens and leaders of the future imbued with a sense of service to others.

It was a special privilege that we welcomed back past pupils to the 85th anniversary celebrations and heard their stories, some of great hilarity and all showing gratitude for their St Mark's education. Such was their delight in revisiting their old school that may past pupils wore their old School badges and spoke of the ever-present reminder of service to others in the School crest and motto *Nulla Dies Sine Linea*—no day without line.

One such visitor was the Archdeacon Tom Pearson, former Priest of St Mark's and Past Chairman of the School Board, once a St Mark's parent and now a St Mark's grandparent. Archdeacon Pearson reasons that our motto is best read as, 'No day without its mark,' or as Shakespeare would have it, 'No day without a deed to crown it.'

Such interpretations capture the feelings of past pupils at the gathering and seem to echo also the desires of the School's founders.

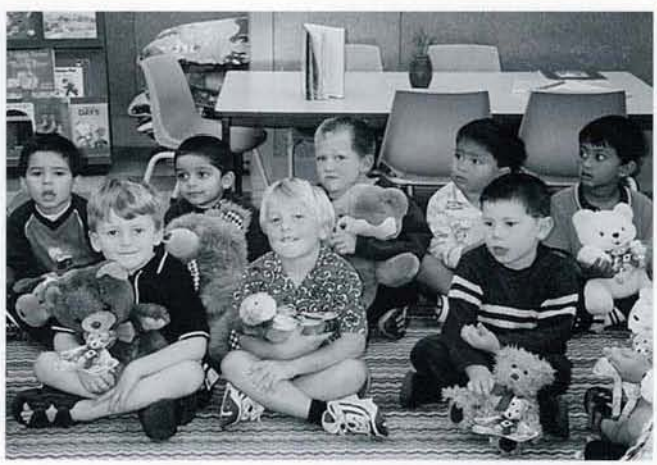
As for today's students, what better motto is there than one which is such a clear call to service? Performing at least one special action each day through doing one's best remains a challenge to us all.

Eighty-five years from small but significant beginnings! We give thanks for those who have taught and learned here and for their many contributions as citizens and leaders in New Zealand and overseas, and for this very special school.

Above: Mrs C. Leach, Mr E. Carr and Mrs N. Sutherland.
Above right: Past students with teachers Mr E. Bartlett and Miss C. Whitehouse.
Right: Mrs M. Wilson with past students.

Preschool

Clockwise from top left: Rabbit ears for the Easter parade. Preschool 2 performed a play for their partents. Mrs Natoli brought her violin to Preschool. It was an inside Teddy Bears' Picnic this year—but we still enjoyed it. Midnight feasts are great fun for Preschool 1.
Opposite page: Good books are good friends.



As ALWAYS, the year in Preschool has been busy, full of challenges, laughter and learning for both children and teachers. In January we welcomed Miss N. Birkett to the staff and soon found ourselves motivated by her enthusiasm and energy—and her wedding in October has been a joyful highlight to the year for all of us.

Term One

We celebrated the Chinese New Year, with many children confidently expressing good wishes to each other in Chinese.

The Teddy Bears' Picnic is a firm favourite but, unfortunately, the picnic had to be held inside as the weather was so wet. Nevertheless, we all thoroughly enjoyed the event—all teddy-bear biscuits disappeared very quickly.

Term Two

Term Two began with Easter celebrations and a surprise visit from the Easter Bunny. Later that month, when thinking about ANZAC Day, children, staff and parents made a memorable expedition to the War Memorial to see the statue of Richard Henderson and his donkey. We also had a visit from Wing Commander Finlayson who captured the children's imagination when he spoke to them about the armed forces.

At the end of the term we visited Takupuwahia Marae. This gave us the opportunity to learn some new Maori songs and to create a wonderful display of Maori artifacts. The Preschool children also performed a haka for their parents and other members of the School.

Term Three

A favourite topic in Preschool is 'different cultures'. Children brought special treasures from home to share with us and we shared lunch with food from many different countries.

One day a lamb really did come to school. Minty the Lamb came to Preschool on two occasions and the children responded with great gentleness and interest to such a young animal.

Before the end of term we had 'moving day', when Preschool 1 changed classrooms with Preschool 2. We all managed very well but it was noted that the children were definitely more lively at the end of the day than the teachers!

Term Four

Term Four began with our yearly visit to the Wallaceville Animal Research Centre. After a walk around the farm the children were thrilled to stroke or even hold different farm animals, including chickens, calves and lambs. Parents, children and teachers enjoyed a picnic lunch in the beautiful grounds before the bus ride home.

Diwali, the Hindu festival of light, was celebrated with candles, rangoli patterns and delicious barfi.

Christmas in Preschool is always very special—a time for giving, singing carols and listening to the story of the birth of the baby Jesus. We had fun decorating the classrooms, having a Christmas lunch and experiencing the joy that this wonderful time of year brings to us all.

New Entrants
Year 1

My Dragon

My dragon is going to the dragon doctor.
He is turning every colour, every minute.
He is coughing and snorting fire.

Barnaby McIntosh

My Birthday

It was my birthday on Sunday. I went to Lollipops Playland.

I got lots of presents. I liked the dinosaur and volcano presents the most.

William Su

Swimming

I went to the swimming pool with my Mum and Dad. My little sister was at her best friend's house. I went swimming because I like it.

Alice Cooke

The Life Education Caravan

We went to the Life Education Caravan on Monday. We saw Harold in the Caravan. I liked Tam because we could see inside her.

I learnt a lot about not eating sugary things and fat. I did some exercises.

Lachlan Waugh

Ruby's Birthday

This Saturday I am going to Ruby's birthday. She is having three cakes.

Rosemary Keay

In the Weekend

In the weekend I went to Bethan's house. We played Mums and Dads. I had some cake and watched Pooh Bear.

Kate O'Meeghan

Fireworks

They zoom and boom
I like them squealing
I like the sparklers
Some of them are yellow
Some of them are blue

Anaru Tapsell

In the Holidays

In the holidays I went to the Hairy Maclary show and I saw Jonathan. Then my Mum gave me some money to get three ice-blocks.

Joshua Pinnell-Diplock

Top: Madison Young, Matthew Fung and Ho Sze Bing group for maths. **Above:** Mikaela Bovey and Mrs Leach with the Commonwealth Games torch.

Top left: Brittany Eng. **Top right:** Neesha Patel participating in gymnastics.
Middle: Constable Hermans talking to the children about 'Helping Agencies'.
Above: Children display musical instruments they have made.

Space

I am a spaceman and I am going into space. I will go in a spaceship. Then I will come back to earth.

Alexander Reeves

Red Rocks

After school, we went to Red Rocks and we saw some seals. There was a sign and it said, 'Penguins Crossing'.

Hena Malhotra

Snow

In the weekend I went to Turangi to see the snow. Mummy and I had a snow fight. It was fun.

Daisy Heremaia

Movies

In the holidays, I am going to the movies with Alec. We are going to see *Stuart Little 2*. It is going to be fun. I would like to eat popcorn, ice-cream and lollies.

Max Syme

Bubbles

In the morning we blew bubbles. It was fun. The bubbles were sticky and felt like spider webs. Miss Martin got the bubbles in her hair.

Catherine Graham

Rain

I heard the rain last night. I saw the hail, which looked like snow.

Tyler Poysden

Year 2

The Sanctuary

The class went on a trip to the Sanctuary. We went on the school bus which was lots of fun.

When we got there we went to a cottage and saw a rat. Its name was 'Mr Smelly'. We then went on white lines around the grass. Some ducks came up to us and we gave them bread to eat. A man came up with a dog, whose name was 'Jimmy'.

They put Mr Smelly in a bag and Jimmy smelt Mr Smelly. The dog found it in the right bag.

After that we had morning tea and went for a walk. We spotted an old tree cut open, and decided to have lunch there.

After lunch, we played a game. We then went for a big walk that was a treat. We played on the playground and went back to school.

Harry Brown

The Dragon

One stormy day, the lightning roared across the dark deep sky. On the deepest, darkest mountain lived a fire-breathing dragon. Lots of brave knights had tried to kill the dragon but they all failed. The dragon was protected inside his castle. To get there, you must walk across a wooden bridge. Under the bridge was hot lava that would burn you to smithereens.

One day, a champion told his master that he really wanted to kill the dragon but his master said, 'That dragon is way too powerful for you. I'm afraid you can't. You can fight it if the whole army goes with you.'

'I want to go by myself.'

'Go then.'

So he went to fight the dragon, but instead they talked and became friends.

Aaron Chan

Clouds

Clouds moving silently
Light as a feather
Oval mushy clouds
Under the sky
Drifting
Scary pictures in the sky

Mark Phillips

Colourful clouds
Long clouds
Over the trees
Under the sun
Doing what clouds have to do
Swimming in the air

Jack Foot

Creamy clouds
Like ice-cream
Over the sun
Up in the sky
Dancing in the clouds
Soft and swishy

Juanita Falealili

Life Education Caravan

We in 2F went to the Life Education Caravan, which is a mobile classroom. We saw Harold, a giraffe, and Tam, a robot. The class got a Life Education book. The book had a join-the-dots game. Janelle had a remote control that changed the lights on the ceiling.

My classmates and I learned a song about clean air. We went deep sea diving. I wore flippers, goggles, air tank and a mouthpiece. When we were there ,we met the towel kid. Steven and I put towel kid's lungs on. The lungs hug the heart while the brain acts like the boss. Jack had an X-ray which showed his blood circulation.

Aidan Brock

The Sweet Shop

Once there lived a boy and a girl. Their names were Jo and Tom. One day Jo and Tom were walking over a hill when they came to a place where there were lots of shops. They looked at a sweet shop, where there were lots of jars full of sweets. Jo saw labels on the jars. There were giant sweets, invisible sweets, tall sweets and small sweets.

They went into the shop and behind the counter was a funny old man. He wore a pair of glasses and he was reading a big blue book. Jo said to the man, 'Can we have a mix of sweets each please?'

The old man said, 'Yes,' and poured some of the sweets into a paper bag for the children.

Jo and Tom went out of the shop. The man sat back in his chair and started reading again.

As Jo and Tom were walking and they saw a gate, Jo said, 'Let's climb over that gate.'

So they climbed over the gate and they saw some little children. Their faces were red as tomatoes and their cars were made out of sweets. Jo and Tom took a giant sweet out of their bag and ate it. They grew huge—so huge that they scared all of the children back to bed. Then they took another sweet out of their bag and ate it, making them invisible.

Georgia Eng

When Sammy and I Looked After Scottie

One day, when Sammy and I were climbing trees, our next-door neighbour asked us to come over and play with her dog, Scottie, and her cat.

When we got there the dog danced around us. Our neighbour showed us the cat, who was a bit scared of us.

We took Scottie for a walk to Kilbirnie School so he could run around.

While we were there we saw some boys and girls. One boy said to us, 'What a stupid dog that is.'

Sammy and I did not say anything to the boy. Soon they went away and we left the school and brought Scottie back home.

Ollie Sadler

The Fantastic Four

In the morning, four children woke up. Their names were Chaoson, Thomas, Henry and Sam.

They lived in Happy Valley and their Dad was a fisherman.

One day they got into their boat and sailed over to a cave. They went inside but it was too dark and they were scared. So they sailed back home and got a torch.

When they got back to the cave, they went right to the end and saw a sign that read, 'You are in Pellet Town.'

They looked around and decided to stay. They went into a café and asked the manager if they could work there.

After they had stayed there for eighteen days they went back to the cave. There were lots of bears in the cave, so they went home.

Jonathan Lane

Sleeping Beauty

Once upon a time there lived a princess, a pony and a prince. The princess's name was Cyma but she was under a spell cast by a wicked witch. Only the princess's true love could break the spell.

One day the prince arrived at the palace. He kissed the princess and broke the wicked spell. The prince's name was Phillip and his pony was named Shanni.

The prince travelled with the princess a long way to his home.

The king had a good look at the princess to see if she was evil or not. They finally got married.

Adèle Etcheverry

Opposite page: Harry Lun Young and Thomas Wood at the Karori Sanctuary. **Top left:** Children dress up as their favourite book characters; Billy Gibson, Nicholas De Silva, Chaoson Chhim, Rohil Singh, Harry Lau Young and Harrison Lyon. **Top right:** Sam Wilton with a cicada. **Middle:** Sophie Roberts-Gray and Adele Etcheverry in front of the base of the tree. **Above:** Zeenat Vintiner, Sophie Roberts-Grey, Cyma Parbhu, Sasha Hayman in the book character parade.

Year 3

The Bird Savers

One day, Kelly looked out her bedroom window. It was spring and all the sparrows had laid their eggs in the old oak tree. But there was one nest that was deserted. Kelly glanced around and knew why. There, next to the dustbin was Bruce, the big cat, with feathers in his mouth.

Kelly was sad and was about to look away but something caught her eye. There was one egg left in the nest!

Kelly ran to tell her big sister, Anna.

'Anna,' Kelly panted. 'There is a tree in our nest, I mean …'

'Slow down,' said Anna, 'and tell me about it.'

Kelly told Anna about the egg in the nest.

'Let's go and ask Mum if we can bring the egg inside and we can try and hatch it,' said Anna.

'No,' said Mum.

'Please,' said Anna.

'Ok,' said Mum.

Whilst this was happening, Dad dialled a secret number. In the morning there was a letter for Kelly, which said:

Dear Kelly and Anna,

You have been made a bird saver by the SPCA. *You two have been very kind to save a bird from dying. Meet me at the* SPCA *on Saturday and I'd be delighted to tell you what to do.*

Yours sincerely,
Roshani

Kelly ran inside to tell everyone. Saturday came so fast and Kelly and Anna talked to Roshani about being a bird saver. At least Kelly and Anna would know what to do in the spring.

Amelia Petrovich

The Productions

Year 5 and 6 students did two productions. The first was called *The Nutcracker* and the second was called *The Pinafore Pirates*.

The Nutcracker was about a girl named Clara, who had a Christmas party. Someone gave her a nutcracker doll, which turned into a Prince. The Prince took her to the Kingdom of Sweets where the people couldn't sell their sweets. Clara fixed everything and then found out it was just a dream.

The Pinafore Pirates was about a girl named Daisy and some people who lived in Paragonia. Every three months the pirates came and kidnapped someone to make them their slave. Daisy wanted to help.

One day a Fairy Queen came and said to Daisy that she would help. She brought along a princess, too. Finally they won and got back the person that had been kidnapped.

Roshani Naguleswaran

Zoo Report

Year 3 and Year 4 classes went to the zoo because we were studying animals. We went there on the bus.

We got into groups and went to the animal school. We sat on the mat and the zoo teacher told us about the things in the animal school. There were bear skins, crocodile skins and a turtle shell. There were also lots of animal bones. We saw some rats who were very shy and hid in their box.

After we had been to the animal school we went to see the monkeys. The tuataras were very cute. Later, we went to see the bears, tigers, lions, giraffes, zebra and cheetahs. When we saw the giraffe, she had a baby giraffe with her. When we saw the lion, he was near the glass having a drink.

We had lunch on the grass and then we played. After lunch we went to see the serval which was resting in the shade.

Nileesha Parbhu

Report

Today we went to Government House to see the 21-gun salute for the Greek president.

The gun wasn't as loud as I thought it would be. I liked the music the best. There were people shouting. I didn't like all the standing.

I'll bet after all that, the soldiers slopped into big armchairs.

Hannah Copeland

My Mum

My Mum takes very good care of me because she loves me and wants me to have a good job. She takes me to fun places and makes me laugh. She makes cupcakes, but most of all she loves me.

Matthew De Maggio

A Mouse in the House

During the holidays, my Grandma saw a mouse in the toy cupboard. It was a black mouse.

The next day, my Dad bought a mouse-trap. If the mouse touches the trap, it will snap shut!

At night-time my Dad put a piece of cheese on the trap. In the morning the cheese was gone, but there was no mouse.

I heard the mouse when my sister was on the computer. It is still waiting in the cupboard.

Tessa Chirayath

The Day I Became a Cricket Legend

One day I was playing cricket for the Wellington Firebirds against the Canterbury Wizards. It was the last over of the day and I was facing. We were 585 for nine and needed one run to win.

I was on 99 runs and Jim Hadler was on 55 runs. The bowler bowled a no ball but I didn't care. I whacked him for three and won the game by two runs.

After the game the team manager said to me, 'Brett, since that was your 10th century, I'd like you to join the Black Caps.'

I knew that I would be in the Black Caps starting line-up soon, but when I got to training, the Coach said that I would be the opening batsman with Craig McMillan.

Our next game was against Australia (two test and 50 DIs). It was the first game and I was facing Glen McGrath. He bowled a full toss and surprisingly, I hit a six. It was out of the stadium. On the next ball, I pushed away a single.

In just a few hours I was on 199 runs. The bowler was Shane Warne, but he was no match for me. I had won the game for New Zealand. We were 598 for three. I had 205 runs and Craig had 200.

Andrew Graham

The Terrific Three: The Mystery of the Missing Kittens

One night Alice, Louis and I were sleeping soundly on our feather beds in Kirrin Castle when suddenly we heard a loud 'bang'.

'What's that?' Louis barked out.

'Probably a dog or a cat,' said Alice.

So we all got up and tried to break the old door down—but none of us could. We tried and tried but it wouldn't budge.

'Well I guess …' started Louis, but she was interrupted by a loud 'meow' coming from the other side of the door.

'It is a cat!' I yelped joyfully.

I picked a tool out of the tool box and flung it at the wooden door. The door opened and we all heard a squealing noise.

'Oh, it's just a female cat,' signed Louis, looking down at the grey-and-white cat whining before her.

