



# St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 3  
20 May 2021

## **Kia ora Te Kura o Hato Māka whānau,**

What anticipation this week for our Junior School Production - I am so looking forward to being part of the audience with you all tonight!

It promises to be a wonderful occasion high on the cute scale!

## **Bullying and St Mark's School**

Bullying or abuse of any kind has no place in our school. This is true for students and all members of our community.

Staff have developed an anti bullying program for our school - Aoraki Matatu - based on best practice and wrapped in our special character which is enveloped in how we treat each other every day, how our friendships with others have love at the centre and forgiveness is a significant part of our restorative practices.

Understanding words like targets, initiators, bystanders and upstanders, help children to learn how their behaviour can, along with the help of adults (teachers at school) become acts of love and kindness in the face of bullying behaviour. This is not telling tales, but rather a realisation that at times a trusted adult is needed to resolve a situation.

Next week is our **Book Week** and we have decided to use this opportunity to integrate our anti bullying processes with it. There are an ample number of books in Ōmoho which focus on friendships, how to include others in our games in the playground and classroom, and that loving others is a priority.

Next week we will also observe the message of "**Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora - Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying**" Friday 28th May will be "Wear Something Pink or Favourite Colour" Mufti Day.

John 15:12: "My command is this: **Love one another** as I have loved you."

## **Zone Cross Country Year 5 - 8**

Some amazing personal results in the Independent School Zone by many of our students. Whilst there is a notice of successes later in the newsletter I do want to acknowledge the individual excellence of **Zara P, Pippa W and Xavier F.**

## **Christchurch Aunties - a message**

*Our annual Undie Run and Coat Collection calls out for NEW socks and undies (with tags) for women and children, and new or second hand winter jackets and coats for everyone.*

A huge thank you to those members of our community who have contributed to this cause - just a reminder that tomorrow Friday 21st is the last day for donations.

## **Open Day**

Tomorrow, Friday 21st is our annual Open Day. I, along with staff, believe that the school should be open as usual - church, RE, languages, sport, and classroom programs signal who we are to prospective families and I just know our Year 8 students who will be conducting tours will be wonderful ambassadors!

## **Office staffing**

Mrs Louise Elliott will be on leave from Wednesday 26th May. Mrs Christine Fairchild will be in the office every day from 8.30am - 3.00pm and will answer any questions you may have. Between Christine and I, we will ensure a smooth running of the office however I do ask for your patience and understanding as we work on all things admin until Louise's return - Rejoicing to follow!!!

## **Kapa haka**

What a joy to see so many of our family members at kapa haka on Monday. Thank you so much for being here! Because of the interest and feedback we will seek to have another afternoon - perhaps with our senior kapa haka team. Matua Steve was really encouraged by not only the numbers but participation - fantastic.

Let us know what you think.

Tomorrow I will be in Wellington at the Anglican School Trust Board meeting which I chair. The Board are working toward a new season of 3 Tikanga engagement - prayer would be helpful

Me te aroha nui.

Averil



*Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story*

## Upcoming Events

20 May	Mokihi Production - 2pm and 6pm
21 May	Open Day
24-28 May	Book Fair Week
28 May	Wear Something Pink Day
1 June	Yr0-3 Cross Country
4 June	St Mark's Arbour Day
7 June	Queen's Birthday

## Term Dates

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

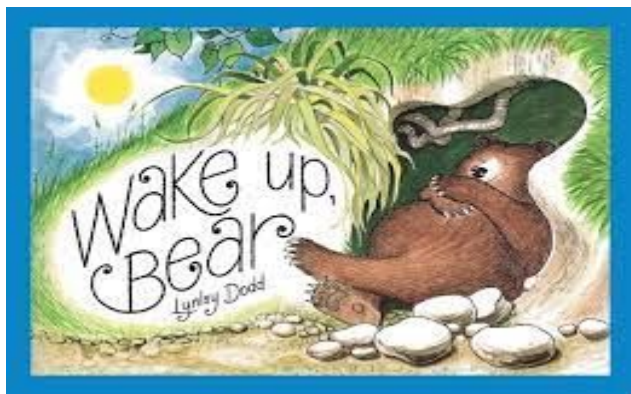
TERM 4 - Monday 18th October (TOD - school CLOSED) - Tuesday 14th December

Monday 25th October Labour Day - school CLOSED

Friday 12th - November - Show Day - school CLOSED

## Church Certificates

Pūtakitaki	Sadie G/Monty P
Kōura	Eleanor P/Lucy O'D
Kāmana	Ariya S/Caeli McL
Pīngao	Angel S/Loukas S
Kawau	Liam B/Jake H
Kahawai	Dustin S/Nathaniel B
Karengo	Jackson V
Toroa	Nariah D/Asay U



## Mōkihi Production

"Wake Up Bear" - Based on the story by Lynley Dodd presented by Mōkihi.  
Thursday 20th May at 2pm and 6pm. (approx 30 mins).  
St Mark's School Hall  
No tickets required. All welcome.

