



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 11
10 April 2019

Kia ora St Mark's family,

What a term we have navigated together. I am immensely proud of our whole community and our responses to what has been an unbelievable time in our city. We learned in 2011 what loving your neighbour was about, that compassion and care for your neighbour lead to strong relationships and a sense of belonging to each other. We are thankful for the first responders in our city and continue to pray for our muslim brothers and sisters.

Ministry of Education support

As we head into the holidays, I wanted to post a final link with advice, to indicate the ongoing support to your family. Sometimes triggers can occur a long time after a traumatic event and below are some practical ways to talk with your children with additional links should you need them.

[reassuring children and young people and helping them feel safe](#)

[providing guidance to children and young people](#)

Shave for a cure

What an incredible act of service and awareness of love for others from our senior students this week. Lead by **Torbin C**, and using the expertise of his mother Marilyn, he was joined by **Andy G** and **Emily D**. The school were able to witness these acts of **COURAGE** - our school value focus this term. **Mr G**, in his indomitable style added his head to the fun but also the seriousness of the occasion.

"Serve one another humbly in love" Gal 5:13

Holy Week

This week we have services **Monday - Thursday at 9.00am**. **Rev. Ben** is engaging the whole school - today we learned about Jesus' ride into Jerusalem from the donkey's perspective - as story called **Dave the Donkey**. On **Friday** we have our end of term services at **2.15pm** which will be a **Eucharist Service**. Everyone is welcome to join us.



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.*

Kahu Ako - From April 1st I have been appointed to the shared leadership role of our Kahui Ako.

Staff wish you a relaxing and restful holiday as you share precious time with those you love.

Blessings, Averil



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

Upcoming Events

8-11 April	Holy Week Services - 9am
11 April	Getwise Financial Program 0 Year 7 and 8
12 April	School Eucharist and end of term service - 2.15pm

2019 School Term Dates and Holidays

Monday 29 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	Jake H
Ti Kouka	Arran McD
Toetoe	Loukas S
Kāmana	Abigail W
Kawau	Ryan M
Kūtai	Alyssa A
Rimurimu	Ella R
Mako	Amelia H
Toroa	Max Y

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.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open in the first week of the school holidays by appointment only. The dates and times are:

Tuesday 16 April:	10am-12pm
Wednesday 17 April:	1pm-3pm

To book a time please go to:

www.schoolinterviews.school.nz

Enter event code: vk4nm

Entertainment Books

St Mark's is fundraising again this year with Entertainment Book. Books have been sent home with the oldest child. If you do not wish to purchase a book please return it to the drop box in the school office as soon as possible. If you would like to purchase online or purchase a digital copy our school link is live, feel free to share this link on your social media, every bit counts.

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

St Mark's Trivia Fundraising Night

Gather a team of 6 together and test your knowledge at our quiz night! Don't have a team of 6? not a prob. Simply purchase individual tickets and we'll pair you up into teams on the night.

Tickets can be purchased from the school office (payment via eftpos or correct cash) or simply make payment to:

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

And email stmarkspafundraisingevents@gmail.com with your name, date of payment, amount & we will allocate your tickets.

Team of 6 \$60

Individual tickets \$12

Doors open at 7pm - First round at 7:30pm.

There will be beer, wine and non alcoholic drinks available for purchase. Eftpos will be available. No cash out option. The tickets includes nibbles throughout the evening.

We will have raffles, chocolate wheel and a live auction on the night so bring cash for these amazing prizes. Plus a prize for the winning team!

If you are able to seek, source or help with a Raffle Prize, both hampers and standalone prizes such as gift vouchers, giftware, homeware, etc. anything along these lines would be greatly appreciated.

SPORTS NEWS

Miniball Results

A great game last night for the Tigers. We played Sommerfield Pukekos. They won 14 - 11. Lots of energy and battling away by our team who closed the gap in the second half. Thanks to Lorraine and Dan for coming to watch.

Player of the Day was joint - Stella and Indie. Stella for good marking her player, great intercepts, amazing persistence. Indie for nice dribbling, looking for the pass - you tried hard! Great effort.

