



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 11
15 April 2021

Dear parents/whānau,

It is the end of another busy term! We hope the impending holidays are fun and restful with your family – ready for the next term and change in temperature.

Staff/Teacher Only Days

As communicated last year the Government included 8 Staff/Teacher Only days to the package negotiated by the NZEI. I have previously indicated that in 2021 we will take 4 this year – the Mondays at the start of each term. To this end this is just a reminder that on the following days the school will be closed to students:

Monday 3rd May

Monday 26th July

Monday 18th October

Principal Awards

I have been asked how students qualify for these and I just wanted to be clear that these are on teacher recommendation. I then meet with every student and view their work/project and talk with them as to what has made this piece of learning so successful. It is a process that values all success not just academic.

Specialist model

As we are exploring the development of our local curriculum we are evaluating the impact on student learning of our specialist model. Alongside this are the reflections our teachers make of their own teaching practice. We would love to hear from parents/whānau! Any feedback welcome!

MODS

Our MODS program has now had a full term of operation across the whole school. I want to stress again that this is a pilot, and **Miss Cristy Yonetani** is gathering evidence of its efficacy and the aspects that contribute to us being sure of the impact for students. Cristy has held one parent hui – we were so grateful to those whānau who came, and we have decided in term 2 to use both formal and informal assessment procedures.

Pilots such as this, seek to clarify all processes from inclusion in the program to partnering with parents to documenting success and achievement. They also have to be viewed against our very robust acceleration and extension programs that exist in the classroom setting.

We are not yet at the stage of defining what gifted means in our school, in spite of the fact that many many definitions exist.

Provision for our special character within this definition will be a point of difference. We cannot do this without community input – please join us in Term 2 for this mahi and korero.

Staff

Mrs Brereton and **Mrs Coster** are well on the way to recovery from their surgeries and are both heading home today. It was like a staff meeting last night when I found them both in the same room!

Please join us for the end of Term 1 service at 2.15pm tomorrow. The orchestra will be performing at 2.00pm and receive their service badges.

Blessing
Averil



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

Upcoming Event

16 April End of Term Service - 2.15pm

Term Dates

TERM 2 - Monday May 3rd (TOD - school CLOSED) - Friday 9th July

Monday 7th June - Queens Birthday - school CLOSED

TERM 3 - Monday 26th July (TOD - school CLOSED) - Friday 1st October

TERM 4 - Monday 18th October (TOD - school CLOSED) - Tuesday 14th December

Monday 25th October Labour Day - school CLOSED

Friday 12th - November - Show Day - school CLOSED

Church Certificates

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| Pūtakitaki | Emi S |
| Kōura | Hamish G |
| Kāmana | Joshua W |
| Pīngao | Isabella S |
| Kawau | Faith L |
| Kahawai | Casper T |
| Karengo | Thomas F |
| Toroa | Theo Y |

Mōkihi Production

"Wake Up Bear" - Based on the story by Lynley Dodd presented by Mōkihi.

Thursday 20th May at 2pm and 6pm. (approx 30 mins). St Mark's School Hall

No tickets required. All welcome.

Dental Care during the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will be providing dental care for children enrolled with our service during the upcoming school holidays. The clinics will offer check-ups, treatment and relief of pain sessions by appointment only. To make an appointment please call/email our Contact Centre which operates between the hours of 8am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday throughout the holidays.

The following Dental Clinics will be open during these school holidays:

- **Hornby Clinic, 2 Hei Hei Road, Hornby,**
- **Northcote Clinic, 24 Tuckers Road, Casebrook,**

The clinics will offer appointments between 8.15am and 4.45pm for school-age and preschool children. If your child has dental pain because of an accident, please contact your dentist in the first instance.

To book an appointment at one of our clinics please:

call 0800 846 983 or email
comm dental@cdhb.health.nz

Sports Results

Waterpolo

Results from Friday's game:

St Marks 2 - 3 Medbury

Player of the day: Tessa - committed to attack and defence for the whole game, a great all-rounder!

This weeks game: vs Cathedral Grammar 8.30 Friday at QE2

Miniball

The St Mark's Rockets won the Thursday grade C miniball.

James, Arran, Leo, Troy, Laurika, Henri, Liz de Lange (coach/manager) Janneke.

After a tough start the Rockets showed what a team is all about. Caring, support and communication.



Chess

Congratulations to Jake H for achieving his Level One 'Pawn' badge, Xavier F, Catalina M and Tessa C for achieving their Level Two 'Knight' badges and Ryan M for achieving his Level Three 'Bishop' badge. Well done to them all!





