



# St Mark's School Newsletter

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Kia ora everyone,

I want to start this week's newsletter with a huge thanks to those parents and whanau who are working behind the scenes to prepare the stage, set and costumes for the performances. Your support is so greatly appreciated - put simply we would not be able to achieve all we do without you!

With two productions to be enjoyed back to back, we can all be assured of an afternoon or evening of entertainment and joy. Every student is on stage at some point of each production - this is by design - we perform as a family.

With ticket sales for our productions in full swing, a reminder that the restriction of 4 tickets per family will be lifted on Monday after which extra tickets for performances may be purchased. Thanks to **Louise and Christine** for their patience in managing these sales.

## **FIVE MARKS OF MISSION: Second Mark of Mission - Teaching, baptising and nurturing new believers.**

It is incumbent on all of us - parents, teachers, whanau to teach and nurture children in faith. God's mission is revealed through the work of Jesus in the world. In His example is a new way of living, an assurance we are profoundly loved by God and that we are called to mission. The plan and purpose for all our lives is connected to God's transformational mission in the world. Our call to teach and nurture faith can be seen in our words and actions - every time we act in service to others, every time we forgive someone, every time we honour the dignity of every human being - you don't have to be in a classroom to be this teacher! It is no coincidence that our school vision statement is "Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story" - our challenge is to ensure that our words and actions recorded on the pages of this story reflect this call to mission.

## **2018**

Early planning for staff for next year has begun. Over the coming weeks decisions will be made about staffing, base group composition and curriculum planning and delivery. Conversations always return to the question - "What is best for students?" - their holistic development is our priority and covers things a crucial understanding of social/emotional development. Along with the academic, cultural and physical components of teaching and learning, everything is enveloped by our special character. Student centred conversations can assure you that any movement in current operational structures will ensure best practice and excellence in teaching and learning for every student.

Dr Martin Luther King Jnr said "The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and think critically. Intelligence and character - that is the goal of education"

What do you think? For us the life of Christ transforms our "special" character

## **Parking**

We have fielded a number of calls from neighbours regarding vehicles parked over driveways and grass verges at times that coincide with drop off and pick up from school. We ask that with more of us at school, parks are chosen with care and respect for our neighbours. Parking in the staff car park at these times is prohibited - this is a significant safety issue.

## **Information Centre - Omoho**

We are working towards opening this space at regular times within the next two weeks. The provision of issuing is directly related to collating and cataloging our collections. Following the best part of 6 years of storage this is time consuming and painstaking.

We are offering an **AMNESTY** on all library books belonging to St Mark's School for the next two weeks. No questions will be asked for returned books - we will be happy to receive them!!

Blessings everyone

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*Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story*

# School Notices

## Upcoming Events

- 11 September BOT Meeting - 7.00pm  
15 September School Disco  
20 September School Production matinee & evening performance  
21 September School Production Performance Evening  
22 September Tuhono Kapa Haka Festival - Hillview Christian School  
28 September E-learning Day - 12.00pm-7.00pm

## Church Certificates

Inaka	Hugo F
Raupo	Aaish P
Kereru	Coco A
Ti Kouka	Max V
Kotuku	Morgan D
Paua	Heath H/Matthew C
ToeToe	Ioli K
Rimurimu	James S
Toroa	Alice M

## Sports Results

### Basketball

St Mark's Titans 14 v Oaklands 8  
Players of the Day: Isaac W/Heath H/Ayrton E/  
Elizabeth R/Olivia Y  
St Mark's Lions 12 v St Thomas's Blue 6  
Player of the Day: Lucy N

## Board of Proprietors Invoices

Term 3 and 4 invoices have been emailed out to families for payment by the 20th September. Please ensure payment goes to St Mark's Board of Proprietors bank account - BNZ 020800 0014224 00, thank you.

## Term Dates 2017

Term 3 - Monday 24 July to Friday 29 September  
Term 4 - Monday 16 October to Friday 15 December

## Term Dates 2018

Term 1 - Monday 29 January to Friday 13 April  
Term 2 - Monday 30 April to Friday 6 July  
Term 3 - Monday 23 July to Friday 28 September  
Term 4 - Monday 15 October to (to be confirmed)

## Elocution Cup

Today the Elocution Cup was held and judged by Mrs Worner. As the name suggests the emphasis was on diction, variation in volume and pace of voice, clarity of sentence structure and emphasis of key words. The presentations by the 5 girls were stunning and difficult to judge. We congratulate **McKenzie J** as the winner, and in this week's newsletter a copy of each girls presentation. Whilst the content ran alongside the success criteria, it is important to acknowledge the written works.

