



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 3
31 October 2018

Kia ora St Mark's family,

It's Fair Week!!

Visible signs of the hard work that has gone on, on our behalf this year, are beginning to shine. The hall is beginning to fill with White Elephant goods, sweets are being made, practices of items for the stage are in full swing and the incredible work of the Fair Committee and other Parents' Association members will be evident on Saturday. There are many opportunities to help, and contacting Gary Miller on fair@saintmarks.school.nz is the best way to achieve this. Staff look forward to seeing you all at the Fair on Saturday and joining the wider community that support us all.

Athletics Day

This is on the calendar for **Wednesday 7th of November**. This is an all day event to which all our whanau are welcome. The schedule of events and timings have been finalised and will be communicated to the community separately by Mrs Bigelow (who is currently on camp) by the end of this week. Separate information for Years 0-2, and Years 3-8 will ensure you know when and where your child is competing. Canterbury Sports have changed the categories for competition across all Athletic events shifting them to Year Groups from 2018. This means age is not a factor in determining the level of competition. We of course abide by all Canterbury Sport rules which ensures our athletes have the best opportunity to compete in both Zone and Canterbury competitions.

Wainui Camp

On Tuesday I had the joy of joining the Year 4 and 5 students in Wainui. It was a very wet day and many activities were cancelled and shifted to alternative options. This did not seem to dampen the spirits of everyone. This camp cannot be run without the generosity of parent helpers and we thank those parents who are there most sincerely. The wonderful organisation of **Mr Tom Gordon and Mrs Maree Bigelow** has ensured unique experiences and time together for our campers.

Due to the inclement weather the Year 3 day at Living Springs and Year 7 Leadership camp have been rescheduled later in November and are on the calendar for confirmation.

Donation

Last Friday **Mrs Margaret Palmer** (St Mark's School - 1939 - 1947) met with me while on a visit to Christchurch. She presented me with a book for the our Ōmoho collection called Creaturepedia. She signed it and we gratefully accepted it. It is a beautiful encyclopaedia of creatures all over the earth and makes learning about them very accessible. I was also thrilled to hear that she continues to correspond with Sophia Goodrick (student leader 2017). All alumni connections build toward our centenary and are so valued.

On Friday at lunchtime we look forward to welcoming **Mr Neil Curtis and students from St Patrick's Waimate**. They are on a school trip which includes a jump jam competition, visit to the Cathedral among other things.

Take care everyone and SEE YOU SATURDAY
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School Notices

Upcoming Events

3 Nov	School Fair
5-6 Nov	Year 6 Cycle Safety
7 Nov	Athletic's Day
8 Nov	Athletic's Postponement Day
9 Nov	Grandparents' Day
11 Nov	Waka Hourua Service - St Anne's - 10am
12 Nov	ISSA Athletics
12 Nov	Year 3 Living Springs
16 Nov	Canterbury Anniversary Day
19/20 Nov	Year 7 Leadership Camp
20 Nov	New Parents Evening
29 Nov	Advent Carol Service - 7pm
11 Dec	Internal Prizegiving - 1.30pm
13 Dec	Prizegiving - 7.00pm
14 Dec	End of Year Service - 11.45am

Church Certificates

Raupo	Janneke deL/Amelia N
Inaka	Zaia O/Pippa F-D
Kereru	Angel S/Olivia S
Ti Kouka	Finn J/Lakshmi M N
Kamana	Case W/Ryan M
ToeToe	Jackson V/Melody H
Paua	Nathaniel B/Milli L
Kotuku	Oscar P/Meg W
Wheke	Enzo H/Kaelan G
Mako	Ruby-Grace M/Inaki B
Toroa	Oliver C/Harry C

Prize giving Cups

Children, who were awarded Cups and Trophies at the 2017 Prize Giving ceremony, are asked to return these to the school office this week. It would be greatly appreciated if these can be polished before returning.

Photographs

Staff, students and families can access these anytime now at:

<http://www.photoshots.co.nz>

then click the button 'Event Gallery Login' in the top right.

Photos appear in several sub galleries, for ease of viewing / loading, under 'St Mark's School 2018' in red to the bottom right.

Password access is:
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Orders are due by Friday, 9 November at 9am.

Student Achievement

Alex was selected for the inaugural under 12 National Ice Hockey Championship to represent Canterbury.

His team the Canterbury Beasts took out the Silver Medal just beat out by the Auckland Spiders by one goal in the final game in the last six seconds! 1-0

Alex also received the the MVP award for his outstanding defence and setting up most goal assists.



PA News

St Mark's Tea Towel

The St Mark's Tea Towel 2018 displays self portraits of all St Mark's students, teachers and support staff on one tea towel! It will be a great Christmas gift and a perfect keepsake. Not to forget a handy wee item to encourage drying dishes!

The tea towel layout is almost finished. There are a few portraits to add. All students are on a list that is checked off – so if your little one or not so little one's portrait is not on the tea towel yet - rest assured they will be there.

So how does it look so far?

I have missed the order form?

[Click here](#) to view the current draft and to print another order form. The draft in the link will be updated as we add more and get close to final.

Orders are now extended to the last day Monday 5th November Please get your order in ASAP.

Liz will be at the Jar Tombola stand most of Saturday at the fair if you run out of time to pop into the office during the week.

If you have any queries please contact

lizcornel@gmail.com with the subject teatowels



MINUS 3 DAYS AND COUNTING

Lots of activity in and around the school now as we prepare to WELCOME Christchurch to The Greatest Little Fair in Town.

Helpers for the stalls on Saturday - if you haven't signed up to help yet, don't be shy, please do so. Contact Gary on 0275918777.

Friday morning - a few more helpers to shift the trestle tables from Risingholme would be very useful - meet in the school car park at 9.15am - we should be done and dusted by 10am.

Saturday Morning Set Up - those that have volunteered to help with set up on Saturday Morning please check in at the information tent at by 8am, located by the Locarno Street entrance and we'll assign you tasks.

White Elephant, Books, Toys and Clothing - Keep them coming - you can drop off in the hall from now until Friday.

PLEASE NOTE: On Fair Day the Cholmondeley Avenue Doors will NOT be open - access is via Locarno Street.

PA BBQ at the conclusion of the fair for a well earned beverage, a feed and a few yarns... :)