



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 11
24 June 2020

Kia ora St Mark's School!

Tomorrow is our Walk with a Purpose!

This is a great annual event that allows us to have conversations with our family about service and care for others. Giving is one of the Ministry of Health's "5 ways to Wellbeing" and importantly a significant part of our Christian walk - humbly walking with others as Jesus did!

The Founder and Director of The Fountain of Peace will be walking with us and talk with us at an assembly soon after 9am! Pray for sunshine!

The Press is likely to have some involvement in reporting our efforts also!!

I look forward to meeting you all at 8.30 for hot chocolate!! Mufti day for all walkers!



Absences

We are asking whānau to use the **school app for absences if possible**. It is a very effective way for you to let us know your child is away. For those whānau using it already THANK YOU. We encourage more of you to use please as our antiquated answer phone on the landline is presenting some challenges. Keeping track of ALL students is a key function of our operational safety measures.

Lost Property

Prior to lockdown there were a number of items of clothing and the perennial issue of lunch boxes left at school. Before the end of term please feel free to do a reconnaissance of all areas of the school for any items missing. We do recycle lunchboxes!

Cashmere High School Music Event

Cashmere High School Combos and Big Bands will perform an evening of Jazz on Thursday July 2nd in the Cashmere High School McCombs Performing Arts Centre, 172 Rose Street at 7pm (Doors open 6.30pm). They would like to extend an invitation to our community to enjoy this event with us. A poster is attached to the noticeboard in the foyer.

New Entrants

Today we welcomed a number of new students to our school who will be part of the second New Entrant class to start next term with **Mrs Tracey Hastings**. What a blessing to have these new (and current!) families join our school family. Whilst there will be a time to formally welcome them - it is always a source of joy to meet and connect with new whānau. What gifts and talents will they bring?



Choir Performances

It has been great listening to our Performance Choir share an anthem during our Friday Church services. **Mr Paul Ellis** has worked so brilliantly to prepare our choristers since he arrived and choral music is a precious gift. Increased happiness, health and wellbeing are among the unequivocal benefits of singing in a choir. Mr Ellis's laugh is testament to that!

Online Learning Surveys

Thank you for your responses to the online surveys. Emily Wells and I will now gather the data to understand the learnings from your feedback, share the results with you but also understand what all the feedback means for our curriculum. Being thrust into the foray of online learning was not anticipated at the beginning of the year, however our online platforms proved more than successful. We appreciate the experiences varied for whānau and I am sure you realise for staff also.

Blessings everyone, Averil - See you in the morning!



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

Upcoming Events

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| 25 June | Walk with a Purpose |
| 30 June | SPCA Mufti Day |
| 2 July | Years 3-8 Cross Country |
| 3 July | End of Term Service - 2.15pm |
| 27 July | Reports to Parents |
| 28-30 July | Teacher/Parent Interviews |

2020 Term Dates

Term 2 - Wednesday 29 April - Friday 3rd July.
Term 3 - Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September
Term 4 - Monday 12 October - Friday 11 December
Teacher only day - Tuesday 27 October

Church Certificates

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| Inaka | Max C-B |
| Pūtakitaki | Henri H |
| Kōura | Henry B |
| Tuaki | Hosea F |
| Karoro | Ari R |
| Pingao | Catalina M |
| Karengo | Theo S |
| Kahawai | Olive A-C |
| Toroa | Torbin C |

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews are being held on 28, 29 and 30 July. The times available are on www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and can be entered via code **bu6e9**. This will go live on Friday 26 June at 3pm.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open on Tuesday morning 8.30-9.20am and Thursday 2.30-3.20pm.

Give Hockey A Go With Your Local Club

Carlton Redcliffs Hockey always welcome new players and our Junior Club (Years 3/4 to Years 7/8) would love to hear from you.

It's a great game for both Boys and Girls so if you're interested please contact our Junior Club Captain, Katherine Pierce on 021 288 2426.



Mufti Day Tuesday 30 June Fundraiser for the SPCA



We, Cholmondeley House Captains, have decided that it is time for us to raise for a charity. Next Tuesday all students will get the chance to dress up as their favourite animal, or a pet they wish to have .

This is a fundraiser for the SPCA Foundation, so make sure to bring a gold coin donation to support the animals in need. There will be House Points awards for the best and most creative costumes!

From Gena, Liam and Sophie



St Mark's Cross Country 2020

(Yr 3,4,5,6,7,8)

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

The St Mark's Cross Country will be held on Thursday 2nd July, 2020.

