



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 8
19 June 2019

Kia ora St Mark's Family,

As we approach the time for school reporting and parent/whānau/teacher interviews we look forward to sharing the learning journey of your child and their next stages and steps. Currently there is work in our school assessing how our home/school partnerships can be strengthened to enhance student outcomes, and early next term, we will be seeking your feedback on our current reporting cycles as part of a schoolwide review of this area. There are many ways to communicate the progress and success of students and we want to hear community voice to inform any changes or modifications to our current practices.

Please book a time for your interviews and we look forward to meeting with you.

Year 8 Clever Cookies!

What great cookies are on offer by our year 8 students! The senior students are raising money to support school events they are running, to part fund activities at school camps, charitable events and community projects. Delicious and only \$2.00!!

LOCARNO STREET

It is with some disappointment that I write of my concerns for student safety on Locarno St particularly from 3.00pm - 3.15pm. Of great concern is the number of whānau who double park outside the school and who park over driveways. This creates blind spots for students getting into cars. I am asking respectfully that whānau consider others when parking and picking up their child. There is often further parking down toward the river and we ask that legal and safe parking is observed. We will seek further clarification with the Christchurch City Council about their position on a way forward for our school.

Board of Trustees

Please see separate communication.

Productions 2019!!

"Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat" (Year 4 - 8) and "The Three Trees" (Year 0 - 3) will be our productions this year. We are really excited about these productions and planning is well underway. Auditions and music rehearsals have begun. ALL students are involved in both productions which fulfils a large part of the Performing Arts program.

Principal's Awards

Whilst not an exact science, teachers currently identify outstanding learning and share this with me. It does not have to be outstanding academic achievement - although it might be! It might be around our values, innovation of learning, sporting prowess, cultural endeavours - those things we can name collectively that celebrate God given gifts and talents. These are a crucial part of the Board of Trustees Strategic Plan and reporting, and vital to the Board of Proprietors expectations around Special Character.

This week **Emily D** shared some of her e-learning work and achievements and I share it in this space to emphasise the above.

I always look forward to the meetings in my office where I can celebrate with them and hear their learning story. I am blessed!



Book Character Day

This Friday is the day to dress up as your favourite book character. This is **NOT** a mufti day so **only book character costumes are expected**, otherwise it is school uniform as usual.

Our values story!

This is at the heart of all we do, our learning, our wellbeing and our community. Do you know it?!

*Through **Grace/Huatau**, we act with compassion and humility to achieve **Excellence/Hiranga** using the potential of our God given talents and gifts. This gives us the **Courage/Māiatanga** to bring about change as we show **Faithfulness/Piriponotanga** to God and others.*

Blessings Averil



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

Upcoming Events

24-26 June Whanau/Teacher Interviews

2019 School Term Dates and Holidays

Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July

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

Inaka	Harry O
Kererū	Matteo L
Ti Kouka	Violet J
Toetoe	Finn J
Kāmana	Aria R
Kawau	Isabelle C
Kūtai	Casper T
Mako	Harriet Panckhurst
Rimurimu	Theo S
Toroa	Luka L-F

Christchurch Schools' Music Festival

A huge congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent our school at the Christchurch Schools' Music Festival.

Over 500 students auditioned for the various special groups.

Ben C Junior Choir

Madeleine C Junior Choir

Emily D Senior Choir

Saffron D Junior Choir

Charlotte P Senior Choir

Harriet P Orchestra

Hannah W Senior Choir

This is an amazing achievement to have so many accepted.

Emily Wells

Lead Teacher, Music

Sports Results

Basketball

St Mark's Magic 16 v Our Lady of Assumption Aces 12

Player of the Day: Tommy P

Whanau/Teacher Interviews

These are being held on 24, 25 and 26 June. To access interview times please go to:

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Code: 62whv

Canterbury Cross Country

Congratulations to Meg W (Year 5) and Ioli K (Year 6) for representing St Mark's and the Independent Zone at the Canterbury Cross country today.

Meg wright placed 11th and Ioli placed 22nd



Beeswax Wrap for Sale

Home made by Rosa T, Olive AC and Milli L from Kūtai

This is part of school's environment program to reduce landfill waste and proceeds will go towards camp later in the year.

\$5 each

**Available this Friday by the coffee cart
8.30am**



St Mark's School

Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

Tena Koutou Katoa

It is timely to provide an update to the wider school community as a result of recent Board of Trustees nominations.

Firstly, it is important to acknowledge those Board members who have served our school community for the past three years, setting a new strategic direction and embedding a strong foundation for the school to move forward. Some of these Board members have chosen to stand down, largely due to their personal commitments having changed meaning that they are unable to give the time that they have so generously given for the last three years. Thankyou to you all for your commitment to ensuring every child at St Mark's School has the opportunity to reach their full potential. There is much work of a Board of Trustees that goes unseen but I hope you will all know the legacy you have each played in the story of St Mark's School.

Previous Board

Rogier Eradus – Chairperson
Mike Percasky (Elected Rep)
Susan Johnson (Elected Rep)
Peter Moore (Elected Rep)
Brad Flavall (Elected Rep)
Charlotte Cooper (Board of Proprietors Representative)
Lauren Ball (Board of Proprietors Representative)
Clare Pattison (Board of Proprietors Representative)
Averil Worner (Principal)
Adrian Rennie (Staff Representative)

I can now formally advise that the new Board of Trustees is as follows.

New Board

Lauren Ball – Chairperson & Board of Proprietors Representative
Mike Percasky (Elected Rep)
Brad Flavall (Elected Rep)
Ruth Knights (Elected Rep)
Clare Pattison (Board of Proprietors Representative)
Averil Worner (Principal)
Adrian Rennie (Staff Representative)

Request for Assistance/Expertise

As the number of nominees did not exceed the number of vacancies the members were elected en mass without the need for a formal election with votes.

This does leave a reduced number of Board members, and as such we have identified the following skill sets that we are actively seeking members of the school community, or their networks/whanau to consider whether they may be able to assist us with.

Key areas would be

- A Quantity Surveyor to assist with the 10 year property plan and ongoing maintenance and asset issues
- Health and Safety
- Account/Financial Management
- Legislation interpretation and application

Should you have skills in any of the above areas and be willing to contribute some of your knowledge and time for the ongoing governance of the school and outcomes for children I would welcome you to make contact with me for a discussion.

Laurenloz@xtra.co.nz or 0273000245.

Many hands make light work – and we would encourage our school whanau to think about how they might be able to make a difference in this space.

Congratulations to the newly elected Board members and again heartfelt thanks to those who have not continued for the role they have played until now.

Lauren Ball

Chairperson St Mark's Board of Trustees



The Saint Mark's Annual School Raffle

Traditionally we have held our school raffle in term 4 around the School Fair. We realise that term 4 is very hectic and the demands on our families' time and finances are far greater at that time of the year than any other. We have decided to move our School raffle forward to term 2 with the draw taking place early in term 3 to help ease the load on our families' around fair time. The Parents' Association are now seeking PRIZES for our Annual School Raffle. If you are able to donate a prize or the company you work for; please contact Gary Miller on 0275-918-777 or email fair@saintmarks.school.nz

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE ANNUAL SCHOOL RAFFLE GO TOWARDS OUR SCHOOL GOAL TO HELP PROVIDE FUNDS TO REVAMP OUR CHILDRENS' PLAYGROUNDS.