



# St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 10  
23 September 2020

## Kia ora Te Kura o Hato Māka

It is a little hard to believe we are in the last days of Term 3. It has been wonderful to be back in the classrooms, and even with different level restrictions, continue with a full range of activities and programs.

## Centennial - April 9th - 11th 2021

This week I thought I would inform you of the members of the committee working behind the scenes, and seek your feedback on a draft outline of the weekend events.

**Mrs Eleanor Okey - ex Assistant Principal.**

**Mrs Christine Sullivan - ex long serving staff member.**

**Mr Martin and Mrs Sheila Sinclair - ex board and staff members.**

**Mrs Lorraine Brereton - current long serving staff member**

**Mrs Nell Pascoe - ex long serving staff member.**

**Mrs Margaret Neate - current Board of Proprietors member and myself.**

Draft outline of the program for the weekend is offered in the link below.

I would welcome feedback from the school community on this draft. Please note it is a draft and is an outline - details while discussed, are yet to be added.

[St Mark's School 1921 – 2021 Draft program.pdf](#)

## Term Dates 2021

After careful attention to the requirements of the Ministry of Education I want to confirm the following Term dates for 2021.

I draw your attention to the first Monday of **every** term - These will be **4 TEACHER ONLY DAYS in 2021 (TOD)**. As part of the Primary Teachers and Principals collective agreement 8 additional teacher only days were to be added to the calendar (at no cost to the number of half days), and to be used before **June 2022**.

**TERM 1 - Monday 1st February (TOD school closed) - Friday 16th April.**

**(Waitangi Day - Monday 8th February school CLOSED)**

**(Easter - Friday 2nd April - Tuesday 6th April with 2nd, 5th and 6th April school CLOSED)**

**TERM 2 - Monday May 3rd (TOD - school closed) - Friday 9th July**

**Monday 7th June - Queens Birthday - school CLOSED)**

**TERM 3 - Monday 26th July (TOD - school closed) - Friday 1st October.**

**TERM 4 - Monday 18th October (TOD - school closed) - Tuesday 14th December**

**Monday 25th October Labour Day - school CLOSED)**

**Friday 12th - November - Show Day - school CLOSED)**

## Annual Year 8 vs Teacher Netball game!

Played in brilliant sunshine and with wonderful school support, the game was a highlight of everyone's day. Mr Gordon was penalised for being too tall, Miss Y played an exceptional game, Mrs Bigelow was all over the court, Sinead B brought style to the group, Miss Steele showed she was the ultimate team player, Mr Davis was unrelenting in defence, Mrs Wellbourn showed her skills in a tutu, Mr Clarkson can clearly adapt to any game and Sandy had an early exit.

The Year 8 students played so well and were cheered on by their church buddies. Mr Rennie was the referee - great work.

Pictures paint a thousand words - see later in the newsletter.

## Singing Cup

A highlight in our school calendar, this event is happening **tomorrow**. We were so happy with the entries this year and auditions for finals showed the amazing talent that exists in our school.

We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Jo Dodgshun as the adjudicator - hers the unenviable task of judging the competition. Jo is well known in Christchurch music circles being part of many choirs and groups, and previously Head of Music at The Cathedral Grammar School.

Staff wish you all a very happy break. We hope that the sun is shining and family time is in abundance.

As we turn our heads to the last term and 2021, my prayer is that as a community we reflect on 2020 as one where our community shone the light of Christ into the world.

See you at school!

Blessings Averil



*Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story*

## Upcoming Events

24 Sep Singing Cup  
25 Sep End of Term Service - 2pm

## 2020 Term Dates

Term 4 - Monday 12 October - Friday 11 December  
Teacher only day - Tuesday 27 October

## Church Certificates

|            |            |
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| Raupō      | Mitchell S |
| Inaka      | Lachlan S  |
| Pūtakitaki | Willa H    |
| Kōura      | Violet J   |
| Kamana     | Pippa W    |
| Pingao     | Sonja C    |
| Karoro     | Lennix C   |
| Karengo    | Andrew G   |
| Kahawai    | Foster H   |
| Toroa      | Isaac W    |

## Prize giving Cups

Children, who were awarded Cups and Trophies at the 2019 Prize Giving ceremony, are asked to return these to the school office by **as soon as possible**. It would be greatly appreciated if these can be polished before returning.



