

## 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 **Tī 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:

Psalm 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



#### **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 Junior Athletics Day - Year 0-2 21 Nov Kamana Art Gallery Trip 25 Nov 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 Education10 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.

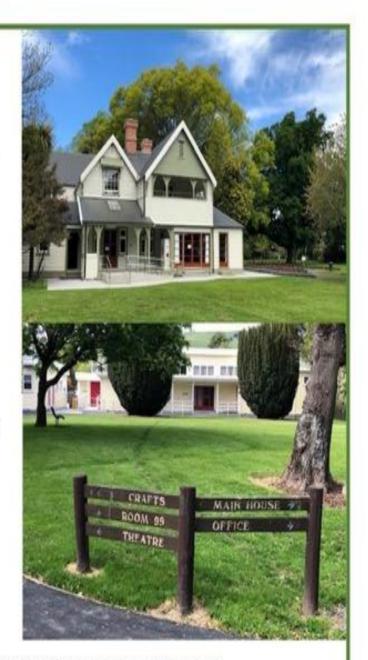
# Risingholme's 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday and Community Day

Bring your picnic and celebrate with us

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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



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** 

