



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 9
10 June 2020

Kia ora St Mark's School!

It has been GREAT to welcome you back onsite! We have missed you!

DRUM ROLL - The Coffee Cart is COMING BACK - THIS FRIDAY YAHOOEE

This promises to be a momentous day for the coffee aficionados in the community - It is with great anticipation we look forward to Friday and the chance to support our amazing PA!



Walk with a Purpose- WWAP

The Special Character Review highlighted the outworking of the Five Marks of Mission in service. WWAP is an annual event and recognises our needs to think of communities beyond our borders who need our support. This year we have shifted the walk from the original date to **Thursday 25th June**. Please consider joining us on this day as we walk from our homes in honour of those children supported by the **Fountain of Peace**. A notice with details will explain. Various staff and families are walking from all across Christchurch.



Move to Level 1

The move to Level 1 has been such a joyful time. The students have all appreciated fewer restrictions and reminders about social distancing. We are still working hard to clean frequently shared surfaces, and the best cough and sneeze etiquette is being followed. Keeping your children home when they are sick is still advised. Please use either gate for drop off and pick up. TAG is back!

NUTS! NO

This is a reminder and plea that we are a **NO NUTS** school. There are students in our school with very very severe allergies to nuts, they have epipens and require ambulance treatment. Your child's lunches must NOT contain nuts of any variety so that we can keep these students safe.

Uniform shop

The uniform shop is still using appointment time to meet your uniform need for this week. It will be great when everyone is at school in all the uniform they need.

CHURCH

Church is BACK! This Friday 9am you are ALL WELCOME to join us in the school hall for the first full school church service post Lockdown. Rev. Ben is looking forward to one service with us all and Mr Ellis is likely to have the Performance Choir ready with an anthem.

Dates and notes for your diary:

- **Aims Games has been cancelled,**
- **Teacher/Parent Interviews - 28th, 29th and 30th July - the online booking system will be available from next week.**
- **Reports to parents - Monday 27th July.**
- **End of Term Service 2.15pm Friday 3rd July.**

Blessings everyone, Averil



Upcoming Events

25 June	Walk with a Purpose
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

Pūtakitaki	Jake H
Kōura	Eli N
Tuaki	Pippa F-D
Karoro	Ryan M
Kāmana	Sofia D
Pingao	Sonja Cole
Karengo	Emily H
Kahawai	Nariah D
Toroa	London V

New Family

We welcome the following new family to our school and pray they find a turangawaewae in this place with us:

Anthony B and his parents Beata and Viktor

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesday morning 8.30-9.20am and Thursday 2.30-3.20pm next week.

Scholastic Book Club

Order forms for Scholastic Books have been sent home. Orders may be placed direct with Scholastic at www.mybookclub.scholastic.nz. An easy way to order online yourself and will be delivered direct to school. Orders close on Friday 12 June. The Gift Function has been turned on in LOOP! This allows parents to place a separate order as a surprise gift for their child. Items marked as a gift will be delivered to school and will be set aside at the school office for parents to collect.

Coffee Cart

Get your coffee fix this Friday!

The Coffee Cart is up and running again!

There is a discount for bringing your own cup!

See you on Friday!



Subway can be ordered for lunch every **Tuesday**. To place an online order, visit www.subway.co.nz/schools and follow the instructions to place your order by 9am each Subway day. Alternatively, envelopes are in the office and you can either pay with the correct cash or credit card.

P.A. NEWS

PA Chocolate Fundraiser

Thank you for your support of the PA this year and with the fundraising efforts on the chocolate sales. The interest has exceeded expectations and we are pleased to inform that 195 boxes were taken home by the School community. A fantastic effort for the upgrade of our school playground.

Our original due date for payments was during the lockdown. With school now being reopened we would like to remind parents of the payment details and that payment is requested ASAP:

\$60 Per Box taken home

Electronic payment is now preferred due to Level 2 restrictions.

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

Cash payment remains an option and can be left at the school office. Please use the envelopes provided or instead write the same details as above onto the envelope. (Reference, Code, Particulars).

If you have chocolates you are unable to sell please return them to the school office ASAP.

Once again thank you for your amazing support with this fundraiser.

