



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 12
1 July 2020

Kia ora St Mark's School!

Walk with a Purpose!

What an amazing experience for us all. Hundreds of us walking in the rain for a common purpose was such a huge outworking of our special character.

To arrive to hot chocolate and a muffin - AMAZING PA

To arrive to a warm school - AMAZING BoP.

To arrive full in the knowledge that our efforts make a difference to others - AMAZING strategy BoT.

To support **Olive H** in a radio interview - WONDERFUL students.

At the time of writing the money raised totals in excess of \$5,200. In real terms this means **over 125 students at Rwenjaza School in Uganda will receive breakfast for a year.**

AMAZING ST MARK'S SCHOOL FAMILY.



**Canon Rev. Ben Truman walking with
Olivia S, Zara P and Pippa W!**

Chocolate Fundraiser - PA

Just a reminder to those continuing to sell!!!! And a reminder to those who have sold!!!!. Even the interruption of Covid 19 hasn't dampened our quest for sweet treats. In moderation my personal view (and experience!) is that chocolate has its place.

Speech Cup

Today marks the annual speech cup competitions and independent judges typically find this a very difficult task. We applaud all those who have made the finals and congratulate all students who worked hard to write and deliver their speech.

The quality of this year's speeches have been outstanding. What was clear was how passionate our students are about topics and how confident they are in sharing them. They care deeply about creation, our world and others - and have such hope!

Congratulations to **Ethan K (Year 5 and 6)** and **Zoe R (Year 7 and 8)** who won this year's competitions. A full list of placings are published later in the newsletter.

Cross Country

Due to the health and safety concerns with the weather, we have decided to **POSTPONE the CROSS COUNTRY set for tomorrow until Week 1 Term 3 Tuesday 21st July, postponement day Wednesday 22nd July.**

Matariki

This is the term for the Maori New Year and currently classes are observing this in various ways. It is an important event to observe as it is a time to celebrate the abundance and blessings we have.

Board of Trustees

On Monday night the Board of Trustees welcomed **Rachel Stracey** and **Kavita Lallu** as additional board members elected by selection. We are so grateful that their God given gifts and talents have drawn them to the Board, and pray that their time on the Board might be fruitful and one of fulfilment.

Bucket Filling!

This is a phrase that has slowly permeated our school and takes many forms. In Education it typically refers to positive behaviours and attitudes particularly kindness. The concept relates to student wellbeing and positivity. In our school acts of kindness are a reflection of our call to serve and care for others as Christ did. These acts can be selfless but in the process reciprocity means that our own sense of connection to others and to God are the riches to strive for. In the last 2 weeks just out of the blue **Alice A** made a very special poster for me, and **Max P, Andy G, Asay-A U, and Matthew C** shared a very funny video they had made and **Shadeh H** welcomed a visiting child to our school in the most beautiful way.

I know there are things that we don't always get right, but living out our school values through faithfulness to God and others is transformative.

We wish you all a safe and happy holiday. It has been a long term, and not the climate for learning expected at the start of the year. In spite of that our middle of the year progress and achievement data is very positive. I will be able to share some of this next term once all details are in. Staff are currently preparing this information for discussion and in preparation for reports and interviews next term.

Blessings everyone, Averil and all staff.



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Upcoming Events

3 July	End of Term Service - 2.15pm
21 July	Years 3-8 Cross Country
22 July	Years 3-8 Cross Country Postponement date
27 July	Reports to Parents
28-30 July	Teacher/Parent Interviews

2020 Term Dates

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	Alfie M
Pūtakitaki	Leo D
Kōura	Harry O
Tuaki	Frankie E
Karoro	Ethan S
Pingao	Shree Lathiya
Karengo	Oscar P
Kahawai	Monty S
Toroa	Elizabeth R/Emily M

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**.

Speech Cup Results

Year 5/6

1st Ethan K

2nd Olive H

3rd Benjamin C

Year 7/8

1st Zoe R

2nd Theo Yoder

3rd= Kaelan G and Olivia Y



Dental Care during the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will be providing dental care for children enrolled with our service during the upcoming school holidays. The clinics will offer treatment and relief of pain sessions by appointment only. To make an appointment please call/email our Contact Centre which operates between the hours of 8am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday throughout the holidays.

The following Dental Clinics will be open during these school holidays:

- **Burnside Clinic, 96A Memorial Avenue, Burnside,**
- **Hornby Clinic, 2 Hei Hei Road, Hornby,**
- **Lincoln Clinic, 35 James Street, Lincoln,**
- **Timaru Clinic, Level 1, 18 Woollcombe Street, Timaru**

The clinics will offer appointments between 8.15am and 4.45pm for school-age and preschool children requiring treatment.

If your child has dental pain because of an accident, please contact your dentist in the first instance.

To book an appointment at one of our clinics please: **call 0800 846 983** or email comm dental@cdhb.health.nz

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.

MARIAN COLLEGE ENROLLING NOW FOR 2021

Haere mai, Talofa lava and Welcome!

Marian College is a Catholic community with a love of faith, learning and service for the common good.

In 2021, there will be three classes of Year 9 students. To avoid disappointment please submit your daughter's enrolment application by our closing date of **31 July 2020**. We are offering opportunities to discover Marian College through video, on our Facebook page and website.

To enrol visit our website

<http://www.mariancollege.school.nz/> to download your application form.

Contact us at exec@mariancollege.school.nz or phone (03) 3858 449.

P.A. NEWS

It's Term Break Time, Yay!! – Does it feel like we've just had one big long term that's lasted since Feb 4th with a detention in the middle of it? At last a chance now for our tamariki, our whanau and our teachers and support staff to have a chance to really unwind and recharge themselves ahead of term 3 and 4. **A VERY BIG** Thank you to all of the staff at St Mark's for getting our children through these past few months with their continued ongoing learning and development.

WELL DONE to ALL involved with the Walk with a Purpose event last week and what an amazing amount raised to help those school children in Uganda. The PA look forward to supporting this event again next year.

School Disco – A popular event with the students, both junior and senior, this will be held on **Friday 7th August** Next term, so mark that in your social calendars and sort out your glad rags during the holidays.

Calendars and Diaries – These will be available for purchase during term 4. In term 3 students will get the chance to submit their artwork for their own personalized items.

School Connections – we are sending home a Business info page with the eldest sibling of each family. If you have a business that you would like to have included in our School Connections Business Directory please fill out the form and send back to school at beginning of term 3. Alternatively click on this link <https://forms.gle/bVMuWuhfpGk1HiH26> and fill out the information sheet.

Please tell us about a business if they meet one or more of the following...

- A past or present St Mark's family member are currently employed by the business
- A past or present St Mark's family member currently own the business
- You know they are affiliated with the school in some way - provided raffle prizes, sponsorship, goods and services to the school.

This is our way of helping to **SUPPORT** our school whānau and local business community.

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.

For now, Enjoy the Term Break and we look forward to seeing you all in term 3.

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