## Tuhono Kapa Haka Festival

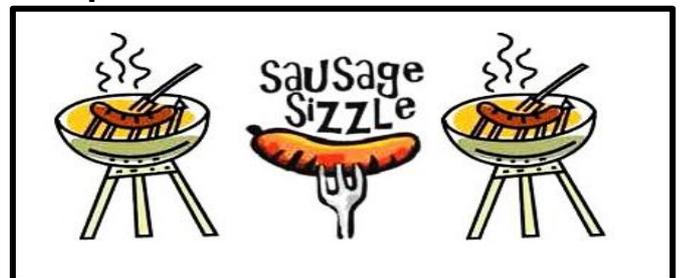
### KAPA HAKA TEAM Friday September 22

**Please ensure your two tickets are purchased by Friday from the office.**

**Any spare tickets will be sold next week.**



## Waterpolo



Thank you to all the families who supported last week's sausage sizzle to help send the Waterpolo team to both the Canterbury and South Island tournaments.

## **Elocution Cup Speeches**

### P1 - Intro

Have you ever said to yourself, "I can't be bothered making tea tonight." Well here's your solution a quick trip to the local fish and chips shop and there's your dinner. Takeaway food is very common in NZ and is usually cheap. What is takeaway? Takeaway is easily prepared food served in restaurants as a quick meal or to be taken away. Takeaway foods include of McDonald's, KFC, Burger King, Fish and Chips, Chinese and the list goes on... there is also the healthy list which includes Sushi, Subway, and Pita pit etc. Fish and Chips is the most commonly eaten takeaway in New Zealand, and McDonald's is a close second. Although takeaway isn't always the healthiest it does have a lot of positives; and that is why I am here today, to tell you why YOU should have Takeaway foods for Dinner each and every day.

### P2 - The Pros of Takeaway.

Takeaway is cheap, easy and fast, hence the fact another name for it is Fast food. Takeaway is also excellent because it saves you having to do the dishes, plus you don't have to cook either. Score! Isn't it great not having any mess either! Bonus Score! It's great for kids too, that yummy, cheesy, Hawaiian pizza... is way better than mum telling me to eat my Vegies!

### P3 - Conclusion

Today I have told you all the pros of Takeaways and Why you should have it every day! Additionally I KNOW that I would be really popular because all my friends will want an invite to MY place for dinner because EVERYONE LOVES TAKEAWAYS! And I am sure that you would agree that TAKEAWAYS is the best meal of the day!

## **By Mackenzie J**

### Intro

Children horrible terrible nasty repulsive beasts they are slowly but surely taking over. That is why we are gathered here today. To plot against these evil creatures. Eradicating one of these repulsive things a week is not enough. So, I have come up with a solution to solve this growing problem of these nasty little beasts taking over. Introducing Formula 86 delayed action Mouse Maker, the solution to these appalling awful ghastly children. What this amazing potion will do is turn them into furry little mice. (chuckle) Then their own parents, teachers and friends will find them so repulsive they will stamp, trap and kill every single one of them! Success!

### Main Body

Let's face it, these irritatingly small people are quite spoilt. They are always wanting more candy, toys, technology they don't care about how or when they get it if they get it. These beasts will beg, nag and demand until they get what they most desire.

Just the other day I was shopping for some square toed shoes for my poor toeless feet, when I saw a wretched little child dragging its poor hopeless mother by her beautiful dress, about to rip it to shreds. The midget was screaming "I want a pink one with sparkles on it because Madison has a purple one and mine has to be better" "but darling, you already have 24, do you really need another fidget spinner" The weak hearted mother was explaining. "YES! All my other friends have so many more than me! You are so mean!!" "OK darling, anything you want to make you smile my sweet"

DISGUSTING!! REVOLTING!! They must be eradicated! But...I thought to myself...This is their weak spot so we witches are going to take this to our advantage. Ya!

