



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 8
9 September 2020

Kia ora St Mark's School!

What beautiful mornings we are having! We wait in anticipation for the Prime Minister's announcement on Friday. Whatever the decision about alert levels, social distancing, tracing and reporting to the office will be constant features of our school.

Centennial - April 9th - 11th 2021

The program has been finalised, and the menu is nearly set! Today I am asking if there are any community members who would have great ways to advertise our centennial in their working communities so that we can begin to advertise more widely.

Partnership/Mahi Ngātahi - the work of being together

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.ennie@saintmarks.school.nz

Kapa haka

Our team is still practising in anticipation of the performance on 19th September.

If we are to remain at Alert Level 2 for this date then the festival will be **postponed** with the tickets remaining **"live"** for the new date.

Tuahiwi Marae

From this Friday, small groups of staff will spend a day at Tuahiwi marae, for an Education Workshop. This is a Board of Trustees approved initiative for authentic engagement with tangata whenua and a way of extending the relationship through our cultural narrative. The Board of Proprietors is considered key to this relationship also.

On the day your child's teacher is on the marae there will be a reliever delivering the class program.

These ongoing relationships also sit around the development of our local curriculum and our place based learning. Our school and church were planted in this area and carry an ongoing mahi of relationship. The Anglican Church has had a presence in Tuahiwi for some time.

Schooldocs URL

In consultation with the schooldocs team a new URL has been created to be more in line with our other links. The shift from St Marks to **saintmarks** is not only more consistent but matches other things such as staff email addresses and our website link. NOTHING has changed in terms of school docs just that the addresses are:

<https://saintmarks.schooldocs.co.nz> with the user name being **saintmarks**

Social Media/Gaming Online

You will have seen my warning yesterday and the subsequent article on stuff re the graphic material invading all aspects of social media, some/or all of which is accessed by children. Whilst the controls on social media and gaming online sit with whānau (both are prohibited at St Mark's school), when the effects of this activity enter our school, through relationship difficulties, in play, in conversations in the playground and in unacceptable language, we act.

There is material that is illegal for children to access, but more than that the insidious and graphic nature of the content makes me increasingly worried.

"Normalising" actions and language from games or social media can never be acceptable when it crosses the boundaries of our school rules, the expectations of how we outlive our special character and the rules of society.

We can access parent education and netsafe education programs for whānau, but importantly we can partner with you to be proactive in this space.

The online world is not going away, but how we respond for our tamariki is in our control particularly for the ages of our students. I encourage you to exercise this control.

*"My words are from the uprightness of my heart,
And my lips speak knowledge sincerely. Job 33:3*

See you at the gates!

Blessings Averil.



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

Upcoming Events

24 Sep Singing Cup

2020 Term Dates

Term 4 - Monday 12 October - Friday 11 December

Teacher only day - Tuesday 27 October

Church Certificates

Raupō	Sadie G
Inaka	Anthony B
Pūtakitaki	Nicole A
Kōura	Felix A
Tuaki	Judah C/Ahri L
Kamana	Hugo F
Pingao	Isabelle C
Karoro	Islah S
Karengo	Theo Y/Nariah D
Kahawai	Monty S/Eli D
Toroa	Daniel H

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.



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.

Mōkihi Church Service

The service to be held this Sunday has been postponed until further notice.

Uniform Shop

A reminder that next term we change to summer uniform the uniform shop is open by appointment only and appointments are live till the end of term.

To make a booking, please go to: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Code: pumjk

Have you experienced an Entertainment Membership?

For a limited time, our school community is invited to trial the Entertainment Membership for 6 weeks!

Entertainment Memberships are packed with thousands of incredible savings across local dining, activities, travel and shopping experiences. You can enjoy more of what you love for the best value.

Start your trial and start saving today:

- No payment details required
- It's easy to register, simply go to <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1341r76>
- Download the Entertainment App from the App Store or Google Play and start using
- 6 week trial only available between 24th August and 13th September 2020

After you have discovered the value of an Entertainment Membership, you can support our school by purchasing a Membership to receive 12 months of incredible savings, visit <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1341r76> to support us.

