



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 8
20 March 2019

Kia ora St Mark's family,

The story of our school will read that on the 15th March 2019, our school - all staff, students and visitors - went into lockdown in seconds ensuring safety for all. Communication to whānau connected our community to this safe holding of our Ākonga, and what followed was an outpouring of love, support and prayers as our school and Christchurch waited.

On behalf of you all I want to publicly thank our incredible staff whose exceptional professionalism ensured outstanding care and assurance for the innocence of childhood.

On behalf of staff I want to publicly thank our school community for the overwhelming response in the days that followed. Food, emails, and personal touches extended to staff have been nothing short of incredible. We are going to continue to need your prayers as we negotiate the coming weeks.

Please also keep those first responders in our city in your prayers, as they and their families negotiate the unspeakable scenes witnessed.

Very rarely do I give personal information in this media but I want to share with you all the wondrous gift of a grandchild to Mark and I on Friday. Rosanna Worner was born safely into the arms of her parents. "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made" Psalm 139:14. She is a gift of God's light and love, and a reminder of the joy and happiness around us.

Mana Ake

Whilst this service existed before recent events, today they began a free service to our whole community offering support and counselling for all. **Kevin Hapi and Anna Dawson** will join us every **Wednesday morning from 8.30am - 11.00am in Ōmoho** until the end of term. They have significant skills themselves but also a network of supports in our city they can help us access. Please feel free to bring your coffee into that space.

Rev. Ben

Our wonderful Rev. Ben has asked me to pass on his availability for prayer or a chat with the following details:

Mobile Number: 0272543516

Email: osmvicar@gmail.com

He can be visited at the vicarage at any time and will be available on **Monday 25th March** in the room off the office foyer from **8.00am - 9.00am, and 2.00 - 2.30pm.**

New Family

We welcome the following new family to our school and pray they find a turangawaewae in this place with us:

Leon H and parents Stephanie and Daniel

Communication

Last year we trialled **Seesaw** - a program of "in time" sharing where students can send their learning directly to parents during the school day. This enables parents to be engaged at the time and comment on what their child has achieved. The **free app** allowed parents to receive this information on their mobile device.

In 2019 as a trial, we will shift the newsletter and other class and team communication to Seesaw ensuring school information is not buried in your inbox! We will make this shift in **Term 2** giving everyone time to download the app, talk to their class teacher and team leader, and practice using it's features. The newsletter and other communications will be available in print or digital form initially.



Our values story!

*Through **Grace/Huatau**, we act with compassion and humility to achieve **Excellence/Hiranga** using the potential of our God given talents and gifts. This gives us the **Courage/Māiatanga** to bring about change as we show **Faithfulness/Piriponotanga** to God and others.*

Blessings everyone

Averil



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

School Notices

Upcoming Events

3 April	Year 3 Museum trip
9 April	Year 8 Bottle Lake Forest trip
11 April	Year 3 Travis Wetland trip

2019 School Term Dates and Holidays

Monday 28 January - Friday 12 April
Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July
Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September
Monday 14 October - Friday 13 December

2020 Term Dates

Term 1 - 27 and 28 January Parent/Teacher/Child conferences. Wednesday 29 first full day of term.
Term 1 - Monday 27 January - Thursday 9 April
Term 2 - Tuesday 28 April - Friday 3rd July.
Teacher only day - Tuesday 2 June
Term 3 - Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September
Term 4 - Monday 12 October - Friday 11 December
Teacher only day - Tuesday 27 October

Church Certificates

Kererū	Caeli McL
Ti Kouka	Louisa T
Toetoe	Isabella S
Kāmana	Lincoln S
Kawau	Coco A
Kūtai	Eli D
Rimurimu	Chelsea P
Mako	Michael C
Toroa	Tyler W

Sports Results

Miniball

St Mark's Tigers 2 v Halswell Rams 42
Player of the Day: Angel S
St Mark's Lions lost to Thorrington Tigers
Player of the Day: Abigail W/Charlie P
St Mark's Pumas lost to South Hornby Storm
Player of the Day: Laurika de L



St Mark's is fundraising again this year with Entertainment Book. Books will be sent home with the oldest child, if you would not like a book to be sent home please fill in the opt out forms that will be coming home today and return to the office. If you would like to purchase online or purchase a digital copy our school link in live feel free to share this link on your social media, every bit counts.

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1341r76>



Subway can be ordered for lunch every Tuesday. To place an online order, visit www.subway.co.nz/schools and follow the instructions to place your order by 9am each Subway day. Alternatively, envelopes are in the office and you can either pay with the correct cash or credit card.



Garage Sale

8:30am - 12:30pm Saturday 30 March 2019

St Anne's Church

corner Wilsons & Centaurus Roads, St Martins

Raffle

Linen

White Elephant

Books

Bargains Galore

**Used
Clothing**



An Update from the Board of Trustees Review Committee

WE NEED YOUR INPUT PLEASE



2019 Term 1 - Policy Reviews:

This term we are reviewing the following policies and invite your feedback as part of our three-year review cycle.

- **Alcohol/Drugs and Other Harmful Substances**

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

Feedback can be given anonymously if you choose

The cut off for feedback is the last day of Term 1 – **Friday 12th April 2019.**

If you would like to view and give feedback on the policy its as easy as 1,2,3!

1. Go to www.schooldocs.co.nz and click on search for your school. Pick St Mark's School.
2. Enter the following user name and password

Username: stmarks
Password: saint

3. Find the policy that's up for review, read it, click on the red bubble in the top right hand corner of the policy and enter your feedback. (if there is no red option, pick the green speech bubble instead).

2019 Term 1 - Assurance:

In addition to reviewing policy, it's also the role of the Board to gain **ASSURANCE** that the operational policy and procedures are being operationalised in the school.

This term we will undertake assurance on a variety of areas including

Employer responsibility	Finance and Property Management	Health, Safety and Welfare	Legislation and administration
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EEO Policy - Police Vetting for Non - Teachers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 10 Year Property Plan (10YPP) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Medicines, Minor/Moderate Injury or Illness - Risk Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Length of School Year



Mother's Day Fun Run

9:00am | Sunday 12th May, 2019
South Hagley Park - Deans Ave, Christchurch

Join us for a run, walk or stroll this
Mother's Day.

It'll be a great start to the day and you'll be
doing your bit to help beat heart disease.

All participants will receive an event t-shirt
designed by Dick Frizzell.

Register online at
jennianmothersday.com



*Event distances approx. 5km



E-Learning Update



46 new iPads are on the way for

Waka Pūhara and Mōkihi. These will join our existing iPads to offer e-learning opportunities for year 0-4 students.



Chromebook

Over 90% of our Waka Hourua students now bring their own Chromebook to school.

Thank you for supporting our BYOC programme!

Welcome Arnika



Arnika is a Ministry of Education Accredited Facilitator who for the past 5 and a half years has worked with schools around New Zealand to support their understanding of Digital Technologies and Digital Fluency. In 2009 Arnika started her teaching career at Mt Somers Springburn School, where she taught for 5 years.

Arnika loves working with Teachers and students to share her passion and joy for digital technologies. She is an advocate for ensuring technology is used authentically and that students experience a well-rounded classroom program.

Arnika will be working with the staff at St Marks over the course of the year supporting our knowledge around Digital Fluency.