'Oh, I have lost all of my kittens,' said the cat. 'Their names are Sunshine, Maria, Bounder, Bouncer, Spots, Frenzy, Frisky and Tom. Please help me find them.'

'All right, we will,' we promised.

So we set out. We found the kittens inside the rusty marble stairs.

'It's freezing in here. Can you let us out?' said two spotty kittens that looked exactly alike.

We helped the kittens out and took them back to their mother. When we got home, we said our prayers and went soundly to sleep.

Ruby Moyes

Opposite page: Book Week—Year 3 and 4 teachers, Matthew O'Meeghan and Courteney Bevan. **Left:** Year 3 students at work. **Below:** Year 3 trip to the Wellington Zoo.

Year 4

My Trip to London

On June 30, I arrived at Heathrow Airport in London. I stayed with Grandad and Granny. While I was in London I saw my Great-Grandma Woods, Auntie Sandy, Uncle Pete, Lewis and Robbie.

One day I went to the circus with them. We also went to the zoo, all except Great-Grandma Woods.

I went to London three times. The first time, I saw the Tower of London, which was big, and the Tower Bridge which opens from the middle.

The second time I went to London, I went inside the Natural History Museum and saw dinosaur bones, birds and stuffed mammals. I also went to the Science Museum where I saw trains, cars and other inventions. I liked the museums a lot.

The third time, I saw Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament and Hamley's toy shop which had six floors of toys. It had Lego Bionicles and Barbie dolls to name a few. Hamley's was my favourite shop but I also liked Marks and Spencer. It is a huge department store.

Before we left London we had a party. My cousin Lewis had his lizard with him. We travelled around on the underground and it was very dark and busy. I hope to go to London again in the future.

Jevon Fulbrook

Brandon and the Glass of Milk

Once there was a three year old boy named Brandon. One day Brandon saw his Dad eating chocolate chip cookies. He thought to himself, 'Dad likes to eat chocolate chip cookies with milk.'

So Brandon got a heavy chair with metal legs and dragged it into the kitchen. He didn't realize that he left scratch marks on the very expensive kitchen floor. He stood on the chair and slammed the cupboard door open. He'd made a dent in the wall. He grabbed a glass and two other glasses fell down. Then he climbed down with the glass and opened the fridge door, slamming it into the bench and breaking it.

Brandon took out the milk and poured it into the glass. Then he carefully carried the glass into his Dad but he tripped and the milk went everywhere, even over his Dad. But Brandon's Dad didn't get mad.

Bronwyn Chin

Swimming

On Tuesday at the pool, I learnt about breaststroke. First, we had a warm-up, which was a lap of butterfly, backstroke and freestyle. Then we hopped out of the pool and lay down on boards to practise the breaststroke kick. Next, we had to do a dolphin kick and breaststroke arms.

We did diving and Peter was first, Jevon second, Jade third and I was fourth.

Jad Harland

Squidgy Moot

It was silent except for the City Square clock that was ticking toward midnight. The famous, rich Mr Robinson was in bed. There was a scatter as a mouse ran across the bench.

When dawn came, the robber, Squidgy Moot, crept to Mr Robinson's house. He climbed the vine that led to Mr Robinson's bedroom window. He crept inside and took a cup with money in it and put it in his sack. It was much harder climbing back down but he made it.

The next morning the police found out and took Squidgy Moot to jail.

Callum White

Does Wellington need a Theme Park?

I do not think that Wellington needs a theme park because the rates would rise.

Also, if you lived near the theme park you wouldn't get any sleep because of all the screaming and shouting from the rides.

If there was a theme park, it would be too noisy. People who ate snacks might throw their litter on the ground and it would fly past your bedroom window. The litter might fly out of the rubbish bin because sometimes it's too windy.

I do not think Wellington needs a theme park because there will be too many tourists crowding around.

Fiona Gurtiza

Above left: Participants of the St Mark's cross-country. **Above right:** Children dress up as characters for book week.

Kite Day

One day, Mrs Duffy said, 'Ok class, we are going to make kites.'

This sounded like a good idea. We got into pairs and had a plastic T-shirt shape laid on our desk. First, we put the cross-bars down and stuck them on. Then, we put on beautiful ribbons which brightened them up. Now came the exciting part: decorating them.

When we had finished our kites they looked awesome! We stepped outside and felt the wind. I held my kite tightly so it wouldn't blow away. I thought my kite would fly well because there was quite a gale on top of the hill.

I unwrapped the ribbons and off it went, but only for two seconds. I tried again but still no luck. Then I saw why. The gale was too strong for my thin bamboo sticks.

I took my kite to Mrs Duffy and she fixed it. Now my kite flew perfectly. It tossed and turned and then died out, but then it went up again.

I really enjoyed Kite Day.

Rebecca Coutts-Lynch

The Commonwealth Games

Some students from St Mark's were going to hold the Commonwealth Games baton down on Adelaide Road. The baton was like a silver cricket bat with a flashing purple light on it. When you hold the baton the light flashes with your heart beat.

We waited for ten minutes before the baton came around. Inside the baton is the Queen's message. She will open it up at the Commonwealth Games and read it.

Jonathan Winter is a swimming coach and he is going to be swimming at the Commonwealth Games. He swims in a pool where the water comes up just above his hips. Jonathan's favourite swimming stroke is butterfly. He was born in Featherston and first swam for New Zealand in 1994.

The Commonwealth Games are being held in Manchester, England. Some of the sports will be hockey, high-jump, sprinting and swimming.

Hannah Mckay

Zoo Report

When we walked over to the lion enclosure, the male lion came over to the glass. He had a drink and we could see his big tongue. I knew he was a male because of his fluffy mane.

Next we went to the chimpanzee enclosure. We were just in time to see the baby and his brother playing around. The brother took the baby to the water and the baby nearly fell in. The mother chimpanzee was very worried and ran after her baby. Most of the chimpanzees were dozing on top of the cave.

The spider monkey was the next enclosure. They were great gymnasts on the trees and ropes. There were also gibbon monkeys there.

James Wypych

2002–2022

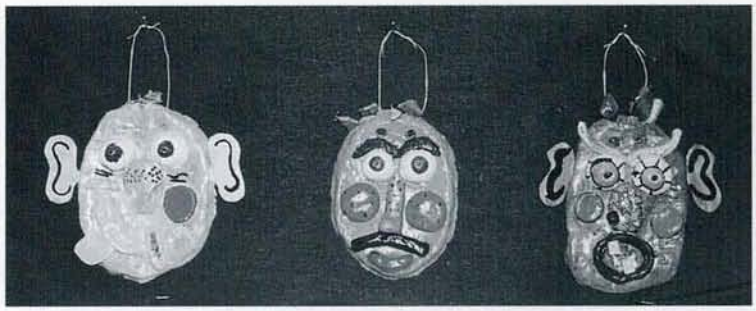
We went to a play called, *Reduce, Reuse and Recycle*. The play took place in the year 2022. There was pollution everywhere and the sky was yellow. You couldn't drink fresh water because is was polluted. People even had to take an oxygen boost every hour.

The story was about a girl who went to school at home. Through her Dad's computer she saw the year 2002 and was amazed at how different it was.

Calum Waugh

Above left: Flying kites on kite day. **Above right:** Year 4 children on the Zoo trip.

Year 5



Above: Masks made by some Year 5 students. **Right:** Children enjoying market day. **Opposite page top left:** Pitching the tent at the Year 5 camp. **Botton left:** Cooking fritters during Year 5 Camp.

The Ocean, My Home

The salty green sea
Is a sheet of glass
The coral reef stands still
The sandy shore is nice and hot

Far our to see in the Pacific Ocean
The waves are very slight
The fish in the sea are blurry

Fish are lurking in the darkest places
The waves whisper quietly
As the sun goes down

Bethany Forsythe

Dark Barracuda

Watch out!
Silvery fish darted across the misty sea
Like a torpedo fired from a ship
I look down and it is staring straight at me
My heart is thumping
What shall I do?
This deadly fish is as strong as a bear
Suddenly it looks frightened
I look up
Saved
The fishing boats are starting to move out

Suzie McDonald

Living Fish Picture

Out from the murky water peeps a sad
clear eye
It looks up at me
He is the ruler of the sea
With a chain of pearls and shells
But yet he is sad for he has no friends
I say goodbye and with a flick of the tail,
as if he were waving
He disappears beneath the surface
Suddenly I blink
I look back then gasp
It was a picture, yet I'm sure it winked

Chloë MacLachlan

Limerick

There was a young lady of Leeds,
Who swallowed a packet of seeds.
In less than an hour,
Her nose was a flower
And her head was covered in weeds

Nilesh Manga

Yellow

Sunflowers smile
In summer's breeze
Lemons sour
Honey sweet
Wine to serve
On a mountain peak
Springtime's beauty as a daffodil's scent
And Julius
As bold as a lion's mane
The sun in my eyes on a warm lovely day

Tessa Ralston

Three Wishes

One day Nicholas was at home asking his Mum for a million dollars but she said, 'No.'

He ran up to his room saying, 'I'll just rob a bank then.'

He went to get his bag but at that moment he saw a genie. The genie said, 'Don't hurt me and I'll grant you three wishes.'

'I want to be a billionaire. Make me eternal and give me super powers,' said Nicholas.

So the genie granted his wishes. Nicholas then put the genie in a jar so the genie could go to sleep. The next day Nicholas' dog found the jar and buried it.

The next day there was a lot of meat and bones around.

Nicholas Roberts-Gray

My Most Valuable Possession

The latest addition to the family is my most valuable possession. She is Zoë, our new puppy.

She is a Pomeranian dog that we bought from Animates Pet Shop. Zoë is like a coffee coloured ball of fluff and very playful. She is cute, friendly and sometimes naughty, but if she is good we give her a cuddle and some treats. Her toys are chew bones, a jingly ball, an old slipper and lots of tennis balls. She takes them from our basket of coaching balls in the garage.

Zoë sleeps in the laundry on a sheepskin. She was originally in a basket but she chewed through the cane and it came apart. We had a cat door put in so she can go outside whenever she likes, but she is not allowed upstairs or in the lounge, though she often gets past the gate and we find her upstairs. We know whose bedroom she has been in because she leaves a trail of toys and rubbish.

Zoë likes my Mum the most because she is with her during the day and takes her for walks. Zoë waits by the stairs if Mum is doing the ironing and lies on the kitchen floor when Mum does the washing.

Zoë is on a diet of small dog biscuits as the vet says that they contain all the goodness and vitamins that she needs. Sometimes we give her a treat of our food, which she loves.

Nowadays, you wouldn't believe me if I told you I used to be afraid of dogs. Before we bought Zoë, I had a fear of all animals, even kittens and lambs. Mum and Dad thought it would be good for me to have a dog and it has been great. I love Zoë and I'm not scared of her.

The best thing that Zoë has done for me since joining our family is help me overcome my fear of animals.

Courtney Young

The Sawmiller and the Woodcutter

There once was a Sawmiller who cut logs into beams, using a sawmill powered by the wind. His parents has been killed by drowning when their boat sunk. He, the only survivor, had been washed ashore in this village where he owned the sawmill.

His friend, the Woodcutter, cut the trees down for him to cut into beams. They were being taxed by the King and his son. They were barely making a living by cutting down trees and sawing them.

One day, when the woodcutter was out felling trees he saw a giant wood monster bashing down trees and killing all the forest-dwelling animals. The woodcutter hid behind an oak tree but the giant saw him and bashed down the tree with his club. The woodcutter ran for his life and got to the safety of the town just in time. The giant retreated into the forest after he received a hail of arrows from the town archers. But this had affected the woodcutter and sawmiller's jobs badly and they couldn't pay the taxes. In fact, the whole town was affected because the hunter couldn't hunt and the fisherman couldn't fish.

So, the whole town armed themselves and set off to meet the monster. They found him near a dark cave. They threw their spears at him intending to kill him but the giant turned into a wizard. He said to the sawmiller and woodcutter, 'To seek great treasures, find a witch who roams the forest. If you kill her you will find all you need in the world.'

So they set off into the forest to find the witch. When they finally found her she was brewing evil potions and poisons. When she saw the two men, she flew into a rage. 'How dare you trespass on my land. I shall have to kill you and turn your weapons into ash.'

While she was shouting, the sawmiller threw a rock at her and she tumbled into her boiling cauldron, killing her.

The sawmiller saw a letter on the ground. He picked it up and it said that he was the rightful King. Soon, lots of soldiers formed armies around the sawmiller. They marched towards the King's palace. When the King saw the armies he fled with his son, never to return.

The sawmiller became the King and the woodcutter his chief adviser.

Alasdair Keating

My Spaceship

I guess you would call my lazy, but really I work very hard to avoid work. It was this that gave me the idea to build an invention to get me to a different planet. I would be lonely but maybe I would make friends with an alien. I would like a warm planet with lots of flowers. I would like a big house as well. But most of all, I wouldn't want anyone around to annoy me.

I started to build the outside of my spaceship. I found lots of paint pots, all of my favourite colours. I asked Dad to build me a motor. He asked what I needed it for but I only answered, 'To take me to my land of dreams.'

He said, 'It will never work.' But I just ignored him.

After a month it was finished. It was hard work to push it into the back yard. Suddenly I heard a crash. I had just broken my Mum's prized birdbath. So I quickly jumped into my spaceship and tried to take off. My Mum came outside and saw that I couldn't drive it. I should have asked my Dad. Then I saw the control buttons. I pressed them and waved goodbye to my Mum.

Then I was floating in the air. I saw a sign through the window but it was in a different language. I thought it must be alien. Soon, I landed the spaceship on a planet. There was a sign that read, 'Welcome to Planet X.'

This was nothing like my dream. Everything was red. Then I head a loud bang and saw two monsters coming towards me. I jumped back into my spaceship. The monsters had blue skin, five eyes, two mouths and three funny red things sticking out of their heads. I was surprised to see they had two arms and two legs.

One monster said, 'Hello, my name is Angelica and this is my sister Angela.'

I talked for a while to these strange aliens. Angela said that I should leave before their leader saw me because I might die. I wished that I could stay but it was too dangerous. So I said goodbye to Angelica and Angela and flew back to Earth. I landed in my back yard.

When I got out my Mum said, 'You've been gone for days, I've been worried.'

I didn't know that I'd been gone for so long.

Priyanka Gordhan

Year 6

The Monster from the Deep

It was dark and the wind was howling. 'Tom, I'm scared. We shouldn't have come here.'

Tom was a fair-headed boy, always looking for mischief. 'Oh Sara, don't be a scaredy-cat, we're nearly at the lake.'

Sara, on the other hand, had chocolate brown hair and was gentle with animals.

'Are you sure? I read that Nesse always comes out on a full moon,' she said.

'That's just nonsense,' replied Tom.

While they were talking they didn't notice a shadow following them silently. Suddenly it emerged from the shadows and Sara and Tom froze. As it stepped into the moonlight the children realized their nightmare had come true—Nesse was real.

'Hello, children,' Nesse said cruelly.

'Hello,' Tom stammered.

'Children, you are coming with me.' Nesse boomed and the trees shivered.

An invisible chain dragged Tom and Sara along the rocky ground. Soon they were at the edge of the lake.

'I'm going to take you to my home at the bottom of the lake where I will have a delicious meal.' Neese laughed and shoved Sara and Tom into the water. As soon as they touched the water they turned into mer-people. Nesse plunged into the water, grabbed them both and took them to her home.

Nesse's home was messy but it was dry. There were bones, blood and small pieces of flesh scattered everywhere.

'Welcome to my home. I'm going to pick some seaweed to roast with you so don't do anything silly,' Nesse said, and tied them to the table.

'Sara, look there is a knife,' said Tom. 'You might be able to reach it.'

'Great idea. We might be able to escape before Nesse comes back,' said Sara. She stretched over to get the knife. Finally, she got hold of it.

'Quick, I can hear Nesse coming,' said Tom.

Sara cut through the ropes quickly.

'Let's run for it,' said Tom.

'Don't you mean, swim for it?' said Sara.

As soon as they reached the shore they ran to their camp where an ugly surprise was waiting for them. Sara was the first to see it and screamed. Tom came and saw blood splattered everywhere and there were footprints, small, but like Nesse's. Could it be that Nesse had a child?

Ida Chirayath

Top left: Year 6 stall holders at the Market Day. **Top right:** Jadrah Tupai and Hamish Faleolo test the clarity of stream water. **Bottom right:** Looking for critters on the strones from the streamduring Water Activity Day.

The Worst Haircut Ever

As soon as the hairdresser had finished, I rushed to the mirror and saw the worst haircut in the world. I ran out of the barber's shop and hid in the car. As Mum was driving home, she kept telling me it looked nice. But I knew she was just saying that to make me feel better.

When we arrived home, my brothers rushed in and stared at me then burst out laughing. 'That's the worst haircut, ever,' they mocked. 'We told you that barber does the worst hairstyles.'

My brothers' names are Tom and John. Tom is the meanest guy in Junior High School. However, John is usually very polite but today, he said, 'I agree with Tom.'

I got so angry I rushed to my room. I didn't want to go to school tomorrow. I decided to write a note to my teacher but I was bad at spelling and couldn't spell my teacher's name. Just then, my Mum called me down for dinner.

I went downstairs and grabbed myself some food then I stomped back upstairs and lay in bed.

The next morning I woke up to the sound of my alarm. I got changed and put on a cap so no one could see my hair. I went down to breakfast and thought that everyone had forgotten about my hair. But they hadn't.

As I walked to school the sun was shining down on me and a soft breeze whistled in my ears. The bell rang just as I got to school but my teacher was late, so my friends and I played chess.

At that time my brothers were walking through the school and they spotted me and came into my classroom. 'How's the hairstyle?' Tom asked.

'What hairstyle? You never told us,' my best friend asked.

