



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 10
3 April 2019

Kia ora St Mark's family,

Best House Day Ever

Although the weather conspired against us yesterday, the house day went off brilliantly. All organisation and ideas were the domain of our year 8 students who had worked hard to create games and activities that not only sparked great house spirit but importantly suited everyone. Thank you for being wonderful role models Year 8's - it was a great afternoon.

Ministry of Education support

In the days following 15th March, there has been wealth of information published by the MOE highlighting where support can be sought and responses by schools to the needs of families and individuals directly affected. If there is specific support you need please contact me directly for discrete support. I realise that some of you in your personal and work life will have that available to you, however it is important that whole whānau feel included in where to go for information.

Lockdown Review

As you may be aware, there will be a review of lockdown procedures in schools by the MOE. This is not only to understand the Christchurch response, but to discover nationally what are the best protocols. We can be assured of our immediate response to the internal signal, and the professionalism of staff. As a staff we are conducting a review next Monday of our operational responses ahead of any questions from MOE. What did we do well and what can we do better will be our questions.

Mana Ake

Whilst this service existed before recent events, last week they began a free service to our whole community offering support and counselling for all. **Kevin Hapi and Anna Dawson** will join us every **Wednesday morning from 8.30am - 9.30 in Ōmoho** until the end of term. They have significant skills themselves but also a network of supports in our city they can help us access.

Please feel free to bring your coffee into that space.

Communication

Last year we trialled **Seesaw** - a program of "in time" sharing where students can send their learning directly to parents during the school day. This enables parents to be engaged at the time and comment on what their child has achieved. The **free app** allowed parents to receive this information on their mobile device.

In 2019 as a trial, we will shift the newsletter and other class and team communication to Seesaw ensuring school information is not buried in your inbox! We will make this shift in **Term 2** giving everyone time to download the app, talk to their class teacher and team leader, and practice using it's features. The newsletter and other communications will be available in print or digital form initially.



Our values story!

*Through **Grace/Huatau**, we act with compassion and humility to achieve **Excellence/Hiranga** using the potential of our God given talents and gifts. This gives us the **Courage/Māiatanga** to bring about change as we show **Faithfulness/Piriponotanga** to God and others.*

On the calendar:

- 3rd April Year 3 Museum visit
- 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th April **9.00am - Holy Week Services**
- **12th April 2.15pm School Eucharist and end of term service**
- 8th April - Shave for Cancer
- 9th April - Bottle Lake Forest Survivor - Year 8
- 11th April - Year 3 Travis Wetland (rescheduled)
- 11th April - Getwise Financial Program - Year 7 and 8

Each week I run out of room in this space. Finding a balance between essential information and sharing the joy in our school is always a conflict! As we shift the newsletter to Seesaw next term there will be an opportunity for me to share "in time" and provide a running dialogue of learning just as your children do!

Blessings

Averil



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

Upcoming Events

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2019 School Term Dates and Holidays

Monday 28 January - Friday 12 April
Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July
Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September
Monday 14 October - Friday 13 December

2020 Term Dates

Term 1 - 27 and 28 January Parent/Teacher/Child conferences. Wednesday 29 first full day of term.
Term 1 - Monday 27 January - Thursday 9 April
Term 2 - Tuesday 28 April - Friday 3rd July.
Teacher only day - Tuesday 2 June
Term 3 - Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September
Term 4 - Monday 12 October - Friday 11 December
Teacher only day - Tuesday 27 October

Church Certificates

Kererū	Sofia S
Ti Kouka	Lucy C
Toetoe	Laurika De L
Kāmana	Phoebe M
Kawau	Austin S
Kūtai	Milli L
Rimurimu	Olivia M
Mako	Lucy McW
Toroa	Iñaki B

Board of Proprietors and Board of Trustees payments.

Please ensure when you pay the Attendance Dues invoice you deposit into the St Mark's School Board of Proprietors account.

BNZ account number: 02-0800- 0014224 00

When paying for camps, trips etc please deposit in the St Mark's School Board of Trustees account.

Westpac account number: 03-1599-0032504-00

The account numbers are on the invoices for your reference.



St Mark's is fundraising again this year with Entertainment Book. Books will be sent home with the oldest child, if you would not like a book to be sent home please fill in the opt out forms that will be coming home today and return to the office. If you would like to purchase online or purchase a digital copy our school link in live feel free to share this link on your social media, every bit counts.

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



Subway can be ordered for lunch every Tuesday. To place an online order, visit www.subway.co.nz/schools and follow the instructions to place your order by 9am each Subway day. Alternatively, envelopes are in the office and you can either pay with the correct cash or credit card.



An Update from the Board of Trustees Review Committee

WE NEED YOUR INPUT PLEASE



2019 Term 1 - Policy Reviews:

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

- **Alcohol/Drugs and Other Harmful Substances**

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.

Feedback can be given anonymously if you choose

The cut off for feedback is the last day of Term 1 – **Friday 12th April 2019.**

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).

2019 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

Employer responsibility	Finance and Property Management	Health, Safety and Welfare	Legislation and administration
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- EEO Policy- Police Vetting for Non - Teachers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 10 Year Property Plan (10YPP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Medicines, Minor/Moderate Injury or Illness- Risk Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Length of School Year



House Day

This term's House Day was a blast! The year 8's created teams with kids from all ages according to houses. These teams had one or two leaders from Waka Hourua. Each team was given a laminated sheet with their team name, a score board and all their names written down. There were a range of activities that started straight after lunch. Due to the weather some activities had to be changed but that didn't stop everyone from having a good time.

All the older kids were super encouraging to the younger kids and lots of habits of mind were being used all afternoon. There were smiles everywhere and it seemed everyone was giving every activity their best shot. Teachers did an amazing job being flexible through the weather and managed to create enjoyable inside activities including: Kahoot quizzes, dance competition, block building, horseshoe throwing and so much more! Everyone was getting involved and contributing.

At the end of the afternoon a prize ceremony took place congratulating the exceptional efforts that kids put in. Cholmondeley ended up winning the house shield, congratulations Cholmondeley!

By Iñaki B and Michael C



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An informal session for those interested in school board elections.

Location: Haeata Community Campus, CHCH, Tues 9 April, 6.00pm

Attendance is FREE. All welcome. RSVP to: lshelley@nzsta.org.nz

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