



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 8
4 December 2019

Dear St Mark's Whānau,

It is astonishing that this is the penultimate newsletter for the year. Sometimes I wonder what went on in May! But then I look at the community, staff and my personal calendar and am reminded of the incredible work of us all! Our Special Character Reviewers are currently writing their report, but their initial feedback to many was around the significant steps the community has taken to embed a culture of care and nurturance that reflects the life of Christ. These are not their words but mine in response to some of their feedback. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our "narrative".

Beach Mufti Day

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

Student Success:

This week we celebrate the efforts of **Charlotte P** who from 2020 will be a member of the **New Zealand Secondary Schools Symphony Orchestra!!!!**

What an outstanding achievement. We wish you many blessings Charlotte and the warmest congratulations from the whole community.

OTHER HAPPENINGS

Internal Prizegiving: as this has been on the calendar all year, I want to remind you that this is happening next **Wednesday from 1.30pm**. It is deliberately set aside for those students who achieved 2nd and 3rd placings in school events. If you are unsure if this is your child, there is a list of prizewinners on the noticeboard in the foyer.

Advent Carol Service. You will have received information about this but just a reminder that this is one school event we consider compulsory and groups and individuals involved in the service, head for a practice to the Cathedral tomorrow morning.

Selwyn Care. On Monday morning Mrs Wells, Mrs Coster and their classes and I joined the Selwyn Care group in the St Mark's church hall. The children sang Christmas Carols to them and brought tears to many eyes. It was truly special and a reminder that no matter how small you are you can be a disciple in the true sense of the word.



Kapa haka how far we have come in 2019 and a special event awaits us on Prize giving night! Senior mentoring Juniors captured in images!



As we move into the last days and weeks of this year, I hope you are able to reflect on the amazing learning of your child. Each of whom are profoundly loved and valued by us all

Blessings everyone, Averil



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Upcoming Events

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

Inaka	Faith L
Kererū	Jake H
Ti Kouka	Arran McD
Kāmana	Cruze S
Toetoe	Samuel B
Kawau	Islah S
Kūtai	Matthew C/Isla R
Rimurimu	Max P/Rafi W-S
Mako	Emily M
Toroa	Max Y



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



Canterbury Athletics - our relay teams



BYMC 2020

Waka Hourua (year 6-8) students are strongly encouraged to bring their own Chromebook to school next year.

We have a noticeboard in Kūtai for secondhand sales.

Please note that all secondhand sales and purchases are made independently of St Mark's School.

We have responded to your feedback and switched to PB Tech for our online shopping portal. This year's options are our best and cheapest yet!

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns:

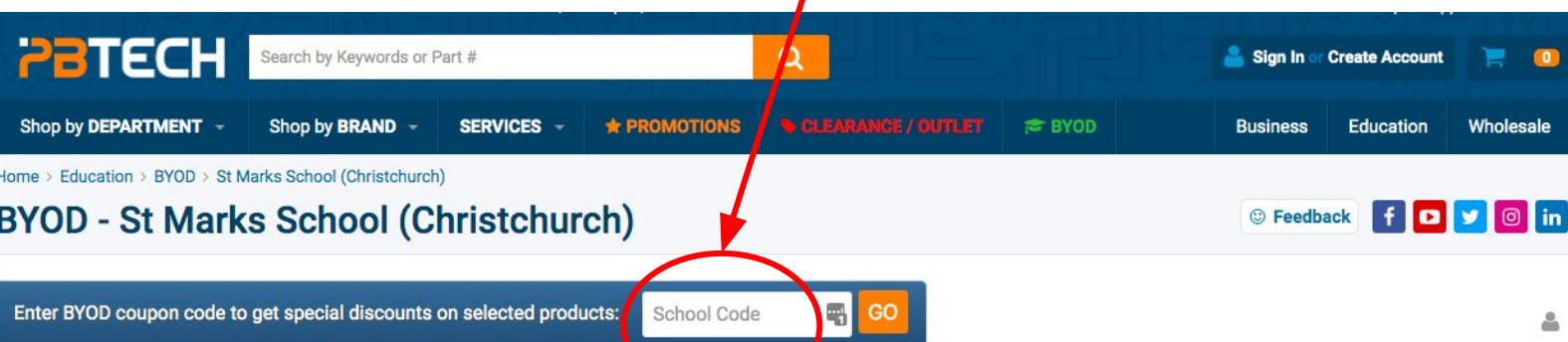
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Our School Code is:
stmarks

Did you know?
97%
of year 7-8 students in
2020 already bring
their own managed
Chromebook to
school!



<https://www.pbtech.co.nz/education/byod>



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BYMC Bundles

St Marks strongly recommend parents to purchase the bundle pack of Chromebook includes a warranty, insurance and bag.

ASUS C202SA-GJ0065 Rugged Education Chromebook
bundle with Bag, Insurance and 3yr warranty - BYOD
Robust, reinforced rubber wrapped protective guard

NEW ARRIVAL



\$385⁰¹
+GST

ASUS C204EE Chromebook bundle with PB Insurance, 3yr
warranty, bag.

NEW ARRIVAL



\$434⁸⁰
+GST

Acer R11 C738T Touch N3150 4G 16G Chromebook + PB
Insurance + 3yr warranty + Bag

NEW ARRIVAL



\$550⁰¹
+GST

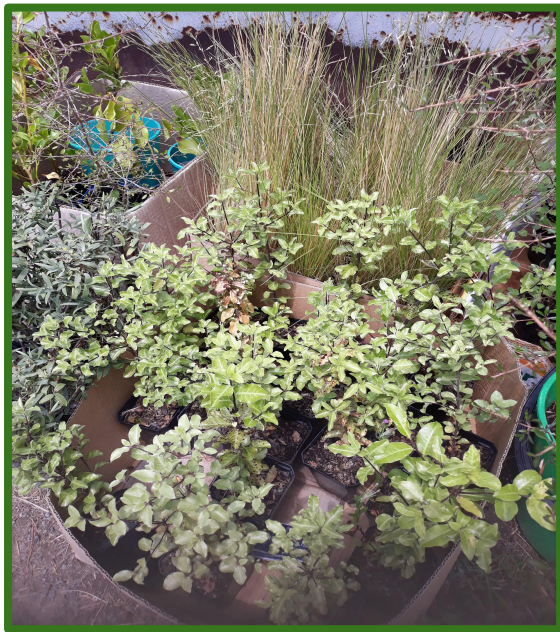
PLANTS AND CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS FOR SALE!

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



Parish of Opawa-St Martins'

Car Boot Sale



Come to our car boot sale & grab a bargain. There's a fabulous Christmas raffle (including Christmas Cake). Cash only.

For more information
phone 980-9983.

Saturday
14th DECEMBER
9am to 11am

St Mark's Church car park,
cnr Opawa Rd & Vincent Place