Already love the Entertainment Membership?

Purchase your Membership today and support us to reach our fundraising goal for 2020.

Simply order online through our school's order page:

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1341r76>

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Sports Results

Netball

St Mark's Penguins 1 v Marshlands 8

Player of the Day: The entire team!

St Mark's Tigers lost to Heathcote Valley

Player of the Day: Tyler M

St Mark's Leopards won 11-3

Player of the Day: Islah Say

St Mark's Lions won 11-3

Player of the Day: Piper E

Basketball

St Mark's Saints 10 v Medbury Mavericks 17

Player of the Day: Asay U

19 August

St Mark's Tigers 27 v Halswell 9

Player of the Day: Foster H

26 August

St Mark's Tigers 10 v Sacred Heart 14

Player of the Day: Alyssa A

2 September

St Mark's Tigers 18 v Thornington Hotshots 2

Player of the Day: Dustin S

St Mark's 4 / 5 30 v Oakland Thunders 0



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 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 25th 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>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Appraisal of the Principal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Physical Restraint- Risk Management- Safety Management System- Surrender & Retention of Property and Searches- Medicines, Minor/Moderate Injury or Illness- Risk Management



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/Jill Buchan
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

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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

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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

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

NAME:

CONTACT PH:

EMAIL:

**PLEASE RETURN BY POSTING IN THE LETTER BOX
INSIDE THE SCHOOL FOYER.**



SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER @ 3PM
OXFORD TERRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

Conspiro

a choir of friends

presents

East to West a Choral Journey



OUR REPERTOIRE

Bogoroditse Devo - *Sergei Rachmaninoff*
Blagoslovi Dushe Moya - *Sergei Rachmaninoff*
The Deer's Cry - *Argo Pärt*
Vallvisa - *Hugo Alfvén*
Ubi Caritas - *Ola Gjeilo*
Abendlied - *Josef Rheinberger*
Exultate Deo - *Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina*
Icelandic Hymn - *Porkell Sigurbjörnsson*
Lux Aeterna - *Edward Elgar*
Thou wilt keep him in Perfect peace - *Samuel Wesley*
Hail Gladdening light - *Charles Wood*
Bring us, O Lord God - *William Harris*
O Nata Lux - *Morten Lauridsen*
The Seal Lullaby - *Eric Whitacre*

OUR SINGERS

Alice Bates
Louise Glossop
Catherine Dark
Jenny Scotter
Gary Dodd
Craig Knowles
Ben Glossop
Gareth Murfitt
Andrew Dark
Paul Ellis



ST MARKS

October School Holidays 2020



Based at St Marks Primary School, 33 Chomondeley Avenue

7:30am-3:00pm - \$43.00

8:30am-3:00pm - \$38.00

*trip fee's extra as advertised

7:30am-6:00pm - \$50.00

8:30am-6:00pm - \$45.00

*Terms & Conditions apply

WHAT'S ON?



Monday 28th



UNDER THE SEA

Sea crafts & seashell experiments, today is ocean themed

Tuesday 29th



PIONEER POOL

Don't forget your togs and towels.
\$5 trip fee

Wednesday 30th



HUMAN BOARD GAMES

Today we're creating life sized board games

Thursday 1st



CADDYSHACK

Can you spot the Canterbury locations?
\$15 trip fee

Friday 2nd



MILITARY DAY

Attention! Today we are completing army activities

Monday 5th



MUSEUM

We're off to the Museum & Discovery
\$5 trip fee

Tuesday 6th



FIZZ POP BANG!

Join us for a science day of Fizz, Pop and Bang!

Wednesday 7th



MEGA AIR

We're heading to Mega Air today.
\$15 Trip fee.

Thursday 8th



JEDI TRAINING ACADEMY

Become a Jedi today with our challenges

Friday 9th



PAJAMA PARTY!

Come in your PJ's for a Pajama Party at MASH



MY AFTER SCHOOL HEADQUARTERS



Book online now to secure your spot!

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For more information go to our website or email us at info@mashkids.co.nz