



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 6
20 May 2020

From the School Bubble

What a great 3 days we have had at school. It has made our hearts sing welcoming students back and being part of their enthusiastic return to school.

There is nothing quite like face to face teaching and being with your friends.

And staff are just thrilled to be in front of their classes.

The focus this week has been on wellbeing and connections, and spending time eating, playing and learning in waka has given us all space for this.

Having the whole playground to yourself is a bonus!

Gate pick up and drop off!

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for meeting us at the gates for drop off and pick up.

- Just a gentle reminder that if your **child is late**, that they arrive through the **Cholmondeley Ave entrance and sign in at the office.**
- **Absences - MUST** be reported to the teacher or office - this relates directly to contact tracing - a key part of the Ministry of Health expectations.
- **Child appointment?** You **MUST** let your teacher know of the date and time when your child will be absent from school, when they will leave and return, and we ask that that EVERY

- child who is taken out of school for any reason is returned through the **Cholmondeley Ave entrance, where office staff can monitor their return time.**

Kapa haka and Orchestra - start this week! Matua Steve and Josie Stanford are so happy to be back!

Junior and Performance Choirs

Start Wednesday 27th May and Friday 29th May respectively. Please be prompt at 8.30am - Mr Ellis is super excited to be back!

Technology Years 7 and 8

Likely to return next Wednesday 27th May - communication regarding this to be sent before Friday 22nd May.

In this newsletter I have included some images from the first days back at school.

From Waka Hourua student caricatures, to Waka Pūhara messages of strength to Mōkihi invisible threads - we find signs of a vibrant school.

Planning, zoom meetings, team collaboration, personalising learning, whakatauki, passion projects, whanaungatanga - mean nothing without children - and our community.

We hope you have all settled into your "new normal" with the extension of your bubbles! Thank you again for the privilege of sharing this journey with you.

Blessings, Averil







An Update from the Board of Trustees Review Committee



FOR INFORMATION

2020 Term 2 – Policy Reviews:

As part of St Mark's three-year review cycle, there are no Policy areas requiring feedback from school parents this term.

Two policies that will have input from Board members and staff this term are:

- Documentation and Self Review
- Employer Responsibility

2020 Term 2 - Assurance:

In addition to reviewing policy, it's also the role of the Board to gain **ASSURANCE** that the operational policy and procedures are being operationalised in the school.

This term we will undertake assurance on a variety of areas including

<u>Finance and Property Management</u>	<u>Health, Safety, and Welfare</u>	<u>Legislation and Administration</u>
- SUE (Staff Usage and Expenditure)	- Abuse Recognition and Reporting - Digital Technology and Cybersafety - Evacuation Procedure/Emergency Kit - Risk Management	- Student attendance