Then my two brothers took off my cap. Everyone starred in silence then burst out laughing. I couldn't believe that my brothers would do that to me. I was so embarrassed I ran out of the classroom, all the way home. As I was running everyone in the street was laughing. That was the worst day of my life.

Amanda Chan

Left: Students enjoy their morning run on the Year 6 camp. **Below:** Year 6 students enjoy kayaking at camp.

We Walked into the Bush

On Saturday evening we heard a sound in the garden, so we decided to go out after dinner. We went outside to find the sound but we couldn't because it was too dark and Mum was looking for us. 'John, Sarah, where are you?'

So we went back inside.

On Sunday morning, after breakfast, we went out again to find the sound. We heard the sound coming from the bush. Soon we found two small kittens. The female kitten was white and had blue eyes, the male kitten was black and had green eyes. They were in a basket, so we brought them home.

Mother was very surprised. We asked her, 'Can we keep them? We'll take good care of them.'

Mum said, 'Are you sure you can do it?'

We promised, so Mum said OK. Their names are Blacky and Whitey.

Claire Jung

Mum Gets Sick

This is a story about my brother, Tom, and his messy bedroom. Every morning, Mum would almost rip her hair out when she entered Tom's bedroom. There were piles of dirty clothes everywhere, and the smell—*peweeh*! Mum fell on her knees crying.

'Mum, what's wrong?' Tom asked.

'Look at the state of your room,' Mum sobbed.

'Oh, you must be crying with joy,' Tom said. 'Aren't you glad I've sorted my socks with socks, pants with pants and so on?'

Mum just stormed out of the room.

Now how could Tom be so dumb? He didn't get the point at all. I felt like stomping into his room and saying, 'Clean up your room. You're making the whole family miserable, even Dad!' But I never did.

One day Mum and Dad came up with an idea to make Tom clean his room. Mum pretended to be sick and we all went along with it. Tom started to get worried. He asked what he could do and I said, 'You could help by cleaning up your room.'

He didn't believe me so he asked Dad, but Dad said the same thing. Tom still wouldn't clean up his room.

By Wednesday, Tom finally asked Mum if he could do anything to make her feel better. Of course, she said, 'Clean up your room.'

Well, he actually started to clean his room. I couldn't believe it. I marked it on the calendar. We didn't see him for two weeks after that—he was too busy in his room.

By this time Mum was better and Tom had a tidy bedroom. But now I'm the person with the messiest bedroom.

Catarina Sanna

Cat Poem

A pitch black cat
On tip toes
Prowls around the house,
Looking for a bed
To sleep for the day.

As I get home from school,
The cat is very hungry,
So I feed it.
When it's finished,
It goes to sleep again.

Patrick Rodbourn

A radar-eared cat
With springing legs
Watches its prey's every move
In the pitch black night.

With a pounce, the swift cat
Catches its meal with a darting claw
As the frightened mouse tries to escape.
With the speed of light the cat grabs his meal

Glup! The hungry cat eats his meal
Then disappears into the dark.

Conor Bartosh

Year 7

Odysseus

Myths and legends gave the cultural groups their own role models and heroes. They were passed down from generation to generation mainly through word of mouth. They helped each group to retain their own language and customs.

I think that myths and legends made the group proud of who they are and what they do. They are important because they give us an opportunity to learn about the beliefs of other cultures.

Odysseus, a hero in Greek mythology, is a cunning man. He protected his men from beasts (e.g. Cyclops, the one-eyed man, and Hydra, the three-headed snake which grew more and more heads) and he fights them.

He was a young warrior and was the king of Ithaca. He was also one of the leaders in the battle of Troy. Odysseus was good friends with the gods and they helped him through many of the hard tasks.

Although he was liked by the gods, he was very determined.

Odysseus had a wife called Penelope and a baby boy, whom they named Telemachus.

John Carras

Food Technology

Food Technology has been enormous fun. Almost everything turned out great. We had a wonderful teacher, Miss Whitehouse, who makes it exciting every time (especially when she made popcorn because the milk had gone off).

We made pizza, pikelets, fried rice, savoury pinwheels, chocolate-chip cookies, strawberry and banana smoothies, chocolate chip muffins and French toast.

We also learned how to clean up after ourselves, which included washing the dishes, wiping the benches and sweeping the floor.

Food Technology was an enjoyable experience and I look forward to doing it again next year.

Natalie Theodoridis, Soteri Katsougiannia and Tanesha Dahya

The Rose Period

Picasso started the Rose period in 1904. The Rose period is the happy part of Picasso's life—for example, when he got married, when he won many awards and prizes, and when he finished his first exhibition.

I believe that the Rose period represents the happiness in life and the times you have enjoyed. The flower itself smells nice and the colour red reflects happiness for me. I have been through lots of rose moments, e.g. when I first went to India and when my friends help me.

Jay Patel and Alexandra Harris

Analytical Cubism

There are two types of cubism: the analytical type and the synthetic type.

The analytical type was invented in the period between 1908 and 1912. Picasso and fellow artist George Braque became aware of the space they saw and found around and inside an object.

In these four years, Picasso and Braque's paintings were based upon analytically breaking down objects into their component parts such as 3D shapes like the cube, the cone and sphere. These shapes are the main shapes in nature. The artist paints these from multiple viewpoints and reassembles them on the canvas from many different viewpoints in the space surrounding the object.

I believe this is why Picasso and Braque's paintings during this period are not what they saw but their idea of what they saw. Analytical cubism was an altogether strange but influential form of art.

In analytical cubism you attempt to paint the object from lots of points in space all at once. You also break down the objects into shapes and reassemble them on the canvas.

John McDonald

Myths and Legends

Myths are traditional and mostly ancient stories dealing with supernatural beings, ancestors, or heroes and heroines that give us an idea of the culture, customs and religion of other ethnic groups. They also explain aspects of the natural world and natural phenomena.

Legends, on the other hand, tell what are thought to be true stories of heroes or heroines that have achieved or failed, but most importantly, attempted challenges that have been set by another character.

Myths and legends are passed down from generation to generation. I believe that myths and legends are important to cultural and ethnic groups because they can represent strength, stamina and courage. I also believe that myths and legends give people an idea of how to behave.

Hannah Focas

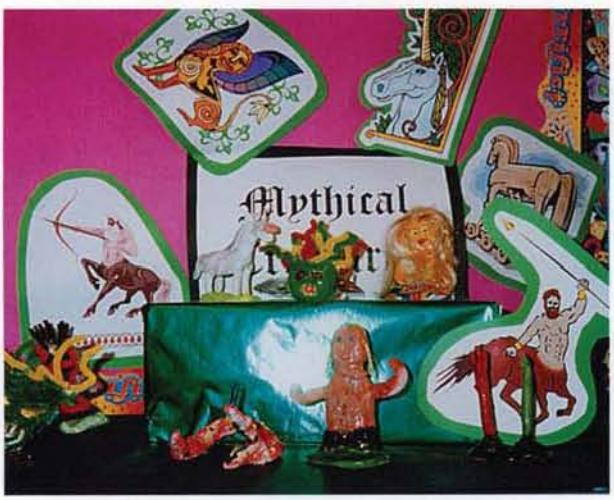
Heracles

Throughout his labours, Heracles showed many virtues, but three in particular stood out for me: strength, courage and determination. Heracles showed all of these virtues in his twelve labours. He showed courage in attempting labours, let alone achieving them. He showed strength in completing all twelve of his labours, especially the twelfth when he fought Cerberus. He showed determination when he kept on going in his third labour for a year in search of the Cerynitian hind instead of giving up.

Heracles was a true hero, although in my opinion, not real. Whether he is classified as a god or human, he will always be remembered as one of the most virtuous mythical heroes of all time.

Thomas Wigglesworth

Left: Children have fun kayaking on the Year 7 camp. **Below left:** Year 7 students make a display of mythical creatures. **Below right:** John McDonald on the tyre swing. **Bottom photos:** Artwork from the Year 7 study of Picasso. (*From let to right*) Picture from the Blue Period by Nimesh Patel. Picture from Picasso's Rose Period by Jay Patel. Analytical cubism by Daniel Thom. Analytical cubism by Yuan Chi Ngan.



Year 8

Photos: Activities enjoyed on the Year 8 camp.

The Disco

We arrived at the hall at 7·30 P.M. and started to dance at our own pace. The DJ played all the songs we requested and other latest hits from the charts. As the night went on, we danced in groups of girls and boys.

Everybody started to do the conga—a long line of people dancing around the room. The Year 7s were well behaved and weren't scared to dance with each other. We had a lot of fun dancing to tunes like the 'Macarena', 'Nelly', 'It's Getting Hot in Here', and Pink's 'Just Like a Pill'.

Just before the Year 7s left, we had a break-dancing competition and lots of people did good moves. When the Year 7s left, it felt empty but we kept dancing without them.

The decorations were very cool and made by the Year 8s. Mr Favel kept going up to kids and asking how many people they'd danced with. If they said no-one, he made sure they danced with someone by the end of the night.

The smoke that came out of the smoke machine kept making us cough but we kept dancing the night away.

Ali Dia and Michael Dickson

Hockey Season

The first hockey match of the season and within the first minute we had already scored a goal. Our faithful horde of supporters were ecstatic, and talk of future New Zealand representatives was the topic of the day.

Traditionally, St Mark's hockey teams start badly and improve throughout the season. So when we came off the turf for the first time with a 5–0 result, the omens looked good. Sure enough, after a rigorous grading round we gained promotion from the lower B grade to the upper B grade. This grade was quite a step up from anything our team had done before, but our winning streak came to an end.

In between our competition matches, we had exchanges with Wellesley College, Scots College and Cathedral Grammar. In total we played five exchanges but only won one game.

This year we think that we have lifted St Mark's hockey to new heights and set a foundation for future players.

Udayan Mukherjee and John Atkinson

School Exchange Report

This year our School was involved in two national inter-school exchanges with schools from the South Island. The intention was to see how St Mark's could associate with other schools within New Zealand. The school visits were planned for three days so they were required to be billeted by St Mark's families.

The schools from Christchurch were St Michael's Church School and Cathedral Grammar.

There were different talents between the schools in sports and cultural performances. In sports, we were only opposed to Cathedral Grammar in netball and hockey, which we successfully won.

The cultural exchanged included a choir workshop, which we performed in front of our visitors.

A chess competition and a debate were also organized but just for St Michael's students against us.

Overall, the exchanges have been viewed as an achievement for the School and were thoroughly enjoyed by many pupils.

Amy Sos

Outdoor Week

Outdoor Week is where students join with other students to perform mental and physical challenges.

This year, Outdoor Week was held at the end of the year. The activities were scuba-diving, sailing, walking and beach activities.

When the much-anticipated event arrived the weather was against us. Gale-force winds and heavy rain rampaged through the School grounds. The sailing and walking activities were cancelled, but scuba-diving and art went ahead.

In the end, out of the three days planned, we only completed two activities. For two days we went bowling and swimming.

Outdoor Week turned into Indoor Week but it was still a great experience.

Raghav Gupta and Pavithar Gill

Talent Quest

The St Mark's Talent Quest was held in November 2002. Two weeks before, there was a sign-up day followed by auditions. Each house was allowed to have up to three acts.

The hosts—Dharini Gopal and Kate Middleton-Olliver—started everyone off by telling them to shout their house chant.

The acts ranged from traditional music—piano-playing and singing—to contemporary acts like skits. After the judges, Mr Favel and Mrs Wilson, finished adjudicating, they came up to announce the results. Everyone was silent.

In fourth place, for house spirit, was Julius. Third place went to Owen. In second place was Averill, and first place went to West Watson.

Next, the judges called out the performance places. In fourth place was Kalpana Jayanatha playing the harp for Owen. In third place was *Number One* by Averill. In second place were Greg Jennings for West Watson and Arthur Cheung for Julius.

In first place was *Sk8er boi* by West Watson!

Everyone was screaming and cheering for their house. The Talent Quest was a success.

Tarun Patel and Jainesh Sukha

Dean Vickerman, coach of the Wellington Saints' Basketball Team, exhorted 50 young people to set goals and grab new opportunities, when he spoke at the Year 8 Leavers' Dinner in late November at the Marist St Pat's rugby clubrooms in Hataitai.

Parents, guardians, St Mark's board and staff members were also inspired by Dean's personal story, and appreciated the presence of Troy McLean, Captain of the Saints' team and Tall Black squad member. Both men have given assistance to St Mark's basketball teams.

The venue was decorated in blue and red and each student was able to take away their programme as a memento of the evening. Stunning floral arrangements designed by parent of the School, Mrs Voula Serepisos, added a touch of class to the event.

The Kirby Cup, for the pupil who has spent all of his or her schooling at St Mark's and has gained the most, was awarded to Amy Sos.

All Year 8 students were acknowledged personally and those who had been at St Mark's from Preschool received a special mention, with their first teacher, Mrs Anne Heath, present to read out their names.

As well as organizing the event, the Development Director, Mrs Katherine Mackay, stepped in as MC as Mrs Margot Wilson, Head of Lower School, was unwell.

There were some sad moments but the speeches from the two Student Heads of School, Brittany Travers and John Atkinson, were anything but maudlin and we felt proud that St Mark's had helped prepare them and their fellow students for the world of secondary education.

Mr Ross Sellwood, Chairman of the Board, acknowledged with gratitude the assistance of a host of helpers from among the staff and the parent body in making it such a successful evening. Sponsorship by the Parents' Association and Neale Printers Ltd. was particularly appreciated.

Student Perspective

In late November, the Year 8 leavers had a special dinner at the Marist St Pat's rugby clubrooms in Hataitai. It was a memorable evening that both parents and students thoroughly enjoyed.

Mr Holder and Mr Anderson greeted people as they arrived and the parents were introduced to Mrs Leach, the Principal. We were then asked to sit at our designated tables. As Mrs Wilson was sick, Mrs Mackay filled in as MC for the evening. A brief welcome from Mrs Leach followed, and then the Head Boy (John Atkinson) and Head Girl (Brittany Travers) delivered their speeches. They spoke about their time at St Mark's and the many good qualities that the school has.

After that it was time for dinner. We helped ourselves to the delicious buffet and when everyone had finished eating Mr Favel shared some wise words with us. Our guest speaker was the coach of the Saints, Dean Vickerman, who gave us some useful advice for the future. Then the awards were presented.

The first certificates were for the students who had been at St Mark's since Preschool. The Kirby Cup was then given to the student who had gained the most from their time at St Mark's and was awarded to Amy Sos. Each leaver received a photo of all the Year 8 students, an address book and a letter from Mrs Leach.

Rushika De Silva and Suhanya Joseph

Year 8 Memories

St Mark's has been a great experience. I have been here since Preschool and will sadly have to go. I remember in Year 4 during science, we pulled apart a sheep's heart. And how can I forget Mr Jones's happy chair and grumpy chair? If he was angry he'd let us know by sitting in his grumpy chair. I have many memories to St Mark's and I am going to hold on to them.

Emmanuelle Papadopoulos

I remember my first day at St Mark's, wearing my big blazer and long tunic. As soon as I got to my classroom I started to cry and I wouldn't let go of my Dad. Mrs Leach and Miss Leask came up to me and said, 'Don't worry, you'll have lots of fun.'

When I got into class some kids came up and said, 'Hi.' They made me feel welcome.

Anisha Balu

I vividly remember Year 6 at St Mark's because my approach to education completely changed that year. My teacher, Mrs Wood, encouraged and helped me excel in academics. That was the first year I received a commendation and the year I started to enjoy learning. In my final year at St Mark's I was elected Head of ICT. I now want to follow the path that St Mark's have shown me.

Raghav Gupta

When Mr Anderson said we had to write a memory of St Mark's, many memories came flooding back and I didn't know which to choose. They included the great teachers, great friends, a variety of extracurricular activities, the many camps and trips outside of school and visits from famous people.

Kate Middleton-Olliver

In Year 1 we were put into reading and spelling groups. Every day our group formed a semicircle around Mrs Lang and out came the flash cards. There was a word on every card and the object of the game was to yell out the word as fast as you could. The first person to say the word got the card. When we'd gone through the pack of cards each person would count how many they had. The person with the most would win. I really loved that game.

Tabatha Atoa-Jakobs

I remember in Year 4 when, in science, we had to cut up a sheep's heart. It was so gross, and some people didn't want to do it—but I did!

In Mrs Duffy's class we had to catch flies for her frogs. We got points for every fly.

