



# St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 1  
15 April 2020

## From the Worner Lounge

Mauri ora St Mark's Whānau, and greetings to you all from every staff member.

## Welcome to Term 2!! Distance Learning.

We are ready to go following on from the brilliant "roll out" at the end of Term 1.

As a whole staff we have been talking about what this looks like across the whole school, how we might keep our routines and work with whānau to deliver the curriculum in innovative ways.

## Kaitiakitanga!

This year (so far!) we have been focussing on kaitiakitanga in our classrooms and how this word - to protect and care for everything for a sustainable future - guardianship and conservation, being a responsible steward in the spaces you inhabit - can translate into our school.

As we move into Term 2, kaitiakitanga in our own learning and the restricted environment we find ourselves in lend themselves well. Your teachers will share ideas with you.

## Distance Learning Options.

The Ministry of Education have invested in new ways to support schools, kura and early learning centres. These options include dedicated television channels, websites and the work of well known educationalists.

I offer the link below, but stress that they are to supplement the learning created by St Mark's School staff. We can monitor progress, great achievements and learning styles as you support your children at home - we are looking forward to it!

## Learning from Home

## A recommended daily timetable.

We are well aware that many of you will be working from home, and managing learning for your child may well be new. Our distance learning is not meant to add stress - let us know what is manageable.

We suggest a general outline for the day - your teachers will be more specific and individualise learning closely.

8am	Start of the day
9.15 - 10.30	Numeracy
10.30	Snack/Break
11.00	Literacy
12.30	Lunch
1.00pm	Afternoon choices - Passion Projects, Science, Enviro Science, Music, Art, Drama, Adventure Learning

As a team we have talked so much in the last few days about our Special Character, Our Values and the Five Marks of Mission. The Board of Trustees Strategic Plan has been central to our discussions as in this time of learning differently we remain steadfast in who we are as a school.

Learning will centre around creativity, service to others, physical wellbeing a, academic work and passions.

We are a school of faith and hope and through that we can be sustained.

Staff will be available 9am - 3pm and open every day with a video to their class at 9am! Log in and connect! We cant wait to welcome you back!

Blessings everyone - Averil



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