## Book Amnesty!

After our incredibly successful Book Fair we have books on our minds. Before we restock the shelves...

Lost, Unloved, Forgotten, Hidden, Old,

Do you have any school books at home, in the car, at granny's house, under the bed, behind the sofa, on your own bookshelf, in the bathroom, on mum's desk, under the computer, in the dog basket, at the bach?

**Journals, reading books, library books, text books,  
reference books, class reading books?**

We would love to see them again. Drop them off, no questions asked! In the foyer is an

"Anonymous Amnesty Book Box!"

Can we fill it by the end of term and bring our books back to school? Go on, do the right thing!

Have a look, who knows what you may rediscover for us.

## Sports Results

### Netball

St Mark's Penguins 3 v Cotswald 7  
Player of the Day: Alex H  
St Mark's Lions lost 15-9  
Player of the Day: Phoebe M  
St Mark's Leopards 7 v Lyttelton 3  
Player of the Day: The Team

### Basketball

St Mark's Saints 18 v OLA Crusaders 16  
Player of the Day: Rafi W-S  
St Mark's Tigers 16 v St Martins Thunder 6  
Player of the Day: Miriama N

## Uniform Shop

A reminder that next term we change to summer uniform the uniform shop is open by appointment only. The shop will be open during the holidays on Friday 9 October from 9.30-11.30am. Bookings will go live later this week.

To make a booking, please go to:

[www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)

Code: pumjk

## Chess

Last week, several students were awarded badges for passing their chess tests. Congratulations to Harry S, Xavier F, Ben A and Islah S for passing their level one 'Pawn' badge test and to Ryan M, Piper E and Lincoln S for passing their level two 'Knight' badge test.



## STAFF VERSUS STUDENTS NETBALL MATCH





# Sausage & Sizzle™

Cash orders due tomorrow (Thursday)

Delivery on Friday





## An Update from the Board of Trustees Review Committee



## 2020 Term 3 – Policy Reviews:

**\*\*\*WE NEED YOUR INPUT PLEASE\*\*\***

This term we are reviewing the following policy and invite your feedback (anonymously if desired), as part of our three-year review cycle.

### **Learning Support**

It is from this policy that procedures that relate to the way our school operates are developed. For this reason, we want to encourage parents to become familiar with our policies and recommend any changes that might be required.

Giving feedback on the policy is **VERY EASY!!**

1. Go to [www.schooldocs.co.nz](http://www.schooldocs.co.nz) and click on search for your school.
2. Type "St Marks School"
3. Pick "St Marks School"
4. Enter the following  
Username: stmarks  
Password: saint
5. Find the policy that's up for review, read it, click on the red bubble in the top right-hand corner of the policy and enter your feedback. (if there is no red option, pick the green speech bubble instead).

The cut off for feedback is the last day of Term 1 – **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020.**

## 2020 Term 3 - Assurance:

The role of the St Marks Board is also to gain **ASSURANCE** that our operational policy and procedures are being operationalised within the school.

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

| <u>Employer Responsibility</u>   | <u>Health, Safety and Welfare</u>  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Appraisal of the Principal</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Physical Restraint</li><li>- Risk Management</li><li>- Safety Management System</li><li>- Surrender &amp; Retention of Property and Searches</li><li>- Medicines, Minor/Moderate Injury or Illness</li><li>- Risk Management</li></ul> |



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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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# OCTOBER MUSIC COMPETITION FINALS

THIS IS THE BIGGEST EVENT OF THE YEAR WHERE THE SCHOOLS BEST OF THE  
BEST COMPETE TO WIN TROPHIES AND PRIZES IN DIFFERENT CATEGORIES

**7PM**

**15TH**

**OCTOBER**

**MCCOMBS PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE,  
CASHMERE HIGH SCHOOL 7PM  
TICKETS: DOOR SALES ONLY, EFTPOS OR CASH  
\$5 STUDENTS, \$10 ADULTS, \$20 FAMILY OF 4  
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**