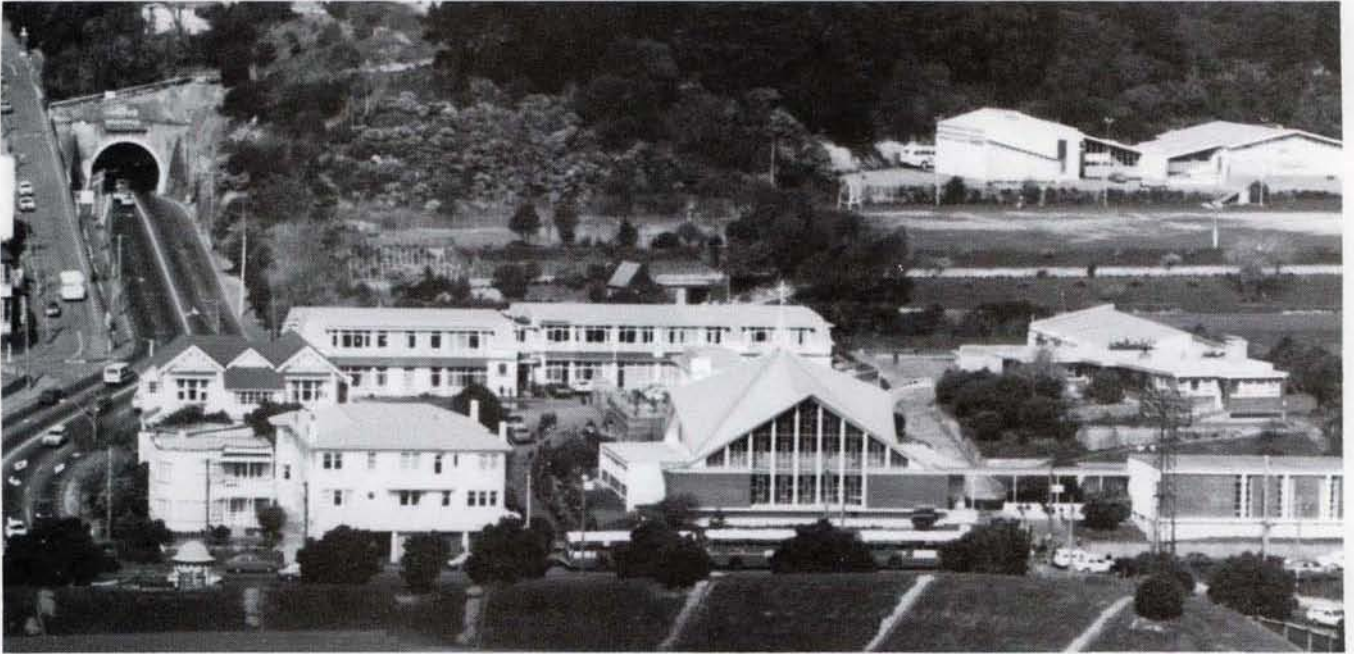


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HEADMASTER'S COMMENTS



It is with great pleasure that I write the 'Headmaster's Comments' for the first time in our school magazine.

The year, for me, has been one of much excitement, hard work and fun as I have settled into my new position. I wish to thank all those who have been so welcoming and friendly to me, and have given me their support and ready assistance.

I am very conscious of the very fine past our school has enjoyed and my only real wish is to build on and enhance this reputation.

Schools only exist for one reason — that is for CHILDREN. Teachers, parents and administrators need to keep this obvious truth ever before them.

To the "kids" of our school, I say 'thank you' for making my first year so rewarding and interesting. You are the people that make our buildings come alive with your vitality, energy, enthusiasm and general "joie de vivre". May you never lose it!

Neil Shroff
HEADMASTER

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Craig Seggie
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John Cruickshanks
Justin Dick
Andrew Geldard
Gregory Harding
Lance Heppleston
Vincent Jagan
Anton Kaganovich
Innes Kent
Crispin Kinder
Snehal Lala
Nu Malaulau
Paul Martin
Paul Rakovich
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Raymond Yeung

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Janice Faletolu
Kellie Harwood
Elene Kanelos
Reena Kanji
Kirsten Leighs
Anupa Ranchhod
Karen Schwartz
Tania Smiler
Jennifer Smith
Anna Synnott
Michelle Taylor
Victoria Sundakov

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Nicholas Barna
Duncan Chapman
Chris Christopher
Dima Geidelberg
Nicholas Hermens
Craig Johnston
Peter Jones
Mark Kibble
Mathew Moresi
Luke Panchal
Paul Parnell
Brandon Skilton
Philip Smart
Elliot Smith
Duncan v.d. Feltz
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Tasia Stace
Hayley Stevenson
Katrina Tso
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Sonya Vitale
Vanessa Wilkinson

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Spiros Harvey
Pierce Jaques
Nathan Jelley
Andrew McGuire
Lincoln Naish/Carlyle
Milan Naran
Scott Ritchie
Stephen Ross
Elias Strati
Jeremy Taylor

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Sacha Allington
Suzanne Barrett
Glennis Campbell
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Kirsty Hulena
Shelley Kettlety
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Meena Ranchhod
Hayley Sommerville
Deidra Sullivan
Chantelle Wolbers

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 Kent Lawton
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 Sally Chapman
 Katherine Grubjeski
 Roshni Khusal
 Vanessa Leighs
 Kalpana Patel
 Natasha Sharp
 Cheryl Wright
 Belinda Fong

BOYS

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 Daniel Bedingfield
 Brendan Cody
 Anand Dahya
 Christopher Elder
 Hitesh Hira
 Timothy Jackson
 Kyle Johnston
 Dean Maunder
 Alexander Nodelman
 Shailesh Patel
 James Paterson
 Clayton Paul
 Kenneth Stratton
 Porourangi Tawhiwhirangi
 Robert Wilkinson
 Andrew Wright
 Devendra Patel

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 Deborah Burns
 Maren Fisher
 Caroline Harding
 Abigail Harwood
 Natalie Imlach
 Tania King
 Caroline MacKay
 Preeya Naran
 Kylie Ngaropo
 Manisha Patel
 Rebecca Scott
 Sara Tulloch

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Christos Aspros
 Michael Bromley
 Sander Blauw
 Justin Connor
 Jayesh Dayal
 Andrew Dykes
 Hunter Jaques
 Philip King
 James Mansfield
 Paul Limbidis
 Natu Malaulau
 Kane-Dell Rihia
 Michael Stewart
 Nathan Strong
 Dominic Vardon
 Suresh Weerasinghe
 Clifford Wong

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 Amanda Cosgrove
 Penelope Forrest
 Kate Galli
 Wendy Kendall
 Amanda Kibble
 Hayley Ritchie
 Roanna Shea
 Rebecca Smith
 Rita Taupau
 Melanie White
 Antonia Zohrab
 Melanie Hodgson

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 Jason Chan
 George Economous
 Sasha Ellis
 Vinod Hira
 Hiran Lala
 Henry Ma'alo
 Dean Moses
 Bhavick Patel
 Todd Power
 James Spencer
 Paul Tannahill
 Ashley Taylor
 Jonathan Tso
 Leighton Wattes
 Darren Whiting
 Timothy Wyatt

J.3. — MRS McALLISTER**GIRLS**

Marie Alopopo
 Rachel Isserlis
 Kim-Leng King
 Ria Kalistounaki
 Naina Manga
 Coral Melgies
 Aimee Morris
 Chantelle Whetu

BOYS

Jonathan Bares
 Alexander Dean
 Simon Dean
 Benjamin Fellows
 Richard Griffin
 Flavius Grubjeski
 Clinton Huppert
 Marcus Jagan
 Hamant Kasanji
 Justin Kontopos
 Pericles Koroniadis
 Douglas MacDonald
 Duncan McIntyre
 Nicolas McPhail
 Deepak Naik
 Justin Niven
 Benjamin Phillips
 Fletcher Stevenson
 Devon Wong

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 Antionette de Senna
 Jennifer Eggers
 Melanie Gallagher
 Tamsin George
 Tunisha Goonewardene
 Louise Hatch
 Sharni Kelly
 Sophie Lackey
 Maryanne Miller
 Bhavika Naik
 Kavita Patel

BOYS

Mark Ahkit
 Jeremy Allen
 Julian Bartram
 Pritish Bhikha
 David Colman
 Bojan Cvetkovic
 Christian Gilman
 Mickey Kumar
 Paresh Lallu
 Rod Makatea
 Jarred Maunder
 Raaz Panchal
 Neil Stuttle
 Stephen Upton
 Julian Virtue
 Darryl Wolff
 Kevin Wong

J1S — MRS SIMONSEN**GIRLS**

Hannah Borovik
 Saira Dayal
 Fiona Gregson
 Marie Johns
 Deniza Kanter
 Anna Kennedy
 Amanda-Jane Moresi
 Katie Roche
 Victoria Rawkin

BOYS

Timothy Adams
 Christopher Bromley
 Matthew Cho
 Bobby George
 Nicholas Green
 Robert Spencer
 James Stewart

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GIRLS**

Kerry Burchett
Marie Chan
Felicity Hazlett
Rebecca Hills
Nicola Jenkin
Nadine Johns
Voula Kaldelis
Tanya Kurtz
Joanna MacKay
Alison McDougall
Nedrina McMullan
Nicola Martin
Michelle Morrison
Liana Nobilo
Nicola Smith
Eva Toia
Kirsty Walker
Phillippa Wong
Joanne Wright

BOYS

Andrew Bettany
Donald Cantlon
Jamie Cobeldick
Daniel Fairfull-Smith
Peter Giovanidis
Robert Harrison
James Jagan
Matthew Johnson
Patrick Johnston
Mark King
Umesh Patel
Charley Potter
James Rees-Thomas
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Apostolos Tsinas
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Mary Brooks
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Janene Linfood
Emma Sutcliffe
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Christian Imlach
Max Priestley
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Abigail Gray
Vanessa Huppert
Paula Johnson
Nicola Kinder
Fiona Murray
Amy Tannahill

BOYS

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Hamish Dahya
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Harry Harvey
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PREFECTS — 1983



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STAFF NOTES — 1983

MR SHROFF

Mr Shroff comes from Auckland, where he has lived all his life apart from periods of time in the United Kingdom. Mr Shroff has been teaching for 18 years including some time in England. His special interest is music and he spent a time in England studying on a Arts Council bursary. He has directed a number of choirs and has held appointments as a church Organist and Choirmaster. Mr Shroff is also interested in the theatre and drama. He admits to being keen on tennis although far from "Wimbledon standard!"

Mr & Mrs Shroff have two sons aged ten and thirteen and a pet Corgi named Cariad (Welsh for darling one).



The Shroff family — Cariad the dog, Jeremy, Mr & Mrs Shroff and Mathew.

MISS THOMAS



Miss Thomas joined St. Mark's in February this year and teaches Std.4. She was born in Devin, a small village in England. She lived in Yorkshire and, at the age of six, moved to New Zealand. Until Std.4 Miss Thomas lived in Timaru, moving to Christchurch for Forms I, II and III. She has also lived in South Africa and moved to Wellington from Auckland.

