



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 3
15 May 2019

Kia ora St Mark's Family,

At the time of writing it is already mid week!

Year 8 Clever Cookies!

This morning I was invited to Toroa to hear the Year 8 student pitch for a cookie business. On the back of some Financial Literacy learning, the class pitched to me the sale of cookies at the coffee cart on Friday mornings. They had conducted some market research, completed a business plan and used persuasion in the form of a cup of tea and chocolate chip cookies - their pitch was compelling. I will leave the outcome of the discussion to the students but this is the curriculum in the real world at its best!!

Cross country

We couldn't have ordered a better day for the cross country and we want to thank all those parents able to join us. Some stunning running and superb organisation made for a great morning. Good luck to the team representing the school at the zones next Monday!

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.

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.

Diverse Learners

Next Tuesday 5 staff are heading to a workshop run by Neil McKay - an international expert on differentiated programs for diverse learners - this is in full support of our commitment to develop programs for needs and abilities.

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!



Anti-bullying week

This week is a time to reflect on the insidious and long lasting effects of repeated acts of bullying on children and adults. Our school has worked hard to implement the Aoraki Matatu program which aims to reduce and eliminate instances of bullying in our school.

This Friday is Pink Shirt Day - a mufti day with the visibility for anti-bullying. The gold coin donation will go to the Mental Health Foundation.

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



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Upcoming Events

17 May	Mokihi Cross Country 1.30pm School Disco
22 May	Open Day - 9.00am-2.00pm
29 May	School Closed
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	Marnie C
Kererū	Isabel H
Ti Kouka	Dean C
Toetoe	Lucas C-B
Kāmana	Stella P
Kawau	Charlie P
Kūtai	Ruby H
Rimurimu	Matthew C
Mako	Ruby-Grace M
Toroa	Marcus E

ICAS Tests

Payment should be received no later than Friday 31 May. Payment will confirm your child's participation in these tests. If you are unsure if you have paid these please call into the office to check.

Sports Results

Netball

St Mark's Leopards 7 v Thorrington 5
Player of the Day: Piper E
St Mark's Cubs played St Francis
Player of the Day: Maybelle H

Entertainment Books

Thank you for your support with the entertainment book fundraiser we are now looking to wrap up this fundraiser. If you still have a book and wish to return it please put in the drop box in the office if you would still like to purchase please go to our payment page <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1341r76> please can we have all books either purchased or dropped back by Friday 17th may that would be greatly appreciated



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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Subject: St Mark's School Closed for Supervision and Teaching of Students on Wednesday 29 May 2019.

The NZEI has advised the St Mark's Board of Trustees that teachers from our school will be taking strike action on Wednesday 29 May for the entire day.

The Board have carefully considered the availability of teaching staff, and have acknowledged that the school is unable to provide any teaching or supervision services on the day of the strike.

It is therefore essential that you make alternative arrangements for your children on Wednesday 29th May.

We understand that this is inconvenient for parents and students alike, but please be assured the student safety has been the primary rationale for our decision-making on this matter.

Thank you for your understanding

Yours sincerely

St Mark's School Board of Trustees



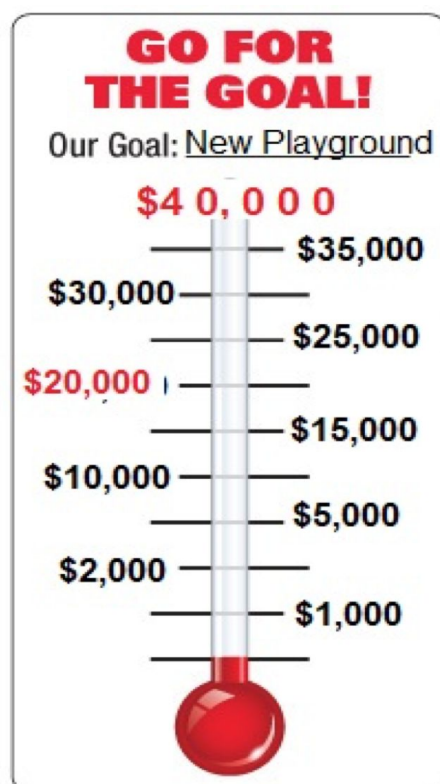
The St Mark's PA will be hosting a Nachos Friday Lunch on May 24th.

Students can purchase a bowl of Bean Nachos with Cheese and Sour Cream for \$6.50 – they will be served from the servery at the PA Kitchen. Pre-Order sheets will be distributed later this week and they must be returned by May 22nd. Students can bring their money along on the day.

Proceeds from Nachos Friday go towards our Play Ground Fundraising Goal!!

Parents' Association Newsletter

What a FUN Night we had on Saturday Night with the St Mark's Trivia Master Quiz Night. A huge thank you to Ashleigh Wendt and Angela Booth for all the organising. To the PA committee members that helped with feeding and keeping everyone hydrated. To those companies and individuals that supported us with raffle and auction items and to all those parents, family and friends that came along to make the night a resounding success and through all of this support we are well and truly on our way to our goal of raising \$40,000 towards the redevelopment of our playgrounds with \$5,000 being raised from the night.... 😊



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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.



Morning Tea

for

Grandparent & Whanau caregivers.

If you parent your mokopuna
or grandchildren fulltime or
while their parents work
then we would love to meet

you to discuss your ideas, joys and concerns you have
about your role.

When: Wednesday 29 May 2019 10am - 11.30

Venue: St Anne's Church
7 Wilsons Road South,
St Martins.

RSVP or for more information
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