



# St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 10  
25 September 2019

Dear St Mark's whanau,

Words will never adequately express the joy and celebrations that have been in our Productions. The colour, the gifts and talents on display and the "community" that surrounds the performances, are a heartwarming window into the life of our school.

The students without exception are outstanding, the staff's commitment and dedication is second to none, and the contributions of the artillery of parents and whānau are beyond words that can be expressed.

St Mark's School has a strong tradition of performing arts and productions. How ever I am especially proud this year, along with staff, to be sharing productions that have such strong messages from the bible of the hope and promise of the Gospel.

## Staff prayer group

Staff continue to meet one morning a week to pray for any needs in our community. There is a prayer box on the desk in the foyer. Anyone can write a prayer request here.

## Curriculum

For the last 2 years numeracy and literacy have been at the forefront of Professional Learning for staff as we review our practice in these key areas. During the community review in 2016 there were strong and clear directions from the community. These ideas included (I have kept the notes from 2016): **each individual child catered to, to reach their full potential, support for academic success, a willingness to assess the MLE environment, the use of outside experts to inspire students and staff, breed a culture of a desire to learn, high expectations - that it is ok to achieve and be inspired, use a**

**bicultural approach to learning and connection back to the land, find teachers who are passionate about children's learning, excellence and a "stretch" for those who are gifted and talented and those who need support.**

We will be reviewing these areas with you and more in Term 4. What is our curriculum? What should it look like? What as a community do we want it to contain? How do we partner to ensure the delivery of the curriculum has the best teaching and learning outcomes for all our tamariki?

## PA

The PA are a vital parent collective in our community working alongside the Board of Trustees and Principal to provide support in fundraising but also in community fellowship. During the productions it has been great to see many of our audience sharing the food supplied by the PA and joining others in conversation. This culinary deliciousness will be available tonight again. Please come into the library before shows and between them.

## Habits of Mind

Through our Habits of Mind program we can deliver part of our wellbeing program. The productions have really shone the spotlight (no apology for the pun!) on how we work with others, persistence, resilience, thinking flexibly and make it right.

Coupled with our values of courage/māiatanga and excellence/hiranga, there has been a lot of learning that transcends our regular curriculum.

Along with staff I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday.

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*Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story*

## Upcoming Events

20 Oct	Waka Hourua Church Service
21 Oct	Yr 8 Art Gallery trip
23 Oct	Waka Hourua Science Road Show
24 Oct	School Photographs
28 Oct	Labour Day
29 Oct	Teacher Only Day
31 Oct	Athletics Day

## 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

Raupo	Eli M
Inaka	Zaia O
Kererū	Frankie E
Ti Kouka	Jackson O'D
Kāmana	James P
Toetoe	Tessa W
Kawau	Benjamin A
Kutai	Tommy P/Milli L
Mako	Liam S
Rimurimu	Louis T
Toroa	Sophia W

## Sports Results

St Mark's Magic basketball team played off for 3rd and 4th last Wednesday.

A fantastic game with lots of energy and determination.

We played Somerfield Sharks and they won 22 -14.

We ended up 3rd in the competition which is amazing. It was a "team" Player of the Day.



## Prize giving Cups

Children, who were awarded Cups and Trophies at the 2018 Prize Giving ceremony, are asked to return these to the school office by Thursday 31 October. It would be greatly appreciated if these can be polished before returning.

## Canterbury Cross Country runner

**Meg Wright from Kutai** - Year 5 is representing Canterbury for the Inter Regional Primary and Intermediate Schools Cross Country. The event is in Hanmer Springs on Thursday 26th September. Meg has trained extremely hard for this event. We wish her all the best. Go Meg!!



## Lost Property

Please ensure all property belonging to your family is collected at the end of term. Lost property will be located in the Cholmondeley Ave foyer from tomorrow.

## Uniform Shop

At the beginning of Term 4 there is a change to summer uniform. The Uniform Shop will be open by appointment only on Wednesday 10am-12pm and Thursday 1-3pm. To make a booking please visit:

[www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)

Event code: afe9e

If you have any queries please contact Serena at [uniformshop@saintmarks.school.nz](mailto:uniformshop@saintmarks.school.nz).



## An Update from the Board of Trustees Review Committee



### 2019 Term 3 – Policy Reviews:

As part of St Marks' Policy three-year review cycle, there are no Policy areas requiring feedback from school parents this term.

The two areas that will have input from Board members and staff this term are:

- Performance Management
- Health, Safety and Welfare.

### 2019 Term 3 - 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:

<u>Employer Responsibility</u>	<u>Health, Safety, and Welfare</u>	<u>Legislation and administration</u>
- Appraisal of the Principal	- Physical Restraint  - Risk Management  - Safety Management System  - Surrender & Retention of Property and Searches	- International Students

Greetings St Mark's School Family,

Some of you may have noticed as you drive by or when you've joined us for worship, that St Anne's Church (7 Wilsons Rd) has been sold. St Anne's began in 1924 as a church-plant from St Mark's and became its own parish in 1963. Then, in 2007, we re-joined to become a single parish once more. That came in very handy after the earthquakes, as it meant all Sunday services could be held at St Anne's.

But now, St Anne's has been sold but the repairs have not yet begun on St Mark's, and so the Anglican Parish of Opawa-St Martins is looking for a new place to worship temporarily. Thankfully we know of a lovely place, with friendly people, and a big hall, that is drenched in prayer, and happens to be available on a Sunday... St Mark's School!

So, after we've had our final farewell service at St Anne's on 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 10am (you're all invited!) we're going to start holding our 8am and 10am services at St Mark's School.

And for those wondering about what's happening at St Mark's Church, here's what I can tell you – we've engaged Chaplin Crooks Architects who have created a magnificent plan to renew the church while keeping everything that we love about it in place. We hope to start work on the building in the new year, and be open again for Sunday worship and (excitingly) school chapel services by 2021. We'll be keeping the school updated with building plans and ways that you can help in the coming months.

Do join us for worship from 10<sup>th</sup> November this year!

Many thanks for your manaakitanga,  
Rev'd Ben

#### Key Dates

20 Oct – Waka Hourua service at St Anne's Church

3 Nov – Final service at St Anne's Church

10 Nov – First service at St Mark's School





# We're coming back!



**Last Service: 3rd Nov**

**St Anne's Church**

7 Wilsons Road

**First Service: 10th Nov**

**St Mark's School**

33 Cholmondeley Ave

**Grand Opening 2021**

**St Mark's Church**

101 Opawa Road

## BRIEF HISTORY OF ST MARK'S

- 1865** St Mark's Opawa built
- 1954** Current church rebuilt after fire
- 1963** Daughter Church of St Anne's becomes its own parish
- 2007** Combined with St Anne's to become part of the Parish of Opawa-St Martins once more
- 2011** Earthquake damage made the main body of the church un-usable, but the office and halls remain in use.

It's been a long time coming, but we're in the process of repairing St Mark's to its former glory with a few modern touches.

While respecting the style of the current building, the work will increase fire and earthquake safety and make it more functional.

We're bringing a little of St Anne's with us as the stunning stained glass cross will feature in our new St Anne's Chapel.

## CONTACT

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If you'd like to contribute to the rejuvenation of St Mark's please contact the Vicar, or keep an eye on the fence for fundraising updates

For more information and updates on progress, please see the noticeboard

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