She enjoys teaching Std.3-4 level pupils and her favourite subjects are formal language and maths. She would like to travel to Asia, Europe and Yugoslavia and revisit Japan, Africa and England.

Her favourite TV programmes are "The Young Doctors", "The Professionals", "Coronation Street" and "We'll Meet Again." Favourite Foods include, Chinese and Indian dishes. She enjoys listening to classical music on the concert programme as well as Radio Windy and "Ready to Roll". People she admires are Margaret Thatcher (because she is an intelligent woman without being obviously "Women's Lib."), Marie Curie, Princess Diana, Kiri Te Kanawa, Sir Edmund Hillary and Henry Kissinger. Pet hates are people smoking in lifts and bad tempered people.

She likes reading autobiographies and books by Thomas Hardy and H. E. Bates. In her spare time she likes to garden, walk on the beach, play badminton and a little tennis.



MR COWLEY

Mr Cowley joined the staff of St. Mark's at the beginning of the third term, as our Music Master.

He was born in Swindon, Wiltshire, England. At the age of 5 he started learning the piano but gave it up at 12 years. At 16 he started the organ which he studied at the Llandaff Cathedral, Wales, practising for up to 6 hours a day. At college he also learned the Bassoon and Harpsichord.

Mr Cowley started teaching in 1974 in Bicester Comprehensive School which had a roll of about 2,000 children. He then moved to Devizes School which had a roll of 1,700. He stayed there for 3½ years. He then moved to St. Mary's School, Calne, where he was appointed head of Choral and Academic Music. At the same time he was organist and choirmaster at Calne Parish Church. After 6 years he then came to New Zealand where he was appointed to Huntley School. After a short time there he came to St. Mark's.

Mr Cowley's hobbies are chess, tropical fish, woodwork, car mechanics and motor-cycling. He is married with a baby daughter, Katherine. Mrs Cowley plays the clarinet and organ and has already given a recital in St. Mark's Church.

MRS GEORGE



Mrs George joined the St. Mark's staff in 1983 as the front office Receptionist. She is originally from Wellington and spent her early life here but she has been living in England for some years. She travelled with her husband who was with the merchant navy.

Last year she returned to New Zealand with her family. Her children attend St. Mark's. Mrs George prefers New Zealand to England because she believes there

are more opportunities for children and that the general standard of living is higher. She enjoys her position at St. Mark's because she loves meeting people.

Mrs George and her husband are busy renovating their old home. She enjoys reading, all music and outdoor life. She also enjoyed watching "Hill St. Blues". She does not like people who are intolerant of others.

Debbie Diaz and Catriona Martin — F.II

MRS ANASTASIOU



Mrs Anastasiou, who started at this school this term as our French teacher, lives in Kelburn with her husband and two children. She has lived there all her life and enjoys the place.

Mrs Anastasiou used to be very interested in athletics but when she went to secondary school, she had to choose between studying and sport. She has taught at two previous schools, including St. Pats.

Mrs Anastasiou has not been overseas, although she would like to visit France and Greece to see the cultural objects and sights. Also prompting this trip is the fact that her husband is Greek.

Amongst Mrs Anastasiou's interests are reading, theatre and the cinema. Her favourite film is "Heat and Dust". She also enjoys many aspects of culture, is active in aerobic dancing and listens to classical music, particularly enjoying Chopin, Mozart and Vivaldi. Although teaching takes up a lot of her time, Mrs Anastasiou still plays tennis. One of her pet hates is sexist advertising.

We all hope that Mrs Anastasiou stays for a long time to aid in our French teaching.

Jason Stace and Tony Vamvoukakis — F.II

MR EMMINS



Mr Emmins started his teaching career in Kaitaia where he taught a Std.3 class. After some time he travelled overseas to Surrey, England, where he taught at a school for maladjusted girls. The school had a roll of forty pupils. One class had an average of six girls. Mr Emmins returned, after some time, to teach in Auckland. Shifting to Wellington, Mr Emmins found hard. He found the hardest things to adjust to were the lack of grass, the

wind and being away from home. All Mr Emmins shifting had to be done just one week before school began as that was when he was notified that he had the job.

Mr Emmins's hobbies are mostly sports. He enjoys soccer, squash, running, art and music while he is working. Mr Emmins dislikes politics, movies and people who can't get on well with each other. He enjoys long walks in the bush and thinks that Wellington's walkway is very good.

1983 has meant many things for Mr Emmins. It has meant trying to figure out how to cook a dinner in one pot or pan. It has also meant a continuous 24 hour work day. In the future Mr Emmins hopes to find he is completely at home with the children and staff of St. Mark's.

MR HAMPTON



Mr Hampton has been teaching for about three years. He previously taught in Porirua and Plimmerton. He has a B.A. and Honours in History. Mr Hampton's hobbies are cycling, tennis, photography and films. He also likes good weather and Wellington, although the two don't go together very well. However, Mr Hampton dislikes noise. He has travelled Britain, Europe and the U.S.A.

MR BURTON

Although Mr Burton wasn't working as an accountant before he came to St. Mark's, he has obviously proved to us that he is worthy of the job. In his spare time Mr Burton enjoys ballet, music, literature, water painting and theatre. Mind you, he dislikes rude people, no matter how old they are and also people who will not listen to both sides.

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

SPEECH COMPETITIONS

It all started when Mrs Dutch, my teacher, wanted everyone in the class to prepare a speech on something. At the end, when everyone had completed their speeches, Mrs Dutch chose the two best ones. They were myself and a boy called Andrew Bares. I talked about Dr Barnardo and Andrew Bares about the Monarch Butterfly.

Next I found myself down in Mr Shroff's office, telling him my speech. This is the exciting part. I was in the finals and so was Andrew Bares.

The finals were held on a Wednesday night in the first term at the hall. All the competitors were in uniform. There was silence. I felt a little bit scared and nervous too. The hall was crowded. There were teachers, parents, grandmas, grand-dads and many more people. They were all staring at us. "Vanya Tulloch, please". My legs shook. I stood up and said my speech on Dr Barnardo. I was relieved when I had finished my prepared speech. I also had to do an impromptu speech. That was hard. I had to think what to say and my mind was empty. I had to speak on "Somewhere I would like to go". I did it. I said I wanted to go to the South Island. All of the prepared speeches were interesting. Vanessa Ward did a funny one on "Twins". They were all different. Soon it was the end of the show. There was silence. The lady gave the results. I came second. I was also told that I would get a prize at the end of the year. It was fun at the Speech Competitions even though I felt a little bit nervous.

VANYA TULLOCH — Std.3D

MANUAL TRAINING

Quarter to one Friday afternoons and we are trudging up to Manual Training prepared for the stitching and hammering of the afternoon. Sewing machines whizzing, saws flying, we all have our different opinions of Manual. I, myself, enjoy it. Woodwork — the excitement and wonder of trying something new. Pencil cases, boxes, even cars. It is amazing what you can create with your hands.

Whilst all this is happening in Mr Neville's room, Mrs Barnett is supervising the sewing people. Watching alarmingly as the thread somehow crosses to the wrong side of the cloth. The best thing I think about Manual is that the boys and girls are treated evenly.

The boys have to be tortured by sewing while the girls get to experience woodwork.

JUSTINE FARRINGTON — F.I.L

CHANGES

Since our new Headmaster arrived there have been many changes. The small children have a new adventure playground and we actually have a grassed area of our own and \$200 worth of small trees which have been planted. The Calder Block has a new area where all bars are kept. At the beginning of the year we were lucky enough to get Mr Emmins who is our P.E. teacher. He also has done many things for us, most of all he has arranged for all Form II classes to go to a camp in the Akatarawas for two days. On the day of the



bush walk, we will be accompanied by an ex-member of the Police Search and Rescue Squad.

A recent arrival is Mr Cowley who is our music master. He hopes to achieve many things for the school's music programme. The school drive has been tar-sealed. This makes it tidier. Even the corridors have changed. Display boards have been put up where poetry, stories and articles are displayed. When you first enter the Coffee Block, there is a wall reserved for P.E. notices, sports events and articles about certain sports. Apart from all these changes one thing has stayed the same. Every year since Std.3 I have had to be in the same classroom!

TINA TSINAS — F.IIS



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

This year, with Mr Emmins, P.E. has improved dramatically. Enthusiastic competition and fitness have both been installed, making P.E. far more enjoyable. St. Mark's is getting involved in sporting events like the Business House Relay and House COMPETITION has been stretched to the maximum.

For me however, Mr Emmins has also brought disadvantages. Last year, running cups like the Wilson Cup were just sitting there for the taking for anyone who trained and was fit. This year however, fitness has been so boosted that, although I train, I am ending up with lower placings than in Std.4!

Having a full-time P.E. teacher of good quality makes outstanding differences. Not so many games are played but, when they are, they are far more enjoyable because we are fit. No longer is St. Mark's always last in at inter-school sporting events. Mr Emmins is unique because he really gets in with the kids. He presses discipline, so getting the very most out of a small half hour period.

There are those who complain about P.E. being too strenuous but those are the ones who don't know what it is to be fit. They resent the idea, seeing no personal gain.

ADAM JACKSON — F.II

HOBBIES

In the second term, on Monday afternoons, we had a hobbies class.

I chose to do Papier M'achée. We made a Dinosaur first. I made a wire base to help shape him. The legs were not very easy to do. Next, I made a large Pig. This time we blew up a balloon and put three layers of paper m'achée onto the balloon. When this was dry, my friend and I cut up four toilet roll inners and m'achéed them onto the

body. The next week we made a tail out of an old biro spring which we pulled and papier m'achéed too. For the snout we covered a Maggi container and used the red lid for the tip of his snout. His ears were made from a cupboard base also papier m'achéed. Finally we got to paint them. My friend and I enjoyed our hobbies class on Monday afternoons.

TRISTAN REYNARD — Std.3/4M

THE MUSIC COMPETITIONS

In the second term, Mr Shroff announced that a Music Competition was to be held. A first for St. Mark's! Children who played the piano, violin or other instruments and wished to enter the competitions started practising hard for the semi-finals. I was one of them.

The semi-finals were taken by Mr Shroff and, after he had heard everybody, he decided who would be the finalists. When he announced the names, I found I was one of them. I was nervous and excited all in one! At home the finalists all worked hard on their pieces, playing and playing them.

Finally came the night for the finals. Even before they started I had butterflies and was very nervous. I kept thinking I would make a BIG mistake when I was playing but when I played it wasn't as bad as I thought.

Then came the high point of the night — the prizegiving. When I heard my name being called out as one of the winners, all the hard work I had done seemed worth it!

ROBERT EWENS — F.IIL



GUTTERBOARD COMPETITION

On the 27th of September, my partner and I won the Gutterball Competition against our competitors. Our competitors were Rachael and Kerri-Anne. Everytime I went past my competitors they would say "today at lunch time".

They kept on saying this and I was getting very nervous. Then the 12.45 bell rang and I went to get my partner from the next classroom. Our competitors were already waiting outside with a board. We had the ball. After a

while the game began and it was going very well. About 2 minutes later we all were on the last dot.

