



# St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 7  
5 September 2018

Dear St Mark's family,

It is always a privilege travelling with families and their children every day. This week I have been personally reminded several times of the complex situations children and their families encounter. Some are related to school, some are related to home but in my experience it is often hard to separate the two. Thank you for connecting us wider than the classroom when that has the potential to help.

In the last two newsletters I have made comments about online games and what the research is telling us. So it was reinforcing to see several items in the media reference the addictive aspects of online games such as Fortnite and links to gambling. I have had cause to talk with two groups of students this week reinforcing that what happens at home in terms of gaming is your family's business. However when aspects of these games enter the school playground with **negative consequences for other children**, we reserve the position to use our restorative practice to restrict these conversations and the negative effects on relationships.

## Kapahaka Competition:

On the 21st of September 60 St Mark's students will perform at the **Tūhono Festival** representing St Mark's School at Hillview Christian School 4.30pm - 5.30pm. These students have been selected by staff and Matua Steve Reid and we are excited about their growth. The school haka is being perfected and we are working tirelessly to provide new uniforms with our own school motif. Tickets are for sale for performers families/whanau from the office - **2 per family**. Our best wishes and aroha to this group.

*E tu kahikatea, hei wakapae uroroa*

*Awahi mai, awahi atu, tatou, tatou e*

*Kahikatea stand together; their roots intertwine strengthening each other.*

*We all help one another and together we will be strong.*

## The World of St Mark's School in Brief

- **Road Works for Locarno St** : please see attached flyer
- **Principal's Award:**
  1. **Mannix C** - for wonderful accurate and independent work in Mathematics
  2. **Emily M** - for reaching her goals with amazing writing and mathematics
  3. **Zara P** - working so hard on incredible descriptive writing.
  4. **Julia M** - exceptional poetry writing
  5. **Olivia C** - outstanding use of adjectives to enhance her writing.
  6. **Max v T** - outrageously clever use of adjectives and Te Reo in his writing.
- **Wearable Arts:** thank you for the support so far to make the costumes come alive. We have had a donation of a sewing machine - incredible. We are also aware of support from families - we are so grateful. Just a reminder that the show is **ENTIRELY** student driven. Staff are supporting and guiding but not directing. For some students working collaboratively with others will be a strength. For others it is part of ongoing learning.  
The shows are currently in the calendar and we now add the following details:

### Two shows - Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th September

- **Mokihi - 6.00pm - 6.30pm**
- **Break - PA providing refreshments for purchase.**
- **Waka Puhara and Waka Hourua - 7.00pm - 8.00pm**
- **Tickets \$5.00, 4 per family (contributions to costs for lighting and materials) available from the office from Monday 10th September**

Blessings everyone. Averil



*Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story*

# School Notices

## Upcoming Events

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

Raupo	Dean C
Inaka	Landon H
Kereru	Caeli McL
Ti Kouka	Zachary O
Kamana	Nikhil J
ToeToe	Austin S
Kotuku	Danielle G
Paua	Olive A-C
Mako	Solomon S
Wheke	Olivia Y
Toroa	Lilah J

## Sports Results

### Basketball

St Mark's Saints 12 v Sacred Heart 4  
Player of the Day: Theo Y

## Student Success

Congratulations to Samantha P who passed Trinity College Grade 3 Flute with Distinction and Elementary Level Two jazz with Highly Commended, awarded by The American Jazz Dance Affiliation.

## Two of Julia M's Poems

### Rainbow Emotions

If life is so blue  
Think your way around the blue  
And go for yellow.

### Shimmer

Reflecting the sun  
Sapphires, Diamonds and Gems  
Making a rainbow

## Fair News

We require parents who can help with First Aid and/or Security on the day! Please contact Gary on 0275 918 777.