Sonya Pratap

Farming Worms
SA

Salvete

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

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Rhiannon Beckett
Jonathan Bozinoff
Lachlan Brown
Juliane Bush
John Carras
Isobel Cassidy-Rowse
Coral Chancellor
Stephanie Chen
Rose Mary Clarke
Elena Croft
Benjamin De Silva
Jared Don Silva
Alabama-Reese Downie
Sophia Duncan
Alexander Dyer
William Fine
Devlin Forsythe
Thomas Fraser
Mitchell Gallagher
Jack Gogan
Anya Graeff
Catherine Graham
Brendan Hair
Alexandra Harris
Alex Harrison
Finley Harrison
Alexander Hockley
Matthew Holden
Georgina Houlakis
William Huang
Kishan Ishwer
Lydia Jennings
Gregory Jennings
Cristian Jones
Conor Juchnowicz
Mi-Yeun Jung
Soteri Katsougiannis
Rosemary Kelly
Thomas Kelly
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Hyun-Jun Kim
Jung-Eun Kim
Tae Wan Kim
Yun Hee Kim
Seung Chul Kim
Aaroni Kong
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Yucheng Lin
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Ruoniso Mashingaidze
Jeeten Mavji
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Jack Sargentina
Mikhail Scott
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Prithviraj Sharma
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Matthew Taylor
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Rupert Usmar
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Yo Han Youn

Valete

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

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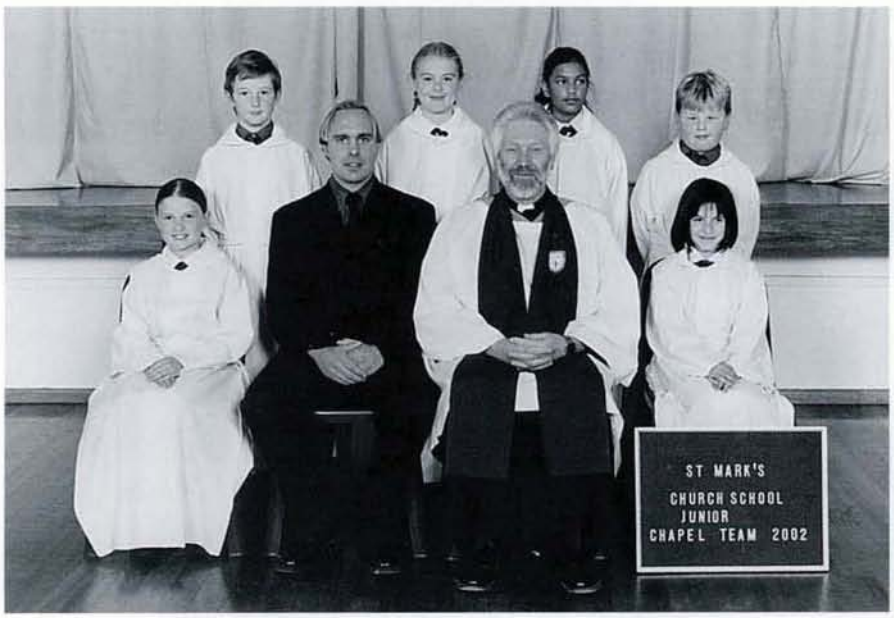
Michael Dickson
Dane Falealili
Morgan Faleolo
Pavithar Gill
Dharini Gopal
Raghav Gupta
Courtenay Harris
Blake Heslop-Charman
Alexander Hislop
Kalpana Jayanatha
Simon Joe
Suhanya Joseph
Thomas Kelly
Hyun-Jun Kim
Andrew Lamb
Robbie Lawton
John Lourantos
Soniya McArtney
Kate Middleton-Olliver
Andrew Mills
Jordan Mills
Maria Moran
Joseph Mou
Udayan Mukherjee
Hilary Neale
Isaac O'Connor
Emmanuelle Papadopoulos
Bhavin Patel
Tarun Patel
Deborah Paterson
Sonya Pratap
Dinesh Ramji
Rafaella Sanna
Sophie Scott
Paul Simpson
Amy Sos
Jainesh Sukha
Talosaga Talosaga
Shea Thomson
Brittany Travers
Sian Trent
Elizabeth Tsikanovski
Thomas Wakelin
Hayden Whelan

Religious Education & Chapel

Chapel Team

Back row: Sophie Scott, Paul Simpson, Morgan Faleolo, Courtenay Harris, Thomas Wakelin, Mr J. Hammond.
Front row: Kate Middleton-Olliver, Joseph Mou, the Rev Canon A. Hendery, Maria Moran, Hilary Neale.
Absent: Bhavin Patel.



Junior Chapel Team

Back row: Jack Pederson, Rebecca Coutts-Lynch, Sonali Singh, Matthew Birt.
Front row: Olivia Harach, Mr J. Hammond, the Rev Canon A. Hendery, Anthea Poulopoulos.

THIS YEAR we welcomed Mr J. Hammond as Director of Religious Education when the Rev M. Holland left to become Assistant Priest at the Wellington Cathedral of St Paul. He has fitted in extremely well, taking Religious Education classes throughout the School and Philosophy for the Senior Department.

Under the leadership of Canon Alister Hendery, Mr Hammond and the Chapel Team continued weekly services for the Upper and Lower Schools. Chapel was an enjoyable experience even with the move to the Hall while the church was undergoing refurbishment.

In July, the School Chaplain, the Rev A. Hendery became Canon Hendery. We congratulate him on his appointment. We also appreciate the effort he put into producing new service books for the School. These included a wide variety of short services enjoyed by School congregations.

In September we celebrated the 85th Founders' Day with a special Eucharist attended by many former pupils and friends of St Mark's. Other special services have been the Imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday, the Holy Week observation, Anzac Day and Advent.

In November, Maria Moran and Joseph Mou led a procession of children from all over Wellington at a Cathedral Service of Remembrance for the victims of the bombing in Bali.

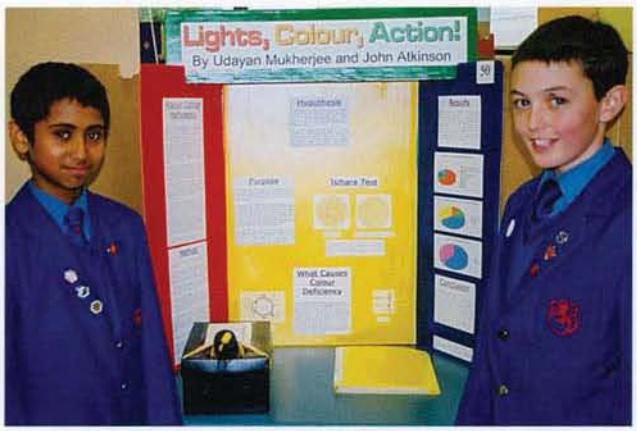
Chapel services are enhanced by well chosen hymns and anthems sung by the Chapel Choir led by Mrs N. Sutherland, Director of Performing Arts.

St Mark's Church contributes greatly to the School by providing a warm, family atmosphere. We are lucky to have Canon Hendery and Mr Hammond who share with us scripture, faith and experience in their weekly sermons.

It was a successful year for the Chapel and the students eagerly await the reopening of the newly renovated Church.

Mr J. Hammond
Director of Religious Education
Maria Moran
Chapel Team

Science & Technology



Science Fair 2002

During Term One, in preparation for the Science Fair, the Senior Department taught a unit based on the investigative process. This went step-by-step through the process that the students would need to follow when undertaking their own science investigations. It included information on how to keep a log book, gathering and recording data, the importance of repeated experiments, choosing variables and a glossary of scientific terms.

Throughout Term Two, the students undertook their own investigations. Classroom teachers monitored student progress and Mrs Underhill ran a weekly lunchtime Science Fair Help Clinic. Students were able to come along to the clinic for guidance and advice, or just to use the Science & Technology room as a space in which to work.

The St Mark's Science Fair was held at the end of Term Two. The school was fortunate to have an expert judging team from Victoria University's School of Physical and Chemical Science to take on the unenviable task of choosing which of the 64 exhibits would go on to the NIWA Regional Science and Technology Fair, to be held in August. The judges were very impressed with the high standard and 11 exhibits were chosen to represent St Mark's at the Regional Fair.

The following students received awards:

Brendan Hair
Cat's Food Preference
Third in Class

Udayan Mukherjee and John Atkinson
Light, Colour, Action
New Zealand Association of Optometrists' prize for projects in the field of Visual Science

Arthur Cheung
The Refraction of Light
Measurement Standards' Laboratory of New Zealand, Industrial Research Ltd., prize for the application of measurement Upper Hutt City Council prize

Pavithar Gill, Jordan Mills and Tarun Patel
Attacking Asthma: Intrinsic Inhalers or Salvaging Syrups
The Wellington Medical Research prize for exhibits relating to Health

Brendan, Udayan and John also received special mentions from the New Zealand Statistical Association for involving use of statistical principles in their exhibits that contributed to making them good science.

As you can see, students from St Mark's achieved outstanding results and we look forward to participating in this event next year.

Mrs C. Underhill
Director Science, Technology and Visual Arts

Students displaying their Science Fair projects. **Top left:** Jayne Stewart, Year 7. **Top right:** Jessie Alexander, Year 8. **Below left:** Thomas Wigglesworth, Year 7. **Below right:** Udayan Mukherjee and John Atkinson, Year 8.

CREST—Creativity in Science and Technology

This year, as part of the Senior Department Enrichment Programme, we have been running CREST (Creativity in Science and Technology), an award scheme sponsored by the Royal Society of New Zealand.

The 'First CREST' programme was designed specifically for Year 7 and Year 8 students. They can work individually or as a team on a project of their choice. This year, we had six Year 7 students and six Year 8 students participating in this programme. These numbers increased in Term Three to ten Year 8 students and five Year 7 students. Project choices included designing the ideal family home, inventing a game to play indoors on wet days, building storage shelves; designing and making a neck warmer, and creating a web site that assists people in choosing a library book.

Students were required to plan and record every aspect of their projects, gather the necessary resources and, on completion, report on interesting aspects of their project.

The students were encouraged to approach an outside consultant to assist them with their projects. They were expected to work on their projects outside of school and meet with a staff member once a week where progress was monitored and assistance was given.

Overall, the results have been excellent. The students have learnt a great deal about what motivates them, how to manage their time effectively and the importance of seeing a project through to completion. CREST is an excellent forum for the development of life-long skills and we hope to continue with this programme in years to come.

Mrs C. Underhill
Director Science, Technology and Visual Arts

CREST 2002

During Term Two, some Year 7 and 8 students chose CREST for their enrichment topic, but no-one really knew what it was about. So, at the first meeting everyone was anxious to find out.

Mrs Underhill, the CREST Supervisor, gave everyone an information pack and a log book to record all their information. She explained that CREST was all about science and technology and that we had to create a project based on a problem we had identified in our daily lives. Once a project was chosen, we then had to find a consultant who knew about our topic, to help us through the project. Before designing and constructing the project, we had to discover what people would expect from it and we did this by conducting surveys. At the end of our project, we were to present it to the class.

For my CREST project, I decided to design the perfect family home. I chose this topic because my family's house doesn't provide enough space for all our family members. To further research my project I devised a survey for my family to fill out. From the results I was able to conclude what features this house would offer.

My original plans were drawn on paper; then I published them onto the computer using a special architecture program on my Dad's work computer. The next stage was building a model of my plans. I built this out of balsa wood and mounted it on cardboard. Then I painted the outer section. I displayed my findings on a big piece of card.

I found that the most important part of my project was the planning stage and I was most pleased with my findings mounted on my display board.

Pavithar Gill, Year 8

Above: Suhanya Joseph and Elizabeth Tsikanovski. **Right:** Pavithar Gill working on his CREST project.

Special Programmes

Special Abilities

THE LEARNING NEEDS of students with special abilities in academic subjects are largely catered for in the classroom through a child-centred teaching approach. Students are grouped, for example, in the Senior Department in mathematics, and reading groups.

Children with special abilities that have been identified through standardized testing, such as the PAT tests and Australian Schools' testing and through teacher observation, are encouraged to extend themselves through the extension programmes outside the classroom.

Some of the programmes offered in 2002 follow.

Mathematics Achievement Challenge

This is an extension class for up to 10 children from Years 5 and 6 who have demonstrated special ability in Mathematics. Valued behaviours include: pursuing an investigation; working cooperatively; setting goals and taking responsibility for their own learning.

Children select a module to work on and they have to complete six assignments to gain a badge. This has proved very popular with the students and their achievement has been excellent.

NIE Current Event Quiz

During the enrichment time on Friday mornings in the Senior Department, 10 students from Years 7 and 8 attend NIE sessions with Mr Favel.

The purpose of the sessions is to become familiar with the layout of the newspaper and the NIE quiz format, improve current event knowledge and to have some fun.

This year, due to the cancellation of the regular Wellington Schools NIE Quiz, due to the merger of *The Dominion* and *The Evening Post*, Mrs Underhill and Mr Favel set up an Independent Schools' NIE quiz to take its place.

After planning sessions with other schools and sponsorship from *The Dominion Post*, we held the inaugural Wellington Independent Schools' NIE Quiz in the St Mark's School Hall.

Other than St Mark's, Marsden College, Scots College, Wellesley College and Queen Margaret College participated.

St Mark's entered three teams, represented by Jordan Mills, Kate Middleton-Olliver, Kalpana Jayanatha, Rushika De Silva, Dharini Gopel, Tim Banks, Joseph Mou, John Atkinson and Jessie Alexander.

All competitors performed credibly with St Mark's 3 gaining fourth place, after losing a play-off for third with Scots 2. Wellesley 1 were the winners, taking home a Play Station 2 Game and a pocket radio each as prizes. Marsden 1 was second.

Mathswell Competition

Under the tutelage of Mr N. Anderson, our Year 8 teams again entered the Mathswell competition held at Tawa Intermediate. This year, the St Mark's Church School Year 8 team were the Wellington Schools' Champion. A truly marvellous achievement.

The winning team consisted of Udayan Mukherjee, Arthur Cheung, Tarun Patel, Deborah Paterson, Raghav Gupta and Paul Simpson.

The team practised during enrichment periods and were well drilled on the expectations and requirements of this prestigious competition.

Other special-ability programmes conducted at St Mark's include the BP Challenge, the NIWA Science Fair and CREST.

Special Needs

Kip McGrath

We are fortunate to have a Kip McGrath centre that operates at St Mark's, mostly after school. The centre is run by Mr J. Anderson from the Kilbirnie Kip McGrath Centre, from 3·10 to 4·20 P.M. during a school week and attended by 20 Year 4 to 8 students for extension activities in mathematics and English. Some children have attended the centre for remedial purposes this year.

This programme is a user-pays programme and has been well supported by the School community in 2002.

This year was Mr Anderson's last at St Mark's, as he and his family are taking up some new ventures in England. The School thanks Mr Anderson for his efforts and wish him and his family all the very best in 2003.

SPELD

St Mark's has continued to run on-site the SPELD programme for children in the Year 4–8 areas of the School. The programme is run by Mrs Lyndsay Cree, who works in conjunction with the classroom teacher to provide a highly individualized programme.

Before being placed on the SPELD programme the student is placed through a thorough diagnostic testsing procedure that highlights areas of need and specific teaching areas.

The SPELD programme is run and designed to complement the classroom programme at St Mark's.

ESOL

In 2003, the ESOL teaching staff has been extensively used from the Preschool aged children right through to Year 8. The ESOL team has expanded this year to include Mrs Sue McLaren as our new International Director and Mrs Ann Hancock as an additional ESOL teacher. Mrs Judy Whiteside continued in her role as ESOL teacher.

Their caring, effective teaching has been appreciated by the students who attended the ESOL classes this year.

This is a user-pays facility and all teachers involved are ESOL qualified.

Kent Favel

International Students

Above: Yo Han Youn, Yun Hee Kim, Paul Kim, Jon Kim, Tae Wan Kim, Eunice Kim, Claire Jung.

THIS YEAR St Mark's became a signatory to the Ministry of Education's Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students which, from September 2002, is a requirement for all schools wishing to enrol International Students.

We have been privileged to have enrolled seven delightful Korean students ranging from eight to twelve years. All have been living in Wellington with an adult family member.

With their hard-working attitude and willingness to be part of the "Kiwi culture", they have settled into St Mark's very smoothly. A big thank-you must go to their classroom teachers and ESOL tutors who have made their transition from Korea to New Zealand such a positive experience.

It will be sad to farewell some of the students at the end of this year, but we will be welcoming others back next year.

Sue McLaren
International Director

ICT

THE SCHOOL computer network was rebuilt to create a single integrated structure, enabling the whole School community to share information and communicate more effectively. The web and mail servers have been replaced to cater for increased volume.

The network has been upgraded to use the Windows 2000 operating system and Microsoft Office XP software, purchased through the Microsoft licensing agreement with New Zealand schools.

The older networked classroom computers in the Kirby and Coffey buildings are now running from a new terminal server. This has enabled the computers to run current software and created an affordable structure for future development.

Staff and Senior Department pupils continue to have access to individual network, email and internet accounts, and other pupils have individual folders within class accounts.

The pupils' safety is paramount and we have invested in upgraded internet safety and anti-virus software.

All pupils now have access to fast, high-quality colour and black-and-white printing facilities in the multimedia room.

Two terminals for network access and printing have been established in the staff room and a link to the school library catalogue is being made.

The safety of data stored on the network has always been ensured through a tape back-up system but this year we have created a further back-up hard drive to speed up the recovery of lost data and further safeguard important work. As a result of a series of power cuts, the School invested in a back-up power supply for the computer system in the main building.

The staff and senior students benefited from an international ICT training programme during Term One, where they were able to study a module of the ICDL syllabus and evaluate its suitability. Students enjoyed using the software because it meant that they would work at their own pace and start from their own level of knowledge.

A scheme of work for ICT was established this year and has been operating successfully since July. It provides a clear structure for ICT teaching at each year level and supports staff in developing learning objectives for their classes.

The School is now able to deliver a broader range of these objectives, such as the designing and uploading of web sites. The Senior Department submitted 20 entries to the New Zealand School Web Challenge for the first time. Pupils and staff experienced what is involved and are already thinking about how to win next year.

The ICT Curriculum Committee is streamlining the list of skills to be taught, concentrating on computer-based skills as opposed to those involving information devices, such as fax machines or TVs. The ability to use computer-based applications has become so important that we want to concentrate on this and ensure that children are able to make best use of these opportunities.

A new web site design was developed for St Mark's by Michael Fletcher, the School's ICT Technician, after consultation with the staff and the Board. The site is more comprehensive with a clear, sharp layout. A high-definition digital camera has been purchased and will be used to capture images of St Mark's in action for the web site. It will also speed the long-awaited virtual tour on its way.

Edward Bartlett
Director, ICT

Speech & Drama

Top: Nativity tableau performed by Year 5 students at the Upper School carol service.

