



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 5
13 November 2019

Dear St Mark's Whānau,

As we head into a long weekend, you are all wished a happy time with family. Just a reminder that school is closed **on Friday - 15th November** - it is Christchurch anniversary day.

Kapa Haka

Some images of our senior kapa haka group branching out into **Ti Rākau** - games which traditionally have been used to improve dexterity, support team work, and has meanings deep in the creation story. We are so grateful to Matua Steve for deepening our work in this area which naturally aligns our growing cultural competency with our PE/Health curriculum.



Beach Mufti Day

In support of the provision of safe drinking water in Indonesia, this will now be held on **Friday 6th December**. Please come dressed in beach wear for the day and bring a koha to support this cause - thank you **Tyler M!**

Camps

Next week are two important camps - Year 4 and 5, and the Year 7 Leadership camps.

Camps and their links to curriculum have made national headlines in recent weeks. Staff appreciate that activities linked to the curriculum are the domain of the Board of Trustees and remain grateful that those who can contribute financially. No child is ever excluded from these activities.

Fire Service

Today the Fire Service joined Mōkihi to share their work, the inner workings of a fire engine, in particular the hoses!!

It was a stunning success (as the images show) and the fireman joined us for morning tea. What amazing work they do in our community under extreme circumstances sometimes.



This week in the Anglican Lectionary:

Psalms 17: 1-9 A song of David ... "I call on you O God for you will answer me"

The power and promise of prayer.

Blessings
Averil



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

Upcoming Events

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
25 Nov	Kamana Art Gallery Trip
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
5 Dec	Year 3-8 Waltham Pool 11.30am-2.00pm
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

Raupō	Henry B
Inaka	Zaia O
Kererū	Nathan H
Ti Kouka	Louis B/Isla H
Kāmana	Oliver P
Toetoe	Jake H
Kawau	Aayush K
Kūtai	Sebastian J/Matthew C
Rimurimu	Melody H
Mako	Michael C
Toroa	Hannah W

Sports Results

St Mark's Tigers 6 v Sth Hornby Tornados 22
Player of the Day: Holly R

Scholastic Book Club

Order forms for Scholastic Books have been sent home. Orders may be placed direct with Scholastic at www.mybookclub.scholastic.nz. An easy way to order online yourself and will be delivered direct to school. Orders close on **Friday 22 November**. The Gift Function has been turned on in LOOP! This allows parents to place a separate order as a surprise gift for their child. Items marked as a gift will be delivered to school and will be set aside at the school office for parents to collect.

Student Success

Congratulations to Sophia S who gained Distinction in her BBO Intermediate Foundation Ballet Exam.

Independent Schools' Athletic Zones

Congratulations to everyone who represented St Mark's School on Monday at Nga Puna Wai. Everyone competed at such a high level in inclement weather conditions. We had 43 Year 5-8 students competing across field and track events.

A special mention to Bede H, Kaelan G, Olivia M, Meg W, Miriama N, Danielle G, Saffron D, Dustin S, Tommy P, Monty S and Samuel T who will now represent the Canterbury Zones at Nga Puna Wai on 4 December.

Risingholme's 75th Birthday and Community Day

Bring your picnic and celebrate with us

Sunday 24th November 2019
11 am – 2 pm

Highlights

- Discover what you can learn through us: visit our facilities, see our displays
- Spend time learning about the history of Risingholme Community Centre
- Self-tour the refurbished Historical Homestead
- All welcome at the cutting of the birthday cake at 12.30 pm
- Join a free reiki or yoga session (*on the lawn, if fine*)
- Free-to-use outdoor games (*weather permitting*)



Risingholme Community Centre, 22 Cholmondeley Ave, Opawa, www.risingholme.org.nz

HUNTSBURY PRESCHOOL



WEDNESDAY
20TH NOV  9-11 AM

9.30

INFO SESSION
LED BY SUZ
(HEAD TEACHER)

10-11

EXPLORE & PLAY
DISCOVER FIRST HAND
WHAT OUR PRESCHOOL
HAS TO OFFER

ENROL NOW FOR 2020

