



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 10
26 September 2018

Kia ora St Mark's family,

As this is the last newsletter for this term there are a number of dates for your diary and information as we lead into the holidays.

It has been a wonderful term full of many highlights for individuals, sports teams and the whole school. We cannot achieve it all without the incredible whanau and community support that is offered unconditionally - staff are so thankful and are blessed to be here.

Congratulations to:

- **Our students** for their creativity, collaborative skills and teamwork for the wonderful Wearable Arts shows. The costumes, narratives, lighting and teamwork were at the highest level of expression of all of our school values.
- **Our Kapahaka team** for their hiranga and māiatanga as they performed at the Tūhono competition. Special mention to **Sophia S** who introduced our school with grace and aplomb. We were so proud.
- Our **Chess Team** who competed in the Canterbury Schools competition. **Super congratulations** to **Thomas F** who was 2nd in the Year 3 competition and **Seth K** who was **FIRST** in the Year 1 competition.
- **The parent body** who at short notice gathered together to ensure our brand new kapakaha uniforms (in particular the Piu piu!) were ready for the competition - special mention to **Ngaere Dawson** who sewed our school motif onto all the bodices - amazing!!
- The following students have been awarded **Principal Awards**:
 1. **Olivia M** for hiranga - always working to such a high standard with integrity
 2. **Ioli K** - for māiatanga and hiranga for representing St Mark's and Canterbury at the National Cross Country championships.
 3. **Tommy P** - for hiranga - always following instructions and being positive and enthusiastic.
 4. **Oliva C-S** - for hiranga for incredibly well structured and thoughtful writing about homelessness and the needs of others.

Dates for your diary

- **Teacher Only Day** - a gentle reminder that this has been set in the calendar as **Tuesday 23rd October** - the Tuesday after Labour Day.
- **Itinerant Music Evening - TONIGHT**
- **End of Term Service** - 2.30 pm Friday 28th September
- **Year 3 Living Springs Day - 30th October**
- **Year 4 and 5 Camp 29th - 31st October**
- **Year 7 Leadership Camp 30th - 31st October**
- **Athletics Day 7th November**
- **Grandparents Day - 9th November**

As you can see Term 4 is starting quietly!! For many of our year 8 students and their families this term will mark the end of their association with St Mark's School and we have plans in this term to honour their significant contributions. Along with staff, I want to wish you all a wonderful holiday and time with family in the next two weeks.

Blessings Averil.



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School Notices

Upcoming Events

26 Sept	Itinerant Music Evening 6:00pm
28 Sept	End of Term Service 2:30pm
18 Oct	PA Meeting 7:00pm
23 Oct	Teacher Only Day
24 Oct	Class Photographs
29-31 Oct	Wainui Camp - Year 4 / 5
30 Oct	Living Springs - Year 3
30-31 Oct	Leadership Camp - Year 7
3rd Nov	School Fair

Church Certificates

Raupo	Jake H
Inaka	Tyree D
Kereru	Alexandra H
Ti Kouka	Zac O
Toetoe	Felicity W
Kotuku	Miriama N
Paua	Max P / Isla R
Mako	Joseph Mc
Wheke	Naomi J
Toroa	Lucy N

Chess Team



Kapa haka Team



Wearable Arts Show



A Wonderful Gift

A few weeks ago, I was approached by a former parent, Paula Rippon, asking me if the school would be interested in a baby grand piano. The piano belonged to her mother, Anne, who taught piano for many years in the Mount Pleasant area. Anne passed away earlier this year and when Paula was looking for a new home for the piano, she thought of St Mark's. Paula thought her mother would be pleased to know her piano was inspiring another generation of musicians.

Mr Ellis and I went to see and play the piano last Saturday. This very special addition to our school will hopefully be arriving tomorrow!

We are very grateful to Paula and her sons, Andrew and Michael Wilson, for this amazingly thoughtful gift.

Emily Wells

Lead Teacher, Music



St Mark's School Fair Saturday 3rd November

Horticulture Stand Contact:

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Calling all families!!!! We need YOU!!! Do you have anything you could donate for the horticultural stand? If you are able to donate any items related to the garden please contact Tania. Some examples include -

Edible items

Fruit and/or vegetables

Eggs

Bread

Plants

Flowers (cut or in pots)

Trees or shrubs that you no longer need.

Seedlings

Other garden items

Pots

Manure for gardens

Garden gnomes

Garden stakes, tunnels

Anything garden!!!!!!!!!!!!

Spring has sprung – Great time to plant for seedling

Help your garden and the fair by growing seedling. Take your vegetable seedling pots from last year. If you don't have any ask family and friends for any spares. Great to reuse! Get a bag of seedling mix. Most seedling mix bags will do 20 or more 6 punnet containers. Great value!

Below is what seeds work really well and easy - one seed per slot (don't worry if 2 seeds go in).

All beans (runner beans, broad beans etc)

Peas (garden, snow and snap peas)

Pumpkin

Courgette

Spinach

Kale

Lettuce (including salad greens)

PS don't forget to write what is in the punnet. Either get an icecream stick and write on it what the plant is and stick it in the pot or write on the back of the plant identifier tag. Herbs also will do really well in any old pots you have.



Plant a Potato Bag for the Fair!

Buy a bag of seed potatoes (salad potatoes are great as they would be ready by Christmas) and mushroom compost or any growing soil. Plant one seed potato per 10 litres of container mix. So this is fantastic value, great fundraiser and good way to keep a bag or two for Christmas potatoes.

Any large container and most sturdy plastic bags will work. Like your old green recycling bucket, a cracked laundry bucket (drainage holes done!). An old sack.

Half fill your pot/bag, add the seed spud and then cover with at least 20cm of soil. Don't fuss about mounding up the plants as they grow but do water them if it's hot and dry.



Potato foliage needs to be in full sun but, if possible, shade the pots (tuck them behind other containers, for example) to keep the roots cool.

Bring your pot/bag to school fair.