



# St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 4  
14 August 2019

Kia ora St Mark's Family,

As I sit in the office writing this weekly muse I am aware of the singing in the hall of the "brothers" and Joseph and Year 4 students. Already the students know their singing parts and are beginning to add actions under the expert direction of **Mr Gordon**. The musical itself, while well known to many, is an opportunity for our students to express their personality and talents in a very special way.

The Junior production also in full swing is proving to be a team effort with **Mrs Wells** using her considerable musical talent to direct the music and **Mrs Brereton** taking charge of the acting. Everything else (and it is busy) is in the expert hands of **Mrs Wright, Mrs Hastings, and Mrs Coster**.

The PA will provide food and beverages on both nights in Ōmoho between shows.

## AIMS GAMES

Thank you to those who have supported our fundraising efforts so far. There will be a sausage sizzle every Friday until the end of Term 3 - the profits of these sizzles go directly to air fares for our athletes. It makes a difference!! There will be additional fundraising efforts - they will always be optional:

- Cheese rolls
- Chocolate

## VANS!!!

Yesterday **Mr Clarkson and Mr Rennie** took Kawau to Tūranga and the Margaret Mahy Playground. As all students were under 148cm it was our first test of using booster seats to meet regulations! What a great day they had and just the beginning of how we can expand our curriculum.

## Ski Trips

Last night a weary group of skiers arrived back later than expected from Mt Hutt after a wonderful day of skiing. My thanks to **Miss Yonetani** for all her diligence and care to ensure that the day was beneficial for everyone, and **Mrs Bigelow** who joined her along with a raft of parents.

We cannot run these days without parental support and for some students this is their first encounter with a snowy mountain. Staff are enormously grateful for your support. As the road down the mountain was closed due to wind, staff kept me updated as to what was happening and that everyone was safe. Just a reminder that **official communication about delays in events always come from staff** and yesterday this was through Seesaw.

## Events - need to know!

- PA Disco Friday 16th August - all proceeds go to PA projects - the most important being the development of a new playground.
- St Mark's School 100 years celebration in 2021. The official date is June 1921. A committee has now been formed - Christine Sullivan, Sheila and Martin Sinclair, Nell Pascoe and myself, will work with alumni to create fitting celebrations of 100 years of education of this wonderful school.
- Special Character Review Term 4
- Last day of Winter Sport tomorrow.

What an encouragement from a parent yesterday to hear that during t-shirt painting she was struck by the ability of students to share pens and offer help and other acts of kindness. Such a heart-warming moment. Interestingly generosity and giving are identified as factors indicated in high levels of wellbeing and happiness on many empirical scales. We know this as Christians because of Jesus example.

It is a joy to be here - Averil



*Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story*

## Upcoming Events

14-16 Aug	Yr 6 Cycle Safety
16 Aug	School Disco
20 Aug	Yr 7-8 Ski trip
22 Aug	Canterbury Winter Tournament
25 Aug	PA Bowling
28 Aug	Yr 7/8 Cantamaths
29 Aug	Strum Strike Blow
24 Sep	School Production Matinee - 1.30pm
	School Production - 7pm
25 Sep	School Production - 7 pm

## 2019 School Term Dates and Holidays

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

Raupo	Trinni F
Kererū	Leo D
Ti Kouka	Eli N
Kāmana	Catalina M
Toetoe	Kali vd B
Kawau	Isabelle C
Kutai	Joseph R
Mako	Isaac W
Rimurimu	James M
Toroa	Sophia S

## Sports Results

### Netball

St Mark's Leopards 5 v Rowley Avenue 10  
Player of the Day: James P

### Basketball

St Mark's Magic 12 v Somerfield Swordfish 11  
Player of the Day: Miriama N

## Uniform Shop

From Term 3 the shop hours will be Tuesday  
8:30-9:30am and Thursday 2:30-3:30pm. To  
contact the uniform shop please email  
[uniformshop@saintmarks.school.nz](mailto:uniformshop@saintmarks.school.nz).

# St Mark's School PA BOWLING FUN!

SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST

PLEASE ARRIVE AT 1.45PM FOR A 2PM START

ZONE BOWLING, IVERSEN TERRACE

TICKETS \$12 PER PERSON

INCLUDES 1 GAME

No door sales—tickets must be pre-purchased.

