



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 7
27 November 2019

Dear St Mark's Whānau,

Today we welcomed Mrs Anne van Gend (Director of the Anglican Schools office) and retired Bishop Mr Kelvin Davis to our school. They are conducting a Special Character Review of St Mark's School. This was last done by them in 2015 and they are back to contribute and comment on how the Special Character is being outworked in every part of the life of the school. There will be an opportunity for all members of our community to give their viewpoints including both Boards, the PA, staff, students and whānau. This work is commissioned by the Board of Proprietors who have governance of Special Character in our school.

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!**

Year 7 Leadership Camp

We look forward to supporting our year 7 students who are preparing for various roles in 2020. The camp was an opportunity to talk about those things that contribute to good leadership, the independence and innovation we are seeking, and how we can develop each person in their roles. Staff were super impressed with how thoughtful and sincere the students were. There is considerable energy from them to achieve and do things differently. Such an encouragement!

Student Success:

This week we celebrate the efforts of **Joshua W (JiuJitsu medals)** **Pippa F-D** and **Louisa T (Distinction * in ballet)**, **Sophie F-D (Grade 5 Distinction in ballet)** and **James P (CSM Scholarship in Trombone!)**.

We love hearing the success of our students in outside school activities - if I have missed you - track me down!

Other

happenings

There has also been much to celebrate this week with the Junior Athletic sports and **Rev. Ben's Colossians 1:15 "The Son is the image of the invisible God"** The pictures never quite capture the fellowship of family events including a spectacular picnic, or the moment when **Theo Y** had to guess the contents of a bowl full of smashed avocado!



A reminder - NUTS

Just a reminder that we **don't allow** nuts in any form in our school due to the severe allergies of students. We thank you for removing related food items from school lunches.

Blessings everyone, Averil



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

Upcoming Events

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 11.00am-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	Mila B
Inaka	Henry D
Kererū	Sofia S
Ti Kouka	Landon H
Kāmana	Aria R
Toetoe	Millie H
Kawau	Ryan M
Kūtai	Kutai
Rimurimu	Nariah D
Mako	Theodore Y
Toroa	Minnie E

Sports Results

13 November

St Mark's Tigers 28 v Halswell Heat 16
Player of the Day: Loukas S

20 September

St Mark's Tigers 23 v West Spreydon Rockets 8
Player of the Day: Angel S



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



Student Success



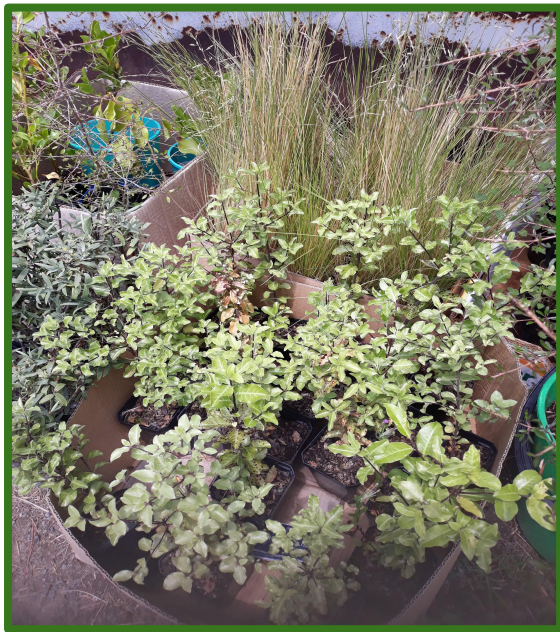
PLANTS AND CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS FOR SALE!

These items didn't find new homes from the School Fair but perhaps you'd like to purchase them for your garden or Christmas tree?

The plants are all extremely healthy NZ natives at \$5 each (grisslinia, silver tussock, hebe and coprosmas).

Beautifully handcrafted by some very talented St Mark's Mum's, the Christmas decorations are \$5 each.

All proceeds returning to school. Contact Paula Doherty, Ben Allan's Mum Year 4, 0272850038





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