Start time: 10:00 am

Finish time: 12:30 pm (approximately)

Venue: Hansen Park

No Postponement: We will advise if the cross country venue changes to being at School on Thursday via the SchoolApp if the weather is too wet and cold.

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| Race Distances / order: | Year 3 | 1 lap |
| | Year 4 | 1 lap |
| | Year 5 & 6 | 2 laps - 2km |
| | Year 7 & 8 | 3 laps - 3km |

Transportation: Students will depart School after the roll and walk to Hansen Park. (Year 3 and 4 will walk down later)

Student Requirements:

- Come to school dressed in full PE gear (shorts, top, white sports socks, shoes)
- If a school tracksuit or sweatshirt is owned it should be worn, alternatively jerseys, thermals and blazers may be worn
- Students should be dressed in warm clothing as Hansen Park can be very cold and we will be there for 2 hours
- Wear suitable footwear (bare feet are not permitted)
- Bring a water bottle and snack that can be easily carried to Hansen Park
- Students will not be required to change into their school uniform when they return to school

Zone entry is for Years 5 -8 and is based on placings and times. Community attendance at this event is both welcome and encouraged.

Maree Bigelow and Year 8 Sport leaders - Ella R, Torbin C, Enzo H, Olivia Y, Ayrton E, Heath H

P.A. NEWS

Tomorrow the PA and Student Leaders will be serving Hot Chocolate and Muffins on the junior school playground for everyone when they arrive to school after their 'Walk with a Purpose'. You will see us on the hard court outside Ōmoho.

A GREAT Response to the Chocolate FUNdraiser, even with a lock down getting in the way. THANKYOU to all whom participated. We would ask that if anyone has chocolates left that they feel they now can't sell to return these with any monies for those that you have sold. Currently we have 1/3rd of the boxes issued not returned, we would ask all those that do have boxes and or monies to now drop these into the office.

Electronic payment is preferred:

- Account Number: 03-1598-0015833-000
- Account Name: St Mark's Parents Association
- Reference: (Student's Room Name)
- Code: 'Chocolates'
- Particulars: (Student's Surname)

The Playground ideas board was a hit with all parts of the school and we have some very, very good ideas from which to draw from. Currently a group of students are looking at other school's playgrounds and will help with input into what we have already learned.

The Entertainment Book is now available for purchase, this year being different with the books as they are a phone app instead of a printed book and they run from 12 months from the date of purchase, instead of June to June. And this year you can decide to purchase it as a local, regional or international app. There are a lot of great deals in this years so to get yours go to <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1341r76>

School Disco – A popular event with the students, both junior and senior, and although we have not been able to old one this term there will be a School Disco next term. Date to be Confirmed. 😊

Term 3 will see the PA organizing and hosting our Annual Family Fun Day – More details on this at the beginning of next term.

The **St Mark's School Fair will take place on Saturday 7th November**. Next term there will be a number of notices outlining the help and support we shall need from all of our community to help make sure that once again we have the 'Greatest Lil Fair' in town.

I look forward to seeing many of you on Thursday after your 'Walk with a Purpose'

Gary Miller

Chairman, St Mark's P.A.

GARAGE SALE

SAT. 4 JULY 2020

8:30AM - 12:30PM

St Mark's Church, 101 Opawa Rd

Cash Only





ST MARKS

July School Holidays 2020



Based at St Marks Primary School - School Gymnasium

7:30am-3pm Session – \$43.00

7:30am-6pm Session - \$50.00

8:30am-3pm Session - \$38.00

8:30am-6pm Session - \$45.00

*trip fee's extra as advertised

WHAT'S ON?



Monday 6th



Monster MASH

From creepy baking to monster crafts, we will have a blast today

Tuesday 7th



Artful Antics

Let's get messy and creative! We will be making a masterpiece

Wednesday 8th



Flip Out

Don't forget your socks for today's \$15 Trip Day to Flip Out.

Thursday 9th



MASH Bake Off

Are you ready to get hands on and create some delicious treats?

Friday 10th



Freaky Friday

Topsy-Turvy, inside out, spookiness- it's all things freaky today

Monday 13th



Infinity & Beyond

Stars, Sun and the Moon. Today will be as unique as the Universe

Tuesday 14th



Around the World

It's all about different cultures, countries, & food today at MASH

Wednesday 15th



Antarctic Centre

We're off to meet the penguins & huskies today. \$15 Trip fee.

Thursday 16th



Where's Wally?

It's all about the wonderful world of Where's Wally today!

Friday 17th



Kiwi Party!

Kiwi Olympics and finishing off with a tasty treat.

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MY AFTER SCHOOL HEADQUARTERS



Book online now to secure your spot!

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