



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 6
26 August 2020

Kia ora St Mark's School!

My continued thanks for your ongoing support for the Kiss and Drop/Pick Up at the gates. Staff are also enjoying the extra interaction with students and the opportunities to connect with whānau.

Community Consultation - Curriculum

Thank you so much to those families who have completed the survey. We are so grateful. Mrs Wells is offering incentives! Please take the time to complete this survey - we want to hear from you.

Centennial - April 9th - 11th 2021

Please keep this on your radar! Covid 19 is not dampening our progress and excitement for this milestone.

Partnership/Mahi Ngātahi - the work of being together

This week I have had the privilege of working with some whānau which has highlighted for me how crucial communication is. This is never one way but in the context of the year there has been some changes of details, changes in dates and times and inevitably those things we might expect to be known are not always! We are aiming to improve in these areas, and currently **Mr Adrian Rennie** is reviewing all "systems", including pre and post Covid restrictions with the goal of increasing efficiency and efficacy.

If you would like to communicate directly with him, please use his email:

a.rennie@saintmarks.school.nz

Car Incidents

In the last month, I have learned of 3 incidents with cars backing into other cars parked on Cholmondeley Ave. Disappointingly a note has not always been left to indicate the event and contact details. Instead witnesses have shared this information.

It seems to me that making these mistakes right is an obligatory expectation in our community and society. Our close businesses, our neighbours and our school families deserve this respect.

Students

From next week I intend to have a section reserved for communication from our senior students. Watch out for their voice.

Calendar

The calendar is up to date and we encourage you to check it regularly for information that is easily accessible from our website.

A list of published dates is being constructed for distribution.

Kapa haka

Our team is practising so hard under the expert guidance of **Matua Steve**. The Tūhono Festival is on **Saturday 19th September** in the Town Hall this year - thank you to all those whānau who will help make this happen. They are sounding fantastic already.

Keep well everyone. We are weathering challenging times. Our faith offers hope and peace.

Blessings Averil



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

2020 Term Dates

Term 4 - Monday 12 October - Friday 11 December

Teacher only day - Tuesday 27 October

Church Certificates

Inaka	Lily H
Pūtakitaki	Ariki E
Kōura	Lemarle D-A
Tuaki	Arran MacD/Lakshmi M-N
Kamana	Millie H
Pingao	Nikhil J
Karengo	Miriama N/Amelia H
Kahawai	Samuel T
Toroa	Zoe R

Singing Cup

It is so amazing to have 62 students signed up to this year's competition. Auditions will be held in Week 8 (7 - 11 September).

Please copy your piano accompaniment music and bring it to Mrs Wells in Putakitaki, or email a link to your backing track to e.wells@saintmarks.school.nz before Friday 4 September.

Ngā mihi

Mrs Wells

Parent / Whānau Local Curriculum Survey

Thank you to all those who have taken the time to complete this survey.

Your constructive feedback will be valuable as we move forward in our Local Curriculum journey.

The survey will close for contributions tomorrow at 5pm.

Ngā mihi nui

Emily Wells

Lead Teacher, Local Curriculum

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 **Friday, 11 September**. It would be greatly appreciated if these can be polished before returning.

Friday Prayers



Sports Results

Basketball

St Mark's Saints 11 v Medbuy Cavs 18

Player of the Day: Ioli K

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open tomorrow, Thursday, from 2.30-3.30pm by appointment only.

To make a booking, please go to:

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Code: pumjk

Block Construction in Koura





AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM YOUR FAIR COMMITTEE

Ko te angitu ehara i te mahi a tetahi, engari ko te mahi a te tokomaha.

Success is not the work of one, but the work of many.

First, our heartfelt thanks to those of you who are already raising your hands to offer your help and requesting jobs as our 2020 school fair draws closer. Its awesome people are coming on board already.

We want to explain a little bit about the fair and why it is so vital that everyone, as much as possible, is a part of this amazing event.

The fair is our major fundraiser for the year, that we, as parents, can put on for the wider Christchurch community as a means of securing funds for a range of resources that, otherwise, we simply would not be able to provide at school.

Every little bit that each family provides, whether this is in resources or time, is what makes the fair a success.

It's also a great way to get to know other St Mark's families who are getting involved and have fun as a school community.

Contributions for baking, the white elephant, fair prizes, tombola jars, horticulture and other fair mainstays will be asked for in the coming weeks. As well as that, we need lots of help on and before the big day. Even an hour or two on a stall or helping with packing down and /or sorting is appreciated.

Your contribution is hugely valued, and we are looking forward to putting on an event altogether in a few weeks' time.

Remember to fill in your availability forms and keep an eye out for our fair correspondence which we promise will be kept to a minimum....sort of...;)

Next week **THE FAIR GOODY BAGS** will be sent home with the eldest sibling of each family, look out for those, an important and vital part of the fair preparations.

Many thanks and here's to an excellent fair season!

The fair committee 2020



There are many ways you can contribute to the success of our fair. Please consider the following options and help where you can.

If you are already committed to a stall, THANK YOU If you are unsure of how/where you would like to assist, please feel free to email us fair@saintmarks.school.nz Otherwise give Gary a call on 0275-918-777 or a fair stall convener listed below.

The following parents are organizing the respective stalls:

Cake Stall – Sam Cumberpatch
Candy Floss – Sarah Rae
Chocolate Wheel – Jacinda Thomsen
Coffee Cart – Rosalind Burke
Drinks Cart – Delwyn Wright
Face Painting – Victoria Holden-Mundt
Horticulture – Tania Sharr
Hot Chips – Sarah Saxton
Frozen Treats – Martina Cappe
Jar Tombola – Amy-Beth Hines
Near New Clothing – Michelle Wood
Ookey Spookey – Anna Penman
Sausage Sizzle/Salad Bar – Natasha Northcott
Souvalaki – Alice Tabak
Fudge/Sweets – Angela Booth
Toys - Beata Bodnar
Whitebait – Matt Cumberpatch
White Elephant – Jo Pannett

Where we really need help is for some parents to man the games stalls, things like Tin Can Alley, Dino Dig, Toilet Roll Toss, Bouncy Castle – please contact Gary ASAP to indicate your ability to assist organize one of these stalls or for more information.

Last but not least the day before and morning of the fair there is a host of activities that need to be undertaken to ensure that all is ready to go for THE GREATEST LITTLE FAIR IN TOWN!!

Fri 06th Nov - Sorting goods for White Elephant/Near New Clothing/Toys

Fri 06th Nov – Helping to transport trestle tables from Risingholme and empty fair room (9am -11am) Having a ute, truck or trailer would be ideal

Gazebos - Can you lend one for the school fair? – we are looking to borrow some Pop-Up Gazebos to help provide shade for some of our stalls

FAIR DAY-SATURDAY 07th Nov - Set up (7-10am)

NAME:

CONTACT PH:

EMAIL:

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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](http://TheTootingTribe.co.nz) 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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