Middle Department

During Term Two, the Year 5 and 6 students were toe-tapping, singing and developing colourful characters in their musicals *The Nutcracker* and *The Pinafore Pirates*. Scenes from these two shows were also performed in the Trinity College London Drama and Speech examinations under the category of Group Musical Theatre. Examiner Mrs K. Nichol-Findlay expressed delight at the standard of performances and wished the students well for their impending performance season. We were delighted that students passed their examinations with Merit and Distinction.

Student feedback follows.

The Nutcracker

Finally it was the day of the production. I was so nervous I had butterflies in my stomach and I was scared. But I enjoyed it a lot.

Melissa Naik

Overall, I thought it was an awesome play and I was proud to be part of it. I learned how to sing and speak loudly so everyone could hear. I would like to do a play like that again. I have never seen such a book play written with so much skill.

Sathya Narayanan

I enjoyed being a Cossack, singing, dancing and speaking. I learned how to keep going if I made a mistake.

Reuben Rajendra

The Pinafore Pirates

I enjoyed being a pirate but I was a bit nervous when my whole family came. I was so happy when my group passed the exam.

Amanda Chan

Senior Department

In Term Three, the Senior Department students prepared for their musical production *Wreckers*, set in the town of Crebewathan at the time of Queen Victoria's 50th Jubilee. The students took responsibility for all areas of stage-craft—lighting, stage management, props, make-up and costumes, publicity, administration and performance. Walking around the Senior Department on rehearsal day was an amazing expericence with so much creativity, production and teamwork taking place.

Student feedback included:

'Our play shows people that when the St Mark's students put their minds to something they can finish it and make it great.'

Roshni Patel

'We saw something in everyone that we had not seen before. We got a lot out of it.'

Suhanya Joseph

'I will always remember the fun that everyone had. You could just see the happiness in everyone's eyes.'

Anisha Balu

Drama Diary 2002

February–March
Festival of the Arts
Der Rosenkavalier
Out of My Mind—Years 3 and 4
Ellis and Bheki—Years 4, 5 and 6
Wipe Out—Years 7 and 8
Cutumba de Cuba
Pandemonium—Years 5 and 6

March
Upper School Speech Competition
Middle and Senior Drama Club Members

May
Trinity College Drama and Speech Workshops in Wairarapa and Hawke's Bay, conducted by Mrs V.-M. McGaughran
Mime artist Robert Bennett—Years 1 and 2
Performing Arts Concert—Open Day

June
Trinity College London Drama and Speech Examinations: Individual, Group Performance Arts and Group Musical Theatre
Senior students perform in the Wellington City Council Drama Festival, *Out of the Hat*
Middle Department productions of *The Nutcracker* and *The Pinafore Pirates*

August
Debate: St Mark's v. St Michaels
Chapel Drama—3W
Chapel Drama—3B
Lower School Speech Competition
Senior Department production, *Wreckers*

October
Chapel Drama—4D
Cultural and sports awards

November
Don't Trash it—Stash it—Years 4, 5 and 6
Junior Concert
After-school Speech and Drama Concert
Theatresports Competition—Middle and Senior Drama Clubs

Scenes from *The Wreckers*. **Top left:** Captain Baccarat, Jordan Mills with Cabin-boy Thomas McLeod. **Top right:** Patricia (Suhanya Joseph) dreaming about her future with Walker (Andrew Mills). **Bottom left:** Characters Tim, Penna and Lizzie (Talosaga Talosaga, Maria Moran and Dharini Gopal) sharing an exciting moment with Crebewathan townsfolk. **Botton right:** Scene from the *Pinafore Pirates*. Pirates Joanna Tang, Jasmine Serepisos and Pamela Siau in a woeful moment.

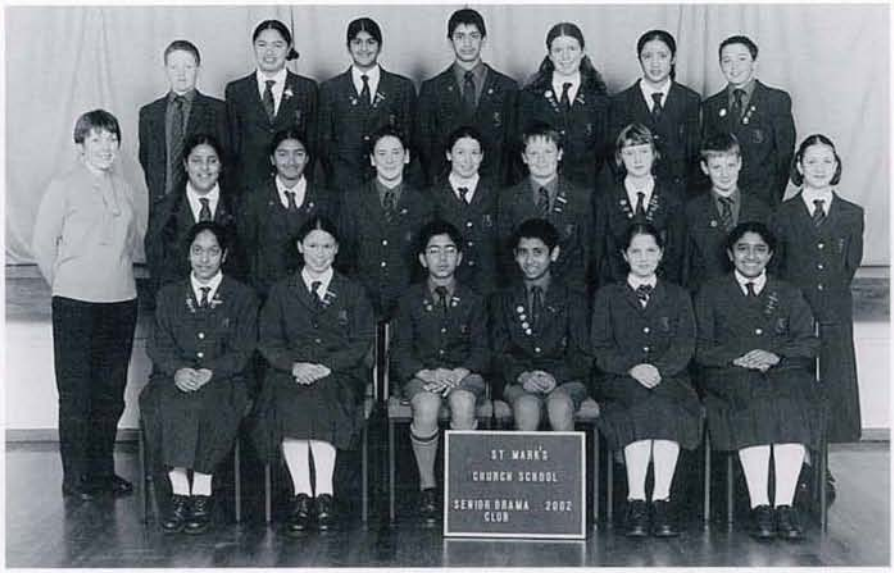
Speech & Drama

Senior Drama Club

Back row: Isaac O'Connor, Sian Trent, Rushika De Silva, Pavithar Gill, Brittany Travers, Deborah Paterson, John Atkinson.

Middle row: Mrs V. McGaughran, Anisha Balu, Sonya Pratap, Andrew Mills, Elizabeth Tsikanovski, Timothy Banks, Kate Middleton-Olliver, Michael Dickson, Rhiannon Beckett.

Front row: Suhanya Joseph, Soniya McArtney, Raghav Gupta, Udayan Mukherjee, Hillary Neale, Dharini Gopal.



Middle Drama Club

Back row: Shenarl Perera, Kate Blellock-Rollitt, Brad Simpson, Natasha Tollo, Andrew Atkinson.

Middle row: Mrs V. McGaughran, Peter Wierenga, Rachael Rogers, Sophie Ashworth, Sam Shillson, Vanessa Gray.

Front row: Jasmine Serepisos, Pamela Siau, Catarina Sanna, Joanna Tang, Tessa Ralston, Bethany Forsythe.

Honours Awards—Performing Arts

Back row: Kate Middleton-Olliver, Maria Moran, Brittany Travers, Morgan Faleolo, Cushla Hume-Merry, Andrew Mills, Blake Heslop-Charman.

Middle row: Soniya McArtney, Dharini Gopal, Gregory Jennings, Talosaga Talosaga, Uli Brodie, Thomas Wigglesworth, Ashleigh Young.

Front row: Suhanya Joseph, Shenarl Perera, Mrs V. McGaughran, Mrs C. Leach (*Principal*), Mrs N. Sutherland (*Head of Department Performing Arts*), Thomas Atkins, Rachel Rogers.

Music

Music Diary 2002

February /March
Students attend International Festival of the Arts performances in and out of School, including the dress rehearsal of the opera *Der Rosenkavalier* and the vibrant dance and musical experience *Cutumba de Cuba*.

March
Blake Heslop-Charman, Year 8, and Jonathan Abernethy (former student) sing Andrew Lloyd-Webber's *Pie Jesu* in the Stadium Spectacluar.

The Chapel Choir sings in a concert at the WestpacTrust St James Theatre for the opening of the Rotary District Conference and performs with the award-winning choir from St Patrick's College.

The Chapel Choir prepares music for the Holy Week Eucharist.

May
As part of their study of orchestral instruments, the Year 6 classes go to a concert for schools given by the Wellington Sinfonia.

June
Year 5 and 6 students sit Trinity College Musical Theatre exams (the first time we have used these particular exams) and achieve considerable success.

Year 5 and 6 students perform their musicals *The Nutcracker* and *The Pinafore Pirates* to packed houses.

Year 7 and 8 students orchestra members spend the day at Capital E playing in a large orchestra made up of students from many Wellington schools.

July
The Artsplash Choir attends a cluster rehearsal with other schools.

We are visited by the choir from St Michael's School in Christchurch and prepare music for a combined chapel service as well as being entertained by their orchestra.

August
The Artsplash Choir takes part in the Artsplash Music Festival concert.

The Chapel Choir sings in the Artsplash Senior Citizens' Concert.

Years 4 and 5 classes attend a concert given by the RNZAF Band.

September
We are visited by the Year 7 and 8 girls from Cathedral Grammar School in Christchurch, and prepare a combined concert for the enjoyment of the upper school and some parents.

The Chamber Choir sings *Evensong* at the Wellington Cathedral of St Paul.

The Senior Department stages a very successful season of the musical *Wreckers*.

October
Our annual awards' ceremony is held and several students receive Honours Awards in music and drama.

The Junior Department gives an afternoon concert for the enjoyment of many families and friends.

November
The Chapel Choir spends a day at Sacred Heart Cathedral recording tracks to complete the planned CD (to be released in 2003).

The Chapel Choir sings the Ragazzi part in the Orpheus Choir's Gala performance of *Carmina Burana*.

December
Blake Heslop-Charman sings a solo and several Chamber Choir members take part in the NZSO's performance of music from *The Lord of the Rings* soundtrack.

The Chapel, Chamber and Carol Service Choirs sing superbly in the annual Carol Service held at St Paul's Cathedral, and again at prizegiving.

After school has closed for the year, the Chamber Choir sings in a Christmas Concert in the Town Hall organized by the Choir of Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Orchestra

Back row: Joseph Mou, Arthur Cheung, Brittany Travers, Rushika De Silva, Sian Trent, Kate Middleton-Olliver.

Middle row: Suhanya Joseph, Anisha Balu, Sonya Pratap, Soniya McArtney, Dharini Gopal, Chloe MacLachlan.

Front row: Elizabeth Gordon, Uli Brodie, Ida Chirayath, Blake Heslop-Charman, Neelam Bhika, Courtney Young.

Absent: Mrs D. Maud.

Music

Chapel Choir

Back row: Deborah Paterson, Brittany Travers, Rushika De Silva, Dane Falealili, Morgan Faleolo, Favithar Gill, Jordan Mills, Sian Trent, Emmanuelle Papadapoulos.

Fifth row: Udayan Mukherjee, Rhiannon Beckett, Stephen Hagar, Spyro Serepisos, Joseph Mou, Jessie Alexander, Michael Dickson, Sonya Pratap, Angela Matias, Brad Simpson, Arjun Paliwal.

Fourth row: Andrew Mills, Hayden Whelan, Timothy Banks, Simon Joe, Anastasia Hagai, Maria Moran, Arthur Cheung, Kate Middleton-Olliver, John Atkinson, Blake Heslop-Charman.

Third row: Alexander Roberts-Gray, Suhanya Joseph, Thomas Atkins, James Birt, Soniya McArtney, Thomas Wigglesworth, Dharini Gopal, Samuel Thyne, Andrew Atkinson, John McDonald, Dominic Forsythe, Mrs N. Sutherland.

Second row: Benjamin Atkins, Rachel Rogers, Tanisha Nagar, Sameer Magan, Yuan Chi Ngan, Amy Sos, Satya Narayanan, Dharmesh Gordhan, Sophie Ashworth, Vanessa Gray.

Front row: Bethany Forsythe, Crystal Man, Tessa Ralston, Melissa Naik, Ida Chirayath, Suzanne McDonald, Sheenal Jokhan, Pamela Siau, Agnes Cheung, Jasmine Serepisos.

Artsplash Choir

Back row: Kalpana Jayanatha, Jessie Alexander, Arthur Cheung, Brittany Travers, Rushika De Silva, Sian Trent, Bhavin Patel, Anisha Balu, Sonya Pratap.

Fifth row: Tanisha Nagar, Neelam Bhika, Dinesh Ramji, Jonathan Emsley, Suhanya Joseph, Samuel Thyne, Stephen Hazlewood, Andrew Atkinson, Tarun Patel, Natasha Nagar.

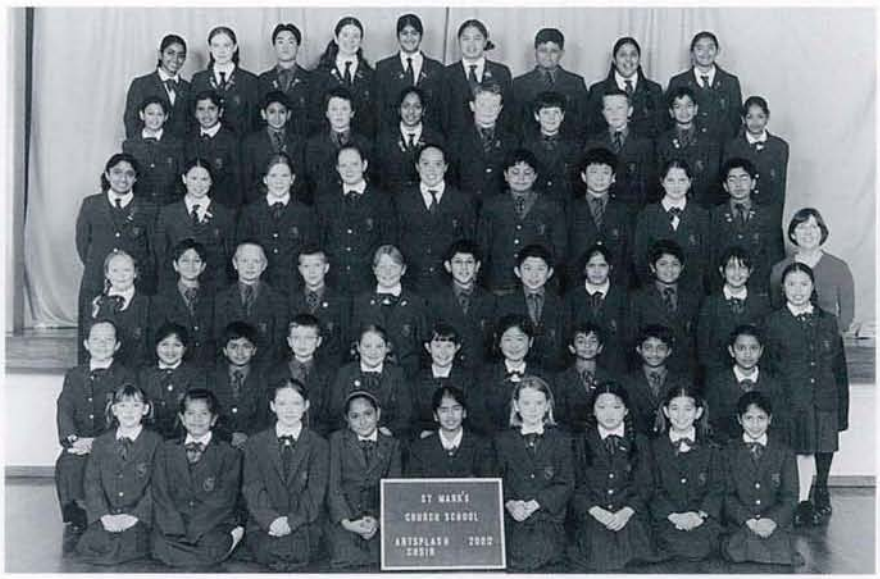
Fourth row: Dharini Gopal, Soniya McArtney, Kate Blellock-Rollitt, Olivia Calman, Anastasia Hagai, Aryun Paliwal, Joseph Mou, Hilary Neale, Raghav Gupta, Mrs N. Sutherland.

Third row: Anna Hislop, Sameer Magan, Peter Wierenga, Benjamin Atkinson, Sophie Ashworth, Dharmesh Gordhan, Allan Tai, Chandi Patel, Salya Narayanan, Priyanka Gordhan, Pamela Siau.

Second row: Catarina Sanna, Sheenal Jokhan, Rajiv Pratap, Alasdair Keating, Rachel Rogers, Vanessa Gray, Stephanie Chen, Jainesh Sukha, Reuben Rajendra, Ida Chirayath.

Front row: Bethany Forsythe, Aneesha Budhia, Tessa Ralston, Shanell Ramji, Melissa Naik, Amber Kay, Agnes Cheung, Jasmine Serepisos, Sonali Chauhan.

Absent: Mrs D. Maud



Honours' Awards

Thomas Atkins
Music honours for excellence in choral singing and vocal performance

Uli Brodie
Music honours for excellence in instrumental performance

Morgan Faleolo
Drama honours for excellence in stage management

Dharini Gopal
Music bar for excellence in choral singing and vocal performance, combined with Drama Honours to recognize her service to the Performing Arts

Cushla Hume-Merry
Drama honours for excellence in stage management

Blake Heslop-Charman
Music honours for excellence in choral singing and vocal performance

Gregory Jennings
Drama honours for excellence in lighting

Suhanya Joseph
Music honours for excellence in choral singing and vocal performance

Soniya McArtney
Drama bar for excellence in rehearsal and performance skills; Music honours for excellence in vocal performance

Chapel Singers

Back row: Waiana Wrigh, Ariana Collier, Thomas Evernden-Russell, Callum White, Taru Naug, Amelia Petrovich, Rhia Stone, Calum Waugh.

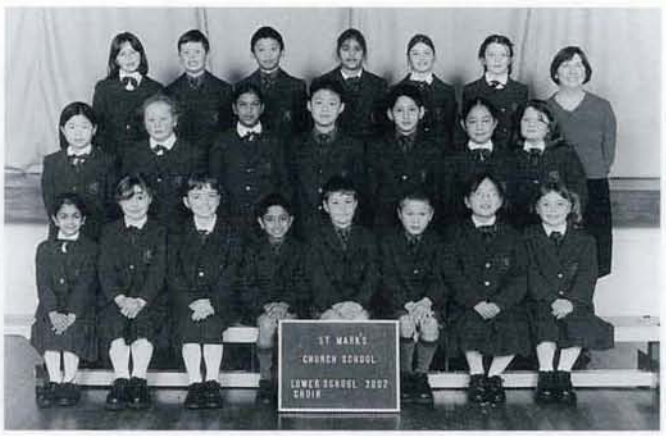
Third row: Jade Li, Dylan Lovering, Matthew Keay, Michael Abernethy, Alexander Royfee, Eunice Kim, Jed Harland, Kajal Patel, Pearl James.

Second row: Matthew O'Meeghan, Elizabeth Hazlewood, Peter Wigglesworth, Richeany Chhim, Grace Ellis, Hannah Copeland, Nileesha Parbhu, Mario Parussini, Mrs N. Sutherland.

Front row: Tessa Chirayath, Susanna Middleton-Olliver, Tanesha Patel, Evangelina Telfar, Rishani Naguleswaran, Radhika Bhikha, Bronwyn Chin, Courteney Bevan, Olivia McKay.

Chamber Choir

Back row: Timothy Banks, Hayden Whelan, Morgan Faleolo, Jordan Mills, Sian Trent. **Middle row:** Sonya Pratap, Kate Middleton-Olliver, Andrew Mills, Blake Heslop-Charman, Udayan Mukherjee, Mrs N. Sutherland. **Front row:** Thomas Wigglesworth, Suhanya Joseph, Soniya McArtney, Dharini Gopal, Amy Sos, Thomas Atkins.



