



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 2
30 July 2020

Kia ora St Mark's School!

The newsletter is a day late due to Spark and N4L networking issues.
I hope this finds you all well.

Reports and Parent Interviews

Thank you so much to everyone who has been able to come to interviews to continue conversations about all aspects of your child's learning.

Staff so value the one to one time post report writing, but of course welcome you at any time.

If questions have arisen for you in these interviews that are wider than classroom learning, you can contact me and if you would like to, make time to talk. I am absolutely committed to EVERY child and whānau member. No conversation is too small or too courageous to have.

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**

Staffing

Ms Adrienne Hale is on medical leave for the first few weeks of term which means the music curriculum in classes is suspended until her return. We are grateful that **Mrs Sarah Learman** and **Mrs Susan Fisher** are available to cover the teacher release Ms Hale so ably delivers. Our prayers are with her for a speedy recovery. **Ms Steans (now Mrs Wise!)** is also joining us on certain days.

Cross Country

We are so proud of our runners at the Independent Zone Cross Country - it is a tough zone! Our congratulations to **Ioli K and Piper E** who will represent the zone at the Canterbury Cross Country on the **12th August**.

Church

This week Waka Pūhara will join the Ōpawa/St Martin's parish in worship in our school hall. We do so love these Sundays which happen once a year refreshing that special relationship with our school. See you there!

Book Week

NEXT WEEK! **Ms May Bryant**, along with our librarians and other Year 8 students, have worked tirelessly to bring a colourful and special week of books and reading and sharing print! There are guest authors reading and sharing their work, whānau members sharing books competitions, displays and general super energy for the world and joy of books and reading.

Double love!

This week I have been reminded of the one big law of love - God and others. This law is the foundation of St Mark's, our values, our 5 marks of mission and is at the centre of all relationships in our school.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Mat 22:34-40

Who is my neighbour? - everyone in need.

Blessings everyone, Averil and all staff.



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Upcoming Events

3-6 Aug Scholastic Book Fair
7 August School Disco

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	Lucy O'D
Pūtakitaki	Alice A
Kōura	Eli M
Tuaki	Ariya S
Karoro	Iva F
Pingao	Coco A
Kamana	Finn J
Karengo	Ruby T
Kahawai	Rosa T

Sports Results

Netball

St Mark's Year 3 v St Nicolas 5

Player of the Day: Frank E

St Mark's Tigers:

Player of the Day: Olivia S (great all round game)

St Mark's Dolphins 8 v Thorrrington 4

Player of the Day: Maybelle H (fantastic defence and reading of the game)

St Mark's Leopards 13 v St Margarets 6

Player of the Day: Catalina M

St Mark's Lions 15 v Lyttelton 10

Player of the Day: Isla R

Basketball

St Mark's Saints 4 v Opawa Dragons 30

Player of the Day: Rafi W-S

St Mark's Tigers 40 v Oaklands Crusaders 0

Player of the Day: Miriama N



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.



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). 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.



Zones cross country

Congratulations to our runners who competed at the Independent Zones cross country held at Ascot Park. It was a bitterly cold mid winter day! We are extremely proud of all our distance runners. Ioli and Piper both placed within the top six and will represent St Mark's School and our Independent Zone at the Canterbury Cross country on Wednesday 12th August.

Xavier, Jesse, Piper, Felicity, Dustin, Matthew Ch, Monty, Oscar, Danielle, Sienna, Saffron, Olivia M, Jasmine G, Ioli, Andrew, Nariah, Chelsea, Sophie



Year 6/7 Bridle Path Walk



Waka Pūhara Service



**ST MARK'S
SCHOOL HALL**



**SUNDAY 2
AUGUST**



10 AM

YOU'RE INVITED

Welcome to Worship

This Sunday we're very excited to invite the children and families of Waka Pūhara to join us for worship. Joint services between the parish and school have been a part of our shared life since the school's beginning and we greatly value the connection. They are an important part of the special character life of the school and attendance is expected.

What to Expect

- The service will last approximately 1 hour, with morning tea to follow.
- Grandparents, siblings and others are very warmly invited to join us.
- Students (incl. siblings in other waka) are expected to wear their dress uniform.
- A collection will be taken to assist the running of the parish.
- We will be celebrating Holy Communion in a semi-picnic style where bread and wine in a common cup will be offered. Students and adults are welcome to receive both, but receiving the bread only is perfectly acceptable. If receiving both we ask you not to dip the bread into the wine.
- Selected students will be reading and praying during the service.
- At the end of the service all students will lead a sung blessing.

Special Instructions

We'll be reading about the feeding of the 5,000 from Matthew 14:13-21, and want to re-enact some of it so, if you're able, please

- Bring a picnic rug and some cushions or beach chairs to sit on.
- Come early to have time to set up your picnic area (perhaps sharing with a friendly family).
- Bring something for the City Mission food bank (we hope to have 12 baskets full).

Questions?

Feel free to contact your classroom teacher or Rev'd Ben if you have any questions.

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P.A. NEWS

It's Term 3 – I sincerely hope that you and your family had the chance to really unwind and recharge yourselves during the recent school break. This term we shall start to turn our focus toward the School Fair. At the end of August we shall be sending home the Fair Goody Bags for families to fill with a myriad of items that all go to helping make the fair a success. Look out for these later in the term.

We've TEAMED up with St Mark's Church – To work collaboratively together with this year's Church and School Fairs. Instead of running two fairs separately, Reverend Ben and I have reached agreement to bring these two social events together under the one umbrella.

School Disco – A popular event with the students, both junior and senior, this will be held on Friday 7th August, next week. Check out the posters around the school for details and also the song selection sheets, add your favorite song/s to this so we can make sure you hear all your favorites.

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

Thank you to the parents that have agreed to help with next week's Ski Trip, a VERY popular event on the school calendar and we look forward to hearing all about this year's trip when the students return.

A BIG THANK YOU to Ros and the Team on the Coffee Cart for helping to keep the warm drinks flowing during these colder winter days. Spring is just around the corner 😊

Gary Miller

Chairman, St Mark's P.A.

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AUG
7TH

Yr 0-4 6pm-7:15pm

Yr 5-8 7:30pm to 9pm

Parent to come and collect your child (sign
in hall/sign out hall exit)

Hot Chips & potato chips available for
purchase. Drinks free.

Face painting at junior disco for a gold coin
donation.