Waterpolo

Congratulations to our Year 7/8 Water polo team who were placed 3rd in their division! The team were very happy with their efforts and commented that they improved with every game that they played. We are very proud of you all. A big thank you to our coaches Lucy (Rangi Ruru) and Ngaio (Christchurch Girls High) who kindly volunteered their time.

Team: Bede H, Inaki I-B, Solomon S, Olivia Y, Elizabeth R, Sophie F-D, Jackson P, London V, Ayrton E, Liam S, Jeremy H

Miniball

Thank you to Bianca Waghorn, Roddy Frost, Ashleigh Wendt, and Christina Percasky for coaching and managing our teams this term. We appreciate you offering your time to assist our miniballs teams. We would also like to thank Max Keene who is an ex student who shared his skills through coaching the Tiger and Pumas. Tumeke Max. Thank you students for representing St Mark's!

Lions: Jackson V, Xavier F, Felicity W, Charlie P, Piper E, Abigail W, Phoebe M, Finn McW, Tessa W

Pumas: Laurika DeL, Olivia S, Coco A, Iva F, Kali V, Islah S, Violet H, Lincoln S

Tigers: Zara P, Angel S, Pippa W, Loukas S, Holly R, Stella P, Catalina M, Indi L

Year 5 - 8 Winter Sport

In Term 2 our Winter Sport programme starts. We offer netball, football and hockey.

This year we have 12 teams heading off to play sport every Thursday afternoon. The first game is in **Week 3, 16th May**. All games start at **1:15pm**. Uniforms will be issued next term.

Football - 2 x 20 minute halves

Venues - South Hagley Park, Carlton Corner and South Hagley Park

Netball 4 x 10 minute quarters

Christchurch Netball Centre

Hockey 2 x 20 minute halves

Nunweek Park in Harewood.

Practice sessions will be every Tuesday morning. Hockey players need shin pads, mouth guards and hockey sticks. Football players need shin pads.

8th grade

for a cure





On Monday I did Shave for a Cure. My head's a bit cold but I did it for a good cause. We raised about \$1,000. The people who did it with me were Mr Gordon, Emily D and Andrew G. It was lots of fun! My mother, Merilyn, shaved my hair first. I then asked Mr Gordon if he would like to do it with us. He said yes straight away and after Andrew and Emily, he got his hair shaved too. Andrew and Emily raised heaps of money as well as getting their haircut. I'm more of an outside boy so my head doesn't get cold a lot. Now it does a bit and I wear a school beanie. Thank you Mum for doing this for me. Thank you to everyone who supported me by giving money or showing up to watch.

From Torbin

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE

THE TRIVIA MASTER?

**GATHER THE GANG INTO TEAMS OF 6 &
GET COMPETITIVE!**

DONT HAVE A TEAM? NOT A PROBLEM, WE WILL PAIR YOU UP ON THE EVENING!

**MAY 11TH | 7:00 PM TO 10:00 PM
ST MARKS SCHOOL HALL**

**TICKETS \$60 FOR A TEAM OF 6 OR INDIVIDUAL
TICKETS \$12 FROM OFFICE OR EMAIL
STMARKSPA FUNDRAISINGEVENTS@GMAIL.COM**

**NON AND ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AVAILABLE TO
PURCHASE. NIBBLES PROVIDED
EFTPOS AVAILABLE -NO CASH OUT**

**WINNING TEAM
PRIZE - VOUCHER
& BRAGGING RIGHTS!**

**RAFFLE/AUCTIONS
AND SPOT PRIZES ON
THE NIGHT - BRING
CASH**





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



Te Mana Raupō

What is a Kāhui Ako ?

A Community of Learning, or Kāhui Ako, is a group of education and training providers (early learning, schools, kura) working together to help students achieve their full potential.

What does our name Te Mana Raupō mean ?

