



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 5
11 November 2020

Kia ora Te Kura o Hato Māka whānau,

I hope this finds everyone well. We are heading into some wonderful events and a season of reflection on a challenging year.

We do apologise for the changes in events necessitated by weather and time frames. We are committed to offering all events this term, in particular a great Year 7 leadership camp which I always attend.

Kapa Haka - Tūhono Festival

On the 1st November our kapa haka team made up of students from Year 4 - Year 8 performed at the Town Hall.

Thanks to the dedication of parents/whānau our uniform was extended to include feathers for the girls and headbands for the boys.

We performed fourth, and those of us in support (without bias!) were just so proud of their performance. It was stunning. They held themselves on the big stage of the Town Hall with grace and aplomb and rose to represent our school with passion and discipline.

The awards ceremony followed and both our group and individuals stood out.

Emily D was awarded **Best Female Leader and Best Whakamihi**. Emily was outstanding and led the group from the front - we were so so proud of her.

In addition to this, our group won **Best Uniform** - they looked stunning and with the cross on the front of the girls tops sent a clear message about our school.

ALSO the group won **Best Waiata Tira** - a song sung in unison on stage. The Trophy is proudly displayed on the office bench for all to see.

We remain grateful as a school to **Matua Steve Reid and Adrian Rennie** who used their combined musicianship to guide and mentor our whole kapa haka group in these performances. Ka mau te wehi!

Grandparents Day

What a great day we had with all our senior whānau on this day. The choirs sharing their talents and our kapa haka group created just a hint of the talent in our school.

Athletics Day - Thursday 12th Nov.

This will ABSOLUTELY be happening tomorrow. It will be a wonderful day at Hansens Park - the same organisation applies with the one change that the Year 3 students will now have a separate organisation for their sports at school. Mr Dan Clarkson is the teacher in charge of this should you have any questions.

Office Staffing

Mrs Christine Fairchild continues to be away recovering from her injury. As in a previous email, please understand Louise may not always get to your questions in her usual efficiency - she is the best office manager ever but we need just some extra patience at the moment.

Success

We do like to hear of student success outside the classroom. In this newsletter there is student success to celebrate and let us know of the talents that are known and not known to us.

On the horizon for us all are many and varied opportunities for our community to come together. Please check the community calendar carefully and many details via the school app.

Next week I am on leave from Tuesday as my daughter gets married on Saturday 21st November. Adrian Rennie will be acting in my stead.

Blessings
Averil



Upcoming Events

- Athletics Day Year 4 - 8 -12 November
- Rhythm Interactive Yrs 3 - 8 Monday 16th November
- Itinerant Music Night Yrs 0 - 3 6pm, Yrs 4 - 8 7-8.15pm Wednesday 18th November

Church Certificates

Raupō	Leo D & Claire G
Inaka	Beau W & Eleanor P
Pūtakitaki	Samuel P
Kōura	Amelia N
Tuaki	Lucy C & Louisa T
Karengo	Lucy H
Kahawai	Isla R
Toroa	Joseph Mc & Michael C

Sports Results

St Mark's Thunder 12 v 36 Halswell Rams

Player of the Day: Zara P - non stop running, strong defence, determination and amazing hoops. Well done!

St Mark's Rockets 26 - 12

Another fantastic game with lots of teamwork.

Players of the Day: Lily-Belle T and Janneke D

For swiping the ball back and protecting the ball on attack.

St Mark's Hornets 26 v 11 Thorrrington

Players of the Day: Tyrone N

Waterpolo

Our next game is Friday 20th November. Supporters very welcome! We will keep up our practices through till then so we can go in roaring!

Go St Mark's!

Rachael Okey

Student Success

Ariya S competed in the C.T.D.T.A dance comp over the weekend and placed 2nd in open jazz solo 8yrs and placed 3rd with ballet duo any age.



School Photos

- Staff, students and families can access these anytime now at:
- <http://www.photoshots.co.nz>
- then click the button 'Event Gallery Login' in the top right. Photos appear in several sub galleries, for ease of viewing / loading, under 'St Mark's School 2020' in red to the bottom right.
- **Password access is:2STm0**
- Note - capitals must be correct. As the galleries do contain a number of photos, it is advised that parents do give these a few minutes to load. I have limited them to ~300 images each to make this as efficient as possible.
- This is a view only gallery - there ISN'T online ordering. Parents are asked to use the envelope provided at school to order. All instructions, prices, sizes and payment details are provided on the order envelope.