Lower School Choir

Back row: Hannah Copeland, Michael Janis, Jeremy Tai, Kajal Patel, Grace Ellis, Elizabeth Hazlewood. **Middle row:** Eunice Kim, Rhia Stone, Sonali Singh, Kirin Tan, Taru Naug, Waiana Wright, Amelia Petrovich, Mrs N. Sutherland. **Front row:** Krina Nagar, Isabella Malloch, Aimée Bovey, Jonathan Jeevaraj, Callum Boniface, Bradley Juchnowizc, Bronwyn Chin, Olivia McKay.

Kate Middleton-Olliver
Drama bar for service to drama, and Music honours for service to music

Andrew Mills
Drama honours for excellence in rehearsal and performance skills; Music honours for excellence in choral singing and vocal performance

Maria Moran
Drama honours for excellence in rehearsal and performance skills

Shenarl Perera
Drama honours for excellence in rehearsal and performance skills

Rachel Rogers
Drama honours for excellence in rehearsal and performance skills; Music honours for excellence in choral singing and vocal performance

Talosaga Talosaga
Drama honours for excellence in rehearsal and performance skills

Brittany Travers
Drama Honours for service to drama

Ashleigh Young
Drama Honours for excellence in costumes and makeup

Thomas Wigglesworth
Music bar for excellence in choral singing and vocal performance

Sport

SPORT is always actively promoted within the school and St Mark's has offered a range of sporting codes for both competition and recreational play. Over fifty teams have participated in the weekly competitions organized by the various local associations and the lunchtime clubs commenced after being in recess for a year because of the building development. The school has also participated in and been involved in the organization of both zone and interzone championships as well as interschool fixtures.

The sporting calendar of 2002 has been a busy one and the following events have been offered.

Term One
School Swimming Sports
Central Zone Swimming Sports
Interzones Swimming Championships
School Athletic Sports
Milo Cup Cricket
Rathkeale Rugby Sevens

Term Two
Commonwealth Games Baton Relay
School Cross-country
Central Zones Cross-country
Interzone Cross-country
Wellesley College Hockey, Rugby and Soccer Exchange (away)
Scots College Hockey, Rugby and Soccer Exchange (away)

Term Three
Central Zones Winter Tournament for Years 5–6
Central Zones Winter Tournament for Years 7–8
Cathedral Grammar Netball and Hockey Exchange (home)
Wellesley College Hockey, Rugby, and Soccer Exchange (home)
Scots College Hockey, Rugby and Soccer Exchange (home)
Wellington Primary Schools Ten Aside Rugby Tournament

Term Four
Sports and Cultural Awards Ceremony
Scots College Cricket Exchange
Wellington Junior Tennis Tournament
Central Zones Athletics Sports
Interzones Athletics Championships

The annual sport and cultural award ceremony was held early in Term Three at which Honours Awards were presented to those who have achieved in individual codes as well as those who have achieved and participated to a high standard in all sport.

Honours Awards
Contribution to all Sport
John McDonald
Cushla Hume-Merry
Michael Royfee
Jayne Stewart

Commonwealth Games Baton Relay

ST MARK'S CHURCH SCHOOL was invited to be part of the Commonwealth Games Baton Relay as it passed through Wellington. The streets from Government House to the airport were lined with school children from many different schools from around the region. St Mark's children stood on the footpath from the gates of Government House around into Adelaide Road.

The baton was carried from Government House by Mark Sorenson who is a very respected but now retired player and captain of the New Zealand Softball team otherwise, known as the Black Socks. He passed the baton to John Atkinson and from there it was passed down the line, being touched by every child (and staff member) at St Mark's. It was handed by Brittany Travers to the representatives of Mt Cook School, continuing its way to the airport.

Right: Children participating in the Commonwealth Games baton relay.

Honours Awards—Sport

Back row: John Atkinson, Jayne Stewart, Courtenay Harris, Cushla Hume-Merry, Jordan Mills, John McDonald. **Front row:** Dominic Forsythe, Mrs A. Lavin (*Director of PE and Sport*), Mrs C. Leach (*Principal*), Michael Royfee. **Absent:** Isaac O'Connor.

Athletics

Back row: Marcus Gurtner, Emmanuelle Papadopoulos, Cushla Hume-Merry, Dane Falealili, Morgan Faleolo, Sian Trent, Hannah Focus, Hayden Whelan. **Fourth row:** Jayraj Budhia, Hamish Faleolo, Jessie Alexander, Jayne Stewart, Stasi Hagai, Margaret Chan, Isaac O'Connor, Benjamin Wierenga, Michael Royfee, Peter Wierenga. **Third row:** Andrew Atkinson, John Carras, John McDonald, Jonathon Bozino, Natalie Theodoridis, Alexander Harden, Ashleigh Young, Conor Bartosh, Stephen Hazlewood, Martin Clark. **Second row:** Mrs A. Lavin (*coach*), Reuben Rajendra, Ida Chirayath, Sam Shillson, Reena Patel, Neelam Bhikha, Amanda Chan, Amy Sos, Dominic Forsythe, Catarina Sanna. **Front row:** Anthea Poulopoulos, Jed Harland, Pamela Siau, Alexander Royfee, Joanna Tang, Aroha Noanoa, Suzie McDonald, Hannah McKay, Peter Wigglesworth, Jade Li.

Cross-country

Back row: Tim Banks, Jayne Stewart, Isaac O'Connor, Sian Trent, Cushla Hume-Merry, Arthur Cheung, John Atkinson, Andrew Mills. **Fourth row:** Hilary Neale, Mihir Desai, Natalie Theodoridis, Alexandra Harris, Michael Royfee, Uli Brodie, Rafaella Sanna, Andrew Newson. **Third row:** Patrick Rodbourn, Conor Bartosh, John McDonald, Ashleigh Young, Benjamin Wierenga, Soniya McArtney, Kate Blellock-Rollitt, John Carras, Sam Shillson. **Second row:** Reuben Rajendra, Joanna Tang, Amy Sos, Sameer Magan, Dominic Forsythe, Rebecca Coutts-Lynch, Ida Chirayath, Suzie McDonald, Mrs A. Lavin (*coach*). **Front row:** Hannah Copeland, Jade Li, Catarina Sanna, Peter Wigglesworth, Alexander Royfee, Olivia Harach, Jed Harland, Jevon Fulbrook, Grace Ellis, Elizabeth Hazlewood. **Absent:** Mr Banks (*coach*), Andrew Atkinson, Nicholas Roberts-Gray, Alexandra Johnston.

Athletics

The Athletic Sports were held in mid-March. Unfortunately the date clashed with the Year 7 camp, so it was decided that the children in this level would compete in chosen events during the afternoon sports programme. The Year 3 classes were invited to take the vacant spot, competing in all events excluding the high jump.

Most children competed in all events, gaining house points for entering and vying fiercely for those extra points when gaining a place. A special thanks to the staff and Auxiliary who ran the individual events.

Over 50 children were selected to compete at the Central Zones' championships held at Newtown Park in November, from which fourteen placings were gained in the individual events and four in the relays.

A team of 21 competitors competed for the school and the Central Zones at the inter-zone championships held in drizzly, cold conditions at the end of November. Congratulations to Cushla Hume-Merry, Alexander Harden, Dane Falealili and the Year 8 girls' relay teams (Jessie Alexander, Margaret Chan, Amy Sos and Sian Trent) who all gained placings at this event.

Cross-country

Cross-country, as a lunchtime activity, proved to be very popular this year with large numbers at the start of the season. As the weather deteriorated, the numbers dwindled, but those who continued gained much enjoyment and benefit from these twice-weekly sessions. Thanks to Mr Dave Banks who gave his time to train and encourage the runners every Wednesday.

The school championships followed format similar to the previous two years'. Children from Years 3 to 8 went to MacAlister Park to compete on the same course used for the Central Zones championships. Two courses were offered at each age group and house points awarded for participation and placings. Congratulations to Julius for winning the house event.

A team of 50 runners attended the Central Zones' Cross-country in May. The teams' event was decided by adding the first four runners' places in each age group with the lowest total being declared the winner. Congratulations to Suzie McDonald and Cushla Hume-Merry who won their events.

The inter-zone event was organized by the Western Zone and held at Karori Park. This was the first Wellington Primary School Sports Association event where the newly formed sixth zone, Tawa, competed. The best St Mark's runner was Isaac O'Connor, who was sixth in the Year 8 boys' competition.

School Cross-country Champions

Lower Department
Alexander Royfee, Hannah Copeland

Middle Department
Patrick Rodbourn, Joanna Tang

Senior Department
John Atkinson, Cushla Hume-Merry

Awards

St Mark's Trophy
Patrick Rodbourn, Joanna Tang

Stephanie Wilson Cup
John Atkinson

Wellington Harriers' Cup
Cushla Hume-Merry

Hockey

After many of the 2001 team left for secondary school, it was thought that there may not be the numbers to field a 2002 team. However, once the enrolment process was completed, a team was formed and entered into the B grade boys' competition. Congratulations to John Atkinson, who was selected to the Wellington Development Squad.

Inter-school exchanges were added to the calendar with home and away fixtures with Scots and Wellesley Colleges. Although both matches were hard-fought, the final scores were not in our favour. The closely contested exchange with Cathedral Grammar was won by St Mark's.

Our thanks must go to Hannah Fairbairn and Rev Michael Holland who coached, and to Mr Ross Hughson, who managed the team.

Representative Honours
Development Squad
John Atkinson
Jainesh Sukhia

Hatch Cup Team
Jayraj Budhia

Honours Award
John Atkinson

Hockey—First XI

Back row: Joseph Mou, Blake Heslop-Charman, Deborah Paterson, Jayraj Budhia, Sunil Patel. **Middle row:** Rev M. Holland (*co-coach*), Shivum Patel, Dharini Gopal, Udayan Mukherjee, Brad Simpson, Dinesh Ramji, Miss H. Fairbairn (*coach*). **Front row:** Dominic Forsythe, John Atkinson, Andrew Lamb, James McBurney, Jainesh Sukha. **Absent:** Taylor Hughson, Alexander Roberts-Gray.

Hockey—School Team

Back row: Blake Heslop-Charman, Deborah Paterson, Joseph Mou. **Middle row:** Rev M. Holland (*co-coach*), Brad Simpson, Sunil Patel, Udayan Mukherjee, Dharini Gopal, Miss H. Fairbairn (*coach*). **Front row:** James McBurney, John Atkinson, Paul Simpson, Dominic Forsythe, Andrew Lamb. **Absent:** Mr Hughson (*manager*), Taylor Hughson, Alexander Roberts-Gray.

Netball

The season began in April with six teams from Years 4 to 8 entered into the Motu Kairangi Netball Association competition, played each Saturday at the Evan's Bay Intermediate School courts.

The first few weeks are grading rounds. The teams are then selected into the appropriate grades and the competition begins. The Lions team was the most successful, finishing in the middle of the Year 8 A grade competition.

A new initiative was introduced by Motu Kairangi this season. A chance to undergo a Junior Whistlers' programme was offered to Year 8 players. This involved learning and umpiring the Year 4 grade teams every Saturday. Seven of our players (Anisha Balu, Courtenay Harris, Kalpana Jayanatha, Soniya McArtney, Maria Moran, Emmanuelle Papadopoulos and Amy Sos) took up this opportunity.

An inter-school exchange against Cathedral Grammar from Christchurch was held in Term Three. The Lions and Jaguars teams competed and were both successful.

The Year Three players were again given the opportunity to try netball in an eight-week skill-based programme at school in Term Three. This programme finished with a final training session run by Irene Van Dyke, the Silver Ferns' goal-shooter.

I would like to thank the coaches, Elaine Harris, Sandy Stewart, Bernice Neale, Sharon Gray, Susan Harland, Rose Gibson and Helen Murray who gave up their valuable time to promote and nurture netball, and to Jayne Stewart who assisted with the Year 3 programme.

Representative Honours
Motu Kairangi Year 8
Courtenay Harris

Honours Awards
Courtenay Harris

Right: Year 3 netball players with Silver Ferns' goal-shooter, Irene Van Dyke.

Netball—Tigers

Back row: Mrs A. Lavin (*coach*), Jessie Alexander, Sophie Scott, Tabatha Atoa-Jakobs, Margaret Chan, Sonya Pratap, Mrs B. Neale (*manager*). **Front row:** Suhanya Joseph, Regina Wong, Hilary Neale.

Netball—Lions

Back row: Emmanuelle Papadopoulos, Cushla Hume-Merry, Courtenay Harris, Sian Trent, Mrs Harris (*coach*). **Front row:** Stasi Hagai, Jayne Stewart, Amy Sos.

Netball—Jaguars

Back row: Alexandra Harris, Kalpana Jayanatha, Maria Moran, Anisha Balu, Soniya McArtney. **Front row:** Ashleigh Young, Rushika De Silva, Jara Allen. **Absent:** Mrs S. Stewart (*coach*).

Netball—Panthers

Back row: Vanessa Gray, Reena Patel, Kate Blellock-Rollitt, Sophie Ashworth, Rachel Rogers, Mrs S. Gray (*coach*). **Front row:** Jasmine Serepisos, Stephanie Chen, Sheenal Jokhan. **Absent:** Alexandra Johnston.

Netball—Cougars

Back row: Elizabeth Gordan, Ariana Collier, Natasha Nagar, Kate Wakelin, Mrs Harland (*coach*). **Front row:** Sonali Chauhan, Nina Harland, Melissa Naik, Courtney Young, Bethany Forsythe.

Netball—Meerkats

Back row: Ms R. Gibson (*coach*), Aroha Noanoa, Sonali Singh, Priyanka Gordhan, Rebecca Coutts-Lynch. **Front row:** Olivia Harach, Hannah McKay, Jessica McBurney, Amber Kay, Anthea Poulopoulos.

Basketball

The Wellington Basketball Association coordinated two types of competition this year. In the winter competition, held in Terms Two and Three, the School entered two teams in the Year 7–8 grades and one in the Year 3–4 division. The latter team had to compete against older children because of the lack of entries in their grade and displayed excellent sportsmanship. The Asteroids and Lakers reached the semifinals.

In the fourth term, a mixed team was entered into the summer league. This competition was of higher standard than previously played.

My thanks to Jordan Mills who assisted with the organization of the teams and coaching.

Representative Honours
Wellington Under 14—Jordan Mills

Honours Award
Jordan Mills

Basketball—Asteroids

Back row: Jayne Stewart, Deborah Paterson, Courtenay Harris, Emmanuelle Papadopoulos, Alexandra Harris. **Front row:** Natalie Theodoridis, John Kim, Jordan Mills, Thomas McLeod, Amy Sos.

Basketball—Lakers

Back row: Jordan Mills (*coach*), Emmanuelle Papadopoulos, Courtenay Harris, Deborah Paterson, Jayne Stewart. **Front row:** Natalie Theodoridis, Alexandra Harris, Amy Sos.

Basketball—Magics

Back row: Mrs A. Lavin (*coach*), Joanna Tang, Aroha Noanoa, Taru Naug, Eunice Kim. **Front row:** Chandula Wijeweera, Claire Jung, Andrew Graham. **Absent:** Alex Harrison.

Badminton

The school again has offered badminton as a competitve sport although the changes in the personnel at the Wellington Badminton Association meant the competition was shorter than previous seasons. The school entered two teams into the one term competition and although unplaced, received a fair play award.

On behalf of the players I would like to thank Jonathon Bozinoff who assisted in organizing the two teams, and Mrs Merry and Mrs Bozinoff who managed the teams on competition days.

Badminton

Back row: Natalie Theodoridis, Jayne Stewart, Cushla Hume-Merry, Regina Wong. **Front row:** Tom Atkins, Jonathan Bozinoff, Mihir Desai, Andrew Atkinson, Andrew Lamb. **Absent:** Daniel Thom.

Table Tennis

After a year in recess because of the building development, the Table Tennis Club was again in action one lunchtime per week. It is a popular sport and with the introduction of a ladder competition, the players contested keenly to gain the top honour.

The annual Wellington Primary School Table Tennis Tournament was cancelled this year because of the lack of entries, so the players were unable to measure their ability against those from other schools.

Table Tennis

Back row: Simon Joe, Arthur Cheung, Pavithar Gill, Dane Falealili, Ali Dia, Jordan Mills. **Middle row:** Mihir Desai, Blake Heslop-Charman, Marcus Gurtner, Hayden Whelan, Joseph Mou, Greg Jennings, Mrs A. Lavin (*coach*). **Front row:** Dharmesh Gordhan, Yuan Chi Ngan, Thomas Wakelin, Thomas Wigglesworth, Raghav Gupta, Wey Liam Kong.

Rugby

After a few years' absence from the sporting calendar of St Mark's, rugby made a return.

Expressions of interest for the annual Rathkeale Sevens tournament held every March were taken and a First XV rugby squad for inter-school games throughout Terms Two and Three reintroduced.

Mr Hammond's assistance with all the First XV trainings and fixtures was marvellous. He was the co-coach and in charge of the back line. I thank him for his support.

Rathkeale Sevens Report

A squad of 10 students, Mrs Lavin, Mr Favel and parent supporters ventured north for our first rugby outing. The annual tournament was contested by 25 teams. The weather was a stunning autumn day with brilliant sunshine and no wind. St Mark's ended up finishing second in its pool and contesting the plate championship. Overall, St Mark's finished 12th. A very impressive effort.

First XV Rugby

Four interschool fixtures were organized with home and away games against Wellesley College and Scots College. The improvement throughout the season was rewarding. The team also participated in the Kapi-Mana section of the Wellington Primary Schools Rugby Ten-aside Tournament where they won two, drew one and lost two games.

The entire team showed a commitment to getting out of bed on a Monday morning and turning up to school at 7·15 A.M. to train. The spirit in the team was superb, the players always giving 100 per cent effort. Over half of them had never played any rugby before this season.