Our competitors were four ahead of us but on the fifth shot the ball missed the board. Now it was our turn and then we passed them and won.

We congratulated ourselves and we put our name on the board.

THENA ANTHOPOULOS — F.I.L

HOBBIES

We began our hobbies in the second week of the second term. I chose knitting because I am good at it. On the list that we were given we had to choose four topics that we liked and my first choice was knitting. Some people got either second, third or fourth choice.

Mrs Graham and Mrs Shroff taught us how to make little toy dolls made out of wool. We had to sort out which people knew how to knit and the people who were only beginners. Mrs Graham taught that group. Mrs Shroff gave us the pattern and we started to make the beginning of the doll which was the shoes. By next week I had already made the doll's pants and now I was beginning to make the jacket. The next week I made the face and by the week after I had made the whole doll.

Near the end of term I had already made about three dolls. Another teacher kept the dolls for us so we wouldn't lose them for the Arts Festival.

It was really enjoyable in my hobby class and I still keep making those dolls!

MEENA PATEL — F.I.L

BALLROOM DANCING

All the boys are on one side of the room and all the girls are on the other side. Mrs Miller, our Dancing Teacher, tells the boys to go and pick a girl from the other side of the room. I had a shock but soon got over it. Once again I had picked a partner. I felt embarrassed in front of my friends but I was relieved to know that I was not the only one. We learned a lot of dances in our eight week course and then, after a long time, put it all into practice at the Social.

MATTHEW ST. AMAND — F.I.L





ARTS FESTIVAL

In the second term, we had an Arts Festival. Everybody did something for the mothers and fathers. The juniors performed on Monday, the Middle School on Tuesday and the Senior School on Wednesday. We did, "The King's Breakfast" and then we did a small folk dance. I was one of the folk dancers. Everyone enjoyed it when Andrew Geldard kissed Jehan Abdel-Al on the hand. The Arts Festival was in the evening and when we went back into the classroom Mrs Dutch gave us each a sweet. The Arts Festival was a success and we raised a lot of money. The parents enjoyed it so much that they watched the whole thing.

HEEMA PATEL

WHAT OUR CLASS DID FOR THE ARTS FESTIVAL

On Tuesday, 9 August, our school had an Arts Festival. Each class had to present a few items that took up to 8 minutes.

There were three items that we prepared for the night. The first item our class did was a song called "The Keeper" and our teacher was the conductor. It was really nerve-racking because we could see that we were performing before a packed audience.

Soon, after that there was a skit called 'Bubblegum'. That was about a kid who chewed bubblegum and threw it away because it had lost its taste. The kid then came back and ate the chewing gum after it had been trodden, sat and leaned on. When the applause of that had died down, we still had another good skit to follow it which was called "Miss Universe". Boy, was that funny! At the end our class got so much applause I nearly went deaf.

JESSICA BEYELER — Std.4T

MANUAL TRAINING

Manual is my favourite period in the week. It is fun and creative but you still feel a sense that you are learning something as well.

I regard Woodwork as the best because Mr Neville is humourous and shows strict discipline in the use of tools, especially chisels and other sharp utensils that we use frequently in the period. After we receive ten merit points we can make whatever we wish, as well as the assigned project. When you finish a project you feel extremely satisfied with the product you have made —

unlike the feeling you get when purchasing something from a shop. I think the few people chose to do woodwork are very lucky.

PETER MOOR — F.I.L



BOOK WEEK

During book week everyone had great fun. Posters covered the school walls saying "BOOK WEEK — READ A BOOK TODAY". In the class, book reviews, characters from books and any other thing relating to books were displayed everywhere. These added colourful cheer to the school and put everyone in high spirits. I think the highlight of Book Week for the children in the school was dressing up as one of our favourite characters and the highlight for the parents was the evening where books were discussed and some of the teachers did a speech about books. There was also a children's author. Mr Shroff selected a few people to show their costumes and give a short talk about their characters. I thought Book Week was very successful and a great idea. I hope that in years to come, Book Week is just as enjoyable.

CATRIONA MARTIN — F.IIL

SOCIAL

The Form I Social was very good and a lot of people went. There was lots of food and drink which the boys liked the best. The Social went for two hours. There were about eight dances. The dance everyone liked was the bunny hop. After the Social Miss Lippert and Mr Emmins did the twist.

ROBYN STODDART — F.1H

BALLROOM DANCING

One morning our teacher announced that we were going to start ballroom dancing lessons. After millions of groans, we all went down to the hall where our teacher, Mrs Miller, was waiting.

The girls and boys stood on separate sides of the room and the boys were asked to pick a partner. After more

groans this was done and we were taught the dance: "The Gay Gordons".

This was terrible but after a week, everybody got used to it and it was quite fun.

VANESSA HAMM — F.I.L

THE ARTS FESTIVAL

The classes were lined up, tense and eager, waiting to face the crowd of people seated in the St. Mark's

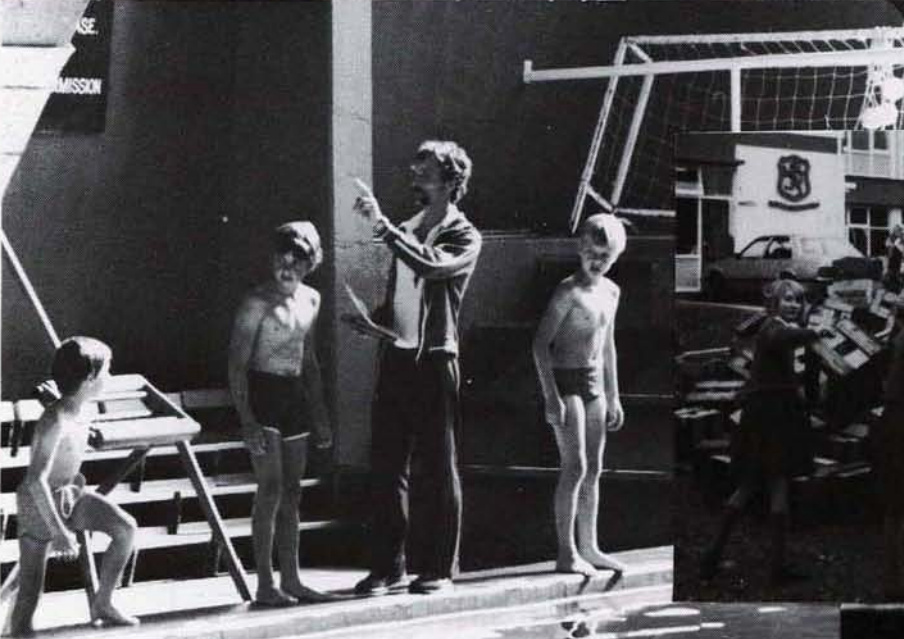
School Hall. For the past three weeks classes had practised their pieces and were waiting for the important day. The middle school did their pieces on Tuesday, 9 August and it went with a bang!

Std.4T sang a lovely song called "The Keeper", and a thrilling skit of "Miss Universe". Miss Thomas conducted her class. All went well. We were filled with sorrow when we were finished. It was fun standing on a stage. The crowd loved it — so did we.

ANITA BALAKRISHNAN — Std.4T



Around



d About



ORIGINAL

HORIZON

Luminous and radiant is the sun,
Settling over the vast dense hills,
Staring continuously,
I see the sea sparkling in delight.
To see their Lord the Sun,
Is watching intensively over them.
Settling slowly, the cover of night approaches,
Sprinkling magic dust, silently over the world.

BHADRIKA MAGAN — F.IIC

I stand silhouetted against the dark
Horizon.
The omen of death
Blowing
In great folds around me.
The terrible stench
Death is upon me.
A last bomb
Drowns my sorrows
And ends my presence in this
God forsaken
War.

Nicholas Maling — F.I.L

GRANDMAMA'S WILL

The old woman and the girl walked slowly up the street. "Marianne," the ageing woman said, "As you know, I am going to write a will. Make sure your sisters get a fair share. I am quite a rich woman and obviously, I have to leave my money and other riches somewhere!"

Marianne was twelve that day in 1875. She did have a party, a mighty fine one too. She lived in England, in the big city of London. Her family was a rich family and a big one too! She had five sisters, three older and two younger. Stephanie, the eldest, was very snobbish. Kyle, the second eldest was vain like Helene, the third child. Next came Marianne who was very plain-looking but attractive in her own way. The youngest two were twins, Sara and Sheryl.

The old woman and the girl walked back to the mansion. Marianne ran upstairs to her room which she shared with Kyle, to get changed for dinner. "Oh, Marianne! Why don't you put on your rose-coloured skirt?" inquired Kyle, brushing her hair. "I hate it! It reminds me of Aunt Caroline." Caroline was an old aunt who sadly passed away years ago. Marianne was very fond of her. "What is Grandmama doing?" Kyle asked, trying to change the subject. "I think she's writing her will," Marianne cried, trying to calm down.

After dinner....

"Good-night everyone. I'm sorry but I am going to bed now. Having written such a long letter I am feeling very tired," the old, pale woman said, getting up from the table. After the lady had gone to bed, Marianne noticed her grandmother had left her jewel box on the dinner table. "I'll run it upstairs to her now," Marianne said, getting up from the table.

In the bedroom Marianne heard a moan. "Marianne, is that you?" the old woman called. "Yes, Grandmama," answered Marianne. "I left the will on the table. Take it. Take it — it." The seventy-eight year old woman had

just said her last words. As the old lady lay still, Marianne suddenly realised the grandmother she had known all her life was gone. Completely gone. "No, No, No," Marianne screamed. "Grandmama!" She burst into tears and rushed downstairs. "Mama, Papa, Grandmama's dead-d". The twins ran upstairs to the old woman's death bed, hugging the dead body furiously. "Where's the will?" shouted Stephanie. "All her money goes to me, I am the eldest!"

"Oh, hush up everyone and stop crying Marianne. My hair looks bad enough" squeaked Helene with a mirror held up to her face. "I've got the will", cried Sheryl, waving it in the air. "Open it, open it," shouted the three oldest girls. Sheryl opened it and read aloud. "The day that you open this, I do not want to be a sad one. Remember I want the house full of happiness. I will start with my only child, Eileen Mary Texteen. All my jewellery shall go to you with one hundred and fifty pounds. My special grand-daughter Stephanie Ann shall have my Chinese oak wardrobe with it's bureau and dresser. Helene Madeline shall have the writing desk and my garden, Rosa Le Quoi. Kyle Tana shall receive all my paintings and my horse to ride. Marianne shall have my old bicycle, all my books and trophies. Sheryl and Sara may share my sewing-machine and twenty acres of land in Riverlense. Each of my grand-daughters will receive one hundred pounds."

They called the undertaker in. The burial was to take place the following day. The three girls (the older sisters) got everything willed to them, even though they didn't deserve it.

