



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 5
21 August 2019

Kia ora St Mark's Family,

The weekly newsletter writing/serenade of "Joseph" numbers continue as are superb rehearsals for "The Three Trees". The dates of the shows are listed in the calendar for your information, and tickets will go on sale in the coming weeks.

Thank you to the "army" of parents creating sets, organising costumes and dance routines. We are so grateful.

AIMS GAMES

Sausage sizzles continue to operate on Fridays and we are grateful for your support here.

We are now moving into the cheese roll "phase". These are guaranteed deliciousness and are easy to pop into your weekend busyness! **Mr Clarkson (who hails from the South!), Mrs Wright (who hails from Gore!), and Mrs Brereton** will be having a "cheese roll off" for staff as quality control experts!

In addition to this there is a **Fashion Show at SPOILT, 140 Colombo St on Friday 30th August from 5.30 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 with complimentary bubbles and spot giveaways!!! Mrs Bigelow is one of the models!!!!!!**

Student Success congratulations to:

- **Vivek L, Marcus E and Raj R** who have been selected in the Canterbury U13 A Hockey Hatch Cup Team. **CONGRATULATIONS!**
- **Sophia S** for hitting incredibly high notes in her role in Joseph.
- **Olivia B** who achieved a first place in the South Island Ice Skating Championships! **OUTSTANDING!**

A BOWLING

This Sunday, 25th August, the PA have booked lanes at **ZONE BOWLING from 1.45 to 2.45. Tickets are available at the office at \$12.00 each.** Fundraising goes to the developments of new playgrounds at our school - such a wonderful future opportunity.

Waka Puhara Church Service

This Sunday at St Annes, 10am for all students and families. This is an important occasion in the life of our school, as we combine with our parish one Sunday a year.

Curriculum

As staff work through a review of teaching and learning in the area of mathematics, we have been reminded about what is best practice. What is a constant tension in the practice for teachers across New Zealand, is meeting the needs of all students. Our recent focus has been on using evidence and data to monitor achievement and improve our practice. These things occur in tandem but never sit outside community and whānau partnerships. It is our plan in Term 4 to come to our community seeking vision to co-create a vision for our curriculum development. Our special character will be central to this.

Blessings
Averil



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

Upcoming Events

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	Liam O'C
Inaka	Mackenzie H
Kererū	Alexandra H
Ti Kouka	Janneke de L
Kāmana	Piper E
Toetoe	Maybelle H
Kawau	Violet H
Kutai	Ruby T
Mako	Liam S
Rimurimu	Clara N
Toroa	Hannah W

Sports Results

Basketball

St Mark's Magic 20 v Thorrington Titans 10
Player of the Day: Max P

Scholastic Book Club

Order forms for Scholastic Books have been sent home. Orders may be placed direct with Scholastic at www.mybookclub.scholastic.nz. An easy way to order online yourself and will be delivered direct to school. Orders close on Friday 30 August. The Gift Function has been turned on in LOOP! This allows parents to place a separate order as a surprise gift for their child. Items marked as a gift will be delivered to school and will be set aside at the school office for parents to collect.

Lost!!

Two named blazers belonging to Sonja C and Jesse S have gone missing from the Waka Puhara area.

Would you please check your child's blazer in case they have accidentally pick them up.



OPAWA TENNIS OPEN DAYS

Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th September
1-4pm
Tennis opportunities for all ages

Cholmondeley Avenue. all welcome for a fun afternoon of tennis. A chance to check out your local tennis club and for returning members to re-register. Come along and play some tennis (racquets available) or have a sausage from the BBQ. Look out for people wearing the **Love Tennis** t-shirts for any info. All welcome either day, however, we are encouraging juniors to come on the Sunday for more court availability.

Contact Andrea ja.opawatennis@gmail.com or visit [www. sporty.co.nz/opawatennis@gmail.com](http://www.sporty.co.nz/opawatennis@gmail.com)

Y 5-8 Winter Tournament

On Thursdays we had 12 year 5-8 teams catch the bus and compete in the Winter Sports Tournament.

For Hockey, we had two year 5/6 teams and two year 7/8 teams. The year 7&8 A team came 1st in A grade.



Football

For Football, we had three year 5/6 teams and two year 7/8 teams.

The year 5&6 C team 1st in their grade. The A Football year 7/8 team came 1st in A grade.



Netball

For netball, we had two year 5/6 teams and one year, 7/8 team.

Thank you to all the parents, teachers and students who took time out of their days to come and help run the students' practices and to come and support them at their games.

By our year-8 Sports Leaders
Holly M
Marcus E
Jeremy H
Max Y



THANK YOU!





HABITS OF MIND CAFE



**Want to know more about how the NZ
Curriculum is delivered at Saint Mark's?**

**The Habits of Mind are special here. You may
have noticed the posters in classes...**



Come and find out more!

Date: Wednesday 28th August
Time: 9:00am
Venue: Omoho (school library)

Please register your interest at the school office.

From the Parent's Association.

An update on YOUR fundraising efforts so far – as we approach the halfway point of term 3, I believe it prudent to update everyone on our collective fundraising efforts so far this year. Back at the beginning of the year YOUR PA working in consultation with Mrs Worner and the school's management team set a goal for this year's fundraising monies and that goal is to redevelop the school playgrounds. We set a target of \$40,000 for this purpose. So far this year we have held a hugely successful quiz night, sold many coffees and fluffies' via the coffee cart, sold numerous Entertainment Books and held 2 school discos.

I am pleased to say that so far, our collective efforts as a community has put us in a very commanding position as we head toward the annual St Mark's School Fair. To date we have raised \$10,000 towards our goal of \$40,000. We still have much to do, but if we keep working together, we shall achieve our desired target.

So, carry on buying those coffees and fluffies, support the upcoming School Production, especially the special Café we shall run for pre-show and intermission snacks and goodies and of course our single BIGGEST fundraiser of the year the School Fair. More details on this year's Fair will be announced next week so keep an eye out on how YOU can Support YOUR Child and School through the school fair.

I'd like to say a BIG THANKYOU to Ashleigh Wendt and Victoria Holden for all the planning and organising of our recent School Disco or should that be DisGlow what a wonderful sight to see all the unique tee shirts designs and face painting. Also thank you to DJ 'Ali' Alice Tabak for keeping us all in the Groove and to our wonderful PA Parents for keeping the drinks and chips flowing.

On behalf of the Parents' Association THANK YOU!

Gary Miller
Chairman
St Mark's Parents' As:



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
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ALL FRIENDS & FAMILY WELCOME

Parenting Week

Helping Whānau
to Flourish

2019

9TH-19TH
SEPTEMBER

Strategies to help your family through
the difficult times and enjoy being together

**WITH MIKE KING, DR SUE BAGSHAW,
PIO TEREI, JENNY HALE AND MORE!**



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WWW.NHT.ORG.NZ/PARENTINGWEEK



**Neighbourhood
Trust**

**Christchurch
City Council**



WITH SPECIAL THANKS TO PAPANUI-INNES,
FENDALTON-WAIMAIRI-HAREWOOD AND
BURWOOD-COASTAL COMMUNITY BOARDS



**Rātā
Foundation**



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