



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 2
31 July 2019

Kia ora St Mark's Family,
It has been great catching up with everyone this week. Mark and I returned from holiday but our bags extended their stay in the UK!
This term promises to be busy and as always gets lighter and warmer as the term progresses!

There have been some great student success to hear about:

- Our year 7 and 8 Football Team and our year 7 and 8 Hockey Team won the A grades at the Independent Zone Winter Tournament. This ensures they move onto the Canterbury Championships. A great effort by them and their coaches.
- All students representing our school at this tournament represented our school with pride and proved themselves worthy ambassadors of our St Mark's School values.

Walk With a Purpose

The effects of this mission have been felt widely. An article in The Bays newspaper highlighted for the community how our school works for others in need. These actions embody the third mark of mission - respond to need by loving service, and that building an active christian faith is part of our core work.

AIMS GAMES

Thank you to those who have supported our fundraising efforts so far. There will be a sausage sizzle

every Friday until the end of Term 3 - the profits of these sizzles go directly to air fares for our athletes. It makes a difference!! There will be additional fundraising efforts - they will always be optional.

VANS!!!

On Monday the PA - some past and present members - joined staff and students for the van blessings. Rev. Ben blessed them, sprinkling water on students, as well as the vans.

Through this forum, I want to personally thank all those past and present members who have contributed to their purchase over many many years. These vans are the next season of our own transport and will allow us to broaden the curriculum beyond the campus. What a thrill it is for us to have them and a blessing that the efforts of so many have been brought to fruition.

There are a collection of photographs in this newsletter. There will be some strict protocols for those younger students requiring car seats which we are finalising. Communication on this is imminent.

2020

There have been a large number of inquiries for enrolment at our school in 2020. It is always a joy to talk to prospective parents about our school and our special character so central to all we do.

Blessings everyone
Averil



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Upcoming Events

13 Aug Yr 5-6 Ski trip
20 Aug Yr 7-8 Ski trip
14-16 Aug Yr 6 Cycle Safety

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	Faith L
Kererū	Adam R
Ti Kouka	Cristian D
Toetoe	Millie H
Kawau	Jackson V
Kāmana	Shree L

Sports Results

Netball

St Mark's Leopards 15 v St Francis of Assisi 5
Player of the Day: Tessa C

Uniform Shop

From Term 3 the shop hours will be Tuesday 8:30-9:30am and Thursday 2:30-3:30pm. To contact the uniform shop please email uniformshop@saintmarks.school.nz.

Sport Report

"Last Friday we had 11 teams represent our school at the Independent Zones across the sporting codes of Netball, Football and Hockey. We are so proud of the skill, positive attitude and excellent team culture that our teams display. Our values are upheld in the Sporting Arena. I would like to acknowledge the staff and parents that helped and supported on the day, your commitment guides our teams to success."

"Congratulations to our winning Year 7/8 hockey and football teams, it was a tough tournament and you persevered and came out on top. These two teams are now representing our Zone and School at the Canterbury Winter Tournament to be held on the 22nd August."



Blessing of our Vans!



News

Fundraiser nets almost \$2000

By Jess Gibson

NINE-YEAR-OLD Olive Harris of Lyttelton will go to great lengths to help those in need.

The year 5 St Mark's School pupil came up with the idea to walk up to 10km to fundraise for children in Uganda who do the same on an empty stomach every day.

Walk With a Purpose saw more than 70 of Olive's fellow pupils and their parents get behind the school's first official fundraiser last month.

Almost \$2000 which was raised in cash and through a Givealittle page will be donated to the Fountain of Peace Children's Foundation NZ.

The money will go towards keeping 501 children fed at Rwenzori Hillside School in Uganda.

Olive said she was "really proud" that so many of her friends were willing to get on board.

Families woke up as early as 5.30am to walk from locations like Mt Pleasant, Halswell and Cashmere into



BIG WALK: Tim, Olive and Jake Harris with teacher Emily Wells who joined the Lyttelton family for part of a 10km walk which raised funds for children in Uganda.

Opawa in time for school.

It was Olive's second year walking the Stan Helms track over the Port Hills with her dad, Tim Harris, and this year she was joined by her five-year-old brother, Jake Harris, who is in year 1.

Last year, Olive and her father did the walk on their own and raised more than \$500 through sponsorship which was donated

to WaterAid projects.

Fountain of Peace volunteer co-ordinator Tania Sharr is the mother of two pupils at St Mark's and helped organise the fundraiser with Olive and her mum Lottie Harris.

Mrs Sharr said she was blown away by the school's response.

"I get quite tearful thinking about it. It really makes you realise that the world is a big community. Even though the students in Uganda are a long way away it means a lot to them," she said.

Fountain of Peace was established in New Zealand in 2012.

It aims to create family-based homes for orphaned and abandoned children in rural Uganda, as well as working to provide clean water, education, health care and sustainable projects for the whole community.

If you wish to donate to Walk With a Purpose visit <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/saint-marks-walk-with-purpose>



SUPPORT: One group of pupils from St Mark's School woke up early and walked up to 10km to school from areas such as Lyttelton, Mt Pleasant and Cashmere.

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ALICE BATES
LOUISE
GLOSSOP
CATHERINE
DARK
JENNY SCOTTER
GARY DODD
CRAIG
KNOWLES
BEN GLOSSOP
GARETH
MURFITT
ANDREW DARK
PAUL ELLIS

Conspiro
a choir of friends

Present

A Musical Degustation