



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 3
16 May 2018

Kia ora everyone,

As week three is in full swing there are some photographs in this weeks newsletter offering a hint of some of our week's happenings. Schools are busy dynamic places! I asked someone what "learning" meant the other day! It is a verb, and a noun and sometimes an adjective - but how do we know it has happened? I would love to know your thoughts - drop me an email because we will pick this up at our **Assessment for Learning forum on Wednesday 6th July Week 10**. Bring your coffee from the coffee cart to Ōmoho and share the discussion on what Assessment for Learning at St Mark's School looks like and the wonderful work staff are doing to provide you with an accurate picture of progress and achievement.

Staffing

There have been some challenges for individual staff members to start the term. Bereavement, Injury and Surgery have all featured in the lives of our staff in the last 3 weeks. I have felt very fortunate that we have a bank of previous staff and staff well known to children who are able to join us for extended periods of time. The other strengthening factor has been that our collaborative planning model ensures that at least one other staff member understands the programs operating in classrooms well. Teaching and learning delivery can be seamless. We accept there is a natural disruption without the class teacher, but at times the health, welfare and wellbeing of staff takes priority. We do thank you for your patience and understanding at these times.

School Values - Grace, Courage, Excellence and Faithfulness

These values - consulted on, discussed and decided on in 2016 are beginning to form as the quiet backdrop to all we do in our school. Staff have them displayed, offer thanks when students show them and give further life to them when they highlight them or specifically teach them. They are for our whole community and don't just operate between 9.00am and 3.00pm! So it is always with great joy to see them given voice by a student. The following was written by **Amelia H in Paua**. It is written from a teacher's perspective! And so beautifully explores how the values can be given flight! See the original later in the newsletter.

*We will make your child full of **Excellence**, in their work, friends and companionship.*

*We will help your child to have **Courage**, to make new friends and not to be scared to do what's right.*

*We will teach your children to be full of **Grace** - to let others have turns and not to push in front.*

*We will lead your child in **Faithfulness** in God our Saviour.*

Kōrero Mātauranga - let's talk about Education

<https://conversation.education.govt.nz/>

Please follow the link to a survey to have a voice about the changing landscape of Education. This survey is open to all and we would love it if people from the St Mark's community offered their opinion - the changes are unknown but will be significant.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

These scheduled for Week 9 and the booking schedule will be open at the beginning of week 8. These interviews will be for **Years 3 - 8 only**. Anniversary reporting and interviews in Mokihi **Years 0 - 2**, are conducted at the child's age throughout the year.

Teacher Only Day 5th June

Just a reminder that this day is a teacher only day and staff will be at school on this day involved in professional development related to Mathematics and Assessment.

Blessings everyone, Averil.



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School Notices

Upcoming Events

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| 24 May | Open Day - 10am-2pm |
| 25 May | Make a Wish Mufti Day |
| 27May-1 June | Book Week |
| 29 May | Court Theatre Performance - 2pm |
| 30 May | Speech Finals |
| 4 June | Queen's Birthday |
| 5 June | Teacher Only Day |
| 11-22 June | Y0-3 Swimming - Pioneer |
| 17 June | Mokihi Service - St Mark's/St Anne's Church - 10am |
| 21 June | Sport/Cultural Photographs |
| 25-27 | Whanau/Teacher Interviews |
| 6 July | End of Term Service - 2.30pm |

Church Certificates

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| Raupo | Nathan H |
| Inaka | Landon H |
| Kereru | Hannah T |
| Ti Kouka | Max B |
| Kamana | Aria R |
| ToeToe | Theodore H |
| Kotuku | Jasmine O |
| Paua | Rosa T |
| Mako | Max Y |
| Wheke | Plumm T |

Strike to Schools Concert

Unfortunately, due to illness, the Strike Percussion group are unable to perform at our school tomorrow. I am so disappointed as the show is supposed to be amazing and it is so wonderful for our students to attend live performances.

They will reschedule later in the term or at the beginning of next term.

Emily Wells
Lead Teacher Music

Sports Results

St Mark's Leopards (Yr3) 3 v Mt Pleasant 6
Player of the Day: Tessa C
St Mark's Lions (Yr4) 15 v Cotswalds 10
Player of the Day: Rosa T

Sports Practices

Winter sport is running for the rest of this term and half way into Term 3. Practice days are as follows:

NETBALL

with Mr Rennie

Monday

Year 7 / 8 and year 5 / 6 - 12.45 - 1.30

HOCKEY

with George Carnoutsos:

Wednesday

Year 5 / 6 Hockey B - 12.15 - 12.45

Year 5 / 6 Hockey A - 12.45 - 1.20

Thursday

Year 5 / 6 Hockey C - 8.50 - 9.20 with Averil

Hockey practice with Averil/Prishill

Friday

Year 7 / 8 Hockey - 11.00 - 11.30

FOOTBALL -

with Jae from Cashmere Technical

Friday

Year 5 / 6 - 9.40 - 10.30

Year 7 / 8 - 11.00 - 11.40

Game days are:

Thursday for Year 5 / 6

Friday for Year 7 / 8

Please ensure you bring the gear that is required for you to practice/play.

Boots, mouth guards, uniform, shin pads, etc.

Please wear your school uniform to school.

We have a Sports noticeboard in the hall foyer.

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Cross Country

This annual event was held last **Friday 11th May**. We were thrilled that the rain held off and that the event could happen with every student participating.