News from the PA

One question that often gets asked is “Who are the PA”? What do they do? We are a committee of people, bound by a constitution and policies and procedures who are charged with the responsibility of representing you the parents of St Mark’s of decision making around the funds which are raised each year through parent lead initiatives much like the kindling wood fundraiser at present and in doing so, raise funds for the school that will benefit the children of St Mark’s.

This year’s committee consist of the following parents:

Chairperson – Gary Miller

Secretary – Natasha Northcott

Treasurer – Marina Martin

Uniform Shop - Serena Smith

Coffee Cart – Rosalind Deuchrass

School Fair – Ashleigh Wendt

Teacher Rep – May Bryant

Principal – Averil Worner

Committee Members – Angela Booth, Jill Buchan, Jacinda Thomsen, Daniel Davy, Adrian Easton, Timothy Ackroyd, Danielle O’Connell, Olivia Martyn & Kylie Tremain

We also operate the Uniform Shop, we have responsibility and oversight for the PA Coffee Cart, a much-used resource for parents, students, and teachers alike. We also ensure that whenever any public events are taking place at the school, whether this be Open Day, Grand Parents Day, School Production etc....that catering, and hospitality is provided. We also organize social events for students (i.e., School Discos) and Parents (i.e. – Quiz Night) so that we can all enjoy some community togetherness in a more convivial setting.

Of course, our BIGGEST annual FUN raiser is our School Fair, this is organized by a separate committee to the PA Team as the focus for the fair needs to remain as just that. This year we are looking for new members to join with the fair organizing team so look out for a separate notice regarding this.

Coming up in Term 2 we shall have our Annual School Disco, this will be held on Fri June 18th and for the Parents on Saturday 15th May our ever-popular Quiz Night. Two years ago, the Trophy went to a team from outside of St Mark’s and they are coming back to defend their title, we are looking for a MASSIVE St Mark’s turn out to wrest the Trophy back.

Next term we shall be asking the parent community to support our next fundraising initiative of selling Eco Soaps, more details on this will come at the beginning of term 2

We look forward to another successful year of FUN raising with you here at St Mark’s

Nga mihi nui

Gary Miller

Chairperson

St Mark’s School



TRIVIA

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DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE THE TRIVIA MASTERS?
WINNING TEAM PRIZE - VOUCHER & BRAGGING RIGHTS!
RAFFLE AND SPOT PRIZES ON THE NIGHT - BRING CASH

15
MAY

TEAM OF 6 \$62 + BOOKING FEE
INDIVIDUAL TICKET \$12 + BOOKING FEE
OPTIONAL - THEME YOUR TEAM!

ST MARKS SCHOOL
HALL - 33
CHOLMONDELEY
AVE

NON AND ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE.
NIBBLES PROVIDED. EFTPOS AVAILABLE -NO CASH OUT

PURCHASE TICKETS FROM -
WWW.EVENTFINDA.CO.NZ/2021/TRIVIA-NIGHT-ST-MARKS-SCHOOL-FUNDRAISER/CHRISTCHURCH

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KINDLING WOOD FUNDRAISER



\$10 PER BAG
OR
\$45 FOR 5 BAGS
4.5KG
DRY PINE

send your order to:
stmarkskindling@gmail.com

orders close 15th April 2021
collection date from
St Marks 17th April

Limited stock, get in quick
Bank details on confirmation email





ST MARKS

April School Holidays 2021



Based at St Marks Primary School, 33 Chomondeley Avenue

7:30am - 3:00pm - \$53.00

7:30am - 6:00pm - \$60.00

8:30am - 3:00pm - \$43.00

8:30am - 6:00pm - \$50.00

*Trip & Activity Fee's extra as advertised

*Terms & Conditions apply

WHAT'S ON?



Monday 19th



MINECRAFT MAGIC

Can you fight off the Creepers? We're Immersing in Minecraft

Tuesday 20th



MEGA AIR

Can you do a flip? Test your jumping skills
\$15 Trip Fee

Wednesday 21st



EXPLORING ANZAC

Join us for Military and ANZAC themed activities

Thursday 22nd



AMONG US

Complete the tasks to find the imposter before they find you!

Friday 23rd



JUMP JAM

Dust off those Jump Jam skills!
\$10 Activity Fee

Monday 26th



ANZAC DAY

MASH is closed today for ANZAC Day observed

Tuesday 27th



MEXICAN MAYHEM

Hola mi amigo! Mexican Mayhem is taking over MASH today!

Wednesday 28th



CAVEMEN CAPERS

Are you a cave dweller? There's fossils, dinosaur bones and more!

Thursday 29th



MINI GOLF

Can you get a hole in one?
\$10 Trip Fee

Friday 30th



FRIDAY FUNDAY

It's Friyay! Join us for the best day of the week!



Book online now to secure your spot!

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