



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 4
22 May 2019

Kia ora St Mark's Family,

Farewell to a much loved colleague:

There is much to be thankful for in our school - most of all the whānau in it!!

This week we learned of the passing of **Mrs Sidney Anderson**. Sidney was the secretary of St Mark's School for over 30 years - spanning the years of headmaster **Mr Lennox Willet**. It was Sidney's wish that her funeral service be held at St Mark's School, so in accordance with these wishes, her funeral will take place in the school hall **THIS THURSDAY AT 2pm**.

This has some implications for the end of school day on Thursday. We will put cones out in the morning to ensure there is parking for families at 3.00pm and the death notice has asked mourners to park near the river. It may well be that you will need to park a little further away at "pick up" on this day. However we do ask:

- **That families exit the school grounds promptly at 3.00pm.**
- **Our interactions with others are kept to a quiet minimum out of respect for those in the service.**
- **The toilets adjacent to the hall will not be available after school.**

It is a very special opportunity for our school to open our doors to honour a very special lady and her family, who have had a very long association with our school.

Year 8 Clever Cookies!

What great cookies are on offer by our year 8 students! The senior students are raising money to support school events they are running, to part fund activities at school camps, charitable events and community projects. Delicious and only \$2.00!!

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.

The final date for nominations is this Friday at noon!

Open Day

Today 9am - 2.00pm I want to thank the PA for supporting this day offering light refreshments in Ōmoho. We look forward to welcoming prospective families. Year 8 students will act as guides for the day - they are our some of our best advocates.

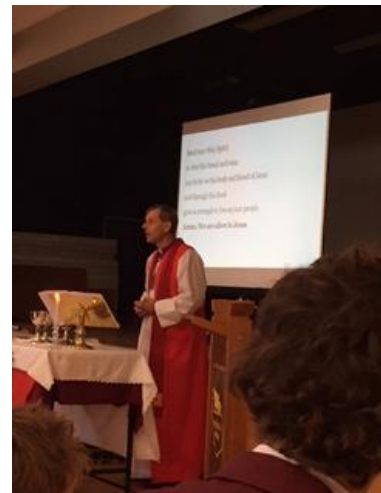
Diverse Learners

Yesterday 5 staff attended a symposium on "Diverse Learners". Understanding how we cater for all learning styles is paramount. We don't always get things right, but I can assure you that we have a staff that is second to none when it comes to commitment to every child's needs.

Anglican Schools Conference

Today and Thursday Rev. Ben and I will be in Timaru at this biennial conference. Presentations include The Royal Commission, Storytelling, Science and Faith and Singing! The Most Rev'd Don Tamihere, Te Pihopa o Te Tairāwhiti, Te Pihopa o Aotearoa and one of our three Archbishops will address the conference.

Bishop Rev'd Dr Peter Carrell presiding at St Mark's Day



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.*

Please pray for the Anderson family and the St Mark's parish as they prepare to farewell Sidney.

Blessings
Averil



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Upcoming Events

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

Church Certificates

Inaka	Felix A
Kererū	Olivia H
Ti Kouka	Dean C
Toetoe	Pippa W
Kāmana	Tessa C
Kawau	Theodore H
Kūtai	Isla R
Rimurimu	Leo-Sebastian M
Toroa	Raj R

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 Merrin 4
Player of the Day: Stella P
St Mark's Cubs 10 v Papanoa 4
Player of the Day: Zara P
St Mark's Dolphins played Thorrrington
Player of the Day: Isabella S

Basketball

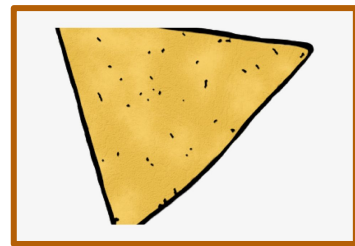
St Mark's Magic 18 v Thorrrington Thunder 0
Player of the Day: Ioli K

PA News



Barista needed

Hi the school coffee cart which needs your help please. If you have an hour to offer on a Monday morning from 8:20am-9:20 am please could you email Susan at susansean@hotmail.com. Training will be given but experience is preferred. This is a great opportunity to help the PA raise funds and meet the "caffiends" in the school.



Thankyou to all those that have ordered Nachos for our Nacho Friday lunch. **Please remember to bring your money with you on Friday.**

Free Movie at Opawa Community Church

Family movie night being held on Friday 24th May at Opawa Community Church (cnr Opawa Rd & Aynsley Tce) starting at 7pm. This month it is Robots.

We have carpet mats and chairs but some people bring cushions and beanbags. To attend is free but we do have some nibbles and drinks for sale





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15 May 2019

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



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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!!