Ah but I have found other weaknesses...

These repulsive beasts are disobedient. They don't listen with their tiny little screwed up little ears on the sides of their heads. They pretend they do, they nod, they say ah-ha and then they do the complete opposite for what they are told and they still expect to be rewarded. A child who is disrespectful and disobedient to their parents will not have any true respect for anyone. These children are the hard ones but their weakness it is...sweeties. We have sweets, we have sweet shops, we have the opportunity! No child can turn down a sweetie. Even the ones with the braces that are not supposed to have the sweeties. These are the easiest ones to get. It is a foolproof plan.

We inject the Formula 86 Delayed Action Mouse Maker into ALL the sweeties in the sweetie shop. We sell them for half price! The children, they all run into the store, screaming and grabbing the sweetest and stuffing them into their mouths. We? We just stand and watch... slowly they will start shrinking, they will start growing whiskers out of their noses, their furry little heads will spread fur all over their bodies...they are transforming into mice!! As they run out of the sweetie shop their parents will scream! "Ah, Mice, kill them, stomp on them!" And so, they will be crushing their own children! We witches will rule the world again!

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Who is with me? Who will help me eradicate the world of these horrible creatures. Who wants to see the parents do the disposing of the children? The parents do the dirty work? Who wants to rule a world without these beasts? So, say goodbye to them now darling mothers and fathers now while you can.

**By Lilly O**

The Dentist

Every year, a dreadful vehicle arrives, a bright white van, a hidden torture chamber in the back, can you guess what it is? It is the dental truck.

Coming in to collect children, the horrible notepad nestling in her hand. First it's the a's then the b's then it's the whole alphabet.

If your last name starts with a letter around the end of the alphabet, your're lucky. If your last name starts with a letter around the start of the alphabet, be prepared to be taken to the room of toothbrushes.

Children at school dread the day, the dentists arrive, that's right, there's more than one.

When you have been kidnapped and taken to the van, be careful. The dentists enjoy poking round in the mouth. They'll suck out your spit, take x rays where they silently judge you, and worst of all, they put an awful, AWFUL, rotten banana flavoured liquid in your mouth, and you CAN'T wash it out!

You walk into the dental van, they welcome you with their toothy smiles. They want you to feel comfortable, so you're easy prey. You see your friend lying down on the stretcher, the dentist pulling out her next torture tool. Your friend nervously glances at you, she's quivering with fear. Looking into her eyes is the demon dentist. Then your friend leaves she says goodbye as if it's the last time she'll ever see you, which quite possibly it is! The dentist drags you to the chair, gives you sunglasses, and starts the x-ray.

The white light shines in your eyes like you're travelling up to heaven, which is very likely. The dentist mutters something to her partner in crime. More poking, so much poking. Poking your teeth, poking your gums, and poking your cheeks. Then the rotten banana liquid appears, the dentist squirts it into your mouth, you gasp and splutter, like the world's about to end. Then it's over, it's all over, you are free!

The dentist passes you the dreadful notepad, asking you to get her next victim, you sprint out the door. The warm breeze hits you like a slap in the face, you feel a rush of warmth cover your body, and you realise, you survived.

**By Lilah J**

In the next 3 minutes I'm going to turn you into a tap dancer. Now first thing to decide is do you want to use the kitchen Tap or the bathroom Tap. No just kidding that will land you in Hot water. From an audience's perspective Tap just looks like a fast frenzied dance but Tap dancing requires control and precision. So listen up, today I will teach you the basics of tap dancing and one move.

I'm sure you have heard of the famous song or musical "Singing in the rain". Well the person that played the lead was Gene Kelly. He was a tap dancer.

If you like drama then you will like Tap. In drama you act out the script or do improv. This is the same in tap. You are given a some choreography, or create your own steps.

Now tap is sounding like a pretty good idea at the moment but Tap shoes can be a bit of a problem. For example I was about to go on for a big show and guess what. My buckle broke. I had to do a quick repair with a trusty safety pin. Because you know what they say The show must go on.

So enough with the boring stuff it's time to teach you how to be a basic tap dancer. There are six easy moves - A brush, knock, stamp, heel, hop and step. Those are the basics, the one beat moves. There is also one easy two beat move and that is a shuffle. I know that seems like a lot to take in but I am going to teach you a step. And as a bonus you don't need all of the 6 moves you have just learned.