Cash payments accepted at the school office (correct monies in a named envelope please) before Friday 23rd August or you can direct credit your payment to:

St Mark's School PA  
03-1598-0015833-00



## KAWAU TRIP TO TŪRANGA AND THE MARGARET MAHY PLAYGROUND

On Tuesday we went on an amazing trip to Tūranga and the Margaret Mahy Playground. We left school in style as we drove the new school vans (which look brilliant) all the way into town. When we arrived at Tūranga we were shown around the library and introduced to all of the unique features it offers. Afterwards the children had some free time where they were able to issue books, play with the lego, and go down the slide.

After lunch we walked down to the Margaret Mahy Playground where we played a few games and had some great fun at what is a fantastic playground.

Our trip finished with another drive in the vans back to school with some interesting signing voices on the way back!

A great time was had by all.

Mr Clarkson



# Kutai Recount Writing - Ski Trip to Mt Hutt

The ski trip(🏂) (ツ)

On August the 13. I went on the St Marks ski trip at MT HUTT. In the morning we went to school to pick up Matthew and Rafi and then we set off on a two hour trip.

And then we were there we hopped on the boot and put our boots on and carried our skis up to the building. We went on the chairlift and we went down the execution bowl. We went back up and back up until 1 which was lunchtime. Then I went on the magic carpet to see my friends. After that I went back up the chairlift one more time.

We came off the mountain and we were all ready to go home but we got held up by wind on the road for about an 1 hour 15 minutes and then we went back to school at 7.

Tommy

## The st Marks year 5 and 6 ski trip.

Yesterday the 13th of August 2019, the Year 5 and 6s went on a ski trip to Mt Hutt, when we went on the bus it was a 2 hour ride, while I was on the bus, I played a couple of hand games with Ruby T because we were buddies on the bus.

We finally arrived at Mt Hutt, when we hopped out of the bus it was very slippery and icy, we got to our picnic table and went straight to get our ski gear on. The first thing to get on were our ski boots putting them on took about 5 minutes!

After we got our gear on, it was time to start skiing for my first time, I got my ski's on and went to my lesson, meanwhile when we were practicing skiing a big snow blizzard came and slid people down the snow. But I didn't get blown away. After the lesson I went on the magic carpet, which is like an escalator except its flat and going up a hill. When I got to the top of the hill, I was a little nervous but then I just went for it.

Alyssa

Mt Hutt ski trips - Sebs point of view

7:30 AM. St Marks year 5 and 6 set off on a 2 hour bus ride. 9:34 AM the bus arrives at Mt Hutt. Gear ready boots, skis we got in our groups and got ready to go.

At first we went up the chairlift and we went down Highway 72. We were going to be split in half so we had to go down solo it was a bit scary but I was okay. We stopped about 1/4 of the way then the instructors decided the groups so we started learning. In my group was Olive, Andy, Nariah, and me Seb. We did a snake down the mountain.

Later we went down the magic carpet and learnt how to ski backwards! And stop well... hopefully. Sadly the lesson ended.

We had lunch and while we were eating there was an announcement made that the triple chairlift and the summit six chairlift was closed for the day because of high winds. It was really windy at the top of the chairlift. We finished lunch.

Just then I spotted a sign it said. HIGHWAY 72 Closed due to avalanche control. I was shocked hopefully there isn't going to be an avalanche. So then I decided to go down the new Hoods Hollow it was really hard but I did it with some help.

After that I decided to play with Dustin and many others in the snow with his toboggan it was really fun and we made snowmen, igloos, tunnels, and we went tobogganing. Then it was 3:30. Suddenly there was an announcement that the road has been closed due to wind. We waited 1 and a half hours until we finally left.

Sebastian

Mt Hutt Ski trip

We went skiing and it was fun. We went to Mt Hutt. We had snowball fights. Our instructor was called Matthew and he was cool. We learnt to turn and stop which eventually everyone did. The magic carpet took so long:(

My goal was turning it was 10 turns and I got it yayyyyyyy. We went on the Magic carpet and then down a hill.

At lunch time we had a hot dog and it was yum. After lunch we played capture the flag in the snow. My favourite part of the day was climbing up hills with icy tops and your hand just falls through the snow.