Best regards,
Jacinda Thomsen
on behalf of the PA

Entertainment Book

St Mark's School is fundraising with entertainment books again this year but a little differently. Everything has gone digital and the book is now an app on your phone and can be shared across more than one device for your family. There are a lot of great deals in this years so to get yours go to <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1341r76>

Fountain of Peace – Walk with a Purpose

25th June 2020



We are so excited to announce that this year's Fountain of Peace –Walk with a Purpose will be held on **Thursday the 25th of June**. What a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together and re-connect in this way for such a significant cause. This year we are blessed to be joined by the Founder and Executive Director of Fountain of Peace Children's Foundation NZ, Jane Laurie. Jane will be joining Olivia Sharr and her mum walking 10 km from their home in Halswell to St Mark's School. Jane will then speak to the students at St Mark's School about the significance of their Walk with a Purpose and the difference funds raised will make in the lives of children in Uganda.

The idea of Walk with a Purpose came two years ago when Olive Harris and her dad decided to fundraise for those in need by walking from their house in Lyttelton over the Port Hills to St Mark's School in time for the start of the school day. They were joined last year by up to around 80 St Mark's students, teachers and family members who walked from their own homes, leaving as early as 5.30 am, in order to reach school by 8.30 am.

We would love for as many students and family members as possible to get involved in this wonderful school community event. We will be setting up walking bus routes on Messenger so people can join each other on their walk to school from different areas of the city.

If you would like to join this year's Walk with a Purpose please register by emailing Tania Sharr at tania.sharr@hotmail.com. In the email would you please include your child's name, the name of the adult who will be walking with them, the address they will be walking from and phone number. If you would like to join others walking from your area please also include your messenger name. This will be forwarded to Rachael Okey who will be coordinating the walking bus routes. Rachael will then be in touch with more details about this.

We will continue to send out information in the lead up to our Walk with a Purpose. There will be a Give a Little Page for sponsorship for your walk. We will also have a sponsorship form if people would like to use this for their fundraising and a donation box at school.

All money raised from this year's Walk with a Purpose will again go towards the Fountain of Peace feeding programme at the Rwenjaza Hillside School in Uganda. All of the 500 students walk to and from school every school day, sometimes up to 10 km and many on an empty tummy. Uganda is still currently in lock down itself, so these students will be facing many trials of their own right now, with their parents inability to buy and sell at their local markets and facing significant inflation and hardship.

Once restrictions have lifted and the school reopens it will be crucial to recommence the feeding programme for students at the Rwenjaza School. This programme provides each student with a nourishing cup of porridge each school day which will be life giving and life changing for each of the Rwenjaza students, including the girl pictured above.

The cost to provide a porridge meal for a child each school day for a whole year is just \$36. What a huge difference we can make through uniting together in making a difference in the lives of these children.

If you would like to read more about the transformational work of Fountain of Peace please go to www.fountainofpeace.org.nz.

If you have any questions please contact Tania Sharr on 021 380 559 or email tania.sharr@hotmail.com. Tania is a St Mark's School parent and Fountain of Peace Children's Foundation NZ volunteer.

Lastly - many thanks to Olive Harris who started the vision of Walk with a Purpose by following her dream to make a difference in the lives of those in need.

The TOOTING TRIBE



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- here St Mark's School.*

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**One-on-one lessons are
available now!**

My philosophy on brass education is catered for each individual, we may all have similar goals, but there are generally different roads to achieve them and I am here to guide your child the most enjoyable and efficient way possible.

Whether your child is starting from scratch, wanting to learn to read music, attain a grade exam or just simply create music for fun. Brass lessons are available to students of all ages and levels.

Graduating with a Masters Degree in Performance trumpet at the Royal Academy of Music in London, I am also qualified with a LRAM (Licentiate to the Royal Academy of Music in Brass Specific Teaching) to assist in guiding students through grade examinations, including Trinity College, ABRSM and NCEA qualifications.

A variety of Brass Instruments are also available for rent if required.

As well as teaching at St Mark's School, I have my own private studio [The Tooting Tribe](#) in the Christchurch CBD, I also teach Trumpet at University of Canterbury, and various schools around the Canterbury region. I have also been an artist teacher at the New Zealand School of Music, Victoria University, Wellington.

Please get in touch, it would be great to discuss options for lessons.

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