KRISTINA HERMENS — Std.4M

SEA SPY

Sometimes the sea is spying on me,
When my back is turned I hear the sea whispering
But when I turn around
The murmur has stopped
I can feel it creeping up on me
But again as soon as I sense it
It disappears!
I imagine two large beady eyes
Staring at me
From under the sea's green cover
Watching my every move.
How avid I am
To know what is being said
By my secret admirer,
The sea.

LISA MacDONALD — F.IIL

SHIPWRECK

Ship wrecked on an island
Stormy winds whistling by—
Starving.
No food, no water,
Nobody.
I might die.
Suddenly
A bright red light
A ship
I hope it is a ship
Safe
Home at last!

LINCOLN ROBB — F.I.L

THE CITADEL

The rock only in places showing
Soundless, peaceful and quiet.
The weather freezing around the giant
Making coldness.
And giving frostbite
Stealing lives from those attempting the feat
Leaving blood and family woes.
Too icy sharp and slippery to be conquered.
So blue and wet
The climbers' foe.

KARLA WARD — F.IIL

MY BIG MOMENT

Today was the big day and our class was giving an Assembly. I had to read out my Jabberwock story, even though I didn't want to. At ten past eleven we met down at the hall to prepare. Everyone looked confident, at least I hoped so. Then the bell rang and everyone was now filing down to the hall. The Assembly started. I sat there listening, waiting for my turn. First came the Jabberwock poem, then Sally read her story. I thought that it was good but I thought mine was terrible. Now it was my turn. My heart beat faster than before. A large lump appeared in my throat and I felt sick. I read my story quickly because I didn't want to stand there much longer. I thought everyone was going to laugh and jeer at me or just sit there and stare, but I was wrong. A loud clap started as I walked back to my chair. Gareth was next. Then announced hymn No.45. I stood up to sing. At last the Assembly was over the lump in my throat disappeared. After everyone had left, I told Sally how good she was. I was a little jealous but Sally congratulated me, even though I didn't deserve it.

KAREN RUTHERFORD

On the face of the hill stood the pikemen,
Like a plague of bloodthirsty rats.
Long, gleaming pikes at ease,
In front stood the angry townspeople.
The calvary fight the reins
Of impatient horses.
We can almost smell war.
Suddenly the two armies clash,
Weapons rushing madly in the smog infested air.
Then falling to the ground as the owner,
Battling once again to live....
Defeated.

DAMIAN PHANOULAS — F.IIL

ERUPTION

Sleeping
Dormant in the night
Its dark shadow reaching high
Little swirls of smoke rise always to the sky
Hissing and boiling lava rolls down the hill
Hotter and hotter until.....
B oom!
Burning red and orange
Streak the night sky like a rocket
Smoke and ash blow into the city
Making thick fog
The volcano slows, hisses,
Until nothing but a small swirl of smoke
Drifts across the morning sky.

ROBERT EWENS — F.IIL

BOYS

Boys are appalling,
They make a habit of brawling.
At night they turn out the lights.
Instead of toys,
Boys like noise.
They chase kittens
And never wear mittens!
They climb trees
And tear their dungarees.
Boys are certainly not joys.
SHARMILA WEERASINGHE — Std.3/4M

BOYS

I hate boys,
They make a dreadful noise.
They like to climb trees
And scrape their knees.
They throw dead mice
At girls that are nice.
They don't play with toys.
I HATE boys.

LOUISE MacDONALD — Std.3/4M

THE IMMIGRANTS

Two homeless people at dock do wait,
For something that is not there.
A feeling of warmth and expectation, left behind,
Their country, land beautiful, green, had been
destroyed.
Hungry was on its knees to the Communistic rule of a
Heartless Russia, From this they must escape,
Two homeless people at dock do wait,
For something that is not there.

PETER MOORE — F.IIL

MOLE

Pudgy nosed, snuffling the dry soil,
Anxious to discover looseness
Or a hole to descent.
A hole to cuddle up in,
Preferably vacant.
Stout little legs,
Quivering with coldness.
Jogging, perhaps to keep fit?
A plump body to carry,
Is too exhausting for an unfit creature.
Nearly dying with cold,
The mole stumbles over a bowl of warm porridge,
Warming the mole's hollow trunk, he devours it all,
Smiling contentedly.

RACHEL JESSEN — F.IIL

MY NEW BATHROOM

On Friday, two builders called Tipe and Tony came to my house to break down our bathroom because I was going to get a new bathroom. First they took out half of the floor. Tony went under the floor to put some new pipes in. Tipe comes to our house everyday. Everyone in my family had to have a bath before Tony took the bath out. Then the toilet was done. The bathroom looked much better when the boards were on the wall. When the news sink was in I was the first one to brush my teeth in it. At last the new bath was done and I got to be the first one in it too. This is a true story.

ANAND DAHYA — Aged 7

Heavy breathing, footsteps.
All I see is darkness
Unusual voices laugh and cackle.
Never will they cease to stop.
Thunder, lightning and rotting chains.
Echoing screams and moans.
Down the hallway I wander, determined
To find the answer.

Furiously the water forces its way through,
Lunging into shops and houses.
Obtaining power it carried helpless animals
Over the city it passes by,
Destroying obstacles in its way.

ISHARA GOONEWARDENE

Forward the water flowed,
Literally destroying the place.
Overhead rescuers hovered,
Onward still it flowed,
Drowning the people.

MATTHEW SHROFF — Std.4T

MONSTERS

Monsters on this planet,
Oh! How frightening they are!
Nothing can stop the great big things,
Slipping around here and there.
Things that go bump in the night.
Evening is the time they start creeping out.
Roaring, raging loudly,
Scary things, these monsters are.

JACK YAN — Std.4M

AQUA!

Aqua, Aqua read all about it,
Aqua, Aqua you can't live without it.
Water, sky, snow and rain,
Then the sun comes out again.
All is sparkling, fresh and clear,
I hope its like that all next year.

Aqua, Aqua what a hue,
Water drops, like the dew.
Mirrored lakes and glassy ponds,
Set amongst ferny fronds,
Reflecting deep and mysterious blue,
That's Aqua to me,
What's it to you?

Mountains high that reach the sky,
Like a distant wall
With cracks and rings around it
As if it all fall.

Rivers flowing down the path,
To make a gorge,
Twisting all up and down and
Twisting, turning, swerving.

REBECCA RADFORD — F.IIS

HALLOWEEN

Ghosts jumping everywhere
What a big scare
Witches on their broomsticks
Bonfires burning
Ghosts are learning
What a scary night is Halloween

VICTORIA HALL — Std.3/4M

MY LIFE AS A RUBBER

I am a fancy red and yellow rubber. I am shaped like an ice-block. One thing bothers me though, my owner pretends I'm a real ice-block and she licks me. I hate it when her wet slimy tongue slides up my side. I usually live my life in a drawer in the girl's desk in her bedroom. Sometimes she leaves me on the floor and people walk on me. It hurts a lot. It squashes me into the carpet.

I will now tell you a dreadful adventure I once had. I was just having a sleep in the girl's sheepskin rug where she left me when, suddenly, the vacuum cleaner came and, whoosh, it sucked me into its long pipe. It was funny in the pipe but when I popped out of the pipe and landed on a big pile of rubbish. Suddenly a lot more rubbish jumped out of the pipe and on top of me, then the vacuum cleaner was put away for a week. At the end of the week the vacuum cleaner was emptied and I fell out. I heard my owner say, "Oh, look what you vacuumed mum, it's my rubber." Then she put me away.

DALE DONOGHUE — Std.4M

On Anzac Day you remember about the soldiers in the big war. If the soldiers hadn't the war the government would be horrible. Lots of men went. The people who didn't go say 'thank you'.

DAVID COLMAN — J.2

On the twenty-fifth of April, we remember that lots of soldiers died in the battle because they wanted us to have a good governments. So we have a happy life we must say 'thank you'.

TAMMY GEORGE — J.2

On Anzac Day we remember that lots of people went overseas to have a big war and lots of people died. We should say 'thank you' to them because otherwise we wouldn't have a nice government.

ANTOINETTE de SENNA — J.2

LOST IN THE BUSH

One day my mother was in a bad mood and was screaming her head off. She sounded like a dog which had found a cat up a tree. Before long I couldn't stand it so I went for a walk with my dog Scruffy, in the woods. I had been walking for a long time so I decided to turn back. Suddenly Scruffy began running. Here and there we ran. It seemed as if Scruffy smelled a cat. Just then Scruffy stopped as if someone had turned him into ice. I turned around to go home but all I could see was a forest of trees. It became dark and I fell asleep but not for long because Scruffy scared me to death when he started howling. I looked at my watch to see the time but my watch had stopped. Suddenly I felt a prick. I could hear strange noises that I had never heard before and I saw strange shadows that I had never seen before. Just then Scruffy went shifting into my jeans pocket for food. I was starving. Food! Food! Food! Soon it was morning. I forced myself to get up and find a way back. Eventually I remembered I had my whistle. While I was thinking whether my whistle would work police were looking for me. Just then a voice shouted, "CRISSY!" With Scruffy's sharp ears he ran to the voice. In a moment the police approached me. When I finally got home I had a hot bath and a good lunch. Suddenly the doorbell rang. It was the police with a medal for Scruffy for helping the police find me. It said, "For Bravery."

MY CAT MONTY

Monty is a good cat. Mum hates it when Monty scratches the window. Then she tells me to let him in. When Monty wants food he follows me to the fridge. Then I have to get the cat food for him. We called him Monty after a mountain in Greece. Monty was watching the slides on Greece. He rubs by our legs when he wants to be patted. Then he purrs. He jumps up at the fridge when he is hungry.

TIMOTHY JACKSON

GRUBS

Grubs
live here
under a brick
they are bored
because
they have nothing
to do.

CHRISTIAN GILMAN — J.2

Grubs
live here
under a brick
they jump up and down
when
they are mad.

SOPHIE LACKEY — J.2

GRUBS

Grubs
live here
under a brick
they sometimes cry
if they think
their family is
going to die

JARRED MAUNDER — J.2

Grubs
live here
under a brick
they giggle a lot
because
they are happy

LOUISE HATCH — J.2

Grubs
live here
under a brick
They worry
because
someone might take
the brick away

STEPHEN UPTON — J.2

PETS

One day I went to the pet shop to look at the pets. I saw puppies, kittens, fish and budgies. Soon I decided to buy a small brown puppy. I bought her a leash, collar

and gave her a name. It was Kristy. I gave her food, water and a bit of exercise. I played with her quite a lot until my father gave her away because we couldn't look after her. Every day I thought about Kristy. My father said, "If we get a puppy and get to look after it very well, we will train it and make the puppy a guard dog. But Kristy was the wrong puppy for it. Until one day I had a big surprise. My father had bought us a white and black spotted little puppy but this puppy we looked after. When it was grown up we trained it until my father was satisfied that he could be a guard dog. We named him Bumber. One day a burglar came and stole some drinks. Bumber went up to our door, climbed through the dog hole, up to the bed and woke my father up. My father called the police and he caught the burglar until the police got there. After the police had gone, my father gave Bumber some food and a stroke on the back. After he had finished he went back to bed.