Initially our name was simply The South Christchurch Community of Learning. After consultation with Mātauraka Māhānui (Waitaha Advisory Board) on behalf of Ngāi Tahu, our Community of Learning adopted the name "Te Mana Raupō" (as from 31st May 2017). This translates to "The Prestigious Raupō". The Raupō (tall green wetlands plant) was abundant along the Heathcote River and Lyttleton Harbour, and used to make small waka used to travel from Banks Peninsula and up the Heathcote River.

Which schools are members ?

Cashmere High School
St Martins School
Beckenham Te Kura o Pūroto
St Mark's School
Ōpāwa School
Waltham School
Diamond Harbour School

Which ECEs are members ?

Annabel's Educare Somerfield
BestStart Cashmere
BestStart Macaulay Street
BestStart Somerfield Kindy
Buttercups Preschool
Cashmere Early Learning Centre
Cherry's Early Learning Centre
Globalkids Early Learning Centre
Huntsbury Preschool Inc.
Kidditech Early Learning Centre
Kidsfirst Diamond Harbour Early Learning Centre
Kidsfirst Kindergartens Beckenham
Kidsfirst Kindergartens Cashmere
Kidsfirst Kindergartens Hargest Crescent
Kidsfirst Kindergartens Ōpāwa/St Martins
Kidsfirst Kindergartens Selwyn St
Kindercare Learning Centres - Strickland (207)
Kiwi Kids Preschool Ltd
Lollipops Hazeldean
Montessori Courtyard Preschool
Pebbles Montessori Cashmere
Poppies Preschool St Martins
Rosy Cheeks Early Learning Centre
Spreydon Baptist Community Early Learning Centre
Sydenham Community Preschool

*"Ma te kaha, te mahitahi me te mana hei
whaangai te ara o te matauranga"*

Strengthen, collaborate and empower to foster
the pathway of learning

How was Te Mana Raupō formed ?

In 2016 there were a number of meetings amongst our local schools and Early Childhood Education (ECEs) childhood centres to scope out the possibility of establishing ourselves into a Community of Learning – based on the National-led Government's Investing in Education Success (IES) programme which was launched back in 2015. At the beginning of 2017 we had seven schools and 20 ECEs committed to work together to form a Community of Learning during that year. Through 2017 two Lead Principals were appointed for six months each: Mark Wilson (Cashmere High School's Principal) and then Rob Callaghan (St Martins' School Principal); and our Achievement Challenge Plan was successfully developed and submitted in July to the Ministry of Education for approval. The endorsement from the Minister was gained on 11th September 2017.

The four Across School Lead Teachers had job descriptions and details developed, and then appointed in October 2017. The seven schools then began their process of appointing their Within School Teachers. We generated an entitlement of 23 Within School Teacher positions, with Cashmere High School having 12 to appoint and each of the six primary schools between 1 and 3. By early Term 1 2018 all the schools had successfully appointed their Within School Teachers. The Lead Principal role was renewed by the Stewardship Group to Rob Callaghan (St Martins' School Principal) and then Mark Wilson (Cashmere High School's Principal) for a further six months each. At this stage the title of Community of Learning became more commonly referred to by the Māori title of Kāhui Ako.

What are our Achievement Challenges ?

In 2017 we collectively agreed to set ourselves five Achievement Challenges, which have been endorsed by the Minister. These five Achievement Challenges are:

1. The challenge is that a significant number of ākonga do not transition from ECEs into school well. Te Mana Raupō want to support continuity of learning by creating positive pathways to school or kura.
2. Our challenge is to accelerate student achievement in Writing.
3. Our challenge is to accelerate student achievement in Mathematics from Years 1 to 8.
4. To raise the achievement across all strands of the Mathematics curriculum for students in Year 10.
5. To lift male achievement in NCEA with a focus on subject-specific Literacy Skills across the curriculum.

These Achievement Challenges are likely to be reviewed and amended over the coming years, as our Kāhui Ako may choose to shift the focus onto other curriculum areas and learning needs.

What are the key staff roles within our Kāhui Ako?

