



# St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 1  
22 July 2020

## Kia ora St Mark's School!

Welcome back to Term 3 and the joys of a third term with the days getting longer and warmer!

### Senior Cross Country

Our sincere thanks to those whānau who were able to support the runners yesterday. Using a new barcode systems developed by **Mr Malcolm Long (ex Headmaster Cathedral Grammar School)** and new super friend of St Mark's School, the cross country was run seamlessly. All runners are rewarded for their efforts in the form of House Points so great incentives to run at your best potential.

Our thanks to the Sports Leaders - **Ella R, Enzo H, Olivia Y, Heath H, Ayrton E, Torbin C** - who carried out their leadership roles with great enthusiasm. Mrs Bigelow was very grateful for their help!

Junior Cross Country is today!!!

### St Mark's School Centenary April 9 -11 2021

On Monday the Centenary Committee met to discuss and finalise the program for the events of this weekend of celebrations. The committee, having confirmed some bookings, are close to finalising the program. This will be published on the facebook page and on our website. We do ask where possible that current community members share the details with as many in your network as possible. Various sources of advertising will be used, however "word of mouth" is a powerful tool.

### Kiwi Competitions: Academic Maths, English and Science

The University of Canterbury Kiwi Tests have been rescheduled thanks to the influence of the lockdown earlier this year. All tests will be conducted 9:15am - 10:30am.

**Thursday 30 July: Science**

**Thursday 6 August: English**

**Friday 7 August: Mathematics**

Students in Year 5 will be provided school devices. Students in Year 6-8 will need to be prepared with their own fully charged device on the day. Adrian Rennie

### Walk with a Purpose

Last term our incredible fundraising efforts - in excess of \$5,000.00 - were dedicated to Fountain of Peace and the feeding program for children.

The students from Rwenjaza School are still in lock down and will be indefinitely with the current Covid crisis. Some of these students and families are in terrible situations with no food to survive on. Our FOP team are looking at ways of helping and are talking about arranging to get food parcels sent to them. In order to pay for these emergency food parcels the money raised from the Walk with a Purpose will now be released for these emergency parcels. The needs are so great and so on your behalf I have agreed with the FOP team to act now. What a great benefit this will be in such difficult circumstances.

### Year 5 - 8 Sport

We have committed to supporting this Canterbury program for the next 6 Thursdays. Teams will play hockey, netball and football at various venues against a number of other schools. THANK YOU to those parents and whānau who are coaching and/or umpiring to make this happen.

### Sustainability

Please note the PA letter regarding discounts for coffees etc using your own cups. All staff follow this protocol now.

### Reports and Parent Interviews

It will be such a joy for staff to meet with their class whānau to discuss the progress and development of students. Reports arrive home before these meetings and offer a point of reference for discussions. These meetings are seen as crucial points of contact for home/school partnerships, but as always you can contact your child's teacher/s at any time.

In the coming days I will release a calendar list of important dates for your reference, including Term dates 2021, events in 2020, church dates for waka and camps.

Blessings everyone, Averil and all staff.



*Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story*

## Upcoming Events

27 July	Reports to Parents
28 July	Independent Zones Cross Country
28-30 July	Teacher/Parent Interviews
3-6 Aug	Scholastic Book Fair

## 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

## Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews are being held on 28, 29 and 30 July. The times available are on [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and can be entered via code **bu6e9**. Bookings close this Friday!

## Lost Property

There is a large number of items in our Lost Property. Please take the time to check the cupboard inside the Cholmondeley Ave entrance.

## Parking



Just a reminder to respect our neighbours when parking round the school!



## St Mark's School - Scholastic Book Fair 2020

The Scholastic Book Fair returns to St Mark's in Week 3 (3rd - 6th August).

Books will be available for purchase using cash or eftpos in Ōmoho from 8.00am on Tuesday and Wednesday, and after school until 3.30 from Monday to Thursday. The profits made are used to buy extra books for the St Mark's School library. We will have a variety of competitions running during the week, and some guest authors will be sharing their books and the writing and publishing process with us.

Don't forget Friday of Week 3 is Book Character Mufti Day. If someone in your whanau is interested in reading to small groups of children at lunch time or break time in Week 3 please email Miss B to set up a time. ([m.bryant@saintmarks.school.nz](mailto:m.bryant@saintmarks.school.nz)). We can suggest books for you to read or you can bring a family favourite to share. It would be lovely to have lots of our wider St Mark's School community joining us to celebrate a love of books and literature.





# Mt Hutt Trip 4 August

## Signup and payment form goes live this evening, 6pm.

Sadly, due to Alert Level 1 regulations, we have been asked to limit this year's group to only 50-students.

Students in years 5-8 are very welcome to come along and we will need a crew of parent helpers to join us. A signup form will go live on our St Mark's School App this evening at 6pm. In the interests of fairness, everyone will receive a notification when the form goes live.

The signup form will close after 50 places are filled and paid for.

(There's no need to fill in the form if you're not interested in coming on our Mt Hutt trip.)

The trip costs \$85. This must be paid in full to secure a place on the trip.



## YEAR 4-8 CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

### Year 4 Girls

1st Zara P  
2nd Pippa W  
3rd Laurika de L

### Year 4 Boys

1st Zachary O  
2nd Samuel B  
3rd Jake H

### Year 5 Girls

1st Piper E  
2nd Felicity W  
3rd Tessa C

### Year 5 Boys

1st Xavier F  
2nd Jesse S  
3rd Lincoln S

### Year 6 Girls

1st Sienna G  
2nd Danielle G  
3rd Saffron D

### Year 6 Boys

1st Dustin S  
2nd Matthew C  
3rd Monty S

### Year 7 Girls

1st Olivia M  
2nd Amelia H  
3rd Jasmine G

### Year 7 Boys

1st Ioli K  
2nd Andrew G  
3rd Rafi W-S

### Year 8 Girls

1st Chelsea P  
2nd Sophie F-D  
3rd Zoe R

### Year 8 Boys

1st Torbin C  
2nd Isaac W  
3rd Liam S

# P.A. NEWS

## School Grounds - Coffee Pricing Changes

Thank you so much for continuing to support the work of the PA while getting your sugar and/or caffeine hit to get you through the day. Last term we trialled some new prices to better reflect our costs and to encourage sustainable practices by offering a discount for bringing your own cup.

1. *Mark of Mission #5 - To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth*

Item	Price
Fluffy	\$0.50
Deluxe Fluffy (incl. syrup, marshmallow and chocolate fish)	\$2.00
Kids Hot Chocolate (incl. marshmallow and chocolate fish)	\$2.50
Medium Coffee/Hot Chocolate	\$4.00
Large Coffee/Hot Chocolate	\$4.50
Extra or Flavour shot	\$0.50

### Discounts

Bring own cup	50c off (excl. Fluffy range)
Staff	\$1 off
Cards	Buy 10, get 2 free