## Sports Results

### Netball

St Mark's Year 4 Champions - 7 v Cotswold 5  
Player of the Day: Whole Team  
St Mark's Year 6 Stars - v St Joseph's 0  
Player of the Day: Whole Team  
St Mark's Year 4 Champions 2 v Hoon Hay 10  
Player of the Day: Louisa T  
St Mark's Year 5 8 v Thorrington 1  
Player of the Day: Tiffany C - great all team player, never gave up  
St Mark's Year 6 Stars 3 v Mt Pleasant 5  
Player of the Day: Stella P

## Student Success

Harriet passed ABRSM Cello with Distinction.

Harriet has had a busy time over the last couple of weeks. She sat her grade 8 ABRSM cello exam which she passed with Distinction. She then headed straight to Wellington for the New Zealand Nationals Under 15s Epee. She came second! Which is huge as the others were all much older. She also fenced in the cadets and came 7th which I was told is also really impressive as most of those fencers were much older - I think there were under 18s but I'm not sure of the details. I wasn't there so she was very independent going off by herself. She had a great time, too.



Subway can be ordered for lunch every Tuesday. To place an online order, visit [www.subway.co.nz/schools](http://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.

# Parents Association

## From the Parents Association

THANK YOU to all those who have already SOLD their soaps, and to those who have sold more. If you have already sold yours, please deposit the money into the PA bank account as outlined in the letter that came home with your box.

If you cannot pay via online, please bring your box and monies back to the school office ASAP. **PLEASE NOTE:** We need your box so we can tick you off against the check sheet. If you are unable to sell your soaps, please now return your soaps to the office as we do have some eager people who may be able to sell more.

## Trivia Night Round Up

How long was Francis Ford Coppola's 1972 'Hit' movie The Godfather? that was the deciding question that came between The Pen Stealers and Intentionally Blank; after 10 rounds of trivia covering everything from music, movies, the modern world, history, and all manner of useless information never to be needed or used unless you were at the St Mark's P.A. Trivia night on Saturday.

A great night of fun and convivial hospitality that ultimately led not only to the crowning of a 'New' St Mark's Trivia Champion Team but the raising of almost \$3,000 toward our new School Playground.

Thank you to all the teams that competed, to Ashleigh Wendt and the P.A. Team who put on an excellent night of fun, to our 'Special Guest' and Quiz Mistress from The Breeze Radio Station Ms Sue White and to all those companies that without question supported this event and in doing so helped us to raise the funds that we did.

Action Kart Raceway  
Body Central Massage  
Chiwawah Mexican Cantina Bar  
Dubba Delux  
Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools  
He Puna Taimoana  
Ivy Blu  
Mitre 10 Ferrymead  
Noble Merchant, Opawa  
Riverside Market  
Scenic Hotel Group  
Seasons Soul Care Specialists  
Spoilt Boutique  
St Mark's Uniform Shop  
St Mark's Parents and Community!  
Willow Bank  
Winnie Bagoes Rangiora

And by the way the answer to the question is 175 minutes, but if you are a God Father purist like me you would know that the original running time of the movie was 192 minutes, but Warner Brothers would not accept a movie over 3 hours in length and made Coppola reduce its running time or they would not release it.

Our next event is for students will be the ever-popular School Disco which will be on Fri June 18<sup>th</sup> Look out for details after the Queen's Birthday Break.

Thursday, 13 May 2021

**A Notice to all neighbours of Risingholme Park**

Dear Neighbour of Risingholme Park

Risingholme Homestead was built in 1864 by William and Ellen Reeves and was purchased and gifted to Christchurch as a park in 1943 by J R McKenzie.

Many of our Heritage Parks in Christchurch have "Friends" groups attached to them, whose members have a passion for our city's parks, and a desire to give something back to their community.

**We would like to gauge local support for forming the 'Friends of Risingholme'**

We see this group as having two core functions; primarily to volunteer, on a regular basis, to work alongside our gardeners to maintain the garden beds and help with special projects and events as needed and secondly, to fundraise for new initiatives or restoration projects from time to time.

Our friends at the Community Centre have kindly offered to provide a home for the group and as a neighbour of Risingholme, and possibly a regular visitor, we would love for you to be involved with this new initiative.

If you would like to attend a first meeting of interested people, please email me at [kate.russell@ccc.govt.nz](mailto:kate.russell@ccc.govt.nz) or call me on 03 941 6531 and I will add you to our list. We will be seeking expressions of interest in this group until the end of July, at which time we will bring a meeting together to discuss how the group might run.

If you know of anyone else who might like to be involved, please pass this information on to them. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



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