The team was captained by Isaac O'Connor, who led by example. His attitude and football skills were admired by his coaches and respected by his peers.

Congratulations go to Isaac O'Connor and Andrew Newson who made Wellington representative rugby sides for tournaments against other provinces. I would like to acknowledge the contribution of Rafaella Sanna, a Year 8 girl, who played for the School at the Rathkeale Sevens and the first two games of the fifteen-a-side matches. She played on the wing and acquitted herself well on all occasions.

Kent Favel
First XV Rugby Coach

Rugby—First XV

Back row: Ben Nansett, Paul Simpson, Morgan Faleolo, Jordan Mills, Alexander Hislop, Wilson McKay. **Middle row:** Mr Favel (*coach*), Andrew Newson, Marcus Gurtner, Talosaga Talosaga, Hayden Whelan, Michael Dickson, Alexander Harden, Jadrah Tupai, Mr J. Hammond (*coach*). **Front row:** Anthony Harach, Robert Lawton, Timothy Banks, Isaac O'Connor (*captain*), Andrew Mills, James Birt, Robert Bromley.

Rubgy 7s

Back row: Mrs A. Lavin (*coach*), Hayden Whelan, Issac O'Connor, Rafaella Sanna, Mr Favel (*coach*). **Front row:** Andrew Mills, Morgan Faleolo, Jordan Mills (*captain*), Alexander Hislop, Wilson McKay.

Representative Honours
Isaac O'Connor
Andrew Newson

Honours Award
Isaac O'Connor

Soccer

St Mark's fielded nine teams into the Capital Soccer Junior competition. Three teams, eighth grade Kratos, ninth grade Zeus and twelfth grade Ares, gained promotion to the top of their grades.

The seventh grade Tritons consisted of mainly Year 1 students, who continually played against older opposition. Their commitment never waned.

I would like to thank the coaches, N. Anderson, N. Hatzilamprou, E. Keay, A. Fulbrook, M. Harvey, J. Serepisos, W. Hosie, J. Servos and A. Cassidy for their contribution to the players. I would especially like to thank Evan Keay and John Serepisos who have worked tirelessly to coordinate the soccer within the school.

First XI

A First XI team was selected from all soccer-playing children in the senior department. Four interschool fixtures were organized against Scots and Wellesley Colleges on a home-and-away basis. It was very much appreciated that Wellington College made their grounds available for the home fixtures. The games were much closer than the scores indicated and with most of the team being Year 7 players, there are high hopes for 2003.

Our thanks must be extended to Mr N. Anderson for coaching this team and having to umpire at the last minute. Also, a thank-you to the Auxiliary who gave their time with the after-match function.

Awards

Soccer Trophy
Michael Royfee

Soccer—First XI

Back row: Uli Brodie, Michael Royfee, Shea Thomson, Peter Kandiliotis. **Middle row:** John McDonald, Jonathon Bozino, Thomas Wigglesworth, Thomas Atkins, Adam Poulopoulos, Mr N. Anderson (*coach*). **Front row:** Soteri Katsougiannis, John Carras (*captain*), Dane Falealili, Basil Serepisos, Thomas McLeod. **Absent:** Jay Patel.

Soccer—Ares

Back row: Robert Lawton, Alexander Harden, Michael Royfee, Marcus Gurtner, Timothy Banks, Shea Thomson, Mr N. Anderson (*coach*) **Front row:** Adam Poulopoulos, Basil Serepisos, John McDonald, Peter Kandiliotis, Thomas Wigglesworth. **Absent:** Jay Patel.

Soccer—Apollo

Back row: Darian Howey, Jack Pedersen, Callum White, Matthew Searle, Thomas Evernden-Russell. **Front row:** Jevon Fulbrook, Peter Wigglesworth, Jonty D'Arcy-Smith, Alexander Royfee, Dylan Lovering, Mr A. Fulbrook (*coach*).

Soccer—Zeus

Back row: Matthew Keay, Oliver Syme, Aroha Noanoa, James Wypych, Mr E. Keay (*coach*). **Front row:** James McMillan, James White, Michael Abernethy, Jade Li, Jed Harland.

Soccer—Kronos

Coach: Mr Hatzilamprou

Joshua Anderson, Robert Liu, Jonathan Emsley, Suzie McDonald, Spyro Serepisos, Matthew Taylor, Jayme Natoli.

Soccer—Kratos

Coach: Mr J. Serepisos

Harrison Roberts-Gray, Jordan Letoa, Thomas Serepisos, Andrew Graham, Luc Ferry, Joseph McManamon.

Soccer—Helios

Coach: Mr Hosie

Felix Etcheverry, Michael Janis, Timmy Junkjohn, Kayne Hosie, Taru Naug, Max Duncan, Calib Morgan-Ward, Matthew De Maggio, Fraser Hughson.

Soccer—Hyperion

Coach: Mr Harvey

Jonathan Lane, Kailash Bahirathan, Tae Wan Kim, Chaoson Chhim, Shea McBride, Cyme Parbhu, Vinay Dahya, Rohil Singh, Christopher Bowman.

Soccer—Tritons

Coach: Mr Cassidy

Sachien Budhia, Jack Sargentina, Jonathan Harris, Joshua Pinnell-Diplock, Anaru Tapsell, Natasha Stewart, Lachlan Cassidy-Rowse, Paris Bertos, William Su, William Martin.

Soccer—Poseidon

Coach: Mr J. Servos

William Gibson, Harry Brown, Nicholas De Silva, Harrison Lau-Young, Harrison Lyons, James Calcott.

Cricket

The School entered six teams, under the Collegians' umbrella, into the weekly Wellington Cricket Association competition. The teams' standard has shown considerable improvement over the years and this has resulted in a Colts team, consisting solely of St Mark's players, being entered and being competitive at this level.

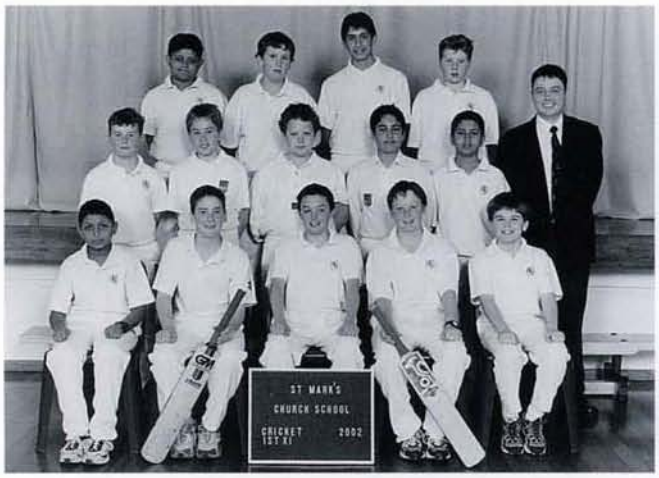
Several club players have been selected to represent Wellington. Congratulations to Conor Bartosh, Dominic Forsythe, Andrew Newson and Alexander Roberts-Gray for this achievement.

On behalf of the children, I would like to thank Nigel Royfee, Greg Forsythe, Rosa McDonald, Chris Graham, Ramish Hira, and Graeme Osborne for giving up their time to promote cricket and nurture the up-and-coming players of the future. Thanks to the Wellington Collegians' Junior Cricket Club who support our school cricket teams with management, élite coaching and equipment.

Inter-school Cricket

A First XI cricket team for 2002 competed in the Milo Cup and inter-school fixtures throughout the year. The team was captained by John Atkinson whos positive approach to his teammates and the game was appreciated.

The Milo Cup is a national tournament and the team made it through to the third round after beating St Teresa's from Karori, Karori Normal by default, and losing to the eventual zone winners, Tawa Intermediate. Congratulations to Marcus Gurtner who gained a hat-trick in the match against St Teresa's.



Cricket—First XI

Back row: Bhavin Patel, Ban Nansett, Pavithar Gill, Marcus Gurtner. **Middle row:** James Birt, Michael Royfee, Alexander Harden, Shea Thomson, Priyesh Patel, Mr Favel (*coach*). **Front row:** Bhavesh Rama, Andrew Mills, John Atkinson, Timothy Banks, John McDonald.

Cricket—Tempests

Back row: Shivum Patel, Mihir Desai, Jayraj Budhia, Conor Bartosh, Alexander Roberts-Gray, Robert Bromley. **Front row:** Wey Liam Kong, Nicholas Roberts-Gray, Andrew Newson, Dominic Forsythe, Patrick Rodbourn. **Absent:** Mr G. Forsythe (*coach*).

Cricket—Sharks

Back row: Raymond Chan, Nilesh Manga, Arjun Paliwal, Natasha Nagar. **Front row:** Melissa Naik, Tanisha Nagar, Sathya Narayanan, James McBurney, Aneesha Budhia. **Absent:** Mr Paliwal (*coach*).

Cricket—Storms

Back row: Thomas Wigglesworth, Basil Serepisos, James Birt, Michael Royfee, Priyesh Patel, Krishna Patel, Mr N. Royfee (*coach*). **Front row:** Bhavesh Rama, Tom Atkins, John McDonald, Adam Poulopoulos, Yuan Chi Ngan. **Absent:** Jay Patel.

Cricket—Whales

Coach: Mr A. Fulbrook

Jade Li, Joshua Anderson, Sameer Magan, Dharmesh Gordhan, James Wypych, Jevon Fulbrook, Suzie McDonald, Callum White, Alexander Royfee, Peter Wigglesworth.

Cricket—Beetles

Coach: Mr Graham

Kayne Hosie, Matthew O'Meeghan, Callum Boniface, Bradley Juchnowicz, Thomas Serepisos, Nimesh Patel, Andrew Graham, Sophie Roberts-Gray, Harrison Roberts-Gray.

Cricket—Cougars

Coach: Mrs A. Lavin

Dylan Lovering, Oliver Syme, Matthew Birt, James White, Jonathan Jeevaraj, Anthea Poulopoulos, James McMillan, Priyanka Gordhan.

In the one inter-school match held in Term Four, the First XI travelled to Scots and played in blustery conditions. Scots won the toss and sent St Mark's in to bat first. After 25 overs we had scored a credible 100 runs exactly but Scots were able to get to the target with an over and two balls to spare in a very tight finish. The Second XI also competed against Scots and were very successful, winning their encounter comfortably.

On behalf of the boys I would like to thank the parents who turned up to cheer, score or provide sunburnt umpires with a cup of coffee. Your support is greatly appreciated by the whole team.

Kent Favel
Coach of First XI Cricket

Representative Honours
Wellington A—Conor Bartosh
Wellington B—Dominc Forsythe, Andrew Newson, Alexander Roberts-Gray

Awards
Upton Cricket Trophy
Timothy Banks

Swimming

The first major event of the year was the annual School Swimming Sports held for all Year 5 to 8 children and for any Year 4s interested and competent in swimming the distances in deep water. Entries were called within the first few days of the new school year.

The racing commenced with individual events and despite the trouble created by the starting system, the programme was completed on time, allowing the meet to conclude with the house relays.

Congratulations to those who broke records and gained placings but a special thanks to all swimmers who took part.

Our thanks must also be extended to the Auxiliary who manned the recording table and to the staff.

A team of 44 swimmers was selected to represent the school at the Central Zone event. Traditionally, St Mark's performs well at these sports and 2002 was no exception. In the individual events, eleven firsts, eight seconds and nine thirds were achieved while in the relay events, nine placings were gained, of which six were firsts.

The placegetters at the Central Zones represented the zone and school at the inter-zone event which was organized this year by St Mark's. Congratulations to Andrew Atkinson, John Atkinson, Dominic Forsythe, and Jayne Stewart who gained placings in the individual events. The Year 5 boys' and girls', Year 6 boys', Year 7 boys' and girls' relay teams were also placed at these championships.

Honours Awards
John Atkinson
Dominic Forsythe

Michael Sorenson Cup
John Atkinson

Swimming

Back row: John Atkinson, Arthur Cheung, Courtenay Harris, Cushla Hume-Merry, Sian Trent, Emmanuelle Papadopoulos, Isaac O'Connor, Marcus Gurtner.
Fourth row: Wilson McKay, Alexandra Harris, Natasha Tollo, Jayne Stewart, Rafaella Sanna, Kate Blellock-Rollitt, Michael Royfee, Raghav Gupta.
Third row: Tanisha Nagar, Stephen Hazlewood, John McDonald, Ashleigh Young, Sean Bevan, Alexander Roberts-Gray, Andrew Atkinson.
Second row: Catarain Sanna, Sonali Singh, Ariana Collier, Aroha Noanoa, Dominic Forsythe, Samuel Sadler, Nicholas Roberts-Gray, Mrs A. Lavin (*coach*).
Front row: Jed Harland, Jade Li, Bethany Forsythe, Suzie McDonald, Joanna Tang, Hannah McKay, Courtney Young, Alexander Royfee, Peter Wigglesworth.
Absent: Rebecca Button, Andrew Bowman.

Waterpolo

The waterpolo competition is played over two terms, the first and the fourth. Two teams were entered into the Waterpolo Board organised competition, one in the A grade and the second in the D grade. Both teams made considerable progress throughout the year, with the A grade team finishing sixth in their grade while the D grade team, unbeaten in the first round, were promoted to the second division of the C grade competition and won this. A very creditable result considering they were competing against older children.

Many thanks to Sandy Stewart and Jo Barry who coached the teams every Monday and also to the parent supporters who manned the scorebench whenever necessary.

Awards
Glen Moyle Trophy
Jayne Stewart
Ogilvie-Lee Cup
Anthony Harach

Flippaball

Flippaball, similar to waterpolo but played by children in Years 4–6, is organized by Wellington Aquatic Centre staff. Each term, a new competition begins.

In Term One, St Mark's entered two teams, while one was entered into tournaments in Terms Two and Four. This is regarded as a Fair Play tournament, but it is competitively contested at all levels.

Our thanks go to Rose Gibson who has coached and managed the teams every Friday. Without her, it would not be possible to offer this sport.

Waterpolo A

Back row: Mrs S. Stewart (*manager*), Benjamin Nansett, Cushla Hume-Merry, Ali Dia, Courtenay Harris, Isaac O'Connor, Mrs J. Barry (*coach*). **Front row:** Jayne Stewart, Alexander Harden, Marcus Gurtner, Wilson McKay, Alexandra Harris. **Absent:** Dane Falealili.

Waterpolo D

Back row: Mrs A. Lavin (*coach*), Alexander Roberts-Gray, Camerson Wiltshire, Samuel Thyne, Conor Bartosh, Anthony Harach, Mrs S. Stewart (*manager*). **Front row:** Dominic Forsythe, Sam Shillson, Nicholas Roberts-Gray.

Flippaball—Term 1, Div. 1

Coach: Ms R. Gibson

Samuel Sadler, William Fine, Sameer Morgan, Joanna Tang, Anna Hislop, Kate Gill, Amber Kay, Andrew Bowman, Nilesh Manga.

Flippaball—Term 1, Div. 2

Coach: Ms R. Gibson

Hannah McKay, Anna Hislop, Ariana Collier, Jack Pedersen, Amber Kay, Olivia Harach, Jade Li, anthea Poulopoulos, Chandula Wijeweera.

Flippaball—Term 2

Coach: Ms R. Gibson

Nicholas Roberts-Gray, Darian Howey, Amber Kay, Kate Gill, Anna Hislop, Andrew Bowman, Christopher Bowman.

Flippaball—Term 4

Coach: Ms R. Gibson

Tai Collins, Amber Kay, Sammy Sadler, Kate Gill, Olivia Harach, Anna Hislop, Andrew Atkinson, Hannah McKay.

