



St Mark's School Newsletter

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Kia ora everyone,

Thank you to those parents who have joined us for holy week services so far. We are very grateful to **Rev. Ben** for his warm, inviting and child focussed services bringing the Easter message to us all in such an interactive way. **Mrs Margrett Sherwood** has joined us each day and will join us for the last two Fridays of the Term as Rev. Ben is on leave. We had a very special school Eucharist Service this morning - the first in the school since 2011! Our final service is tomorrow and all are welcome.

As we lean into the long weekend we add to our prayers the family and communities of Opawa School and Cashmere High School, mourning the loss of a much loved son and student.

Siblings 2019! (A repeated notice)

Whilst it may seem a little early to be considering 2019, it would greatly help our planning if we could have an indication of the younger siblings who will turn 5 next year. Please email Louise at office@saintmarks.school.nz to indicate your child's name and birth date. The cut off date for applications to the Board of Proprietors is **31st August 2018**.

House fun run!

Thank you to our House Captains who organised, set up and ran this very successful house competition on Monday. Obstacles, coloured clothing and a hose added to such fun. The cheering was at times deafening and yet appropriate for supporting your house mates! The pictures give you some idea of the incredible fun had by all.

Mufti Day Term 2 - Friday May 25th - Make a wish

In Term 2 we will be supporting this charity. I want to thank the parent who brought this to our attention as it is a wonderful cause. This is advance warning that on this day students (and teachers!) will be able to dress up in a costume of what they "wish they could be". A donation to the Make-A-Wish foundation will be given to support those children living with critical illnesses. Thank you for your support as we bring to the school's attention to those groups who we can remember in our prayers and in practical ways.

Principal for the day

I shared Friday with **Ruby-Grace M.** She would be a lovely principal showing talents in being sensitive to younger students, sharing her lunch with some friends and purchasing some wonderful toys for the sandpit! Photos later in the newsletter show some of the day we shared - I know there are many other students who would love the opportunity. Thank you Ruby-Grace you were great company and have terrific creative ideas!

Willows Lunches

You will have noticed posters on our notice boards around the school. This opportunity will be available to students and staff from Term 2 as per the details on the posters. All food is prepared in a commercial kitchen by qualified chefs.

Easter Break

As Easter is upon us staff want to wish you a happy and safe time with family. The message of Easter is in the death and resurrection of Jesus and is central to our faith and the Gospel of hope. Our school is founded on these messages and we journey as a community with these messages as our guide.

St Mark's School Centenary 2021

I have formed a small committee to begin the task of planning for this significant milestone in the life of the school. We will meet in early Term 2 - we will seek community support in the near future!

There will be no newsletter next week, the final one for the Term delivered in Week 11.

Blessings, Averil



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School Notices

Upcoming Events

29 Mar	Holy Week Service - 9am
30 Mar	Good Friday
2 Apr	Easter Monday
3 Apr	Easter Tuesday (school closed)
5 Apr	ISSA Swimming Sports
13 Apr	End of term service - 2.15pm

Church Certificates

Inaka	Janneke De L
Kereru	Millie H
Ti Kouka	Isla H
Kamana	Case W
ToeToe	Austin S
Kotuku	Olive H
Paua	Alyssa A
Mako	Mason W
Wheke	Vivek L
Toroa	Jordi W-S

Lost Property

The lost property is building up, especially lunch boxes. We would like to rehome this property, can you please have a look and see if any items belong to your family.



Lost Property at Swimming Sports

We think that someone from St Mark's who attended the swimming zones may have accidentally picked up Samantha's school track pants. We've searched the lost property and rung Wharenui pool, but no luck. Samantha was in the last race and most students were changed by the time she went to get her gear from the stands. Apparently the stands were bare; Mrs Bigelow and Samantha looked, but had no luck.

So if parents of students who attended the swimming zones could check their child's gear, that would be appreciated. The track pants are named.



St Mark's Board of Proprietors

Just a reminder that the Term 1 & 2 invoices are due for payment on the 31st March 2018.

Canterbury Duathlon

Ioli K represented St Mark's School at the Canterbury Duathlon on Monday held at Ruapuna Raceway. He was placed 27th out of 146 participants. Ioli had to run 4km and bike 6km. Well done Ioli!

UNIFORM SHOP

PANTS!!!!!! Now available from the Uniform Shop as an **option** for boys winter uniform, can be worn Terms 2 and 3. **Shorts are still classed as formal uniform** so, for example, when white shirts are required so are the shorts but pants can be worn any other time - yay warm legs for winter!



PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY



The
Principals
hard at
work



New
sandpit
toys



Pepperoni
Pizza for
lunch



HOUSE FUN DAY





An Update from the Board of Trustees Review Committee



Term 1 2018 Reviews: **WE NEED YOUR INPUT PLEASE**

This term we are reviewing the following policies and invite your feedback as part of our three year review cycle.

- Home Learning

It is from these policies that the procedures are developed in relation to the way the school approaches these things operationally. For this reason, we want to encourage parents to become familiar with these policies and recommend any changes that might be required..

If you would like to view and give feedback on the policy its as easy as 1,2,3!

1. Go to www.schooldocs.co.nz and click on search for your school. Pick St Mark's School.
2. Enter the following user name and password

Username: stmarks Password: saint

3. Find the policy that's up for review, read it, click on the red bubble in the top right hand corner of the policy and enter your feedback. (if there is no red option, pick the green speech bubble instead).

Feedback can be given anonymously if you choose.

The cut off for feedback is the last day of Term 1 – 13th April 2018.

Term 1 Assurance:

In addition to reviewing policy, it's also the role of the Board to gain **ASSURANCE** that the operational policy and procedures are being operationalised in the school.

This term we will undertake assurance on a variety of areas including

- EEO Policy
- Vetting Requirements for non-Teachers
- 10 Year Property Plan
- Risk Management - Medicines, Minor/Moderate Injury or Illness
- Length of School Year



Orchestral Extravaganza

**FEATURING ORCHESTRAS FROM RANGI RURU GIRLS'
SCHOOL, CHRIST'S COLLEGE AND ST MARGARET'S
COLLEGE**

**Wednesday 4 April, 7.30pm at the Christ's College
Auditorium.**

Free admission. No booking required