



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 9
11 December 2019

Dear St Mark's Whānau,

A final note of thank you to the whole community for a wonderful year of learning, fellowship, worship and connections.

The final prize giving last night was a celebration of our "village". It was important to honour the incredible contribution of **Matt Sherwood** to our school. He has made a wonderful contribution to our school building program and his expertise was second to none!

As we head into the holiday period I want to leave you with some dates to diary:

1. Whānau conferences with teachers:

27th and 28th January 2020. Please go to the booking document to book a time that suits you and your family.

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Event code: kzegs

2. Mihi Whakatau

Wednesday, 29th January, 2020, 9.00am

The welcoming of new staff and new students - all are welcome.

3. Reports. These go home today and have been crafted carefully by staff.

4. Classes for 2020

These are posted on the foyer noticeboard for your attention. Please contact your child's teacher in the first instance if you have any questions.

And finally on behalf of staff I wish you all a wonderful, restful break that nourishes and nurtures your heart. Jesus is the only reason for the season!!

Blessings Averil



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2020 Term Dates

Term 1 - 27 and 28 January Whānau 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	Henri H
Kāmana	Tessa C
Toetoe	Harry S
Kawau	Iva F
Kūtai	Alyssa A
Rimurimu	Emily D
Mako	Madeleine C

Student Success

Congratulations to Inaki B who passed Grade 3 Piano and Theodore H who passed Grade 3 ABRSM Singing

Stationery 2020

Mōkihi - Inaka, Pūtakitaki, Kōura
Waka Puhara - Tuaki, Kamana, Karoro, Pīngao

Please order from Officemax:

www.myschool.co.nz

and search for St Mark's Christchurch, then enter your child's class name

Waka Hourua - Kahawai, Karengo, Toroa

Please order from Eeny Meeney

www.schoolpacks.co.nz

and search for St Mark's School

Please be aware that Years 6-8 have the same stationery pack.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open during the school holidays for purchasing uniform by appointment only. The dates are:

Wednesday 15 January: 10.00am-12.00pm

Friday 17 January: 1.00pm - 3.00pm

To make an appointment, please visit

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Event code: atvdb

Waves for Water, Surf to School program.

We did a Surf to School beach mufti day to help people from Indonesia have clean drinking water. The mufti day is part of Waves for Water, Surf to School program.

People brought a money donation and we will send all the money to Winter Vincent. He gets all of the water filters which cost \$50.00. Then he gives them to villages in Indonesia and shows them how to use them.

The reason why we wore our beach clothes is because Indonesia is very hot.

We raised \$314NZD, which will support 6 water filters and help a lot of people in villages in Indonesia. Winter has a goal of \$50,000 to be raised. So far \$43,386 has been raised and our St Marks donation will add to this. So far 21,693 people have been impacted.

Thank you everyone for your help to raise money.

Tyler M.



BYMC 2020

Did you know?
97%
of year 7-8 students in
2020 already bring
their own managed
Chromebook to
school!

Waka Hourua (year 6-8) students are strongly encouraged to bring their own Chromebook to school next year.

We have a noticeboard in Kūtai for secondhand sales.

Please note that all secondhand sales and purchases are made independently of St Mark's School.

We have responded to your feedback and switched to PB Tech for our online shopping portal. This year's options are our best and cheapest yet!

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns:

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Our School Code is:
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BYMC Bundles

St Marks strongly recommend parents to purchase the bundle pack of Chromebook includes a warranty, insurance and bag.

ASUS C202SA-GJ0065 Rugged Education Chromebook bundle with Bag, Insurance and 3yr warranty - BYOD

Robust, reinforced rubber wrapped protective guard

NEW ARRIVAL



\$385⁰¹
+GST

ASUS C204EE Chromebook bundle with PB Insurance, 3yr warranty, bag.

NEW ARRIVAL



\$434⁸⁰
+GST

Acer R11 C738T Touch N3150 4G 16G Chromebook + PB Insurance + 3yr warranty + Bag

NEW ARRIVAL



\$550⁰¹
+GST



PA NEWS

A BIG THANK YOU to EVERYONE in our great little community who has contributed to the school and the students learning and development over this past year. From our Principal and our wonderful teachers', the support staff, the teacher aides, both boards the BOT and Proprietors, the student leaders and of course my wonderful team on the PA and those parents who volunteer their time and those who go beyond. And it goes without saying to every student who helped someone else find their way and encouraged someone to try their best and try again if they needed to. It's the will to help and the will to achieve that creates a sense of satisfaction in a job well done.

This year, in consultation with Averil and her team we set a target for our parent community to raise \$40,000 with this money going towards upgrading/revamping our school playgrounds. It has been very pleasing to see the support and willingness of the community to get in behind this and collectively as a community we have achieved this target, not only achieved but also bettered it. In Term 1 next year we shall be presenting the school with the sum of \$43,000 to get the playground revamps underway. So many people and organisations to thank for this, so to all those parents on the PA and the wider community who gave of their time, energy and efforts whether this has been through the uniform shop, on the PA Coffee Cart, Selling Entertainment Books, Helping at School discos, attending PA lead events such as the Quiz Night, providing food for our production café, donating items for our raffles and prize draws or helping to make our school fair the Greatest Lil Fair in Town we THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

A couple of dates to note down for early in Term 1 next year, the annual PA Welcome Back BBQ will be on Friday 14th February from 5pm – 7pm on the school grounds. We would love to see you all there.

The Annual AGM of the PA will take place on Tuesday 18th February at 7.00pm in Ōmoho, if you'd like to get involved, help or are just inquisitive as to what we do please feel free to come along.

It just leaves me now to wish you all a blessed and Merry Christmas and wishes for a peaceful and joyous New Year.

Regards

Gary Miller

Chairman

St Mark's School

Parents' Association





Parish of Opawa-St Martins Christmas Services

@ St Mark's School
(33 Cholmondeley Ave, Opawa)

We would love to have you join with us as we celebrate
the great gift of Jesus this Christmas.

Sunday 22nd

8am Communion Service
10am 9 Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve

5pm Children's Christmas *
11pm Candlelight Christmas Vigil **

Christmas Day

9am Communion Service

* Our Children's service is full of *costumes* and *carols*. You can come dressed as a character from the nativity story, otherwise we can provide the costumes. No knowledge of church is needed.

** The Vigil service includes 20min of carol singing before a communion service. We aim to finish at 12:15 – in plenty of time to catch Santa!



Parish of Opawa-St Martins'

Car Boot Sale



Come to our car boot sale & grab a bargain. There's a fabulous Christmas raffle (including Christmas Cake). Cash only.

For more information phone 980-9983.

Saturday
14th DECEMBER
9am to 11am

St Mark's Church car park,
cnr Opawa Rd & Vincent Place