



St Mark's School Newsletter

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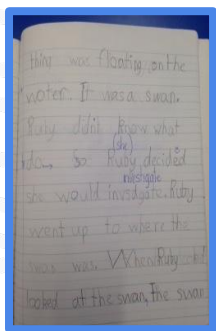
Kia ora everyone,

This weeks short musings from my office are tempered, with an awareness that as we draw closer to the school holidays that news stories and research tell us that many families in Christchurch continue to be challenged by anxiety, depression and a lack of hope. We can offer practical help to families we know but can also pray for them.

Each Friday our students offer such prayers. These are written by them, are largely unedited and offer their perspective on prayer for others. Our invitation to you all is to join us if you can and share in these times supporting each other and those known to us.

Curriculum

Our focus this term has been on Writing. This will continue into Term 2, as we consolidate the learnings and understandings from working with other schools on the Storytelling Schools program. While it is too early to evaluate the efficacy of the program for everyone, there is anecdotal evidence that confidence, motivation and standards are being raised across the ages. Staff have valued the opportunity to collaborate closely in our setting and with staff from other schools. Moderating the gains will be a vital next step. You can encourage your own child in this area of the curriculum by sharing books, talking about your life as a child and encouraging them if they want to write at home. Below are some examples from Kereru this week!



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From our Senior Students

Tena koutou katoa,

On Friday last week the juniors made pesto. They used ingredients like basil that are grown in the school garden to make it. What a great thing to do!



Over the past week the middle school went in groups to the Groynes. When they were there they learnt about the biodiversity. The students looked at different invertebrates and explored food chains and life cycles. They also learnt about the effects pollution can have on water and the creatures within it. Such a cool experience!

Sophia Goodrick

As the term comes to a close, we ask that you locate as many of your children's belongings - particularly lunch boxes! - prior to the close of school.

Staff and parents alike I am sure will look forward to Term 2 and the opening of the Middle School. We are yet to have a firm date for this but as you will appreciate the rain will have slowed the work somewhat. A huge gratitude is due the teachers, students and parents of Waka Puhara who continue to work in less than ideal conditions - we are nearly there!

Blessings everyone

Averil

School Notices

Upcoming Events

6 Apr	E-Learning Community Evening - 7pm
13 Apr	End of term service - 2pm
1 May	Term 2 begins - 8.55am
4 May	PA Meeting - 7.30pm
5 May	School Cross Country
17 May	Sports/Cultural Photos
31 May	Singing Cup competition

Please refer to our calendar on our website which is updated regularly. It has all major events throughout the year for you to see.

Church Certificates

Kereru	Phoebe Mills
Ti Kouka	Charlie Pearce
Kotuku	Lily Ball
Paua	Hannah Penman
ToeToe	Benjamin Cumberpatch
Rimurimu	Samantha Pegg
Toroa	Zachary Adams

Fundraising Fun Run

Our Year 8 House Leaders have scheduled the fundraising fun run for this Friday. The forecasted rainy weather this week is likely to make our grounds unusable for the event even if it is fine on Friday. The event is now postponed until Monday 10 April at 1:30pm. Remember students are encouraged to wear their house colours and to gather a few sponsors for our worthy causes. Buckets are now set up in the office for named envelopes with sponsorship donations.



Subway Lunch

Just a reminder that Subway can be ordered for lunch every Tuesday. The envelopes are in the office and you can either pay with the correct cash or credit card.

Sports Results

Water Polo

St Mark's Maroon 15 v Medbury 0
Players of the Day: Bella Edwards/Sophia Goodrick
St Mark's Gold 4 v Breens 8
Player of the Day: Lucy Norton

Miniball

St Mark's Cubs 20 v Pioneer Pistons 10
Player of the Day: Benjamin Cumberpatch
St Mark's Tigers 25 v Somerfield 17
Player of the Day: Toby Sharr





Bookings are now open for the April School Holiday 2 day Basketball Clinics held at Pioneer Stadium

Get ready for the Primary Winter Basketball competition in Term 2/3 with a focus on Dripping and Shooting. These 2 day clinics are designed to help young players work on their game by providing a positive environment, with skilled & experienced coaches to help all who attend get better and have FUN while doing it! Focus for the Clinic is on Passing & Dribbling. Register online as limited to 60 participants. Open to 6 - 13 year olds.

Wk 1 - Wed 19th & Thu 20th April [Click to register](#)

Wk 2 - Wed 26th & Thu 27th April [Click to register](#)

Sessions are 1-4pm each day

Visit our website for information and to register [April-Holiday-Clinic Information](#)

We look forward to the Primary Y5/6 & Y7/8 Primary Competition starting in Term 2/3.** Y7/8 Girls Only grade on Friday night**

If you are not in a school team you can register to join a Pioneer Club team with .

[Click on the link for more information and to REGISTER](#)

Team Entries Close on Friday 07 April. Individual entries close Friday 05 May



Dental Care over the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will operate an emergency service over the school holidays. This service is to provide relief of pain only and will not undertake 'routine' treatment. The service will be available each working day from 8:45am until 12:30pm from the Hillmorton Community Clinic, Sylvan Street, Christchurch for the following times:

Tuesday, 18th April to 21st April 2017 (excluding weekends)

Monday, 24th April

Wednesday, 26th April to Friday, 28th April 2017 (excluding weekends)

This service will operate by appointment only and if we are unable to see your child, alternative options will be given. If your child has dental pain as a result of an accident please contact your dentist in the first instance.

You can phone and make an appointment for the emergency clinic by ringing 0800 846 983.



E-Learning

E-Learning Evening

Thursday 6 April, 7pm

Waka Hourua

We would love to share our e-learning progress with you.

Teachers and students will share examples of how e-learning benefits students in Mōkihi, Waka Pūhara, and Waka Hourua.

We welcome your questions and feedback about our current e-learning practice and what the future holds for St Mark's School.

Tea and coffee kindly provided by our Parents' Association.



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