The senior event at Hansens Park was well organised and I thank **Mrs Maree Bigelow** in her first year at St Mark's School for her attention to detail.

The junior event was held at the last minute at school and proved a perfect setting for some incredible running!

We thank all the parents for their support on the sideline but also want to make special mention of **Max W and Ben M** our sports leaders who showed outstanding leadership, organisation, and support of Mrs Bigelow. Other year 8 students ran with Juniors, helped with injuries and generally supported the day. What a family! Congratulations to winners and runners and our St Mark's School Cross Country Team announced to represent our school at the Independent Zone Cross Country **Monday 21st May**.

Year 5

Boys

Ioli K
Rafi W-S
Max P
Theo Y

Girls

Olivia M
Julia M
Jasmine G

Year 6

Boys

Torbin C
Michael C
Liam S

Girls

Chelsea P
Isabella S
Olivia C

Year 7

Boys

Bede H
Vivek L
Max Y

Girls

Sophia W
Minnie E
Hannah W

Year 8

Boys

Jordi W-S
Oliver C
Freddie T

Girls

Lilah J
Lucy N
Trinity M

PA Notices



Entertainment Book

Thank you for all those that have returned, purchased or sold there Entertainment Books. There is still time to win that pizza party for your child's class, as it stands so far.....

1st Kamana
2nd Ti Kouka
3rd Paua/Toroa

There is still one more week to get those sales in thank you for your support.

Extra copies can be ordered at the link

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1341r76>

Wanted

The PA need to secure a 20 foot container for storing of Fair and other PA items.

If you have or know someone who has one for sale or would like to donate please contact Gary Miller on 0275-918-777

Coffee Cart

School Grounds" is a volunteer run coffee cart, operating out of the school foyer.

Open Mon/Wed/Fri mornings 8:30 – 9:10am

Our coffees are great value, our fluffies are a hit and all profits feed back into the school under the PA umbrella.

We offer cash and eftpos facilities

Coffee Cards are great value pay for 10 coffees or fluffies and get 2 FREE!

The School Grounds Team

Uniform Shop

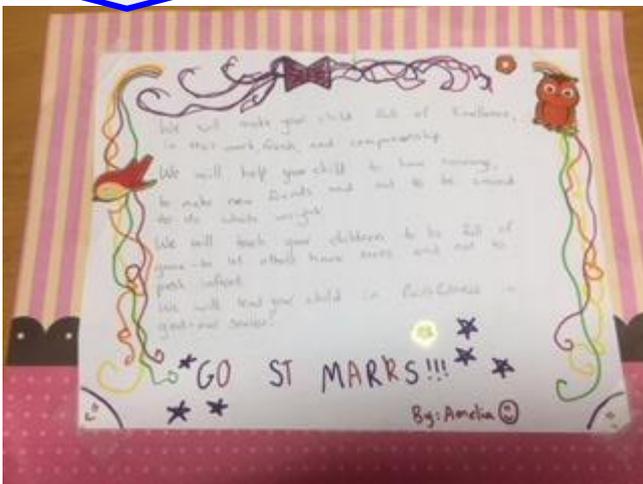
The uniform shop is open on Tuesday 8.30-9.30am and Wednesday 2.30-3.30pm. You can contact them at uniformshop@saintmarks.school.nz and don't forget to join the Facebook page to stay up to date 'st marks uniform ship'



Music with Ms Hale

Written by Amelia H

String Art - Principals Award



Personalised Reading

Garden Spruce Up

Peer Support



E-Learning Update



Thank you for supporting our Waka Hourua Bring Your Own Chromebook (BYOC) programme.

Over 70% of Waka Hourua students now bring their own Chromebook to school.

This fantastic BYOC uptake has enabled us to transform the way we teach, creating new and exciting learning opportunities and developing 21st century learning skills. Equitable access is important to us. We continue to provide access to Chromebooks at school, but these are shared one between two.

Our Chrome Education Licence system is proving to be of great benefit to students as we customise the online learning environment and do our best to keep students safer online. Please be aware that a Chrome Education Licence is required to join our BYOC programme. Licences are included in the recommended Cyclone bundles, or can be purchased for \$48 from the office.



You may have noticed that our blogs are no longer being updated. This is because we are exploring a better way to share our students' learning: Seesaw. When we are satisfied that Seesaw is beneficial for our St Mark's School Family, there will be a schoolwide launch.

Please continue to share your feedback and questions with us. We would love to hear from you!

Cristy Yonetani
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Go BYOC Any Time



All Chromebooks meet our minimum required specifications. We recommend purchasing through the Cyclone portal, as these particular models have been tried and tested in schools across New Zealand.



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3 year Warranty Complete
Bundle

\$569.60 Inc GST



Acer Chromebook C738T (R11)
3 year Warranty Complete
Bundle

\$676.11 Inc GST



Lenovo Chromebook N23 3 year
Warranty Complete Bundle

\$554.42 Inc GST

Willows

LUNCH BAG



Available from Term 2

Willows Lunch Bags will be available for order each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday with a different selection available each of those days.

Each Lunch Bag is \$6.50 with extras available also.

Order forms will be available from the foyer and completed forms to be put in the Order Box by 3:30pm each Monday for that weeks Order/s.

You can order for 1,2 or all 3 days of the week and on-line internet banking is available for payment.

50 cents from each Lunch Bag sold will be donated back to the school by Willows