SHAILESH PATEL — Aged 8

GIANTS

Giants are bad,
Worse than your dad,
We are small,
But giants are tall.
Some giants gobble you up,
While others will eat you in a cup,
Some giants are kind,
And some are blind.

SPIRO HARVEY

THE GIANT

When I saw a giant, his head was high
In the sky
He ate a meat pie
And some went in my eye
A bird went by
And I said, "Hi"
And then I could fly
In the sky
And say, "Hi"
To my friend, the Giant.

STEPHEN ROSS

At school our whole class went to watch basketball. There were prefects and teachers. Mr Shroff got the most goals. I wanted the teachers to win and they did. They were all dressed in sports clothes. They played basketball after lunchtime. Then, after basketball we went back to our class.

SACHA NODELMAN

THE DAY A SPACECRAFT LANDED IN THE CENTRE OF WELLINGTON

"Hello! My name is Crispin Kinder. I work for the Evening Post. I am going to tell you about my most amusing and frightening happening. It all happened on Wednesday, April 1. Here's how it happened."

I was in my office when my 'round-the-building' phone rang. It was my boss Mr Space. He wanted me to report on a U.F.O. Well, since it was April Fools' Day I thought it was a jolly hoax but when I saw three people, two petrified and one panic-stricken, I knew this was for real! I rushed to the first floor, tumbling down stairs. Forgetting there was a balcony I went straight off the edge, spun three somersaults, one cartwheel and landed in a pile. I raced off, jumped in my car and the

door fell off. Suddenly I heard a bumping on the roof. I jumped out, leaving the ignition on. On the roof was the U.F.O.!!! It was round, brown and had lights flashing. It squashed my car. I became so mad that when it's ramp was lowered I went up and gave the E.T.s a real telling off. They were so scared they gave me a mighty push and took off. Boy! I never want to see a U.F.O. again.

CRISPIN KINDER — Std.3

GRANDPARENTS ARE:

A grandma is an old person that you love.

MEG BROOKS

Grandmas and Grandpas live on their own because they don't like noise.

EMMA SUTCLIFFE

If you're good they love you.

DONNA FONG

Grandmas haven't got any little children because they are too old.

LEONA BARSANTI

Do you believe what my Grandma can do? She can DRIVE!

MEG BROOKS

They teach you hard words.

EMMA SUTCLIFFE

They make cups of tea.

CASSANDRA BLAND

They don't like carrying heavy things.

VANESSA GILGRIST

Grandmas and Grandpas REST.

MEG BROOKS

They go to Heaven where God is.

SHANE HOPE

The Queen's job is to visit people in other countries. She also tells the government to look after us. She writes letters too. When it is the afternoon she does nothing.

DAVID COLMAN — J.2

The Queen's job is to open buildings so people can go in them. Sometimes she writes letters to send to people she likes. She goes to new films that she likes. She plants trees or visits other countries.

JEREMY ALLEN — J.2

A MAGIC BUTTON

One day, when I was looking at my new jersey, something strange happened. Five buttons were black and one button was gold. I looked at my button. I

rubbed it. My homework book floated to the roof and my pencil flew around. I went outside to ride on my bike. Before I could touch my bike something strange happened again. The chain fell off and pots and pans came. They hit my head. I fell into the swimming pool. The water went down. I couldn't believe my eyes. The water flew through a hole in the garden and the flowers grew. I had better not look at the button again.

POUROURANGI TAWHIWHIRANGI — Aged 8

ARTS FESTIVAL

When it was my turn on the stage I felt a little shy with all the people crowded in front of me. When I had done my part I didn't feel shy at all. I sat with Mummy and Daddy and they were smiling at me. All of the Maoris had to do their song first.

PHILIP KING

When I was on stage I was frightened and I was happy. My father was laughing at me and waved to me but I didn't wave back to him because we were doing singing. I was smiling while I sang the Maori song. After that we thought that the lollies were given out that night but they weren't given out so we went home. My father and mother were proud of me.

NATU MALAULAU

Today is our concert. I am in the Christian soldiers. What I wear is a basket ball top inside out with a silver cross on it. My friend Christopher, in Mrs Ward's class, says he's stage frightened but I am not. There are lots of people. Some people have to wait outside. You are not allowed to look back at the stage. We all got a sweet the next day.

CAROLINE HARDING

ANGER

One day I got angry with my little brother because he mucked up my room when I had tidied it. I broke his toy. My mother smacked us both and put us in different rooms.

Julian Virtue — J.2

I get angry when my mother tells me to go and clean my room. I go into it and slam the door because I don't like doing it.

MICKY KUMAR — J.2

I got angry with my Mother because she slammed the door on my room. I had done something naughty and made my mother cross.

NEIL STUTTLE — J.2

I got mad with my sister because she broke my ruler so I stamped my feet. Then I counted up to ten. I was quiet so I came out of my room.

TUNISHA GOONEWARDENE — J.2

SPORT

PHYSED

At the centre of St. Mark's school, lies what is affectionately known as the "Birdcage. Physical Education in 1983 has been transformed from a 'caged and timid fledgling' to a more proudly feathered bird, eager to try out it's wings in new and exciting ventures outside the cage. That we do not possess the rolling playing fields of other private schools, has by no means limited the children's enthusiasm for physed this year. Physical education has begun to develop as part of the rounded programme advocated for the pupils of St. Mark's in the new Headmaster's inaugural address.

Term I saw the school swimming sports produce a team of 20 fine young swimmers go forward to contest Wellington Finals and produce an outstanding 1st place for Ross Watson in the 12 and over freestyle and a 3rd place for Kerri-Anne Miller in the 12 and over backstroke.

The supremacy of St. Mark's at the Zone Finals in relays was quite dramatic, with both boys' and girls' relay teams in the 12+ gaining top places.

Term I also saw internal competition in "Newcombe" which produced fine wins for Averill House Teams in Form II and II. Class relays were competitive and a keen tussle developed between IIL and IIC with Form IL producing an unexpected finish in the Finals. IIL finally won the shield for the relays with IIC and IL very close behind.

Term II and winter season saw the finals of the Gutterboard competition — a new game introduced from Auckland and one that produced a fever of excitement for almost a month.

The winter term belonged to the highly successful Netball team under Manager Mrs Murray. Team members: Rawinia Morrison, Rachel Honey, Vanessa Ward, Rebecca Radford, Jody Taylor, Sharyn James, Bhadraka Magan, Karla Ward and Lisa MacDonald, played in the Saturday competition, scoring several notable wins over opponents several years older.

The school netball teams enjoyed a number of encounters around Wellington which were highly enjoyable, although sometimes not highly successful. Queen Margaret's, Chilton St. James and Samuel Marsden, along with St. Orans and Marist, provided excellent opposition.

The highlight of the netball season came with the semi-final place of our Girls' 'A' team in the Intermediate Schools Competition at Hataitai.

For Rugby and the 1st XV, it was a memorable season. No victories but great efforts by the first team for several years. A surprise visit by Wellington lock Gerard Wilkinson and able coaching from Bill Lamey and Russell Honey gave the boys a real team spirit. An opening defeat by Wellesley did little to dampen their keenness, so enthusiastic were the team. Outstanding for the 1st XV were: Joe Taulelei and Douglas McGuire with Adam Jackson an excellent hooker.

The boys' soccer teams played several games against Wellesley and St. Madeleine Sophie and were never disgraced. From the five elements, twelve boys represented the school in the Wellington 6-a-side tournament.

The 'A' team of Damien Cleland, Mark Reid, Lincoln Robb, Craig Hallam, Shaun Faamalepe-Jones, Craig Boyt, Hamish MacRitchie, made the semi-finals of 32

teams, which was a grand result, considering the strength of schoolboy soccer. Outstanding player of the season would be Damien Cleland for his all-out efforts, whilst most promising player would be Shaun Faamalepe-Jones who showed some fine footballing skills in the 6-a-side tournament.

1983 was the year of girls' soccer and 22 enthusiastic girls had a most enjoyable season of soccer. In the games they played, they developed good skills and team-manship. The season culminated with 2 fine wins over St. Francis de Sales for 'A' team and a win and a loss for the 'B' team. Outstanding players for these teams were Maria Christopher, Thena Anthopoulos and Jackie Newton.

The winter term ended on a highly successful exchange of all the teams with St. Francis de Sales. This included 7 soccer teams, 4 netball teams and a rugby team.

Term III has begun well with Std.3 and 4 gutterboard and the doubles championships for F.I and II. All talk is of the X-Country at present. Std.2 section has been run with Daniel Mulholland, David King and Kent Lawton taking 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. First girl home was in 9th place — Sacha Allington with Joanne Gribble in 10th place. Julius took out the house points with West-Watson only 6 points behind. Marama Just, Matthew Shroff, Gavin Browne, Emily Tilley and Nicky Crerar are shaping up as place winners for the Std.3/4 X-Country and in F.I/II Gina Cotorceanu and Patricia Green and Vanessa Ward, should battle out first girl's place, whilst Daran Hull-Brown, Gareth Greeks and Philip Soulis should contend 1st place overall.

The pace this year has never slackened and Term III is no exception. Following the Elementary Fitness Award in Term I, in which the F.I/II children passed varying activities such as sprints, 500 m run, shotput, sit-ups, broadjump, softball throw, a handful of children have attained their Junior Badge. Gina Cotorceanu, Nicholas Maling, Douglas McGuire, Philip Soulis, Rachel Honey, Lisa McDonald, Daran Hull-Brown, Gareth Greeks, Jason Johns. The standards were exacting and their achievement memorable.

St. Mark's will host the annual 6 school X-Country this year with 15 representatives from the school competing against Marish, Newtown, Miramar, Wellesley, Scots and Cardinal McKeefrey for the X-Country Cup. Our hopes rest with Gareth Greeks and Daran Hull-Brown who have shown excellent form. Still on running, this year has been the year of the Fun Run with school teams competing in Avalon Round the Bays and the Peninsula 15 km Team Relay, in which we were the first primary schools team to finish. The 25 runners in this event were awarded a trophy to be presented on their behalf for X-Country running.

On November 17, the annual Athletic Day is to be held. The highlight should be the House Relays with teams comprising two Form II, two Form I, two Std.4, two Std.3 and two Std.2s and the Tug-O-War competitions. Competitors will be able to compete in 5 events for the champion athlete's award, given for the athlete obtaining the greatest success in the day's events. A race that will attract attention will be the 100 m open which should be a grand duel between Philip Soulis, Douglas McGuire, Andrew van der Feltz and Daniel Finau.

It has been a dramatic year for sport at St. Mark's. The

children's enthusiasm has been instrumental in attempts to expand and improve the sporting activities we can provide. The range has been remarkable from the traditional rugby, soccer, netball to the novel gutterboard and jazzercise, but though the range has

been limited by the facilities and ground available, the enjoyment and enthusiasm of both children and staff has made the effort worthwhile. St. Mark's looks forward to an equally enjoyable 1984 year of sporting activities.

SPORTS JOTTINGS

6-ASIDE TOURNAMENT

In August, a cheerful crowd of St. Mark's boys (only because they were missing a day of school) arrived at Martin Luckie Park to take part in the Wellington Intermediate Six-A-Side Tournament. I must admit, we received quite a shock when we saw the size of our opponents. They were massive!