Sam

### *Year 5&6 Ski trip at Mt Hutt*

Yesterday the Year 5 & 6's went on a ski trip to Mt Hutt. Most of us went on the Magic Carpet but some went on the Chair Lift and the Execution Bowl. I only went on the Magic Carpet (I really wanted to go on the Chair lift though).

We did a lesson and learned to put skis on, then go up the Magic Carpet. We were taught how to ski backwards and forwards, sideways, turn and stop. After that we had free time from 1.30 - 3:30. During that time I ate my lunch and had a snowball fight. I also tried to build a snowman (I gave up because the snow didn't stick) and went up and down the Magic Carpet with my friends.

Then at 3:30pm we took our gear back and headed back to the bus. But there was a high wind warning and we had to wait till 5:15pm to go back home. We arrived to school at 7:30pm on the dot. I thought that the ski trip was awesome and fun my favourite thing was to ski down the slope but some people might think different.

Nathaniel

St Mark's ski trip!

On Tuesday 13th August 2019 the year fives and sixes went on an amazing ski trip at Mount Hutt. We got on the mountain and had a quick snack before we slipped on our ski gear and formed a big bunch on the side of the ski field. Soon the ski instructors came and sorted us into groups. My ski instructors names were Michael and Matthew.

First we went on the magic carpet. Then we went down Sunkid, Sunkid is a quite steep run but it was also really exciting. After about half an hour it was time to take off our snowy skis and eat a delicious lunch. After lunch we were allowed to free ski or play in the snow.

Later that afternoon a huge windy tornado of glimmering snow was whirling all over the mountain from my angle it looked about 10-15 metres high.

About 15 minutes later we all got packed up to leave then the mountain reporters said "the road is on hold at the moment we will have more information soon," and then 5 minutes later another report said "the road is still on hold because of strong winds," then another 5 minutes later there was another report saying that we can start to get into our vehicles but will still have a little hold up.

Finally the bus started moving and we were on the long, long way home. This was an extraordinary snowy, windy awesome ski trip! Danielle

Year 5-6 ski trip

On the 13th of August 2019 years 5 and 6 went to Mt Hutt and went skiing .

The ride was about 2 and a half hours long. Most of us went on a bus but me and some other people went in cars. It was a long journey and when we got there it was freezing cold and slippery.

After that we went inside and got our gear we needed boots,a helmet,and skis.I got size 4 boots and a size small helmet. Then I went out on the snow.my instructors name of Cat.first we learnt how to put our feet into the skis. Then I learnt how to walk in the skis, it was hard at first but I got the hang of it. Then we went on the Magic Carpet!!! The first 5 times I went down the beginners slope I fell over. After that it was a piece of cake.

After lunch I went on Dustin's sled a few times then I went down the beginners slope with Sam and mastered it.Then I got cold, so I went inside and took off my helmet,skis,and boots.

Once we had all finished skiing and we're ready to go but we got held up by an hour or so because of windy conditions. We got back to Christchurch at 7:15. I would rate Mt Hutt 9.9 out of 10!

Matthew

Our ski trip at Mount Hutt

I groaned as my mum shook me awake."Is it time to get up already?" I said sleepily. About an hour later we were sitting in the car we were off to the mountains.

We stopped soon after and had a delicious breakfast of pie. When we got to Mount Hutt the school bus had not arrived. Soon afterwards the bus pulled into the carpark it was time to start skiing!

We were organised into groups.I was put into a group with Sebastian,Nariah and Andy it was soo windy. We learnt how not to be blown off the mountain by the wind.

After our lesson we could do WHAT EVER WE WANTED TO (well within reason). At first I skied with Jasmine on the Magic Carpet. Then I went on Broadway with Meg and then OH NO! It was time to leave the ski field but the road was closed. We had to wait for about an hour and a half. But finally we could leave.I loved skiing with school.

By Olive Harris

## SNOW TIMES MT HUTT TIME TO SKI

While we were leaving St Marks we were looking out of the window inside the bus at the mountains, halfway and we saw a hot air balloon over the mountains. Around about an hour later we arrived at Mt hutt. We had a break to get ski gear and I got lost following the wrong people so I walked back to home base, and said to Sandy, "Where do I hire my Jacket,pants,boots,helmet, and skis?". She told me to "head straight ... wait I'll take you and show you where they are."

After I hired my gear we had some ski lessons with Cat. She taught us how to walk up slopes, stop, and go fast on slopes. For two hours we learned how to ski we spent a solid, 30 minutes on stopping, 20 minutes on speed, 10 minutes on walking up slopes, and another hour on speed and stopping.

