



# St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 9  
27 March 2019

Kia ora St Mark's family,  
Last Friday led the school in a moving service and prayer for the victims of the attack on Friday 15th March. It was a service of contemplation and hope. We were treated to beautiful musical items from our Performance Choir, and by brothers **Matthew** (solo voice) and **Michael C** (piano) who performed the Coldplay song Everglow to the delight of all who were there. Thank you so much.



## St Mark's School Tribute

On the Tribute Wall on Rolleston Ave you will find some bunting created by our senior students with messages of love and hope. We have joined many other schools, organisations and individuals across New Zealand in our messages of peace and hope. A huge thank you to **Miss Yonetani** for hanging this bunting in her own time on behalf of the school.



## Mana Ake

Whilst this service existed before recent events, last week 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 - 9.30am in Ōmoho** until the end of term but can be contacted at any time.

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.

## 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.*

## On the calendar:

- 2 April - House day and sausage sizzle.
- 3 April - Year 3 Museum Trip
- 8 April - Start of Holy Week
- 9 April - Year 8 Survivor in Bottle Lake Forest

A public thank you to our wonderful **PA** for the delicious morning tea for staff. We are blessed with you all. Averil



*Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story*

# School Notices

## Upcoming Events

2 April	House Day and Sausage Sizzle
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	Alexandra H
Ti Kouka	James D
Toetoe	Tiffany C
Kāmana	Cruze S
Kawau	Violet H
Kūtai	Matthew C
Rimurimu	Hannah A/Jackson P
Mako	Daniel S
Toroa	George A

## Sports Results

### Miniball

St Mark's Tigers 9 v Somerfield Sharks 39  
Player of the Day: Holly R/Pippa W  
St Mark's Lions 20 v Oaklands Slammers 14  
Player of the Day: Xavier F/Felicity W  
St Mark's Pumas 15 v Prebbleton Penguins 7  
Player of the Day: Lincoln S

### Waterpolo

St Mark's 8 v Chisnallwood Green 5

## ICAS Tests

This Friday 29 March is the closing date for these tests. Entry forms are available at the school office.

## Swimming Zones

Congratulations to the following students who represented St Mark's School at the Independent Swimming Zones. We congratulate you for competing at this level.

Casper T from Kutai has qualified for the Canterbury Swimming Zones on Thursday 4th April. He is competing in the 50m backstroke. Best of luck Casper!



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 and return to the school 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](http://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.

# CANTERBURY SCHOOLS' DUATHLON

Excellent work:

Meg W  
Tommy P  
Dustin S  
Bede H  
Jeremy H  
Ioli K  
Max P

Who represented St Mark's School at the Canterbury duathlon on Monday 25th March. It was 29 degrees. We are so proud of you representing St Mark's School. A special mention to Meg W who placed 9th overall and Ioli K who placed 17th.



# POKÉMON

Pokémon cards are making a comeback, with many students keen to play and trade. Pokémon is a strategy game launched in the late nineties. The aim of the game is to collect and train Pokémon.



Pokémon cards are currently allowed at break times. Some families have expressed concerns about purchased cards being traded away.

We are keen to engage our St Mark's School Family in discussion about Pokémon cards at school.

Some of the benefits we are seeing include:

- high levels of engagement and imaginative play
- older students helping younger students to understand Pokémon
- students learning to negotiate and resolve disagreements
- rich vocabulary in Pokémon descriptions
- applied mathematics, as students calculate the health levels of their Pokémon.

We are considering trialling a weekly Pokémon club (to be run by Mr Gordon), where students are allowed to trade cards in a supervised environment.

Please feel free to share your thoughts with your teacher, so we can make an informed decision about what's best for our St Mark's School family.





# 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](http://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

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