



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 3
8 August 2019

Kia ora St Mark's Family,

Although a day late, it is always a privilege to share happenings in our school with the community.

School Family Success

- **Harriet P** is the Mid-South Canterbury Primary and Intermediate Fencing Champion! Congratulations Harriet.
- **Meg W** is continuing to train with students from other schools for the South Island Cross Country Championships. Great work Meg!
- **Families** from our community have given up a lot of weekend time to build the set for our productions! Ngā mihi nui.

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:

- Cheese rolls
- Chocolate

VANS!!!

On Tuesday Kawau, and Mr Clarkson and Mr Rennie will take the first van trip to Tūranga (Christchurch Library) and the Margaret Mahy Playground. This improved mobility for our students and staff is proving invaluable as we begin to book them for widening our curriculum beyond our campus.

Thank you again past and present PA members.

Events - need to know!

- PA Disco Friday 16th August - all proceeds go to PA projects - the most important being the development of a new playground.
- St Mark's School 100 years celebration in 2021. The official date is June 1921. A committee has now been formed and will work with alumni to create fitting celebrations of 100 years of education of this wonderful school.
- Our school is part of the Kahui Ako - Te Mana Raupō. This MOE initiative is to strengthen pathways for learners across our school in a local geographical area. As you may remember I am currently co-Lead Principal and at a meeting yesterday we discussed the possibility of creating opportunities for whānau across our school - e.g. latest practice in cybersafety, teaching and learning. Watch out in 2020 for opportunities to engage in things that affect us all.
- Special Character Review Term 4

Beginning the calendar for 2020 seems to be hurrying 2019 away! However we have to consider plans early to ensure our calendar holds those things that are "must do's" so we can accommodate those things that are "new do's" within our goals.

The Board of Trustees Strategic Plan (please see the website) comprehensively covers those aspects of school life that enhance teaching and learning, but give good direction to a holistic view of the child. When considering Wellbeing for example - a much interpreted concept - this cannot be extracted from faith development. Jesus' transformative messages instruct us to consider others in light of love, hope and forgiveness.

That is our call. Blessings Averil



Upcoming Events

13 Aug	Yr 5-6 Ski trip
13 Aug	Kawau trip to public library
14-16 Aug	Yr 6 Cycle Safety
16 Aug	School Disco
20 Aug	Yr 7-8 Ski trip
22 Aug	Canterbury Winter Tournament
25 Aug	PA Bowling
28 Aug	Yr 7/8 Cantamaths
29 Aug	Strum Strike Blow
24 Sep	School Production Matinee - 1.30pm
	School Production - 7pm
25 Sep	School Production - 7 pm

2019 School Term Dates and Holidays

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	Marnie C
Kererū	Willa H
Ti Kouka	Max B
Kāmana	Case W
Toetoe	Hannah T
Kawau	Felicity W
Kutai	Monty S
Mako	Kaelan G
Rimurimu	Summer B
Toroa	Raj R

Sports Results

Netball

St Mark's Leopards 13 v South New Brighton 8
Player of the Day: Piper E

Basketball

St Mark's Magic 9 v Medbury Spurs 5
Player of the Day: Max P

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.

St Mark's School PA BOWLING FUN!

SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST

PLEASE ARRIVE AT 1.45PM FOR A 2PM START

ZONE BOWLING, IVERSEN TERRACE

TICKETS \$12 PER PERSON

INCLUDES 1 GAME

No door sales—tickets must be pre-purchased.

Cash payments accepted at the school office (correct monies in a named envelope please) before Friday 23rd August or you can direct credit your payment to:

St Mark's School PA
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ST. MARKS DISCO PRESENTS

LET'S GLOW CRAZY!

16 August 2019

Year 0-4 6pm - 7:15pm

Year 5-8 7:30pm - 9pm

\$2 ENTRY

\$5 ENTRY + NEON FACEPAINT

\$10 ENTRY + NEON FACEPAINT + DESIGN YOUR OWN CUSTOM NEON T-SHIRT (PRE-ORDER ONLY)

**Parents to come and collect your children
(sign in hall/sign out hall exit)**

Food and drinks available for purchase.