



# St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 1  
17 October 2018

Kia ora everyone,

WELCOME BACK to Term 4. The term is jam packed with activities for the whole school and learning teams. Please check the newsletter but more importantly the calendar for the events, times and invitations.

## Teacher Only Day - Tuesday 23rd October.

On this day staff will be reviewing the Mathematics Curriculum, reviewing the Writing program, data analysis and reviewing STEAM subjects and our programs at St Mark's School.

## Ti Kouka

This term we welcome **Mr Dan Clarkson** as the teacher in Ti Kouka. He comes to us with experience at an Integrated School and teaching at a school in London. Dan is a keen sports person with particular experience and skill in football. We look forward to his contribution to our school.

## New Family

This week we welcome **Willa H** and her parents **Sarah and Kelly**. Welcome to the St Mark's family! May you find God's love here and a turangawaewae for your extended family.

## Calendar Dates:

18 Oct	PA Meeting 7.00pm
22 Oct	Labour Day
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
3 Nov	School Fair
5-6 Nov	Year 6 Cycle Safety
7 Nov	Athletic's Day
8 Nov	Athletic's Postponement Day
9 Nov	Grandparents' Day

## School Fair

In a separate communication to the school community is a personal plea and request from the Fair Committee for urgent offers to run stalls on the day - JOIN A ROSTER and help the committee out. Staff are enormously grateful that we have such an active Parents' Association at our school and supporting them enables support for the whole school and ultimately students.

Blessings  
Averil



*Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story*

# School Notices

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12 Nov	ISSA Athletics
16 Nov	Canterbury Anniversary Day
20 Nov	New Parents Evening
29 Nov	Advent Carol Service - 7pm
11 Dec	Internal Prizegiving - 1.30pm
13 Dec	Prizegiving - 7.00pm
14 Dec	End of Year Service - 11.45am

## Student Achievements

Pippa W

JD Duathlon Series Champion 5 -7 years

Meg W

JD Duathlon Series Champion 8 - 9 years

## Class Photographs

These are scheduled for Wednesday 24 October. Formal uniform is to be worn. Boys are to wear white shirts and shoes and socks for all children. Class, individual and family photographs will be taken. If you wish to have a family photograph, please return the form sent home by this Friday.

## Prize giving Cups

Children, who were awarded Cups and Trophies at the 2017 Prize Giving ceremony, are asked to return these to the school office by Wednesday 31 October. It would be greatly appreciated if these can be polished before returning.

## Scholastic Book Club

Order forms for Scholastic Books have been sent home. Orders may be placed direct with Scholastic at [www.mybookclub.scholastic.nz](http://www.mybookclub.scholastic.nz). An easy way to order online yourself and will be delivered direct to school. Orders close on Friday 26 October. The Gift Function has been turned on in LOOP! This allows parents to place a separate order as a surprise gift for their child. Items marked as a gift will be delivered to school and will be set aside at the school office for parents to collect.

## School Fair



In just a little over two weeks time the school will come alive to the sounds of many joyous people enjoying themselves at THE GREATEST LITTLE FAIR in town. Thank you to all those that have already come forward to volunteer for the numerous jobs and tasks at hand as we prepare to once again make our School 'SHINE' and Stand Out to an appreciative audience and community. We still need more volunteers to help with stalls on the day. I can't stress enough how important this one event is to the school and ultimately to our children, for the benefits they will receive from the funds raised by our fair. If you have not yet volunteered to help then please do so now, we are asking an hour and hour and half of your time on the day. You can either drop off the sign up form at the office, they came home at the end of Term 3 or call/txt me on 0275-918-777 or email [fair@saintmarks.school.nz](mailto:fair@saintmarks.school.nz)

*Ko te angitu ehara i te mahi a tetahi, engari ko te mahi a te tokomaha.*

**Success is not the work of one, but the work of many.**



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.



# STUDENT TALENT CALL



# ST MARKS SCHOOL FAIR

WE WANT YOU! AND  
YOUR TALENT!

TO PERFORM ON STAGE!

CONTACT  
[ASHLEIGHWENDT@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ASHLEIGHWENDT@GMAIL.COM)

OR MAKE CONTACT WITH  
MR GORDON

## St Mark's School Fair Saturday 3rd November

### Horticulture Stand Contact:

Tania Sharr - Phone 021 380 559

Email [tania.sharr@hotmail.com](mailto: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.**