Our Stewardship Group:

This is a governance group, responsible for oversight and strategic planning for our Kāhui Ako. It's membership is made up of representatives from the seven schools, as well as four ECE representatives, and two regional Ministry of Education staff sit in attendance. This Group meets about six times a year.

Our Lead Principals:

The Lead Principal role has been shared over the last two years (2017-18) between Rob Callaghan (St Martins' School Principal) and Mark Wilson (Cashmere High School's Principal). Over this time the focus has been on establishing our Kāhui Ako, including our Achievement Challenge plan, appointing people to key roles, securing some external resourcing for support, and beginning the process of collaboration between schools and ECEs to improve outcomes for our students.



Mark Wilson
Cashmere High School



Rob Callaghan
St Martins School



Averil Worner
St Mark's School



Sally Ormandy
Ōpawa School

Our new "Dual Lead Principals":

At the end of 2018 we gained approval from the Secretary of Education for an alternative leadership arrangement, in order for us to appoint two people to concurrently share the Lead Principals position. We have appointed Sally Ormandy (Ōpawa School Principal) and Averil Worner (St Mark's School Principal), and they will commence this role as from 1st April 2019.

Our four Across School Teachers (AST):

Initially we appointed four Across School Teachers from 2017-18. These roles were reviewed and changes made at the end of 2018. To these new roles we have appointed the following people:



Felicity Morton-Turner - ECE transitions AST (Waltham School) The key focus of this role is to lead the collaborative process of defining and identifying "successful transition" from ECEs to schooling, and the implementation of effective systems to best support successful transition. felicity@waltham.school.nz



Shaun Edwards-Brown - Wellbeing AST (Cashmere High School) The key focus of this role is to lead the collaborate development and sharing of best teaching and learning practice in the curriculum area of wellbeing across and within the schools. abs@cashmere.school.nz



Grant Ritchie - Maths AST (Cashmere High School) The key focus of this role is to lead the collaborate development and sharing of best teaching and learning practice in the curriculum area of mathematics across and within the schools - rgrg@cashmere.school.nz



Katrina Steans - Diverse Learners AST (St Marks School) The key focus of this role is to lead the collaborative process of assisting in the identification of diverse learners and the implementation of educational support and strategies to best support these students - k.steans@santmarks.school.nz

The intention is that these four Across School Teachers will work with the Within School Teachers and other delegated lead teachers, lead across school collaborative teacher inquiry groups, develop online means of sharing best practice, and lead hui with relevant staff on sharing practice.

Our Within School Teachers (WST):

Within School Teachers are a Kāhui Ako resource, appointed to assist work towards the Achievement Challenges. Each school appoints their own Within School Teachers. The responsibilities of each of these Within School Teachers will vary between schools, as each school chooses how they will utilize their resources to best meet their obligations to meeting our Kāhui Ako's Achievement Challenges.

New resourcing opportunities for ECEs:

The regional Ministry staff also indicated some new resourcing could be available to support ECEs engage in our Kāhui Ako. Successful applications were submitted in November-December 2018 for this resourcing, including a 'Joint Funded' application and also a Strengthening Early Learning Opportunity (SELO) contract with the Ministry and an external provider (e.g. CORE Education). This resourcing has been secured, and the external supports and currently being put in place to help with our Kāhui Ako's Achievement Challenge on successful transition from ECEs to primary schooling.

*"Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi,
engari he toa takitini"*

My success is not mine alone,
as it is not the work of one, but the work of the collective.



Haere mai! Talofa lava! Welcome!

You are invited to

Marian College

OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday 14 May 4-7pm

Principal's welcome at 4:15pm and 5:30pm

OPEN DAY

Thursday 30 May 1-3pm

Starting with Principal's welcome

122 Barbadoes St, Christchurch | Wilsons and street parking available

mariancollege.school.nz | facebook.com/mariancollegechch

ANZAC DAY



Christchurch Memorial Returned &
Services Assoc. Inc Presents

The World Wars in Miniature
Displays & Memorabilia

Thur. 25th April

8am-4pm

74 Armagh Street

Christchurch

Free Entry