I personally think I will treasure this ski trip until i'm Eighteen or even older. I think the ski trip is a highlight of my life. I want to relive the moment.

Monty

## Year 5&6 ski trip

Your mountain is calling Mt Hutt.

There I was Mt Hutt the date is 13th August Tuesday 2019. At first we went on this awesome Go bus with heaters and tons of storage. It took about an hour and a half - 2 hours drive. We made it. At first we had a little snack then we got all are gear suited up. Now we are ready for are lessons. Our group had 2 instructors one was called Matthew and the other was called... well ahh oh I kind of forgot lets just call him someone. Any way we split up into groups I went with Matthew and the other group went with someone. Since I have already skied before. We had a little recap before we started then we were off. At first I was just getting used to the skis and then I got the hang of it and yes I did not eat snow or yellow snow! So at first we learnt how to turn and by the way my instructor was American and he was really nice.

In the afternoon we had free time! Miriama and I built a burrow. We were going to go back but it was very windy so the silly avalanche blew down 😡 but we were lucky that it was mini avalanche.

Oscar

### **Fun Skiing**

When I went on the ski trip I loved practically everything.

When I finished my ski lesson on the Magic Carpet I went to play with Oscar and Emily.

Then we went and sat by the fire and I was covered in ice and snow. I made a huge mess! Then I found out that when put ice on the fire it melts into hot water with bubbles.

Miriama

### **Ski trip!**

On Tuesday 13th of August, the Year 5 and 6 classes went on an exciting adventure...

A ski trip to Mt Hutt! We all got to school at 7.15 in the morning and left school at 7.30. There was an excited buzz in the air as everyone was loading their bags into the bus and waited to get on the bus.

It was a long journey to Mt Hutt with several long, windy roads but eventually we got there. The first sight I got of Mt Hutt was of the beautiful mountains covered in thick white snow. When I stepped out of the car into the big, cold icy car park a shiver went down my spine, it must have been about zero degrees out there!

We walked through the building and then waited outside by a group of tables (which would soon be called our home base) for the rest of our classmates. A few minutes later we had all been brought down to the renting area and tried on some gear. Once all wrapped up in warm skiing gear we walked over to the boot rentals. I tried with all my might to squeeze my feet into the boots. Eventually with my ski boots, skis and helmet and goggles on we were now all ready to start skiing! We had all been sorted into our group, my instructor (Cat) was teaching us how to put our feet in our skis. All around me I heard the clicking of fitting into the skis. About an hour later we were up the Magic Carpet and about to start skiing down the beginners slope. My instructor had told us that we were going to play red, green and orange. Red means stop, orange means slow down and green means go. About four times down the slope later it was the end of our lesson, which meant it was time for lunch!

I sat talking to Danielle as I raced through my lunch waiting for my dad to put on his gear downstairs. Then I said goodbye to Danielle because my dad was going to help me ski a bit more. We slid down the slope together, dad helped me to stop, slow down and go faster. We did that three more times and then dad asked me what I wanted to do. I said to keep skiing! So we went up again. We slid down the mountain super fast, but all of a sudden a big snownado swept up around us and my dad sheltered me from getting hit with pieces of ice. Soon it was time to leave. We went back through rentals and waited until everyone was ready. Without my boots on my feet, I felt like I was walking on the moon!

Later on my dad and I were about to go but then we found out the road was closed due to the high wind. The drive home felt even longer than our trip there. I was so tired that as soon as we got home I fell straight to sleep.

Lily

Year 5 and 6 Ski trip.

Yesterday the 13th of August year 5 and 6s were going on a ski trip. I was nervous at first it was 7:04 when I got to school, lots of people were there.

Time to go on the bus before my friend Alyssa and I went on the bus we ran to the classroom to get a book to read on the bus. When we got our books we ran as fast as we can so we didn't get left behind. The bus driver came out of the bus and got our bags and put them underneath the bus.

In an hours time lots of people were talking and playing. Alyssa and I played paper scissors rock but change it a bit.

When we were very close to the mountains we saw a hot air balloon Mrs Bigelow took a photo of it.

