



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 3
13 February 2019

Dear St Mark's whanau,

Week 3 and with year 6/7 camp, year 4/5 trip to the museum, year 8 trip to the City Council chamber the resumption of senior languages and technology our broad curriculum is in full flight.

Board of Trustees

On Saturday the Board met to discuss strategy and vision for 2019. Whilst still in draft form there is much to celebrate and operationalise as the board considers 2018 consultation and feedback from the community and staff. In a changing governance landscape the need to focus on common goals for the students is paramount.

Seesaw

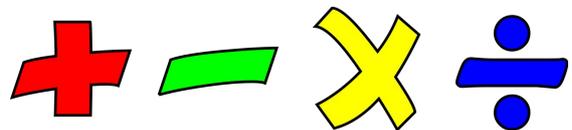
Last year we trialled **Seesaw** - a program of "in time" sharing where students can send their learning directly to parents during the school day. This enables parents to be engaged at the time and comment on what their child has achieved. The **free app** allowed parents to receive this information on their mobile device.

In 2019 as a trial, we will shift the newsletter and other class and team communication to Seesaw ensuring school information is not buried in your inbox! We will make this shift in **Term 2** giving everyone time to download the app, talk to their class teacher and team leader, and practice using it's features. The newsletter and other communications will be available in print or digital form initially.



Mathematics!

This year our curriculum focus is mathematics. We have funded professional development for staff from the University of Canterbury - **Ms Carol Butel** and ongoing specialist professional development from **Mr Brent Langford** from Evaluation Associates. As we inquire into our practice in this area of the curriculum we will share our learnings (not dissimilar to the All Blacks!) and seek your views throughout the year. Some class levels have specific stationery items that lend well to this inquiry but overall our commitment is to a coherent and local curriculum is the common goal.



To note in your diaries!

- **THIS FRIDAY** back to school BBQ - see you there from 5.00pm.
- Year 8 Hanmer Camp - **Tuesday 19th - Friday 22nd February**
- **PA AGM - Tuesday 19th February - 7.30pm**
- **Softball** is happening in the school on Thursdays - year 3 - 8!!



Courage is the school value taking flight in classrooms this term. Look out for it in your child's learning!

"Stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong"
1 Cor; 16:13

Blessings everyone
Averil



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

School Notices

Upcoming Events

11-14 Feb	Year 6-7 Camp
15 Feb	PA Back to School BBQ
19 Feb	PA AGM
19-22 Feb	Year 8 Leadership Camp
25 Feb-7 Mar	Year 0-3 Swimming - Pioneer
	Year 4-8 Swimming -Waltham

2019 School Term Dates and Holidays

Monday 28 January - Friday 12 April
Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July
Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September
Monday 14 October - Friday 13 December

Emergency Contact Form and School Permissions Form

The following forms have been sent home with your eldest child.

1. Emergency contact form (one per family)
2. School Permissions form (one per child - please ensure both sides of this form are completed.)

This will enable our records to be kept up-to-date.

If you haven't already done so, please return these forms to the school office as soon as possible.

Church Certificates

Kereru	Alexandra H
Ti Kouka	Landon H
ToeToe	Holly R
Kamana	James P
Kawau	Nikhil J
Kutai	Rosa T
Mako	Naomi J
Rimurimu	Leo-Sebastian M
Toroa	Olivia B



Subway can be ordered for lunch every Tuesday. To place an online order, visit www.subway.co.nz/schools and follow the instructions to place your order by 9am each Subway day. Alternatively, envelopes are in the office and you can either pay with the correct cash or credit card.

Kūtai, Kamana and Kawau went to the Canterbury Museum yesterday. We learnt...

Antarctica is the 5th largest continent on earth.

It is the windiest and driest place on earth.

Some of the explorers names are Scott, Shackleton and Amundsen.

Sir Edmund Hillary was the first to cross the Transantarctic on a motorised vehicle.

