



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 9
19 September 2018

Kia ora St Mark's family,

This week we welcomed to the St Mark's School family **Matteo Longson** and his parents **Bernadette and Kent**. We pray that they will find a turangawaewae at our precious school and be encouraged in their faith in our midst. WELCOME.

Wearable Arts

Hold onto your hats and other dress ups it is going to be a wonderful last two weeks!

As the students work on their final preparations for the Wearable Arts Shows on Wednesday and Thursday this week, we can be sure of two very special shows.

The students have all worked so hard. **Jordi W-S** is responsible for our great ticket design, **Max B** and **Oliver C** will be working the light desk and the groups will share with you their journey from design to catwalk!! There are still tickets available from the school office and we invite you pop in at a convenient time. We appreciate the commitment of families to these two nights, They are a culmination of very hard work for students, taking a vision and plan to a product and collaborating with a group - not everyone's strength and different learning! The catwalk is also a metaphor for our work in Transformation this year as we seek to transform lives through the chapters of our school story.

Kapa Haka

On Friday 60 students from St Mark's school will feature in the Tūhono Kapa Haka Festival - featuring brand new purpose designed uniforms, with the support of staff and families. This will be a significant day in the life of our school and is the next step in our journey of acknowledging our cultural identity in the Ōpāwaho area and the special place this school has had for almost 100 years!

Eucharist Service

This Friday 21st September you are welcome to join us for our Term 3 Eucharist service. **Rev. Ben** will be there and we always look forward to how he brings bible teaching to life!

Itinerant Music Evening

Wednesday 26 September, 6.00pm is the opportunity for all our musicians to showcase their talent and skill. This is a much anticipated evening and all are welcome. Details from your itinerant teacher or **Mrs Emily Wells**.

Principal's Awards

- **Finn J** - extraordinary reading of tricky words.
- **Lily G** - great addition of numbers and work in Mathematics.
- **Ella R** - Excellence in creative writing and outstanding editing.
- **Zoe R** - Excellence in writing with Faithfulness and Courage.

SCHOOL FAIR!!

PLEASE PLEASE return your black produce bags to the office as soon as you can - Many thanks from the Fair Committee who rely on your support.

This week has been particularly busy, not the kind of busy that requires a badge, but busy in terms of significant rich learning opportunities for all ages. A true expression of our developing but broad curriculum. This busy is about community and our connections.

Whakawhetai koe rawa nui e maiohatia nui koe - thank you and my gratitude to you all.

Blessings and see you at the catwalk

Averil



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

School Notices

Upcoming Events

19-20 Sept	Wearable Arts Show
21 Sept	Kapahaka Tuhono Festival
26 Sept	Itinerant Music Evening
28 Sept	End of Term Service

Church Certificates

Inaka	Leo D
Kereru	Joshua W
Toetoe	Aayush K
Kotuku	Ioli K
Paua	Monty S
Mako	Chelsea P
Toroa	Trinity M

Student Success

Charlotte P passed Grade 5 Violin with Distinction - ABRSM exams.

Harriet P passed Grade 3 Clarinet with Distinction - ABRSM exams.

Sports Results

Another great game by the Year 5 basketball team last Wednesday. They won 16 - 3 against Oaklands Heat. POD was the whole team for the last game. We have a bye this week. So the season is over.



Community Notice

Blessing of Pets

Christchurch Transitional Cathedral and the SPCA invite you to bring your pets to a service for the blessing of animals this Sunday, 23 September, at 10:00am in the Transitional Cathedral, 234 Hereford Street.

Music by the Cathedral Choristers. Animals and their owners are welcome!

Spring is here and so is The Breeze Walking Festival, 29 September to Sunday 14 October 2018.

The opening weekend sees the return of the popular feature walk 'Dogs Day Out' that begins with a guided scenic walk in the Heathcote Valley and then the opportunity to explore Ferrymead Heritage Park at your leisure with doggie-tram rides, free micro chipping for Christchurch registered dogs, and lots of treats for dog lovers of all ages!

Back by popular demand are the exciting and interactive walks designed specifically for pre-schoolers and children: the Gruffalo Explorers, Pukeko Stomp and the ever muddy Going on a Bear Hunt, as well as many other family friendly walks.

So get your family and friends together, head outdoors and put some spring into your step with The Breeze Walking Festival.

Pick up a copy of the our booklet from your local Library, Service Centre or Recreation and Sport Centre, or check out the programme [online here](#).

St Mark's School Fair Saturday 3rd November

Horticulture Stand Contact:

Tania Sharr - Phone 021 380 559

Email tania.sharr@hotmail.com

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.

TŪHONO KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL



Connecting children, communities, and culture

COME AND CELEBRATE THEIR TALENT AND HARD WORK

Friday 21 September 2018

- + Potiki (Junior) Concert 4.30 – 5.30pm
- + Waenga (Intermediate) Concert 6.30 – 7.30pm
- + Mataamua (Senior) Concert 8 – 9pm

Hillview Christian School Gym
150 Wilsons Rd

Hangi meals – Adult \$12 / Kids \$7

Tickets

\$10	Adults
\$2	Children

Available from your school office.



For more info our Facebook page
is "Tuhono Kapa Haka Festival"
Phone 027 270 7460

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