Finally we got to Mt Hutt. Miss y showed us the place where we would meet up. I followed some people to where you go to rent a jacket, pants and to get your ski boots, (That I heard made your feet get very sore) helmet and skis. Mrs Bigelow said "Please go to the meet up place and wait for the people to show us to ski." Yay they were here to show us how to ski. It was hard to put on the skis but after a while it got easier to put on. After we learnt how to put on both of the skis we got to learn how to stop, when it was my turn to have a turn the wind was so strong it pushed me all the way to where you put all yours skis away it was crazy!

Ruby T

-2 SUPER SKIING

Yesterday year 5 & 6 went up to Mt. Hutt for a skiing lesson. I thought it was really fun because I've never skied before. In my group there was Ruby T, Emily, Jasmine, Alyssa, Saffron, Rosa, and her mum (her name is Alice.) Our tutor was called Cainan, he was really good at skiing.

First we put our right ski on and had a race. We put our skis on by putting the tip of your boot under the flap on the ski and pushed our heel down down and off we go! Then we had the same race with our left ski.

Next Cainan taught us how to stop, you stop by pushing your heels out into a pizza/wedge/triangle to stop you.

We all skied to the magic carpet.

The Magic Carpet is like a flat escalator with no stairs. When you hop on about 5 seconds later there is a wooden cutout of SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS that you hi five so as the next person can come on. The Magic Carpet takes you to the bunny slope.

On the other side of the bunny slope there is a steep slope that Ms Yonetani tested you on to see if you could go on Highway 72 (Highway 72 is a ski track.)

I passed the test but it turns out that it was closed due to avalanche safety.

Just as we were about to leave Highway 72 opened again. I begged Ms Yonetani to have a go but she said "no, we have to go!" when we came and put our skies away it turns out that our bus was delayed till 5:15. We got back to school at 7:30. Goodnight.

Ben

## SKIING

Yesterday we went skiing at Mt Hutt, and on the way I sat next Sebastian on the bus, and we talked about what we will do when we get there. After two hours we finally got there and we put our ski boots, jacket, gloves, helmet and ski goggles on.

They first asked us some questions. And then we got sorted into our groups. And in my group was Amilia, Summer M, Meg and I and our parent helper was Chris, Meg's dad.

The first ski run we went on was Highway 72 and we had to lift up the uphill leg and jump when we turned. And some of the other ski runs we went on was Broadway, Hoods Hollow and Execution bowl. My favorite was Hoods Hollow because it had jumps and it led to the Execution bowl.

After the lesson we had free time and I skied with Casper and his dad. At the end of the day I went home with Casper and Monty.

Toby

On Monday me, my dad and everyone in my class went to Mount Hutt. Everyone enjoyed the trip but there were massive snow tornadoes and Toby said that after the biggest tornado most people fell over. Everyone in my class, including myself had a 2 hour ski lesson. The people in my group were me Theo and Ioli. I was the only year 5 in my group! I learned how to do enormous jumps and to get more confident with my skiing. The biggest fall I had was on the Execution Bowl. I was disappointed that Summit 6 was closed because it my favourite part of Mount Hutt.

After the 2 hour ski lesson we had free time so anyone could do anything even build a snowman! Our class were going to leave at 4pm but we left at 5.15pm because of the wind. My dad asked me if I would like to drop Toby back at his house in his car, and Toby and I both said yes. Me and Toby had an idea that we could bring Monty back to his house as well. Monty said he would love to come back in our my dads car. Before we left Toby Monty and I had a long snowball fight! After we finished the snowball fight Toby, Monty and I had hot chips. The cafe was closed but somehow they let us have hot chips! After that we left. When we were about half way from dropping my friends off we went to the supermarket and we bought kinder surprises which had chocolate shell under the wrapper and under the chocolate shell was a tiny container which included a random toy. I got a skateboard that you could build and put a sticker on the outside of it. After we went to the supermarket we dropped Toby off at his house and after that we dropped Monty off. It was a tiring day and we arrived at my house at 9 o'clock!