Here's how to dance the single time step. We will use the hop, step and brush moves. So to start off you have to do a hop forward. Then you do a small step backwards, got it. So far we have got this... (demonstrate) Now this is a bit harder to explain but you brush forward, then step. Then you use your back foot to step. This step requires you to transfer your weight. Do thing again on your other foot. When you're really good you join the 2 steps together by lifting up your front foot and swapping to the other foot, like so (demonstrate). So now you now the single time step.

So today I have taught you a basic tap step, an interesting fact or two and let you in on a little secret that the audience didn't see and most of all do you want to use the bathroom tap or the kitchen tap.

**By Samantha P**

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE  
FUND RAISER  
Year 3-5 Woodend Camp**



**Lunchtime  
Friday 08 September  
\$2 each**

**Orders taken on Thursday  
Vegetarian option**

**YUM**



# Let's Dance!

## Disco Time!

Friday 15th September

yr 0-4 from 6pm to 7:15pm

Parents need to come in and collect  
their child

yr 5-8 from 7:30pm to 9pm

Glow sticks & chips avail for  
purchase. Drinks free.

\$2.00 entry

# MEET



Sun 15 OCT

# MIDDLE

The Breeze  
Walking Festival  
walkingFestival.co.nz

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Celebrate the opening of  
**Te Ara Ōtākaro**

- the Avon Trail -  
by joining the walk or ride  
along the river from  
New Brighton or the City  
to Kerrs Reach for a  
grand community fun day,  
with a regatta,  
kids activities, food and  
live entertainment

[www.middle.nz](http://www.middle.nz)

Start 10:30am  
then 12-3pm  
at Kerrs Reach



## Port Hills Athletics

Registration days: Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2-4pm    Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 6-7pm Clubrooms Hansen Park, Opawa  
Info: T&F Club Captain,  
Sarah Clapp    [gandsclapp@gmail.com](mailto:gandsclapp@gmail.com), [WWW.PORTHILLS@ORG.NZ](http://WWW.PORTHILLS@ORG.NZ)

## HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES - Mainland Futsal Holiday Programmes

### OCTOBER:

**Age:** 6-14 year olds  
**Dates:** 2nd, 3rd & 4th October 2017 (WEEK 1) 11th, 12th & 13th October 2017 (WEEK 2)  
**Times:** 9.00am – 3.00pm  
**Venue:** St Thomas's of Canterbury College (WEEK 1) Cowles Stadium (WEEK 2)  
**Cost:** \$37.50 per day (\$112.50 for three consecutive days) 10% discount of second child when registering two or more siblings.

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Keen to play? [Click here to register](#)

## Mainland Outdoor Holiday Programmes

### OCTOBER:

**Age:** 7-14 year olds  
**Dates:** 5th & 6th October 2017 (WEEK 1) 9th & 10th October 2017 (WEEK 2)  
**Times:** 9.00am – 3.00pm  
**Venue:** English Park  
**Cost:** \$37.50 per day (\$75.00 for two consecutive days) 10% discount of second child when registering two or more siblings.

### **GIRLS ONLY Outdoor Holiday Programmes**

**Age:** 7-14 year olds  
**Dates:** 9th & 10th October 2017 (WEEK 2)  
**Times:** 9.00am – 3.00pm  
**Venue:** English Park  
**Cost:** \$37.50 per day (\$75.00 for two consecutive days) 10% discount of second child when registering two or more siblings.

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# St Mark's School Blogs

Please visit our blogs to see some of the teaching and learning happening in our St Mark's School family. There are also extra learning opportunities online for students.

We welcome your comments!

## Mōkihi

*Aukaha kia kaha.*

*Strengthen the bindings.*



<http://stmarksmokihi.blogspot.co.nz/>

## Waka Pūhara

*Kia kotahi te hoe o te waka.*

*Let's paddle in unison.*



<http://stmarkswakapuhara.blogspot.co.nz/>

## Waka Hourua

*He moana pukepuke ka ekengia e te waka.*

*A choppy sea can be navigated.*



<http://stmarkswakahourua.blogspot.co.nz/>