



# St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 2  
8 May 2019

Kia ora St Mark's family,

Thank you to those parents who were able to join us for the service last Friday presided over by the new Bishop of Christchurch **Rev'd Dr Peter Carrell**. A shared Eucharist and the story of the life of St Mark, meant the patronal festival of our school was wonderful. Peter stayed on for a tour of the school and morning tea, and was very complimentary of many aspects of our school. How we connect with other Anglican schools in Christchurch is part of a long term plan,

## Learning!

This morning I have had the opportunity to spend time in many classes as I released teachers to enable them to have professional conversations in teams about the development of our mathematics curriculum. What an opportunity to see:

- Senior Persuasive writing
- SHARP Reading in year 4
- Coding in Year 4 to create an original cross country track.
- Reading, counting and PE in the New Entrants class!
- Senior passion projects
- Students leading their own learning.

Such diversity in one morning! And that doesn't even scratch the surface of the social and emotional learning that leads to student wellbeing and engagement that sits around it all!!

## 2020

With limited spaces expected to be available in our school in 2020, now is a good time to indicate if you have a sibling of a current student who will be seeking a place next year. A reminder that the cut off date for enrolment is **31st August 2019** for the 2020 academic year.

## Open Day

We have an OPEN DAY on **Wednesday 22nd May** for those known to you who may be interested in seeing the school first hand.

## Canterbury Sport

The organisation is complete for all year 5-8 students to participate and compete in the Canterbury winter sports program on **Thursday afternoons from Week 3**. Thanks to **Mrs Maree Bigelow** for her work with staff to ensure teams are ready for the weeks ahead - and the parents and whānau who will support us all winter - we could not do it without you!



## Board of Trustee Elections

Communication around these important elections are managed by Canterbury Educations Services for our school. Whilst the landscape may change for Boards of Trustees under the Coalition Government, there is continued work to do ahead.

## Saturday 11th May - PA Quiz night!!

Please support the PA in what will be a wonderful night for all. The staff team is in training on a strict diet of current affairs and general knowledge! It promises to be a wonderful night. See you there!!

**Our values story! This is at the heart of all we do, our learning, our wellbeing and our community. Do you know it?!**

*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.*

Blessings  
Averil



*Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story*

## Upcoming Events

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| 9 May   | School Cross Country - Y3-8<br>Hansen Park - 10.30am |
| 11 May  | PA Quiz Night - 7pm                                  |
| 17 May  | School Disco   |
| 3 June  | Queen's Birthday                                     |
| 4 June  | Teacher Only Day                                     |
| 9 June  | Mokihi - St Anne's Church - 10am                     |
| 13 June | Sports/Cultural Photographs                          |

## 2019 School Term Dates and Holidays

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

## 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.

## Church Certificates

|          |                       |
|----------|-----------------------|
| Inaka    | Henry D               |
| Kererū   | Nathan H              |
| Ti Kouka | Jackson O'D           |
| Toetoe   | Angel S               |
| Kāmana   | Theodore A-C          |
| Kawau    | Felicity W            |
| Kūtai    | Toby S/Meg W          |
| Rimurimu | Jackson P/Annabelle P |
| Mako     | Mason W               |
| Toroa    | Minnie E              |

## Sports Results

### Netball

St Mark's Leopards beat Marist Albion U  
Player of the Day: Phoebe M  
St Mark's Tigers lost to Elmwood  
Player of the Day: Iva F  
St Mark's CUBS lost to Thorrington  
Player of the Day: Gudiya E  
**Great first games of the season!**

## Scholastic Book Club

Order forms for Scholastic Books have been sent home. Orders may be placed direct with Scholastic at [www.mybookclub.scholastic.nz](http://www.mybookclub.scholastic.nz). An easy way to order online yourself and will be delivered direct to school. Orders close on Friday 10 May. The Gift Function has been turned on in LOOP! This allows parents to place a separate order as a surprise gift for their child. Items marked as a gift will be delivered to school and will be set aside at the school office for parents to collect.

## 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 Cross Country 2019

(Yr 3,4,5,6,7,8)

Dear Parents / Whanau,

The St Mark's Cross Country will be held on **Thursday 9th May**.