Casper

## *Ski trip at snowy Mount Hutt!*

**On Tuesday 13th of August 2019 St Mark's School year 5&6 went for their 1st (and 2nd)ski trip!It was a long and tiring two hour bus ride to Mount Hutt, But of course it was worth it all the same!We got there at around 9:30 all excited and chirpy waiting for the adventure to begin, but first we needed to put all of our ski gear into place so that we were safe and ready to ski!**

**After we had put all our gear on we had to get into two groups,one for beginners and one for kids who were already experienced skiers.I was in the beginners group because I have never skied before.**

**After we all got to know each other, we were all put into random groups for skiing practice.I was with Rosa.T.,Emily.H.,Ruby.T.,Alyssa.A.,Jasmine.O, and Ben.C. We were taught how to:put skis on.How to ski. How to stop. How to take skis off.**

**After lessons we had free time and Meg,Emily and I had a snowball fight with Sandy.**

**When free time was over we had to go and take our gear off and get changed out of our wet and snowy gear.When we were finished and ready to go we were told we had to wait another hour and 15 minutes ,but after lots of chatting and playing it was finally time to go.**

**We got back to school tired but well.It was about 7:30 ,but we will remember it as our first amazing ski trip!**

Saffron!

### SCHOOL SKI TRIP.

We have to get up at 6:00 to get ready to go on the ski trip. My mum played my shake my booty llama to wake me up. We have to get ready to go on the ski trip.We have to get dressed into warm clothes.I had toast for breakfast with jam on it. We have to get to school by 7:15 to help load the bus with our bags.

At 7:30 we had to get on the bus and go. Mrs Yonetani called the roll.On the way we saw horses,sheep,lambs,cows,bunnies on the mountain.Mrs bigelow came to check on all of us when she came to see me Meg, Saffron and Isla Mrs bigelow saw a hot air balloon in the sky.The hot air balloon was red with black and blue stripes.

The ride was 2 hours hours long Mrs Yonetani said 'You should have a sleep '.I did not want to have a sleep because everything was so cool. Me and Meg sat together on the bus we got to sit at the back of the bus with saffron and Isla.

When we saw the mountain I was so surprised.When we got to the mountain we got our gear on.Then our lesson started.It was 2 hours long.After our ski lessons we had lunch.Then we could do whatever we wanted. Meg and I played in the snow then Meg went to go and ski with her dad. So I hung out with Sandy and isla we had a snowball fight.Then me and Miriama built an igloo.

The scariest part was when a *stownado* came and attacked me and Miriama so we hid in our igloo. After that we had to go but we weren't allowed to because the wind was too strong.We went to the bus in groups.Then we were allowed to leave.

EMILY

## A Snowy ski adventure

Yesterday Tuesday the 13 of August 2019, the year 5 and 6 went on an exciting adventure to the great Mount Hutt! We had to be at school by 7.15 in the morning to prepare for our long journey ahead. As I stepped into the high colossal bus a rush of excitement ran through my spine. There I was about to go on my first ski trip to Mount Hutt!

Our bus ride was around 2 hours long. Though I didn't get that car sick because I was talking a lot! The views on the way up there were exquisite especially up on the Mountains. Then after about half an hour tiny little specks came zooming down the Mountain. People started jumping out of their seats shouting excitedly. Already even before we had got out of the bus, I could feel a blast of cold air brush against my face and I had an idea of how cold the day was going to be. At one point the mountain was negative 2 degrees.

The ground was as slippery as an ice rink. We settled into our base and had about 5 to 10 minutes eating and then I was time to go to rentals. After everyone was geared up it was time to get into groups.

A few minutes later our instructors arrived and took us up the magic carpet and watched us ski down the beginners slope then they divided us into two groups. One group was more experienced and knew a bit more on control and the other group were still learning. I was in the second group with about 5 others and our instructors name was Matthew. He was from America and sometimes he was a little hard to understand but overall he was a pretty cool instructor.

Most of our lesson was basically about control and parallel turning. Our lessons were two hours till 1. After our lesson was finished we had lunch till about 1.30 then after that my friend Danille and me went for a few runs on a stepper magic carpet till it was time to go.

As I put my normal shoes back my feet still felt like I was in the tight ski boots.

As we were getting ready to go to the bus there was an announcement that the road was on hold so we had to stay in the office for 1 hour and 15 minutes. Then finally we were able to come home. On the way back a lot of people went to sleep but I didn't because I was still too excited from the lovely adventure we had had before.

## Olive Allan-Caney

### School ski trip

Yesterday Tuesday 13th of August. We had to wake up at 5:30 so that we had time to get ready and drive to school in time to get on the bus before 7:30. We got there with 3 minutes to spare. When it was 7:30 we got on the bus me, Emily and Saffron got to sit at the back. On the way there we saw lots of farm animals like sheep, ponies, cows, and we even saw a bunny on the way up the mountain.