**TIME FOR TENNIS!:** Love Tennis Open Day at **OPAWA TENNIS CLUB**, Cholmondeley Ave, **SAT 8th Sept & SUN 9th Sept 1-4pm**. A chance to check out your local tennis club and for returning members to re-register. Come along and join the fun: racquets available, have a hit or a sausage from the BBQ and talk to the people in the know. Junior annual registration fees \$150-\$200.00. **Hot Shot sessions:** Mini Stars (5-7yrs): Sat 8.30-9.15am. Junior Stars (7yrs+): Sat 9.15-10.15am or Junior Stars (8yrs+) Mon 3.30-4.30pm. **Interclub:** Includes weekly coaching session and play on Sat. Contact Andrea [ja.opawatennis@gmail.com/text](mailto:ja.opawatennis@gmail.com/text) 0212327141 or see you on the day!



## Port Hills Athletics Club

will help your child discover skills and determination they didn't know they had. Above all though, it's about friends, meeting personal goals and setting new ones.

**Registration days:** 16th & 23rd September  
3-4pm  
Clubrooms @ Hansen Park



## Year 8 Titans Basketball

The year 8 Titans basketball team consisted of 9 players: Max W, Max B, Ben M, Freddie T, Ollie C, Trinity M, Olivia C-S, Lucy N and Anna R.

We had a great season with a mix of wins, ties and losses and placed in the top six of year 7-8 B Grade at Pioneer Stadium.

Thank you to all the parents for their support and taxiing us to the games, Michael Carlile-Smith for being an awesome coach and Rod Twist for our substitute coach on the final game.

- Lucy N and Olivia C-S



## Music at Selwyn Care

Samantha P, Charlotte P and Harriet P played the flute, violin and cello for the Selwyn Care residents.



Hugo won a 9kg lollipop in a competition and on Monday, at his request, he helped us break it and to share it with every student and staff member. Thank you Hugo for your kindness.





# TŪHONO KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL



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## COME AND CELEBRATE THEIR TALENT AND HARD WORK

**Friday 21 September 2018**

- + Potiki (Junior) Concert 4.30 – 5.30pm
- + Waenga (Intermediate) Concert 6.30 – 7.30pm
- + Mataamua (Senior) Concert 8 – 9pm

**Hillview Christian School Gym**  
**150 Wilsons Rd**

Hangi meals – Adult \$12 / Kids \$7

## Tickets

\$10	Adults
\$2	Children

Available from your school office.



For more info our Facebook page  
is "Tuhono Kapa Haka Festival"  
Phone 027 270 7460

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# We're working in your area

## Planned Capital Footpath Works

<b>What</b>	Footpath renewal works on Locarno St
<b>Where</b>	Locarno St, Opawa (as outlined below)
<b>When</b>	Proposed start date Friday 7th August (To be completed in 3 weeks) Day Works (7:00am - 6:00pm)
<b>Why</b>	The footpath in this area is due for a maintenance renewal
<b>Contact</b>	The Contractor working on behalf of Christchurch City Council is Higgins Contractors Ltd <b>General Enquiries:</b> Chrissy Reid, 027 560 3708 <b>Work Specific:</b> Nigel Parkes, 027 203 9897 <b>After Hours Enquiries:</b> Mondri du Preez, 021 349 692 or 03 341 4370

### Please note:

- In the event of inclement weather, works will be rescheduled on the next fine weather day
- Vehicle and pedestrian access to your property will be maintained at all times
- If vegetation from this property impedes the resurfacing of the footpath, it is the owner's responsibility to remove it, otherwise it may be trimmed by the contractor. Please contact the Project Manager (number above) to discuss any vegetation issues
- On street parking will be **unavailable** within the construction area

### The work will involve:

- Excavating, backfilling & compacting of the existing footpath
- Resurfacing of the footpath with asphalt
- Reinstatement of berms where required with soil and seed
- Minor kerb repairs

### Please be aware of the following **hazards**:

- Movement of construction equipment around the site
- Uneven surfaces on the footpath
- Restricted traffic movement due to traffic management plan
- Pedestrians and cyclists

### Construction Area



## Thanks for your patience as we work in your area



### Noise

There may be increased noise, dust and vibrations during work but it shouldn't impact on your power, water, gas or phone services



### Safety

Safety is our biggest priority so please keep children and pets away from worksites.



### Bins

Please put your bins out as usual before 6am on your collection day. Our crew will move and return them if needed.



### Other projects

Learn more about our work.

[ccc.govt.nz/works](http://ccc.govt.nz/works)

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