Explorers are very courageous



Billets required for the evening of Tuesday 21st May 2019

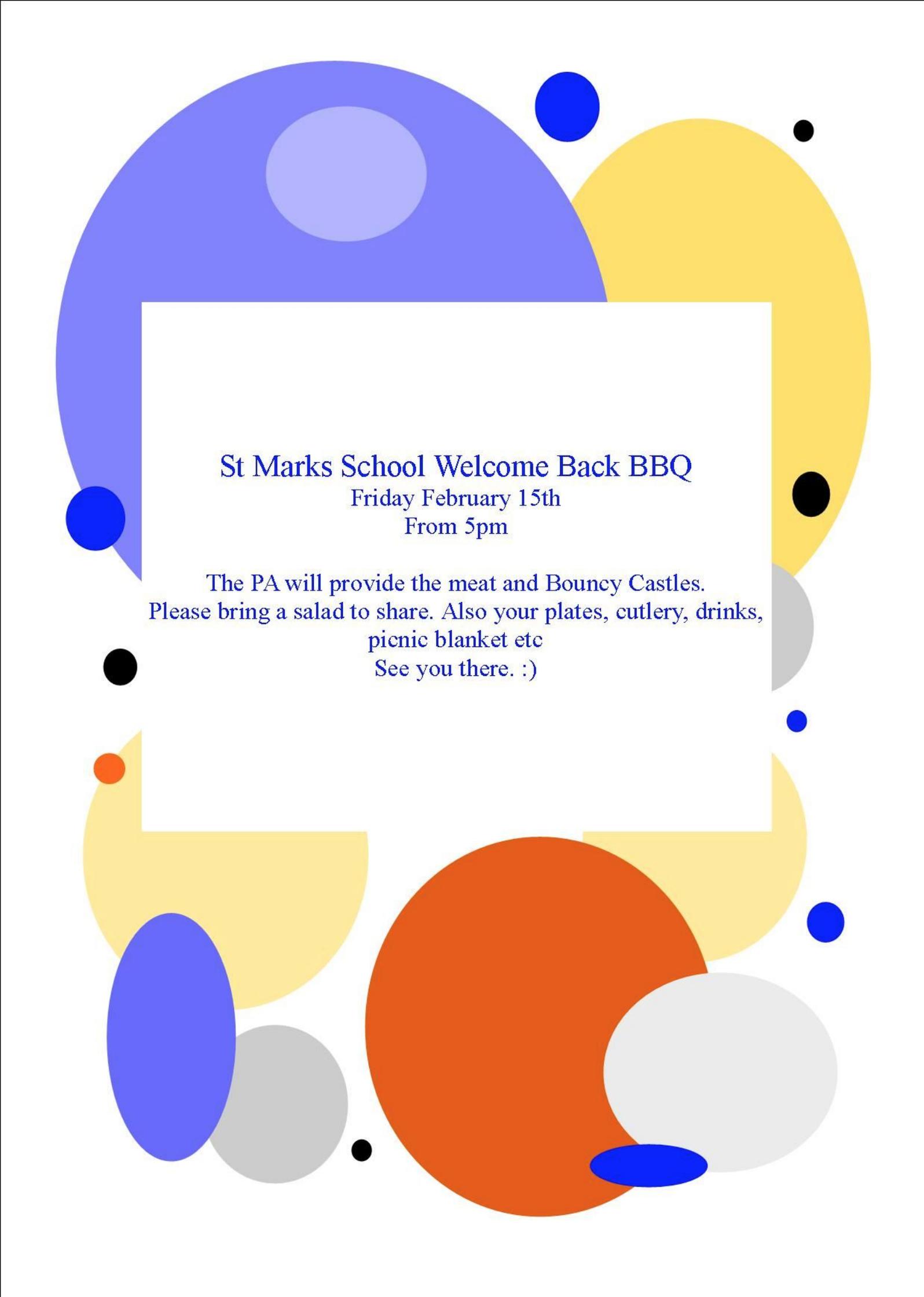
The Anglican Schools' Conference is being held in Timaru this year. Delegates travelling internationally to the conference will need to arrive in Christchurch on Tuesday 21st May. The Polynesian delegates will include school chaplains, school principals and some Year 12 students. It is preferably that 2 students be billeted together. If you are able to provide dinner, bed and breakfast for people travelling from Fiji and Tonga to the Anglican Schools' Conference please let the School Office know.

With thanks

Carol Trotter



Anglican Schools
of Aotearoa New Zealand
and Polynesia



St Marks School Welcome Back BBQ

Friday February 15th
From 5pm

The PA will provide the meat and Bouncy Castles.
Please bring a salad to share. Also your plates, cutlery, drinks,
picnic blanket etc
See you there. :)

P.A. NEWS

Happy new school year everyone! Welcome to 2019 at St Mark's. I hope the holidays have been refreshing and relaxing and you are all set for an enjoyable and productive year.

**St Mark's School Parents Association
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, 19th February 2019, 7.30pm
St Mark's School Library**

The PA is an opportunity to get to know some good people and have some fun while you help the school and your children as well. The PA represents the parent body of the school so if you want to have your say, this is where you should be! Our aims are basically to run social and fundraising events for the school community and apply those funds to the purchase of "extra" items that improve the teaching and learning environment at St Mark's. New Parents – this is a great opportunity to get involved in the school community.

A nomination form is attached below for nominating yourself or someone else (with their consent) for a position on the PA. Please hand completed forms into the school office by 15th February. **Elections will be held at the PA AGM on 19th February, 2019.**

Susan Bain
PA President

NOMINATION FORM – Please hand in to school office by Friday 15th February, 2019

I NOMINATE _____ FOR THE POSITION OF

(Circle one) President Secretary Treasurer Committee member

Nominator _____ Seconder

Nomination accepted by _____ (Person nominated)

For ST MARK'S SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION 2019



Children's Day

SUNDAY
03 March
11AM-3PM

CROWN OWNED LAND
152 New Brighton Rd

FREE