The 'B' team was eventually knocked out (only because of the tough competition). They lost 2-1. Then it was all up to the 'A' team. Mr Emmins took control and gave them useful tips and advance. The 'A' team captain, Hamish MacRitchie scored from the spot to assure a place in the semi-final.

In the semi-final a crowd of supporters was with St. Mark's all the way but, unfortunately, we lost. Even though we did lose, we were very glad we reached that far. In assembly the next week, a proud Mr Emmins gave us certificates, cleverly designed by him.

Overall St. Mark's were third in Wellington!

TONY VAMVOUKAKIS — F.IIL

NETBALL

This season, St. Mark's entered a team in the Saturday Netball Competition at the Hataitai Netball Courts. Though some teams had a later game time, we managed to play at 8.30 a.m. almost every week. Our

coaches were Mrs Murray and Mrs Morgan, who put in a lot of time with us. Our first round was not very successful as we did not win many games but, as the season went on, we improved and won more games. We did quite well, especially considering that all but one of the other teams were colleges. We played in rain, wind and hail nearly every week and one day it snowed, which was most unpleasant. While we were playing each week, most children were still asleep. Some teachers came along some weeks and there were regular spectators of teachers, parents and friends. The same enthusiastic people came each week to play and support. Sharyn was centre and captain with Rawinia and Rachel playing as Goal Shoot and Goal Attack. Bhadraka and Vanessa were Goal keeper and Goal Defence, Tawny and Rebecca shared Wing Attack and I played Wing Defence.

At the end of the netball season there was a competition for Intermediate Schools. St. Mark's entered two teams and our team won their section without a loss. Unfortunately they lost at the semi-final to the eventual winners — Wadestown. The improvement made in the team during the year was evident in this competition.

All in all it was a very enjoyable netball season. We all learned a great deal. We would like to thank Mrs Murray and Mrs Morgan for the time and effort they put in, week after week.

KARLA WARD — F.II



CROSS COUNTRY

Forms I and II waited anxiously to begin the 1983 Cross Country Race for the Wilson Cup. Some runners from St. Francis de Sales were also invited to provide competition. The 'B' division began with the 'A' division in hot pursuit. The treacherous run took us over rock hard gravel, wet, deep mud and through bush. The final finishers in 'B' division were Paul Stephen and Amanda Townsley. In the 'A' division the boy was Gareth Greeks and the girl Patricia Green.

The Cross Country run was lots of fun and a good way to get fit.

JASON STACE — F.IIL

CROSS COUNTRY — 1983

It was typical October weather, a misty afternoon with a cold snap in the air. Just the right atmosphere for the annual X-Country. Held again at Hataitai Park, the course provided hills, muds, puddles, ditches, slips and slides for all competitors.

The Junior School X-Country held the previous week at School was won in fine style by Daniel Mulholland with David King and Kent Lawton close behind. These boys competed in the 'B' Division of the Std.3-4 race and were again 1st, 2nd, 3rd overall — promising runners for the future.

The 'A' Division was won by Michael King from Nicky Crerar and Dane Allchorne. The struggle for first girl was won by Emily Tilley who headed pre-race favourite, Marama Just.



STD.3/4 'B' DIVISION

1st: Kent Lawton 2nd: Daniel Mulholland 3rd: David King

STD.3/4 'A' DIVISION

1st: Michael King 2nd: Nicholas Crerar 3rd: Dane Allchorne

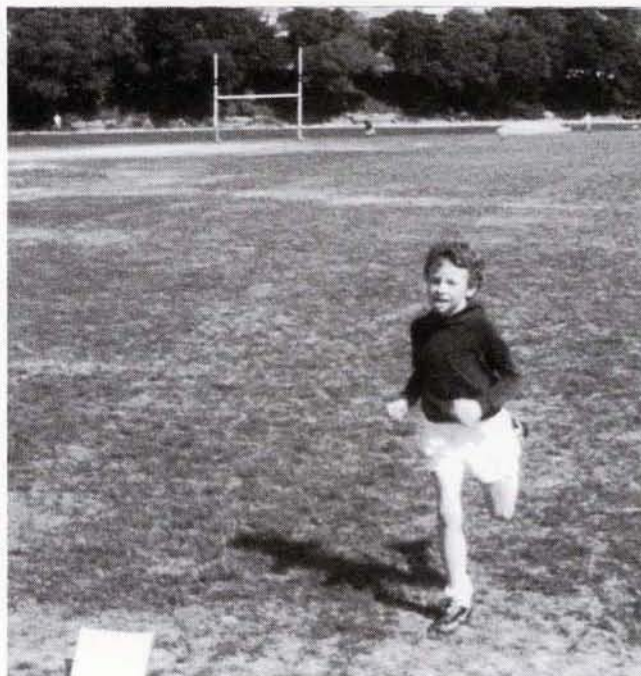
GIRLS

1st: Emily Tilley 2nd: Marama Just 3rd: Polimia Pouloupoulos

HOUSE POINTS 'A' — 'B' DIVISION

OWEN	1665
WEST WATSON	1608
JULIUS	
AVERILL	1460

The Form I and II pupils ran a slightly longer course over similar terrain the following Thursday. As expected, the contest for major places was a real tussle amongst the boys. First place overall went to Gareth Greeks (Owen) with Philip Soulis (West-Watson) and Daran Hull-Brown (West-Watson) in third place. The



Stephanie Wilson Cup for overall place was won by Gareth Greeks, with a new trophy donated by Wellington Harriers and won by the Peninsula relay teams from school, went to the first girl home, Patricia Green (Averill). Both the boys and girls winners in the 'A' Division are in Form I.

In the 'B' Division, Paul Stephen, Amanda Townsley and Joanne Boniface finished in the top three places.

OVERALL POINTS IN 'A' AND 'B' DIVISION

WEST WATSON	1946
JULIUS	1701
AVERILL	1459
OWEN	1335

The school Crosscountry team to represent St. Mark's in the annual 6 school meeting, hosted by our school this year, was: Gareth Greeks, Philip Soulis, Daran Hull-Brown, John King, Stephen Donoghue, Patricia Green, Nicholas Maling, Craig Boyt, Matthew St. Amand, Ross Watson, Craig Hallam, Jason Browne, Jason Stace, Patrick Cattell, Hamish MacRitchie, Adam Jackson and Matthew Geldard.

St. Mark's came third thanks to Gareth Greeks.

RUGBY

Our first XV rugby team played Wellesley College in their first game. I didn't turn up because of the 'flu. Our team was thrashed by them and the difference between the two scores was amazing! Our only try scorer was Douglas McGuire — very fast and very strong. The conversions by Craig Clouston were bad but he tried hard enough.

A few weeks after, we were trained hard by our coach Mr Honey. We came back on form. Some of us play for different clubs like Wellington F.C., Poneke and Karori. In the beginning we were all sloppy, didn't train, just hung around. Our next game was against St. Francis — a heavy team and very strong. Their biggest player was Carlos, taller than Douglas!

The game started. Douglas quickly collected the ball and headed for a try. My conversion was unsuccessful. St. Francis were to good, scoring one try more than us. I almost got away with a runaway try but I was caught. The coach changed a few players around to make it

even. We lost but we didn't mind. We simply keep on trying.

Our coach is the best. If it wasn't for him some of us wouldn't be skilled at all in the art of rugby.

JOE TAULELEI — F.IIL

1983 — CENTRAL/SOUTHERN ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Monday, 14 March, St. Mark's Church School entered a team in the Central/Southern Zone Swimming Carnival held at the Freyberg Pool. The Central Zone

has a group of about nine schools in it. We competed in all events with great success. Ross Watson and Kerry-Ann Miller plus Kirsteen Ellis, were our best swimmers and they performed really well, coming first, second and third in the events they entered. We had two senior and two junior relay teams entered. The senior girls' relay raced into first place overall and the junior boys also won. The senior boys came third. We felt very proud of ourselves when we won the senior girls' relay for our school. It was very exciting to be there and I think all of us are looking forward to participating in the all round Wellington Final.

SHARYN JAMES — F.IIL

SWIMMING SPORTS — 1983

7yrs Width F/S

Shelley Kettlety
Daniel Mulholland
Michael Sorenson

8yrs Width F/S

Kirsty Alleway
Hayley Stevenson
Claire Egarr

8yrs Length F/S

Kelly Harwood

9yrs Length F/S Boys

Tristan Reynard
Maitland Waters
Jason Mailing

9yrs Length F/S Girls

Rachel Garthwaite
Ishara Goonwardene
Victoria Hall

10yrs Length F/S Boys

Myron Wanoa
Karl Urban
Dane Allchorne

9yrs Width F/S Boys

Kristy Imlach
Justin Dick
Brandon Skilton

9yrs Width F/S Girls

Catherine Sinclair
Anita Dykes

10yrs Width F/S Girls

Vanessa Hamm
Debbie McGuire
Ayesha Jaimon

9yrs Backstroke Length Girls

Rachel Parkinson
Victoria Hall
Emily Tilley

9yrs Backstroke Length Boys

Tristan Reynard
Lance Heppleston
Andrew Alleway

10yrs Backstroke Length Boys

Gavin Browne
Brett Egarr
Dane Allchorne

7yrs Backstroke Width Open

Michael Sorenson
Shelley Kettlety
Daniel Mulholland

8yrs Backstroke Width Girls

Sharmila Weerasinghe
Kirsty Alleway
Hayley Stevenson

9yrs Backstroke Width Girls

Catherine McRitchie
Anita Dykes
Tanis Smiler

9yrs Backstroke Width Boys

Maitland Waters
Brett Colman
Nicky Crerar

10yrs Backstroke Width Girls

Ayesha Jaimon
Tracy Heemi
Victoria Matthews

11yrs Length F/S Boys

Carl James
Matthew St. Amand
Brett Egarr

11yrs F/S Length Girls

Vanessa Ward
Jennifer Berryman
Victoria Matthews

12yrs F/S Boys Final

Ross Watson
John Jarvis
Douglas McGuire

12yrs F/S Girls

Kerri-Anne Millar
Rachel Honey
Amanda Bradley

11yrs F/S Width Girls

Amanda Swafford
Robyn Stoddart
Tina Tsinas

11yrs F/S Width Boys

Matthew Geldard
Tony Vamvoukakis
Michael Rota

12yrs F/S Width

Bhadrika Magan
Rebecca Radford
Fiona Dykes

11yrs Backstroke Open

Matthew St. Amand
 Patricia Green
 Patrick Cattell

12yrs Backstroke Length Boys

Ross Watson
 John Jarvis
 Douglas McGuire

12yrs Backstroke Length Girls

Sharon James
 Kerri-Anne Millar
 Amanda Bradley

11yr 12yr Backstroke Width

Carl James
 Tony Vamvoukakis
 Catherine Mansfield 3 =
 Justine Farrington

Open Breastroke Final

Kirsteen Ellis
 Rachel Waters
 Ross Watson

11, 12yr Backstroke Width

Darran Cox
 Fiona Dykes

RELAYS Junior

Julius 1st
 Owen 2nd
 West Watson 3rd

Senior

West Watson 1
 Owen 2
 Julius 3

CENTRAL—SOUTHERN ZONE SWIMMING 1983**Boys 100 m Champs**

	Heat	Final
Ross Watson	1	1
John Jarvis	3	4

U/9 Backstroke

Michael Sorenson	4	
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U/10 Backstroke

