



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 4
16 August 2018

Kia ora St Mark's whanau,

Just in this small space, I want to thank those who were directly involved in sharing our St Mark's School Story with ERO staff last week. Whilst the details of the review will remain confidential to both the Board of Trustees and Board of Proprietors in our school until all drafts are approved for a final report, I can share that the strategic direction of the school, structures supporting teaching and learning in our school, the tracking of progress and achievement of all students and importantly our special character and cultural responsiveness received very positive feedback. For me our special character is most obviously seen in relational trust, equity and excellence and the wellbeing of everyone in this school. We can all be proud of our community and we await the report and next steps with an awareness already of what will be written in the next chapters of our story.

SEESAW: THE LEARNING JOURNAL

We go LIVE with this application next week!

Seesaw is a student driven digital program that empowers students to independently document what they are learning at school and share it with families in real time!!

Students photograph their learning, reflect on their learning and create a portfolio to share with others!

Families can see **their** child's work and leave comments and encouragement.

Families receive a notification on their device through the FREE to download app whenever **their** child has shared their learning.

Miss Cristy Yonetani shared the benefits of this program for our school at a recent hui, and will have a formal document for your information on **Monday 20th August**. Whilst it is student driven it is **teacher** controlled and subject to the same rigorous cyber safety measures we have in the school. We are now a **NETSAFE SCHOOL** - the highest level of cyber safety endorsement we can achieve!!! Great work!!!

ALUMNI

As we edge closer to our 100th Celebrations in 2021, I am working to form a committee but also to connect with valued Alumni who maintain strong connections with St Mark's School.

On Tuesday I met with **Mr Raj Bhana**. Raj was at St Mark's School between 1997 and 2005 and is currently a Residential Sales Consultant with Bayleys of Fendalton (*consultant for Steve and Belinda Ellis*). Raj has donated a number of copies of "**Ace - a horsey tale of courage**" for our collection in Ōmoho - a book written in partnership between Bayleys, The Crusaders and Make-A-Wish Foundation - the latter being a charity we supported earlier in the year. The book is an anti-bullying book and sits well with our Aoraki Matatu program across the school. A copy of the book will be in the foyer next week, should you wish to have a copy at home and you can order these through Raj - all proceeds go to the **Make-A-Wish Foundation**. Raj's details are on the Community Noticeboard outside the hall.



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

PRINCIPALS AWARDS

Isabella S - Amazing Reading

Miriama N - Outstanding Home Learning in Mathematics

Max W - Outstanding Home Learning in Science

Ethan and Seth K. Young Minds. Young Dreams.

Ethan and Seth entered this competition representing St Mark's school and have been shortlisted! We are so excited for them and their amazing effort canvassing the opinions of students at St Mark's School and creating a unique way of presenting the ideas. We are so proud of them. The winners are decided by public vote and the link is below for you **ALL** to enter and **VOTE** for their entry. Please see below the feedback they received from the competition organisers. A copy of the poster will be visible on the noticeboard in the foyer.

*Congratulations **Ruth Knights, Maree Bigelow, and St Marks Brothers,***

Your class entry has been shortlisted for the Young Minds. Young Dreams category in the NCEA Make Your Mark competition!

We were really impressed with the effort that your students put into designing their dream school, illustrating what education means to them, and sharing their dreams for the future.

Up for grabs are grants which can be used for any initiative involving the students:

- 1st prize - \$1,000
- 2nd prize - \$500
- 3rd prize - \$250

The link for voting!! - <http://bit.ly/YoungMindsYoungDreams>

KAPAHAKA TUHONO FESTIVAL

St Mark's will again be included in this festival and competition in 2018 and the date is Friday 21 September.

Matua Steve Reid will indicate which students will be involved in this event, with the chance for younger members to perform in Term 4.

There are tickets available at school now, however these will not be available until the Kapahaka group has been named.

At present we are looking to source uniforms for this group and blend the St Mark's design Matua Steve has gifted to us. Ka pai everyone.

****WEARABLE ARTS****

We are now in full swing for this event on our Term 3 calendar. This is a student driven event and show with costumes designed and made by the students. We are seeking the following to support the creations:

- Fabrics
- Sewing machines - we have senior students and staff who are very capable of using and caring for them!!!!
- Volunteer parents
- Items from home that will support the creation of your child's costume - talk to them about what they need!!!
You may have "stuff" at home!!

DATES AND TIMES:

September 19th and 20th

1. Mokihi - 6.00pm - 6.30pm

Half time!!

2. Waka Puhara and Waka Hourua - 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Ticket sales and purchase to be confirmed on printing.

Our Wearable Arts show centres around our cultural narrative and the flora and fauna located in the Ōpawaho area. Every student is collaborating with others and contributing to each creation!

Blessings everyone, Averil

School Notices

Upcoming Events

26 Aug	Waka Puhara Service, St Mark's/St Anne's Church - 10am
29 Aug	Strum, Strike, Blow for Ukulele Club
31 Aug	Year 3 Museum visit
6 Sept	Y4-8 Singing Cup
11 Sept	Y5-6 Mt Hutt Ski Trip
17 Sept	Y7-8 Mt Hutt Ski Trip
19-20 Sept	Wearable Arts Show
21 Sept	Kapahaka Tuhono Festival
26 Sept	Itinerant Music Evening
28 Sept	End of Term Service

Church Certificates

Inaka	Genevieve F
Inaka	Lucy C
Kereru	Loukas S
Ti Kouka	Lakshmi N
Kamana	Ryan M
ToeToe	Iva F
Kotuku	Ruby T
Paua	Melody H
Mako	Louis T
Wheke	Michael C
Toroa	Max H

Sports Results

Basketball

St Mark's Titans 14 v Christchurch South Magic 19

Player of the Day: Oliver C

St Mark's Saints 12 v Oaklands Skyjets 0

Player of the Day: Ioli K

Student Success

Congratulations to Ethan K who passed his grade one pop and rock drum exam with distinction!

St Mark's School PA BOWLING FUN!

SUNDAY 26TH AUGUST

PLEASE ARRIVE AT 1.45PM FOR A 2PM START

XTREME ENTERTAINMENT, IVERSEN TERRACE

TICKETS \$10 for 1 GAME, \$15 for 2 GAMES

No door sales—tickets must be pre-purchased.

Cash payments accepted at the school office (correct monies in a named envelope please) before Friday 24th August or you can direct credit your payment to:

St Mark's School PA
03-1598-0015833-00

Please ensure you put your surname and "bowling" as a reference



ALL FRIENDS & FAMILY WELCOME

Opawa St Martins Parish Family Quiz Night

Sunday 26 August at 5pm at St
Anne's Hall

Gather up a team and come
along for some fun

Tickets: \$10 per adult, \$2 per child, \$22 per family
You can bring your own drinks & nibbles or buy some
there - soup and rolls also available!



Contact Barb Worrall 0210550371 if you would like
some tickets