



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 5
30 May 2018

Dear Parents/Whanau

The colder weather has prompted more inside time for everyone, but with our great facilities we all have enough room to spread out. Several of our relievers have commented on the exemplary behaviour of our students and their adaptability to change. Such heartening comments.

I travelled to Palmerston North last Friday to the Anglican Schools Board of NZ (of which I am a trustee) and the discussions about special character and the boards desire to strengthen the expressions of special character in our schools across NZ, was also heartening. I felt really proud of the ways we are not only honouring our heritage and connecting through mission but finding new ways to innovate. Sharing our shared story so far with other board members including the Archbishop, was a joy.

REQUEST!

I don't usually put such things early in a newsletter BUT we need:

- A double axle trailer with a cage (or similar) to carry the bicycles of our 21 Year 8 Students to Hanmer on the week of **12th to 15th June**. Staff would tow this trailer to and from Hanmer.

PLEASE let us know as soon as you can if you can help us out.

WEARABLE ARTS WOW

In **Week 9 of Term 3 - 19th and 20th September** - we have scheduled in our calendar a wearable arts show. Staff have begun planning for this already but are hoping to make this a community event. We are asking for expressions of interest and willingness to support the program in school - probably afternoons in term 3. We would love parents/grandparents/whanau to help "build" costumes designed by the students at school. Students will have the opportunity to begin their planning in small groups before the end of this term and will direct the design. They can then be thinking about gathering all potential materials for their garment. Please contact your teacher directly if this is your talent and you have some time to share it!

The theme for this event is "Transformation" and will tell the story of St Mark's School cultural narrative - including the significance of various waka, and the flora and fauna of our local area. Our Wearable Arts Show event coincides with the **30th Anniversary of the Wellington World of Wearable Arts show**.

TEACHER ONLY DAY Tuesday 5th June

Just a reminder that next Tuesday 5th June is Teacher Only Day. Students will not be here on this day. Staff will be at school, working on our development of assessment for learning in Mathematics and Writing. We will also be looking at our Mathematics curriculum in relation to student progress and achievement and reporting to our community. Staff will also feedback about recent areas of professional learning including STEAM - the combination of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Music in our programs.

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our "Make-A-Wish" mufti day. The photographs are amazing and we are able to donate \$486.00 to this worthy cause.

ANOTHER THANK YOU!

Your generosity to the City Mission Appeal has been wonderful. We have received grateful thanks for gifts given so far. This appeal will continue to run in our school for **canned goods only** and is an ideal opportunity to talk with your families about the effects of giving to others, of God's abundance.

Blessings everyone
Averil



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

School Notices

Upcoming Events

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
12-15 June	Year 8 Camp
17 June	Mokihi Service - St Mark's/St Anne's Church - 10am
21 June	Sport/Cultural Photographs
25-27	Whanau/Teacher Interviews
29 June	Book Character Day
6 July	End of Term Service - 2.30pm
19-20 Sept	Wearable Arts Show

Church Certificates

Inaka	Lucy C
Kereru	Leo G
Ti Kouka	Thomas O
Kamana	Shree L
ToeToe	Violet H
Kotuku	Ethan K
Paua	Annabelle P
Mako	Raj R
Wheke	Isaac W
Toroa	Max B

Sports Results

Netball

St Mark's Leopards (Yr3) 7 v Merrin Minis 1
Player of the Day: Felicity W
St Mark's Lions (Yr4) 2 v South Brighton 1
Player of the Day: Alyssa A

Basketball

St Mark's Titans 29 v Beckenham Panthers 23
Player of the Day: O Cuthbert

Entertainment Books

The numbers are in and the winner of the pizza party 3rd year running is Ti Kouka!!!! Congratulations and well done on your efforts.

If you still have a entertainment book you can pay for it at

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

Or please return to the drop box in the office thank you for your continued support in this fundraiser

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.



Cross Country Zones 2018



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Science in Toetoe



Year 4 and 5 Choir





Letter to send to parents

Dear Parents,

You may be aware of the nationwide crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers.

While there are many more children coming into the school system, there are not enough new teachers being trained. Urgent and significant changes are needed to ensure that the teaching profession can attract the people it needs and to ensure class sizes do not start to increase.

On **Tuesday 26th June**, the teachers from this school will be attending a NZEI Te Riu Roa paid union meeting regarding the *Kua Tae Te Wā* - It's Time campaign. The campaign aims to free teachers to teach and principals to lead, by getting the additional support and staff that schools need. The meetings will allow our teachers to discuss how the Ministry of Education has responded to changes that the union is seeking.

Our teaching staff are members of NZEI and legally entitled to attend this meeting. The teachers will be leaving school on **Tuesday 26th June at 1.30pm** to attend their paid union meeting which starts at **2.00pm**.

I strongly encourage parents to make arrangements to pick your children up from school by 1.30pm on **Tuesday 26th June**. If you are unable to pick your children up then, please advise us so that your children can be supervised until **3.00pm**.

I appreciate that this creates some inconvenience for families. However, I encourage you to support your teachers as they strive to achieve the changes which will safeguard quality education for all children and ensure we make teaching an attractive profession for graduates.

Anyone who may need help with arrangements should contact the office.

Sincerely

Averil Worner

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.



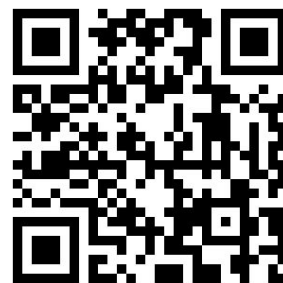
You may have noticed that our blogs are no longer being updated. This is because we are exploring a better way to share our students' learning: Seesaw. When we are satisfied that Seesaw is beneficial for our St Mark's School Family, there will be a schoolwide launch.

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

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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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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