## St filark's School Stemsletter

Kia ora St Mark's Family,
Even if you know it is week 5 in the calendar - here we are in the middle of Term 3! So much of the year to celebrate and so much more to look forward to!
This edition will be in bullet points - a visual symphony to navigate!

- BOWLING - This Sunday 26th August at 2.00pm the Parents Association have booked bowling lanes at XTreme Entertainment at Iverson Terrace for our school. Come along to the office and purchase your tickets for a fun afternoon together
- WAKA PUHARA CHURCH this Sunday 26th at 10.00am at Opawa/St Martin's Parish at St Anne's on St Martins Road. I look forward to joining Waka Puhara at this service as we seek to build relationships with our parish and share the great news of the Gospel together in worship and song! ((BOWLING to follow!).
- SEESAW!!! We want to thank all the parents who have signed up for this app and are able to share the learning of their child in "real time". We are excited that this allows both students to share and you to encourage the wonderful learning opportunities your child is engaging in.
- FOOTBALL our Year $5 / 6$ football team head to the Canterbury Championships tomorrow representing our Independent Zone. We are so proud this group of students have worked so brilliantly as a team and wish them every success at this tournament.
- WEARABLE ARTS. I want to personally thank all those families who have added to our growing "pile" of reusable materials for this student-led work. It is amazing walking through the classrooms looking at the wings, bodies, masks and plants emerging from seemingly unrelated items!! Watching the groups of students "collaborate to create" and listening to their conversations is inspiring.

Just a reminder that the first bell for the end of the day goes at 3.00 pm and the clearing bell follows this at 3.15 pm . We do ask that the school is cleared from this time with understanding that staff enter meetings at various times in the week after school as part of their professional development and commitment to teaching and learning.

This week I have been reminded of the minefield that is the internet. Online games, screen time and searches on the web are fraught areas for children and their families. I am acknowledging the challenges that parents and many of you face in managing this at home. Monitoring your child's history of device use may reveal information you are concerned about and/or need information about. Next week I will publish some links for your reference and staff are considering offering a forum for our community to discuss and understand what is best practice in managing the issues that this topic raises.
Blocking, limiting or restricting access means parents can control much, and develop family rules around expectations at home.
Blessings everyone, Averil

## School Notices

## Upcoming Events

| 26 Aug | Waka Puhara Service, |
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|  | St Mark's/St Anne's Church - 10am |
| 29 Aug | Strum, Strike, Blow for Ukulele Club |
| 31 Aug | Year 3 Museum visit |
| 6 Sept | Y4-8 Singing Cup |
| 11 Sept | Y5-6 Mt Hutt Ski Trip |
| 17 Sept | Y7-8 Mt Hutt Ski Trip |
| $19-20$ Sept | Wearable Arts Show |
| 21 Sept | Kapahaka Tuhono Festival |
| 26 Sept | Itinerant Music Evening |
| 28 Sept | End of Term Service |

## Church Certificates

Raupo
Kereru
Ti Kouka
Cristian D

Kamana
ToeToe
Kotuku
Paua
Mako
Toroa

Sharon J
James D
Jesse S
Phoebe M
Sebastian J
Lucy M
Heath H
Ella T

## Sports Results

Basketball
St Mark's Saints 4 v Thorrington Tigers 9
Player of the Day: Nariah D
Netball
St Mark's Leopards 8 v Merrin Minis 6
Player of the Day: Islah S

## Scholastic Book Club

Order forms for Scholastic Books have been sent home. Orders may be placed direct with Scholastic at www.mybookclub.scholastic.nz. An easy way to order online yourself and will be delivered direct to school. Orders close on Friday 31 August.

St Mark's Winning Year 5/6 team. They won Division 1 in Yr 5/6 football for Winter Sport.


TIME FOR TENNIS!: Love Tennis Open Day at OPAWA TENNIS CLUB, Cholmondeley Ave, SAT 8th Sept \& SUN 9th Sept 1-4pm. A chance to check out your local tennis club and for returning members to re-register. Come along and join the fun: racquets available, have a hit or a sausage from the BBQ and talk to the people in the know. Junior annual registration fees \$150-\$200.00. Hot Shot sessions: Mini Stars (5-7yrs): Sat 8.30-9.15am. Junior Stars (7yrs+): Sat 9.15-10.15am or Junior Stars (8yrs+) Mon 3.30-4.30pm. Interclub: Includes weekly coaching session and play on Sat. Contact Andrea ja.opawatennis@gmail.com/text 0212327141 or see you on the day!


Acrostic

Ice cream
Melting ice cream in your mouth
It makes your taste buds tingle
It taste so delightful
The flavours are out of this world
You make your ice cream even better with a cherry on top!
Olivia M

Collects paper and cardboard
Remember your imagination
Eating is fun always have a break
Always get scissors/sellotape
Take your time and work
Imagination is key let it go wild
No failing try again
Great you have finished
sebastian
Nasty Pollution
Animals everywhere
Trees growing
Unusual animals
Running cheetahs ..so fast
Excellent Wildlife
Olive

Scary hairy little arachnids
Poison spreading across the land
Intelligent, sneaky, web spinning
Dangerous ugly little creatures
Eating all different types of bugs
Rain spiders love jumping on people's head!
Daniel

## Surfing on a Sunny Saturday

Urgently when people get wiped out by waves
Right after rocky raging risky waves
Very giant waves across the beach
Ioli
Really strong legs for running
Along the green grass
Boing boing
Baby bunnies born
I love bunnies
Too much poop
So cute and fluffy
meg