The bus ride was 2 hours when we were up the mountain we had something to eat then everybody went to hire skiing gear apart from me, Olive H and some boys because we had our own gear.

When we were all ready we got into groups for our 2 hour ski lesson I was in a group with Summer M, Amelia, and Toby. I went on Highway 72 and Broadway.

We had a massive snow fight with Sandy, Isla, Hannah, Emily, and Saffron.

Meg

Yesterday the year 5 and 6 went skiing. It took over two hours to get to Mt Hutt. Finally we got there and we had to get our ski pass so we were able to go on the Magic Carpet.

After that we then had to get our rental gear. We had to get snow boots that felt weird. I also got snow pants and a jacket. After we got our skis we started our ski lessons. We learnt how to get our skis on. Step 1 clip your foot in front of the ski. Step 2 - Stand on the heel part, now you can ski if you know how. We learnt how to turn.

In the afternoon we had a choice if we wanted to we would stay inside or have a snowball fight or build a snowman. But I wanted to ski. I was scared to go down the Magic carpet but I did it and it was awesome. On the way back I fell asleep. Skiing was the best.

Vanessa

Yesterday we went to Mount Hutt for a ski trip. It was my first time skiing and I had a lesson. In the lesson I learnt how to turn, stopping and pushing off.

After lunch we were digging holes to protect us from the little snow storms. And you can get icicles in you hair.

I wanted to do a snowball fight but I was the only one. For the protection I had the take blocks of snow to be the walls. I took my sled Tommy, Matthew and I slid down the hill, it was awesome.

Dustin

On Tuesday 13th August 2019 we went to Mt Hutt to go skiing.

It was my first time ever skiing. We got put into groups I was in a group with Saffron, Emily, Ben, Rosa, Ruby T and Alyssa. The instructor taught us how to turn, slow down and stop. We went on a conveyor belt which is called the Magic Carpet. It took us to the top of the slope and then I would ski down the hill. I spent most of the day on the Magic Carpet. It was very windy on Mt Hutt and as the wind swirled around I got pushed over!

I would love to go skiing again because I had a lot of fun.

Jasmine

Year 5 & 6 Ski Trip at Mt Hutt

On Tuesday 13th of August I got up at 6:00 am in the morning, it was zero degrees, I wondered how cold it would be at Mt Hutt? It was my sister Zoe's Birthday and we had waffles for breakfast!

My checklist for skiing is:goggles,gloves,Beanie,waterproof pants,thermals,ski jacket, big lunch,sunblock and a drink bottle. We got to school at 7:15 am and we got on the bus. I sat with Emily,Meg and Saffron on the back seat.

On the way to Mt Hutt,we saw lots of sheep,horses,cows,we even saw a hot air balloon far away, then we saw mountains of snow.

When we finally made it to Mt Hutt it was minus 2 degrees. I had a ski lesson and it was a lot of fun. I thought I was going to fall over learning how to ski but I didn't not once!

My favourite time of the day was the free time because I made a snowman and a snow fort. We had a snowball fight, which was a lot of fun but I did get hit in the face and the snow got in my mouth!

Isla

### SUPER SKI TIME

On the 13th of August everyone in year 5 and 6 went to Mt Hutt and did skiing. Everyone (in year 5 and 6) went on a bus or car for 2 hours from St Marks so it took ages.

When we finally got there and I realised how many people were helping there was Ms Y, Mrs Bigelow, Matt (Caspers dad), Jamie (Lily's dad), Mike (Tommy's dad), Gary (Eli's dad), Alice (Rosa's mum), Susan (Sebastian's mum), Lottie (Olive's mum) and Chris (Meg's dad).

Now you're probably wondering how people learned to ski. They didn't just get there and could ski no, there were instructors, mine was called Cat. The lessons that we had were two hours long.

After that then we had lunch it was yum. Then we got FREE TIME!! I climbed up some mountains with Sam, Tommy and Ben went down the magic carpet a couple of times then when we were about to go BAM!! A windstorm came and froze so we couldn't go in the end we finally got to St Marks we got to go home and that's the end of that.

Ethan

# Mt Hutt Ski Trip - Year 5 and 6

