



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 2
23 October 2019

Dear St Mark's whānau,

Second week! The weather has dampened the ground but classes are still finding time for athletics training and outdoor activities.

St Anne's

What a joy to join with the parish of Ōpawa/St Martin's on Sunday with Waka Hourua - our last service there. Our students acquitted themselves so beautifully and the parish (as always) provided a welcoming space and wonderful morning tea. Along with staff, I am looking forward to working more closely with the parish as they hold their first service at **St Mark's School Hall on Sunday 10th November.**

Centenary Celebrations

Please note in your diaries that the **Centenary Dinner will be held at the Transitional Cathedral on Saturday 10th April 2021 at 7.00pm.**

PA

The PA ask that all White Elephant items for the School Fair be delivered to the school hall from this Thursday afternoon - 24th October.

Teacher Only Day

Just a reminder that our **Teacher Only Day is this Tuesday 29th October - NO** school for students on this day. Monday is also a National holiday - Labour Day.

Blessings everyone

Averil

The connections between school and parish represented in prayer, worship, songs of praise and the joy of fellowship. Thank you St Anne's Church! Next step - St Mark's School on the journey to St Mark's Church!

The journey back to St Mark's Church will be returning to a place where my great grandparents worshipped and were married!



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

Upcoming Events

24 Oct	School Photographs
25 Oct	Pet Service - 2pm
28 Oct	Labour Day
29 Oct	Teacher Only Day
31 Oct	Athletics Day - Year 3-8
2 Nov	School Fair
6 Nov	Itinerant Music Evening - 6pm
7 Nov	Kids in Town - 12pm
	Performance Choir & Orchestra
8 Nov	Grandparents' Day - 9am
15 Nov	Canterbury Show Day
18-20 Nov	Year 4-5 Woodend Camp
18 Nov	New Parents Evening - 7pm
19 Nov	Year 3 Big Day Out at Woodend
21-22 Nov	Year 7 Leadership Camp
21 Nov	Junior Athletics Day - Year 0-2
27-29 Nov	Special Character Review
28 Nov	Year 8 Dance
2 Dec	Year 8 Air Force Museum
3 Dec	Year 8 Can Sail
5 Dec	Advent Carol Service - 7pm
	Transitional Cathedral
6 Dec	Year 3-7 Waltham Pool - 11.30am
9 Dec	Mokihi Carol Singing at
	Transitional Cathedral - 1.30pm
9 Dec	Year 7-8 Beach Education
10 Dec	Year 8 Leavers Dinner - 6pm
11 Dec	Internal Sport/Cultural
	Prizegiving - 1.30pm
12 Dec	Year 8 Jellie Park
12 Dec	School Prizegiving - 7pm
13 Dec	End of School 2019 Carol
	Service - 2pm

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	Emily T
Inaka	Liam B
Kererū	Olivia H
Ti Kouka	Louisa T
Kāmana	Lennix C
Toetoe	Tyler M
Kawau	Jesse S
Kutai	Meg W
Mako	Hannah P
Toroa	Jeremy H

School Photographs

These are scheduled for tomorrow Thursday 24 October. Formal uniform is to be worn. Boys are to wear white shirts and shoes and socks for all children. Class, individual and family photographs will be taken.

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.

Student Success

George A started indoor cricket this year and George's brother umpired his last game of the season and said George's batting was a series of the perfect indoor cricket shots! He ended up with being awarded Team Player of the Year for the junior cricket division 4 at Action Indoor Sports.

Pet Service

Rev'd Ben, Mrs Sherwood, and Rev'd John de Senna (Charlie P's Grandad) are holding a special pet-blessing service this Friday as we remember St Francis of Assisi.

- All pets are welcome
- Unfortunately we can't manage pets in the classroom for the whole day, so please bring any pets along especially at 2:15pm
- It would be helpful to have dogs on leashes, rabbits in cages, fish in bowls, tarantulas in very secure containers, and good luck getting cats to do what you want them to.
- Weather permitting we will have the service outside (hall as a backup)
- Please bring along a pooper-scooper and/or plastic bag just in case
- There will be a chance for pets and their owners to be individually blessed during the service.
- Parents very welcome

PET BLESSING SERVICE

Friday 25th October - 2:15pm

We're remembering St Francis of Assisi by blessing pets big and small. Bring along your furry family members this Friday





If you are in need of Brass Instrument Lessons (Trumpet, Horn, Trombone etc) please let me or the school know as I have some spaces available for Term 4 and beyond. I have taught Brass music lessons from beginner to tertiary level for over 20 years, and have recently come back to Christchurch after moving abroad in the early 2000's.

I have my Masters in Performance trumpet from the Royal Academy of Music, London I also completed my LRAM which is a Brass specific Diploma in teaching music. I am very active as a performer, I perform live with The Black Seeds, and also play regularly with the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra amongst many other groups.

Cheers!

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