**Start time:** 10:30 am

**Finish time:** 12:30 pm (approximately)

**Venue:** Hansen Park

**Postponement:** In the event that we have to postpone, you will be notified via email/Seesaw. The postponement date is Friday 10th May.

|                                |                        |               |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Race Distances / order:</b> | Year 4 (10.30)         | 1 lap         |
|                                | Year 3 (10.45)         | 1 shorter lap |
|                                | Year 5 (11)& 6 (11.20) | 2 laps - 2km  |
|                                | Year 7 (11.40) & 8(12) | 3 laps - 3km  |

**Transportation:** Students will walk to and from Hansen Park.

**Student Requirements:**

- Come to school dressed in full PE gear (shorts, top, white sports socks, shoes)
- If a school tracksuit or sweatshirt is owned it should be worn, alternatively jerseys, thermals and blazers may be worn
- Students should be dressed in warm clothing as Hansen Park can be very cold and we will be there for 2 hours
- Wear suitable footwear (bare feet are not permitted)
- Bring a drink and snack that can be easily carried to Hansen Park
- Students will not be required to change into their school uniform when they return to school

Community attendance at this event is both welcome and encouraged.

Marēe Bigelow and team

# Parents' Association Newsletter

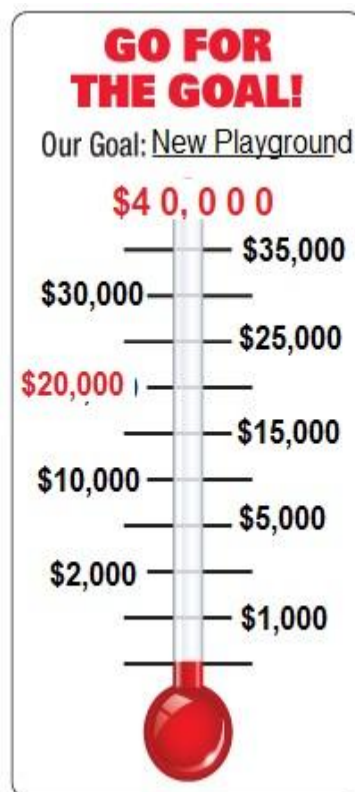
You'll start to notice these posters around the school. The Parents' Association, in consultation with Mrs Worner, have agreed to this year's fundraising monies to go toward the updating of playground equipment for both Junior and Seniors.

Over the past 8 years through some very astute financial responsibility the Parents' Association has been able to make significant contributions to the school's rebuilding project. The chairs in the hall, furniture and ancillary items for all the classroom blocks, Junior, Middle and Senior, the kit out of the library and numerous IT projects. There has also been sports equipment for our sports team, even our teachers now have sports coats they can wear when on the side lines coaching our teams, these enabling our teachers to be readily identifiable.

We have set a target Goal of \$40,000 to raise this year to enable us to make these playground updates take place early next year. We want to raise awareness to EVERYONE that we ALL have a part to play in helping to raise funds for those things that help enhance our children's education and personal development at St Mark's. Did you know that every time you buy something from the coffee cart you are contributing to the fundraising? Every time you buy from the uniform shop you are contributing to the fundraising, purchasing an annual Entertainment Book subscription, the children attending school discos, this contributes, parents attending social events such as the upcoming Trivia Masters, this contributes, The School Raffle, The School Fair these are all ways and means in which WE CAN ALL Contribute to the ongoing needs of our children and the school environment.

I am fortunate to have a very determined and driven set of parents to work with on the PA, as a group we all have a part to play in driving the many initiatives set around and for the school community, students, parents and faculty – but it is YOU the wider community that will ultimately determine the success of these and our ability to ensure our students have the best possible resources and environment in which to learn and develop.

Gary Miller  
Chairman  
St Mark's Parents' Association





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# DISCO



ENTRY  
\$2

MAY  
17TH

Yr 0-4 6pm-7:15pm

Yr 5-8 7:30pm to 9pm

Parent to come and collect your child (sign  
in hall/sign out hall exit)

Hot Chips, potato chips & glow sticks  
available for purchase. Drinks free. \$2.00  
entry.



**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**

