



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 6
20 November 2019

Dear St Mark's Whānau,

Today you will have received two communications about **MASH** - (one from the Board of Trustees and one from the MASH Team) - an after school program and holiday program that will operate from St Mark's School from 2020. The Board of Trustees and Board of Proprietors have collaborated on this venture after community consultation, and are excited to be supporting families and whānau in this way. Further communications will come from the **MASH** team themselves and inside their communication is some ways to get more information. Please direct your questions to **MASH**.

Beach Mufti Day

In support of the provision of safe drinking water in Indonesia, 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!**

Year 4 and 5 Camp

Yesterday I had the opportunity to visit the campers - teachers, parents and students - at Woodend Christian Camp and join in the fun. Homemade burgers were on the menu for lunch! I was so blown away by the number of activities that they were doing - Go cart riding, scaling the climbing wall, waterslide, bungee jumping, trampolining, orienteering, golf putting etc - and all activities had some aspect of working with others to achieve success.

We can be grateful that we have dedicated staff who work so hard in their own time at camps, and equally grateful for the amazing parents who support and without whom camps could not happen.

By the time the year 3's arrived to join them, for their "Big Day Out" excitement was at a frenzy.

By all accounts the Year 3's returned to school very happy, if not a little tired!



Year 7 Leadership Camp

We look forward to supporting our year 7 students as they head to Living Springs tomorrow for their Leadership overnight camp.

Special Character Review

Next week **Mrs Anne van Gend and Mr Kelvin Davis** will be here amongst us to conduct a review of our Special Character. This was last done in 2015. Members of our community will have an opportunity to respond to their tasks, which is largely managed by **Rev. Ben Truman**. Further details will be sent next week.

Blessings everyone
Averil



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Upcoming Events

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

Student Success

Congratulations to Seth K for passing the ABRSM piano prep test.



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.



Coffee Cart

Are you a coffee kinda person? Do you have a spare hour once per week or fortnight at school drop off? (8.20am)

WE NEED YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Coffee Cart 2020 is looking for 2-4 more parents to help us deliver great coffee 3 mornings per week (Mon, Wed, Fri). Full training will be given plus you can drink coffee on the job!

Please drop your details into the Coffee Cart if you're interested. Without parent support the Coffee Cart would not exist.

Thank you



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



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