Haiku/Couplet
Haiku

## I was champion

My horse was galloping loud I was excellent Jasmine $G$

My Birthday
I was overjoyed
Balloons poppingPop po BangBang
my heart was beating

## Jasmine O

Blowing Bubbles
Bubbles in my mouth
It's so chewy and yummy
Oh no my bubble!
Ruby T
Football
His name was Morgan
He was super duper mad
When he hurt his hand Joe

Night Cats
At night under the street light
You hear a youl
Its the cats who prowl
Summer B

Dumplings are here now
To take over the planet
Dancing dumplings win
Asay
Poems are Awesome
Haiku poems are best
Lines, rhymes, syllables
Summer Mc
Acrostic
Rabbits are cute and fluffy
Animals are awesome
Boy rabbits are called Buck
Bunnies do little round poop
I love bunnies
They love me
Emily

Puppies play in the sunshine Umbrellas protect puppies from rain
Puppies chase pigs and cats
Pups are so small and cute
You all love puppies and dogs are so cool too. Miriama

Preposterous potatoes are planning something
Our world is in dark hands
Today children hate potatoes that is why they are taking over
Are you ready for the worst thing in history
Too many people will be eliminated
Our world is not going well
Ethan
Draw it yourself be creative
Rainbow assorted colours
Artistic skills
Work of Art
Ink or pens to draw
Never has to be the same thing
Great imagination to design pictures Maddy C

Football is so amazing
Outstanding teams
Only my friends can play
Training to beat Cristiano Ronaldo
Balls flying in the air
A lot of goals scored in 90 minutes
Lots of pressure in the last 10 minutes
Lots of penalty shootouts
Morgan
So fun to play
Oops I scored an own goal!
crossbar so close
Could I save a goal?
Enthusiastic
Running and Scoring
Oustin
Please put your phone on flight mode
Landing please close your tote trays
Air bridge board the plane..leave the plane
Nice food, sausages, fruit and ice cream
Exit in an emergency run...run
Spoilers slow the plane down for landing
Oscar
Students at St Mark's learn a lot and have fun
Teachers help me learn
Mrs Worner is a fantastic Principal
A good person uses the Habits of Mind
Reading along pages
Keeping my desk tidy
Saint Marks is a super place to be
Lily Ball

Hot wheels are cool
Open the box
There are allsorts of hot wheels to get
Wherever you shop there are hotwheels
Engines revving
Every car is different
Looping around the tracks
Sausage car is cool
Vanessa
Prickly as a porcupine
Infant like size
Not the same size as others of its kind
Every winter children collect them for the fire or craft
Created by God
over the ground they lay
Needle like and Knobbly
Environment friendly
Clara

## Gaming is really fun

When I game I often say I won
Theo

Rainbow
Raining on a sunny day
Amazing views from up high
In stunning sparkles they shine bright
Never ending treasure far beyond imagination
Believe in the majestic Unicorn
Over the hill colours so beautiful
Wind blows lifting lush leaves
Sunny days are always amazing
Danielle

Fun and Fantastic
Over the top Hollywoods
Outstanding skills
There are eleven players on the team
Balls are flying
Awesome fun
Loud crowds
Lively..lots of action
Tommy
Rubies are a type of gem
Utterly good at writing
Blue is my favourite colour Yoyos are my least favourite toy Horses are my favourite animal
Ruby H

Football is fun, cool and has billions playing it.
Outrageous goals and super entertaining
Outstanding pressure on the players
The most anxious players are the best
Balls are flying everywhere like spaceships
All the people in one stadium
Level scores down to penalties you step up and
score
Live like a king play like a pro

## YOU'RE INVITED

## Welcome to Worship

This Sunday we're very excited to invite the children and families of Waka Pühara to join us for worship. Joint services between the parish and school have been a part of our shared life since the school's beginning and we greatly value the connection. Some of you will have been to a joint service before, but many will not have, hence this invitation to outline what to expect.

## Service

The service will last approximately 1 hour, with morning tea to follow. Students are invited to sit with their caregivers throughout the all-age service.
Grandparents, siblings and others are very warmly invited to join us.

## Parking

We suggest you arrive early as parking can be an issue. Please show respect to our neighbours by parking at least 1 metre away from private driveways.

## Commumion

All are welcome to join us for communion, but please do not feel compelled. You may stay seated or come up for a blessing. Students and adults are able to receive both the bread and the wine but we ask you to sip rather than dip (intinct).

## Student Participation

Some students will be asked to assist with the prayers and the readings (they will be notified beforehand). All students will perform a short song at the end of the service. Parents might also wish to give students something small for the collection

## Dress Code

Students are expected to wear their dress uniform, but parents should feel free to wear whatever they feel comfortable in (there's no need for your 'Sunday best').

## Questions?

Feel free to contact your classroom teacher or Rev'd Ben if you have any questions.

Rev'd Canon Ben Truman
osmvicaregmail.com
0272543516


## Opawa St Martins

## Parish

## Family Quiz Night

## Sunday 26 August at 5pm at St

## Anne's Hall

## Gather up a team and come

along for some fun

Tickets: $\$ 10$ per adult, $\$ 2$ per child, $\$ 22$ per family You can bring your own drinks \& nibbles or buy some there - soup and rolls also available!


Contact Barb Worrall 0210550371 if you would like some tickets