Tristan Reynard	3	4
Lance Heppleston	3	8

U/11 Backstroke

Gavin Browne	7	
Brett Egarr	5	

U/12 Backstroke

Matthew St. Amand	5	
Patrick Cattell	4	

12+ Backstroke

Ross Watson	2	5
Douglas McGuire	1	2

Girls 100 m Champs

Kirsteen Ellis		2
Kerri-Anne Millar		1

U/9 Backstroke

Emily Tilley	4	
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U/10 Backstroke

Rachel Parkinson	3	6
Claire Egarr	5	

U/11 Backstroke

Elizabeth Cruickshanks	3	4
Claire Ewens	7	

U/12 Backstroke

Patricia Green	3	4
Jennifer Berryman	5	

12+ Backstroke

Sharyn James	3	3
Kerri-Anne Millar	2	1

Girls U/9 Freestyle

Shelley Kettlety	4	
Kirsty Alleway	2	3

U/10 F/S

Hayley Stevenson	8	
Ishara Goonerwardene	5	

U/11 F/S

Elizabeth Cruickshanks	4	
Justine Farrington	8	

U/12 F/S

Vanessa Ward	2	6
Jennifer Berryman	4	

12+ Freestyle

Rachel Honey	4	
Amanda Bradley	3	3

U/9 Boys Freestyle

Daniel Mulholland	4	
Michael Sorenson	5	

U/10 Freestyle

Tristan Reynard	1	
Maitland Waters	7	

U/11 Freestyle

Myron Wanoa	2	4
Karl Urban	4	

U/12 Freestyle

Carl James	3	6
Matthew St. Amand	4 =	

12+ Freestyle

Ross Watson	1	1
John Jarvis	2	3

RELAYS**U/10**

1 Maitland Waters	Emily Tilley
2 Tristan Reynard	Ishara Goonwadne
3 Daniel Mulholland	Rachel Garthwaite
4 Andrew Alleway	Nellie Jackson

U/11

1 Karl Urban	Claire Ewens
2 Dane Allchorne	Victoria Mathews
3 Myron Wanoa	Elizabeth Cruickshanks
4 Cadell McMillan	Justine Farrington
Res. Corbett Stace	

U/12

1 Matthew St. Amand	Rachel Waters
2 Brett Egarr	Jennifer Berryman
3 Karl James	Vanessa Ward
4 Nicholas Griffin	Patricia Green

12+

1 John Jarvis	Amanda Bradley
2 Douglas McGuire	Kerri-Anne Millar
3 Craig Clouston	Sharyn James
4 Ross Watson	Kirsteen Ellis

WELLINGTON SWIMMING FINALS
Thursday 17th March

A select few, the 1st and 2nd placegetters in individual and regulars were to take part in the Wellington Finals. It was a creditable performance all round with outstanding efforts from Ross Watson 1st in Boys 12 and over Freestyle 33 $\frac{2}{3}$ m, Kerri-Anne Millar 3rd in the 12 and over girls Backstroke.

RESULTS:

100 m GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP

33 $\frac{2}{3}$ m Girls 12 + Backstroke
 33 $\frac{2}{3}$ m Boys 12 + Freestyle
 33 $\frac{2}{3}$ m Boys 12 + Backstroke
 100 m Boys Championships

K. Millar 6th
 K. Ellis 7th
 K. Millar 3rd
 R. Watson 1st
 D. McGuire 5th
 R. Watson 4th

12YRS AND OVER BOYS RELAY

3RD

John Jarvis
 Douglas McGuire
 Ross Watson
 Craig Clouston

UNDER 11 YRS BOYS RELAY

5TH

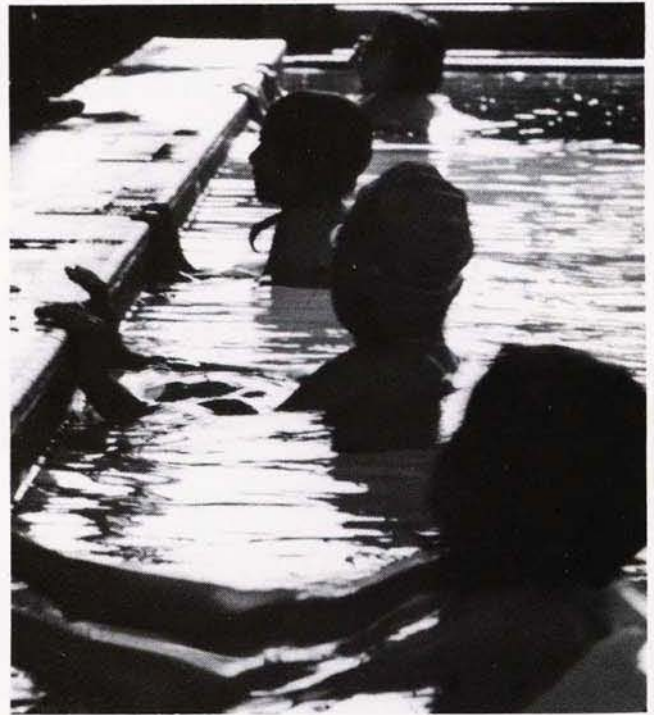
Karl Urban
 Myron Wanoa
 Dane Allchorne
 Cadell McMillan

GIRLS 12YR + OVER RELAY

3RD

Kirsteen Ellis
 Kerri-Anne Millar
 Amanda Bradley
 Sharyn James

Team Captains for both the Zone and Wellington Finals were Douglas McGuire and Kerri-Anne Millar.



PRIZE GIVING — 1982

FATHER SELWYN'S SPEECH

Mr Chairman, Members of the Board of Governors, Ladies and Gentlemen, and the young people of St. Mark's Church School.

I must admit to a sense of honour as I stand before you and offer this Address on Prizegiving Night. It is only a few short weeks ago that, by the Divine Grace, I was privileged to enter upon the life of the School, to discover and share its particular mystique. It is a School recognised and prominent in the City of Wellington and beyond, vigorous and caring in the educational process of nurturing the whole child, at the same time, imparting the true need of individual discipline, bound by a real tradition.

As all this dawned upon me, I felt the need to research the beginning of the School and its certain progress that has brought the establishment to the place of honour it enjoys today. This research I wish to share with you tonight in Cameo. To do so, I offer you a legend of Moral Courage and Fidelity and a quotation on wisdom from Holy Scripture.

The Legend. After the disgraceful defeat of the Romans at the battle of Allia, Rome was sacked, and it seemed as if, at any moment, the Gauls might take the Capitol. With the besieged garrison was a young man of the Fabian family, and on a certain day the anniversary of a Sacrifice, returned when his family had always offered sacrifice upon the Quirinal Hill. This hill was in the possession of the Gauls, but when the morning dawned, the young man took the sacred utensils of his god, went down from the Capitol, passed through the Gallic sentries, through the main body, up the hill, offered sacrifice and came back unharmed. It was always told as a wonder among Roman legends. Though he be a solitary man in the midst of a thousand opponents, let him, at the precise moment when duty calls, fearless of any danger, go straight to the appointed place and do his duty, without regard for the consequence of his action.

The Quotation from the Book of Ecclesiasticus, "My son, if you aspire to be a servant of the Lord, prepare yourself for testing. Set a straight course, be resolute, and do not lose your head in disaster. Trust Him and He will help you; steer a straight course and set your hope on Him."

It is the content of the Legend that establishes the truth of the Quotation. In the history of St. Mark's Church School, two periods stand out as establishing the truth of the Quotation and have brought the School to its position of prominence today. To make mention of these two periods does not, in any way, lessen the importance of the people and the events in between, for every moment in the history of the school is important.

The establishment of a Church day school, in the curriculum of which, religious instruction should have its proper place, was one of the visions of the first Vicar, the Reverend Richard Coffey. Alas he did not live to see his vision fulfilled, for he died in 1907, but the seed had been well and truly sown. The Diocesan Synod of 1916 established the Diocesan Church Schools' Board. A member of that Board was the then Vicar, the Reverend C. F. Askew, whose actions with the enthusiastic support of the Parish Vestry, brought the School to life.

The School formally opened on 11th September, 1917. The Misses Annie and Eva Holm, who many years previously had promised Mr Coffey that they would teach should a Parish school come into being, still regarded their promise as binding, in spite of the lapse of years and readily and unselfishly sacrificed their prospects as State school teachers in order to take up their work. 'Set a straight course, be resolute, trust in Him and He will help you.'

11 September, 1917. Two teachers and 37 pupils, with the first enrolment Hilda Clift. Two weeks later — 55 pupils. After Christmas vacation re-opening, 76 pupils and another teacher added. One month later, 107 pupils and now four teachers. A steady increase until 1946 with 230 pupils and a large staff.

The School continued steady on course until 1971 when the Reverend Ronald Kirby became Headmaster. A man of education, a man of faith and a man of vision. He saw the potential of the school to serve the City of Wellington and beyond — to provide the education process of nurturing the whole child, of continuing the vision of a curriculum giving religious instruction. The Reverend Matthew Calder caught the same vision and, together, these two men of God worked, bringing their various talents to bear, to bring vision to reality with an enrolment today of over 600 children. 'Set a straight course, be resolute, trust in Him and He will help you.'

Now both these men have done their work. Matthew Calder retired on September 7th, a tired man, but a man can look with pleasure on a fruitful Ministry spanning 22 years of building, pastoral ministry and the religious instruction of many children. Then, only nine days later, there came the tragic death of Ronald Kirby. He had fought a good fight against great suffering, and lost. Ronald Kirby had the ability to sweep people along with his enthusiasm and he loved children — his impact has been on so many lives. We honour him and, with the consent of his family and the Board of Governors, I am able to announce that a Memorial Fund is opened this night and will receive subscriptions for one year. The purpose of the fund will offer two options. To provide, in time, a sporting complex for the children of the school, or to provide a School History Room for memorabilia. Subscriptions may be made immediately, but a more specific programme will be mounted in the new year.

The School has survived the retirement of one man of God and the death of the other. It has survived only because of the dedication and loyalty of the Staff, academic and administrative, in the face of great difficulties. We owe them all a tremendous debt of gratitude. Through them, the school remains in good heart.

And so to the future. I think firstly of those young people who, tomorrow, leave the school and next year seek new pastures in higher education. Take with you the School motto = 'No day without a line', but add to it that which has typified the progress of the school = 'Set a Straight course, be resolute, trust Him and He will help you.'

May your hopes and aspirations, be fulfilled.

To those who shall return to the school next year, I offer the same advice and such advice given will lead you to succeed in all your ventures.