Prizegiving 2002

Dux of St Mark's Church School
Arthur Cheung

Jane Gillies Memorial Prize for Proxime Accessit
Udayan Mukherjee

Maddeley Memorial Prize for 3rd in Year 8
Jessie Alexander

Special Prizes

Academic Scholarships for Year 7, 2003
Raymond Chan
Chamika Gajanayaka

Jonathan Soulis Memorial Prize
Dharini Gopal

Annie Holm Memorial Prize for Service to the School
John Atkinson (Head Boy)
Brittany Travers (Head Girl)

A. J. Grey Cup for Excellence in Sport
John Atkinson (Senior Boys)
Jayne Stewart (Senior Girls)

School Supplies' Cup for Highest House Points
Averill

St Mark's Sports Shield
Julius

Chess Cup
Arthur Cheung

Hope Cup for Team Spirit and Sportsmanship
Amy Sos

Abacus International Math Competition—one of our pupils gained third place in the third and fourth grade
John McDonald

Buckthought Cup for Art
Yuan Chi Ngan

Clarkson Music Cup for Excellence in Class Music, Year 8
Udayan Mukherjee

Clift Cup for Drama
Andrew Mills

Fulton Liberal Arts' Cup for Excellence in Music and English
Brittany Travers

Janson Cup for Excellence in Speech
Udayan Mukherjee

Old Pupils, Rosebowl for Arts and Language
Kate Middleton-Olliver

Claire Egarr Cup for Service to the St Mark's Family
Kate Middleton-Olliver

Kirby Cup for a Student Who Has Had All of Their Education at St Mark's from Preschool to Year 8 and Who Has Gained the Most from Their Education at St Mark's
Amy Sos

Clive Gaby Ibbotson Cup for Thoughtfulness and Helpfulness
Morgan Faleolo

Partridge Cup for Thoughtfulness and Helpfulness
Maria Moran

Lang Cup for Mathematics
Arthur Cheung

Stringer Cup for Science
Udayan Mukherjee

Joseph's Challenge Cup for Excellence in ICT
Udayan Mukherjee

Judith Bydder Cup for Example in Sport
Dominic Forsythe

Friends' Trophy for Sport in Middle School
Suzanne McDonald

Prizegiving 2002

Chapman Cup for Speech—Winner of the Middle Department Speech Competition
Suzanne McDonald

Richard Janson Tray for Excellence in Speech and Drama, in memory of a past pupil, to the Student Attaining the Highest Marks in the Trinity Examination
Samuel Thyne

St Mark's Church Vestry Organ Scholarship
Thomas Wigglesworth

Jaimon Cup for Excellence in Class Music in Year 7
James Brodie

Chapman Cup for Excellence in Class Music Year 6
Ida Chirayath

Huffam Cup for Excellence in Year 7
John McDonald

Accent Architect Bursary, Year 7, 2003
Jonathan Emsley

Aker's Scholarship, Year 7, 2003
Jadrah Tupai

St Mark's Church School Board Performing Arts Scholarships, Year 6, 2003
Reuben Rajendra
Andrew Atkinson

Sports Scholarships, Year 6, 2003
Bethany Forsythe
Suzanne McDonald

Divinity

Bishop's Prizes for Religious Education
Joseph Mou
Maria Moran

Maudley Memorial Prize for Excellence in Religious Education
Sophie Ashworth

Class Prizes for Religious Education
Nina Harland (Year 5)
Catarina Sanna (Year 6)
Gregory Jennings (Year 7)
Blake Heslop-Charman (Year 8)

Year 4

General Excellence
Aroha Noanoa

Year 5

St Mark's Auxiliary Prize for Consistent Endeavour in Year 5
Rajiv Pratap

General Excellence
Martin Clark
Alasdair Keating
Rajiv Pratap

Year 6

Parents' Association Cup for Consistent Endeavour in Middle School
Amanda Chan

Year 7

General Excellence
John McDonald
Adam Poulopoulos
Thomas Wigglesworth

Year 8

General Excellence
Jessie Alexander
Arthur Cheung
Kate Middleton-Olliver
Udayan Mukherjee
Tarun Patel
Brittany Travers

Class Photographs

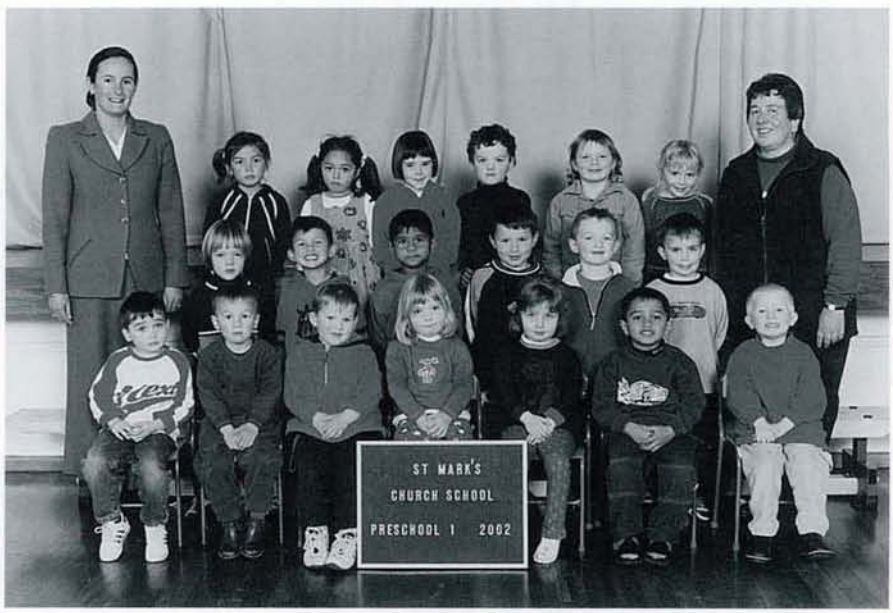
Preschool 1

Back row: Wanaka Noanoa, Morgan Ramji, Sophia Duncan, Lachlan Brown, Anya Graeff, Alabama-Reese Downie.

Middle row: Miss N. Birkett, Max Wrenn, Ben de Silva, Kishan Ishwer, Rupert Usmar, Mitchell Gallagher, William Westerhuis, Mrs C. Hurd.

Front row: Kassion Shavez, Mark Wigglesworth, Joshua Anderson, Isobel Cassidy-Rowse, Georgina Houlakis, Jeeten Mavji, Julian Morse.

Absent: Adibah Kahn, Coral Chancellor.



Preschool 2

Back row: Mrs H. Bevan, India Meo, Faye McIntosh, Juliane Bush, Matthew Sisson, Rose Clarke, Nicholas Wilkinson, Callum Osborne, Annabelle Hammond, Joshua Joe, Mrs M. Sharpe.

Middle row: William Periera, Morgan English, Emma Fulbrook, Jared Don Silva, Jaimee Lake, Samuel Robertson, Devlin Forsythe, Lily Mullholland-Ibell, Conor Juchnowicz.

Front row: Mrs M. Storey, Zachary Serepisos, Brooke Quirk, Ruoniso Mashingaidze, Priya Patel, Cameron Richards, Rohan Sejpal, Hannah Withers, Alexander Saini, Rebecca Yen, Meera Patel, Mrs A. Heath.

Absent: Grace Hughson.

Year 0 & 1 McKenzie/McKinnon

Back row: Andrew Morse, Gemma Sangalli, Kouri Collier, Yukie Tan, Annie De Maggio, Harry Calcott, Hohaia Collier.

Middle row: Mrs L. McKenzie, Hannah Wycliffe, Ranisha Perera, James Ellwood, Sachin Sarin, Kishore Bahirathan, Isham Azad, Michelia McBride, Mrs J. McKinnon.

Front row: Mikaela Bovey, Brittany Eng, Dylan Chong, Shaan Pama, Misha Scott, Jack Gogan, Matthew Holden, Grace Singh, Elena Croft.

Year 1 D'Souza

Back row: Ruby Harland, Barnaby McIntosh, David Zhou, Jasmine Brown, Christian Tuveve-Aiono, Alice Cooke, Jonathan Harris, Lachlan Waugh.

Middle row: Pritviraj Sharma, Kate O'Meeghan, Natasha Stewart, Anaru Tapsell, Jack Sargentina, Sachien Budhia, Rosemary Keay, Miss S. D'Souza.

Front row: Sazia Vintiner, Cameron Fleming, Paris Bertos, Lachlan Cassidy-Rowse, Milan Hira, William Su, Bethan Crombie.

Year 1 Martin

Back row: Madison Young, Matthew Fung, Sean Sardinha, Chyanne Bevan, Hena Malhotra, Alexander Hockley, Tasha Wypych.

Middle row: Daisy Heremaia, Joshua Pinnell-Diplock, Catherine Graham, Mitchell Anderson, Alexander Allen, Daniel Petrovich, Christian Jones, Miss M. Martin.

Front row: Alexander Reeves, Krishan Gordhan, Ho Sze Bing, Neesha Patel, Tyler Poysden, Ishan Mukherjee, Max Syme.

Absent: William Martin.

Year 2 Fairbairn

Back row: Jayson Patel, Krishaan Gopal, Josephine Surridge, Jack Foot, Juanita Falealili, Jessica Su, Kailash Bahirathan.

Middle row: Vinay Dahya, Joshua Bartosh, Steven Gordon, Aaron Chan, Aidan Brock, Shea McBride, Hamesh Patel, Miss H. Fairbairn.

Front row: Priyanka Patel, Christina Cunningham, Lauren Holloway, Mark McIntosh, Rebecca Gray, Roanna Chan, Georgia Eng.

Absent: Mark Phillips.

Year 2 Gilchrist

Back row: Harry Brown, Haresh Patel, Poonam Patel, Harrison Lau Young, Harrison Lyon, Adele Etcheverry, Shanni De Silva, Nicholas De Silva.

Middle row: William Gibson, Henry Wang, Oliver Sandler, Cyma Parbhu, Jonathan Lane, Rohil Singh, Chaoson Chhim, Thomas Wood, Miss J. Gilchrist.

Front row: Leena Patel, Zeenat Vintiner, Tae Wan Kim, James Calcott, Samual Wilton, Sophie Roberts-Gray, Sasha Hayman.

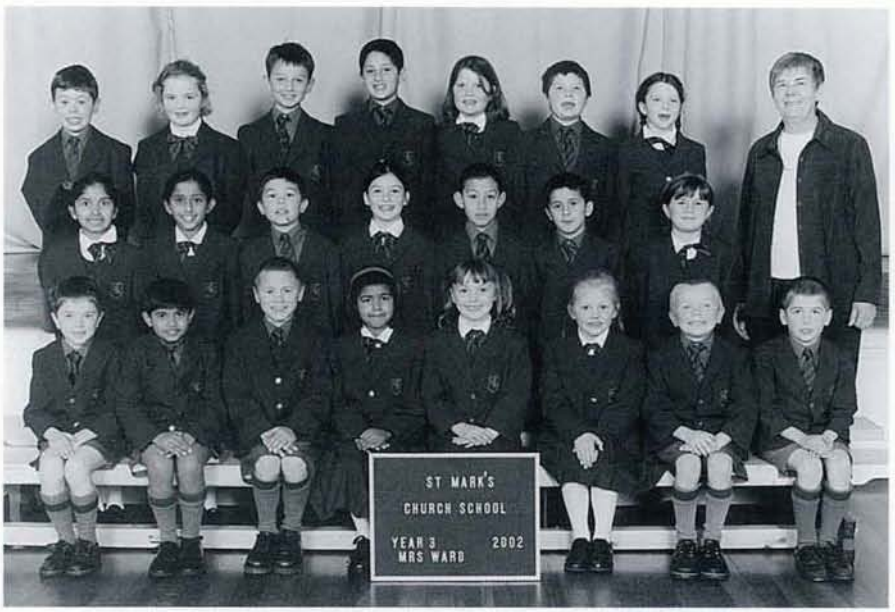
Year 3 Button

Back row: Matthew O'Meeghan, Felix Etcheverry, Joseph McManamon, Eunice Kim, Punthakant Chantarajorn, Tristan Wiles, Tanesha Patel.

Middle row: Rhys Dentice, Matthew De Maggio, Richeany Chhim, Hannah Copeland, Pearl James, Callum Boniface, Nileesha Parbhu, Mrs M. Button.

Front row: Tessa Chirayath, Risha Patel, Luc Ferry, Rithty Prak, Eassa Dia, Isabella Malloch, Courteney Bevan, Krina Nagar.

Absent: William Huang.



Year 3 Ward

Back row: Michael Janis, Rosemary Kelly, Andrew Graham, Taru Naug, Amelia Petrovich, Kalib Morgan-Ward, Elizabeth Hazlewood.

Middle row: Radhika Bhikha, Roshani Naguleswaran, Mario Parussini, Grace Ellis, Jordan Letoa, Harrison Roberts-Gray, Evangelina Teflar, Mrs M. Ward.

Front row: Max Duncan, Nimish Patel Bradley Juchnowicz, Jetal Patel, Olivia McKay, Ruby Moyes, Kayne Hosie, Thomas Serepisos.

Absent: Fraser Hughson.

Year 4 Duffy

Back row: Niko Apostolakis, Ariana Collier, Matthew Searle, Chandula Wijeweera, Seamus Ahkit-Egan, Aroha Noanoa, Rebecca Coutts-Lynch, Jack Pedersen.

Middle row: Oliver Syme, Alexander Giurioli, Marin Polonceaux, Michael Abernethy, Elizabeth Wycliffe, Prashant Lakshman, Darian Howey, Drew Brown, Kim Tae Jun, Mrs J. Duffy.

Front row: James White, James Wypych, Alexander Royfee, Hannah McKay, Olivia Harach, Fiona Gurtiza, Dylan Lovering, Baden Neale, James McMillan.

Year 4 Foster

Back row: Rhia Stone, Thomas Evernden-Russell, Kirin Tan, Callum White, Sonali Singh, Edward Kong, Waiana Wright.

Middle row: Jeremy Tai, Matthew Keay, Ankit Paliwal, Calum Waugh, Matthew Birt, Jed Harland, Peter Wigglesworth, Mrs W. Foster.

Front row: Jonathan Jeevaraj, George Lin, Susanna Middleton-Olliver, Bronwyn Chin, Kajal Patel, Anthea Poulopulos, Aimee Bovey, Jevon Fulbrook, Jade Li.

Absent: Rebecca Bullen, Jonty D'Arcy-Smith.

Year 5 Hickey

Back row: Joshua Anderson, Natasha Nagar, Yo han Youn, Benjamin Wierenga, Khushbu Ishwer, Sameer Magan.

Middle row: Reuben Rajendra, Suzie McDonald, William Fine, Sathya Narayanan, Kate Wakelin, Rajiv Pratap, Tai Collins, Mrs S. Hickey.

Front row: Crystal Man, Elizabeth Gordon, Chloe MacLachlan, Shanell Ramji, Anna Hislop, Courtney Young, Agnes Cheung, Aneesha Budhia.

Absent: Paul Rataul.

Year 5 Murray

Back row: Grace Taylor, Sean Bevan, Nilesh Manga, Arjun Paliwal, Andrew Atkinson, Peter Wierenga, Martin Clark.

Middle row: Mitchell Carr, Jessica McBurney, Tanisha Nagar, Alexander Dyer, Alasdair Keating, Priyanka Gordhan, Yun Hee Kim, Mrs H. Murray.

Front row: Nicholas Roberts-Gray, Sonali Chauhan, Nina Harland, Melissa Naik, Lydia Jennings, Tessa Ralston, Amber Kay, Bethany forsythe, Matthew Taylor.

Absent: Alexander Harrison.

Year 6 Bartlett

Back row: Samuel Thyne, Kate Blellock-Rollitt, Natasha Tollo, Brad Simpson, Spyro Serepisos, Andrew Newson, Jordan Chan, Robert Liu.

Middle row: Chandni Patel, Sam Shillson, Raymond Chan, Stephen Hazlewood, Shenarl Perera, Alex Roberts-Gray, Jonathan Emsley, Joshua Williams, Mr E. Bartlett.

Front row: Benjamin Atkins, Allan Tai, Stephanie Chen, Rachel Rogers, Sophie Ashworth, Vanessa Gray, Jasmine Serepisos, Seung Chul Kim, Alexander Wan.

Absent: Taylor Hughson.

Year 6 Thompson

Back row: Robert Sangalli, Olivia Calman, Cameron Wiltshire, Hamish Faleolo, Kate Gill, Stephen Hagar.

Third row: Amanda Chan, Dharmesh Gordhan, Claire Jung, Mayur Mahesh, Neelam Bhikha, Conor Bartosh, Wey Liam Kong.

Second row: Miss B. Thompson, Dominic Forsythe, Anthony Harach, Reena Patel, Patrick Rodbourn, James McBurney, Howard Chau.

Front row: Simeon Wilson, Samuel Sadler, Joanna Tang, Sheenal Jokhan, Ida Chirayath, Catarina Sanna, Pamela Siau, Dillan Thomson.

Absent: Jadrah Tupai.

Year 7 Barry

Back row: Michael Royfee, Jayraj Budhia, Benjamin Nansett, Cushla Hume-Merry, Hannah Focas, Tanesha Dahya, Anastasia Hagai, Sunil Patel.

Middle row: Thomas Atkins, Jonathan Bozinoff, Thomas Wigglesworth, Alexander Harden, Natalie Theodoridis, Basil Serepisos, Robert Bromley, Vincent Than, Mrs J. Barry.

Front row: Soteri Katsougiannis, John Carras, Bhavesh Rama, Alexandria Oldfield, Ashleigh Young, Shivum Patel, Arran Chan, Danny Koroniadis, Thomas McLeod.

Year 7 Whitehouse

Back row: Alexandra Harris, Jayne Stewart, Marcus Hunter, Marcus Gurtner, Brendan Hair, Angela Matias, Regina Wong.

Middle row: Peter Kandiliotis, Priyesh Patel, Mihir Desai, Gregory Jennings, Uli Brodie, James Birt, Wilson McKay, Krishna Patel, Miss C. Whitehouse.

Front row: Sohan Dahya, Yuan Chi Ngan, John McDonald, Dominique Ward, Roshni Patel, Dharmistra Jeram, Penny Kandiliotis, Adam Poulopoulos, Nimesh Patel.

Absent: Daniel Thom, Jay Patel.

Year 8 Anderson

Back row: Sian Trent, Jordan Mills, Pavithar Gill, Dane Falealili, Ali Dia, Brittany Travers.

Third row: Isaac O'Connor, Timothy Banks, Deborah Paterson, Alexander Hislop, Emmanuelle Papadopoulos, Maria Moran, Kate Middleton-Olliver.

Second row: Shea Thomson, Anisha Balu, Andrew Mills, Sonya Pratap, Thomas Kelly, Michael Dickson, Mr N. Anderson.

Front row: Dinesh Ramji, Raghav Gupta, Dharini Gopal, Rafaella Sanna, Rhiannon Beckett, Soniya McArtney, Amy Sos, Tarun Patel, Jainesh Sukha.

Absent: Talosaga Talosaga.

Year 8 Holder

Back row: Tabatha Atoa-Jakobs, Paul Simpson, Hyun Jun Kim, Morgan Faleolo, Rushika De Silva, Courtenay Harris.

Third row: Joseph Mou, John Atkinson, Arthur Cheung, Sophie Scott, Hayden Whelan, Blake Heslop-Charman, Margaret Chan.

Second row: Benjamin Chapman, Jessie Alexander, Simon Joe, Bhavin Patel, Elizabeth Tsikanovski, Andrew Lamb, Mr L. Holder.

Front row: Robert Lawton, Udayan Mukherjee, Suhanya Joseph, Hillary Neale, Priya Chauhan, Kalpana Jayanatha, Jara Allen, Thomas Wakelin, John Lourantos.