I look forward to an exciting progressive year in 1983. The school will come under the guiding hand of Neil Shroff,

Headmaster. The more I meet this man, the more I warm to him. He is an approachable, kindly and witty person with very definite and stimulating ideas for the growth and development of the educational process for nurturing the whole child. At the same time, aware and dedicated to the place of religious instruction with in the curriculum.

I would believe that together, we shall commence a new and forward period in the history of the school. It will be approached with courage and with faith and both of us acknowledge the need to 'Set a straight course, be resolute, trust in Him and He will help us.'

God Bless you All.

PRIZE LIST AND AWARDS 1982

A. J. Gray Cup for excellence in Sport

Girl: Kaylene Koolman
Boy: Anthony Wilkinson

Judith Bydder Sports Cup — Middle School

Matthew St. Amand

Stephanie Wilson Cup — Cross Country Running

Gregory Mardon

St. Mark's Sports Shield for Highest Aggregate

Averill House

School Supplies Cup for House Points

Averill House

Clive Gaby Ibbotson Memorial Cup for Boy's Helpfulness

Dylan McKay

Partridge Cup for Girls' Helpfulness

Maria Psaroudakis

Stringer Cup for Science

Johanna Stiebert

Old Pupils Rosebowl for Language

Kirstin Wurms

Buckthought Cup for Art

Anna Chan

Jansen Cup for Public Speaking

1st: Sarah Rees-Thomas
2nd: Catriona Martin

Parents' Association Cup for All-round Consistent Endeavour in The Middle School

Richard Lawton

Jonathan Soulis Memorial Prize

Sharyn James

Clarkson Music Award

Form IL

Huffam Cup

Douglas McGuire

Annie Holm Memorial Prize (Head Prefect's prize)

Sarah Rees-Thomas

The Kirby Cup (awarded for the first time)

Walter Taulelei

DIVINITY PRIZES

Std.1W

1. Nathan Jelley
2. Deemple Naran

Std.1B

1. Kent Lawton
2. Shelley Kettley

Std.2Gra.

- 1 = Catherine Sinclair
Dima Geidelberg

Std.2Gro.

1. Duncan Hamm
2. Pepe Batsos

Std.2/3W

1. Mark Rees-Thomas (Std.3)
1. Gregory Harding (Std.2)

Std.3M

1. Kelly Williams
2. David Garland

Std.3D

1. Melanie Harding
2. Colin MacDonald

Std.4M

1. Vanessa Hamm
2. Emma Silver

Std.4C

1. Rochelle Hearfield
2. Kim Ferguson

F.IV

1. Tawny Hazelwood
2. Sarah Gribble

F.II

1. Rachel Jessen
2. Yen Yen Feng

F.IS

1. Margariet van Klei
- 2 = Deborah Diaz
Rachel Honey

MAUDLEY MEMORIAL PRIZE (DIVINITY STD.4)

Rochelle Hearfield

F.IIC

1. Sarah Rees-Thomas
2. Johanna Stiebert

F.IIL

1. Kirstin Wurms
2. Scott McAlister

HEADMASTER'S PRIZE (2nd in Form II)

Scott McAlister

BISHOP'S PRIZE (1st in Form II)

Kirstin Wurms

ACADEMIC PRIZE LIST

	Class Placing	Constant Hard Work	Most Improved
Std.1W	1. Scot Fordham 2. Jaison Ranchhod 3. Sonya Vitale	Katrina Tso Chantal Wolbers Joanne Gribble	Julie King Mersina Halakas Vanessa Wilkinson
Std.1B	1. Daniel Mulholland 2. Vaughan Hatch 3. Clayton Webb	Kent Wong Melanie Gregson Peta Keown Nicholas Waymel	Hayley Sommerville Deidra Sullivan Meena Ranchhod
1ST OVERALL — STD.1			
Std.2Gra	1. Karl Zohrab 2. Stuart Halligan 3. Victoria Hall	Karen Schwartz Anupa Ranchhod Sean Grant	Anna Synnott Simon Shepherd Justin Dick
Std.2Gro	1. Anna Graham 2. Nellie Jackson 3. Sharmila Weerasinghe	Lauren Quaintance Louise McDonald Kellie Harwood	Crispin Kinder Craig Johnston Karen Ngan
Std.1/3W	1. Rajees Patel (S3) 1= (Deborah Mansfield Joanna Silver (S2)	Christine Cowan Jason Maling	Adele Burns
1ST OVERALL — STD.2 — Anna Graham			
Std.3M	1. Jack Yan 2. Kelly Williams 3. Christopher Mardon	Kristina Hermens Victoria Matthews Angela Mansford	Allison Chan
Std.3D	1. Vivian McPhail 2. Ricky Jackson 3. Ayesha Jaimon	Andrew van Klei Karin Simonlehner	Shayne Hodson Richard Kramer
1ST OVERALL IN STD.3			
Std.4M	1. Vanessa Hamm 2. Emma Silver 3. Sarah Wright	Justine Farrington Sally Wright	Elizabeth Cruickshanks Susan Quilty
Std.4C	1. Matthew Watson 2. Joanne Kelly 3= Anna Young Nicholas Griffin	Christine Limbidis	Patricia Green
1ST OVERALL — STD.4			
Vanessa Hamm			
F.IV	1. Jason Stace 2. Robert Ewens 3. Alan Young	Lisa MacDonald Tawny Hazelwood	
F.II.L	1. David Wallace 2. Meredith McDonald 3= Adam Jackson Rachel Jessen	Cameron Chapman Peggy Koutsos	Fiona Martin
F.IS	1. Miles Hayvice 2. Deborah Diaz 3. Jeremy Chan	Gina Cotorceanu Ruth Parnell	Manish Bhika
1ST OVERALL — F.I			
David Wallace			
F.IIC	1. Johanna Stiebert 2. Sarah Rees-Thomas 3. Helen Rowney	Anna Chan Vicky Tsinas	
F.IIL	1. Brenda Halliwell 2. Kirstin Wurms 3. Scott Wilson	Elizabeth Denham	Matthew Brown

W.A. and A.H. Madeley Memorial Prize (3rd) Johanna Stiebert

Jane Gillies Memorial Prize (2n) Kirstin Wurms

“DUX” (Vicar’s Prize) (1st) Brenda Halliwell

FRIENDS OF ST.MARKS SCHOOL

Friends,

It is my privilege to present this sixth annual report for the Friends of St. Mark's Church School Association.

Mr Kirby's death on September 16th, after a long and painful illness was a sad beginning to our year. His funeral was attended by all members of the committee. A moving farewell to a much respected and loved Headmaster and Vice Patron of the Friends.

Your committee has met regularly throughout the year.

Mr Graeme Mills was elected as our representative on the Board of Governors, and the following were elected as Chairman of the Sub Committees:

Archivist	Mrs White
Functions	Mrs Cuzens
Publicity	Miss Almao
Hospitality and Friendship	Miss Kerry
Membership	Mr McDonald

The Rev. Selwyn and Mrs Hadlow were welcomed at our October meeting, and Father Selwyn as our new Patron.

The end of year disco for Form II and last year's leavers was held in conjunction with the Parents Association. Once again this was a huge success and the children were congratulated on their splendid decorations.

At the beginning of the School year our new Headmaster, Mr Neil Shroff, and his family were welcomed. Mr Shroff kindly consented to be our new Vice Patron.

Two sofas costing \$512 were bought for the Headmaster's new study.

On Saturday February 26th a magician performed at a fancy dress held in the school hall for the younger members of the School.

In March a newsletter was sent out to all members, and School magazines sent to all life members.

A sub committee was formed for the Beautification of the Grounds of St. Marks, and Susan Shroff was elected as Chairman.

On April 20th a special reception hosted by the Friends was held in the Church Hall for the collegiate family. Members from every organisation within the Church and School assisted in some way to make the evening a success. Plans for the beautification of the grounds were displayed around the walls and \$965.29 towards

this project. Mrs Cuzens who had resigned from the committee was presented with an engraved glass in appreciation for all that she had done.

My thanks to Jenny Tulloch for stepping in as Chairman of Functions.

On Sunday 24th April morning tea was provided in the Hall for parents and parishioners after the service to celebrate St. Mark's day. Drinks and biscuits were provided for the children up at the School.

There were pot luck teas after school services at 4.30 p.m. on five Sundays. We hosted one of these. They have proved to be most popular.

I would like to thank Louise Williams for once again donating three prizes for our raffle, which will be drawn at our Founder's Day Dinner on Friday September 23rd, when we celebrate the School's 66th birthday.

We are slowly gathering photographs and items of interest towards the creation of a history room, which will hold the memorabilia thus collected. We would be grateful for more contributions.

Appropriate cards have been sent in cases of good tidings, illness and bereavements throughout the year.

I would like to pay special tribute to Mr Searle our retiring President, for his commitment to the concept of the School, and particularly as he is an old boy, and his continuing concern for the Friends Association and its basic function.

I would like to thank the following:

Father Selwyn for his constant encouragement and help throughout the year.

Neil Shroff for his support and willingness to assist.

Mr Lovelock for his services as Honorary Auditor.

Jocelyn Konig as Secretary and Maureen McDonald as Treasurer.

To my committee a very big thankyou. They have all worked hard and most willingly.

People not previously acquainted with independent schools are now discovering their values.

If there is loyalty to those in office and pride in our School St. Mark's has an exciting future.

Rosemary Grigg
Chairman
15.9.83

LADIES' AUXILIARY

1983 has shown a strengthening of support and co-operation for the Ladies Auxiliary. At the AGM of the Presidents' Association, the Ladies Auxiliary was made an independent organisation, although close ties with the Parents' Association have remained. The offices of Convenor, Secretary and Treasurer are the same as in 1982. A new officer (Vice-Convenor) was appointed this year. These are as follows:

Convenor: Jenny Tulloch
Vice-Convenor: Gillian Silver
Secretary: Mandy Leighs
Treasurer: Sharyn Alleway

We have continued our Wednesday morning roster at the school where we do whatever is needed, such as covering library books and mending reading books. Sports days (both Athletic and Swimming) have seen us assisting the staff by recording results etc. We do enjoy getting to know the children at the school. We have also assisted the school by doing afternoon tea for the "Grandparents" in October, by taking our turn on "tea and dishes" at one of the Pot Luck teas in the middle term and by making cushions for the library and began

bag toys for the pre-school.

Our support for the Parents' Association has continued throughout the year. In March we jointly organised the well attended reception to welcome our new headmaster and his wife. At the Fair in November we again took over the morning tea, the sausages and the sweets.

Socially the Ladies' Auxiliary has not done a great deal this year as there seems little demand for coffee mornings and the like. We did have a Coffee morning in the first term, in the Church Hall, where toddlers were able to come with their mothers. This was very enjoyable but poorly attended. However, a light luncheon was organised in October to boost our funds and this was very well supported.

We have enjoyed being part of what has been a very exciting year in the life of St. Mark's Collegiate Church School. We thank all those who have assisted us in our tasks with special thanks to Father Selwyn, Mr Shroff, Mr Chamberlain and all the staff for their continuing support and encouragement. We look forward to an even better 1984.