Orders are due Thursday 12th November at 3.00pm Envelopes have been sent home.



place an online order, visit 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.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop hours are:

Tuesday - 8.30-9.30am

Thursday - 2.30-3.30pm

If you have any questions, please email:

uniformshop@saintmarks.school.nz

PA NEWS

It's Term 4 – the end of the school year buzz is starting to be felt. Our Class 8 Seniors preparing for the next part of their school life journey as they start to look towards their respective High Schools and the excitement (and trepidation) that that transition can bring. We all here at St Mark's wish you and your families all the best for the future and we look forward to hearing of many future successes of our St Mark's School Alumni.

Thank You's – there will be many of these throughout the latter part of term 4. To our teachers' and support staff, our itinerant teachers', and our Management Team. There are also the many and diverse leadership groups across the school from the Board of Proprietors whom make sure that our buildings and infrastructure are to a standard and quality needed for the teaching of our children to be conducted in a safe and stimulating environment.

To our Board of Trustees who make sure the policies and procedures required by the Ministry of Education are complete, up to date and fit for purpose in an ever changing world.

And of course the Parents' Association, the engine room of the social community making sure not only that we continue to generate revenue to be able to provide our school and Tamariki with all those 'Extras' that go a long way to making sure they have what they need to strive and thrive at school, whether this is something as simple as a large screen TV/Monitor for the library, or reading pens or furniture for classrooms or uniforms for representative sports teams or flags (only just arrived) that will truly let people know we are St Mark's when we attend sports days or other cultural events.

There is also the catering and hospitality we provide for things such as Grandparents Day or New Entrants Evening, School Discos, the Year 8 leavers Dinner and more besides, then we have the Uniform shop, staffed by volunteers making sure that everyone has access to affordable uniform items from socks right the way through to a school blazer.

Our Coffee Cart again staffed by volunteers to provide a great selection of beverages before the school day starts. To all our PA Committee Members and Supporters who have kept it going throughout this challenging year a BIG THANKYOU to you ALL.

2020 Fundraising Funds:

Though we have been somewhat restricted by Covid Alerts and Lockdowns YOUR School PA Team have still diligently worked away in the background on various fundraising efforts and to date I'm pleased to report the following successes:

Chocolate Drive - \$4,300

Entertainment Books – \$200

Calendars/Diaries - ~ \$2,000* (still counting)

School Raffle - \$6,000** (Projected)

2021 The Year Ahead

Next year is our Centenary Year with some wonderful activities planned around this, more to come on this in the near future. Our first PA Event will be the annual **Welcome Back BBQ on Fri 12th February**, a chance for families to catch up and to also welcome our new families into St Mark's. Once again, the PA will provide the BBQ and entertainment for the children, we ask that you bring a salad for the Salad Bar and your own beverages.

Look out for Details of the **St Mark's Family Day Out in March** – this will be sent out to all families in mid- late January with follow up once we are back at school, but mark your diaries for Sunday March 21st for this one.

Gary Miller

Chairman, St Mark's P.A.

Canterbury

District Health Board

Te Pōari Hauora o Waitaha

COMMUNITY 
dental service

Free Dental Care for Children - including special information regarding Year 8 students

One of our Community Dental Service vans will be making a visit to your school soon.

- Only the children who currently require a check-up will be seen at this visit. Please do not be concerned if your child is not called for a check-up this time.
- The dental therapist will provide a regular check-up and preventative care which may include:
 - Cleaning/Scaling (to remove plaque from teeth)
 - Dental x-rays (to check for decay in teeth, or presence and position of teeth)
 - Fluoride Varnish (painted on teeth to help prevent decay)
 - Fissure Sealants (coating put on teeth to prevent decay) if required.
- If your child requires any other dental care, they will bring home a 'Care Plan' which will explain what dental care and appointment times are required.
- When you receive the 'Care Plan' please contact our Call Centre as soon as possible as you will need to arrange a time to bring your child to one of our Community Clinics for this dental care.
- Please contact our Call Centre if you want further information on the Community Dental Service, to enrol your child or if you have any specific questions about your child's dental care (a dental therapist will call you back).
- Year 8 students: all year 8 students enrolled with the Community Dental Service are transferred from the Community Dental Service to a FREE private dentist from year 9 until their 18th birthday. To help with this transition please ensure you have informed your child of their family dentist (not orthodontist). This will enable us to transfer your child onto the correct dentist for year 9 onwards. More information will be sent home after their year 8 check-up.

**To contact our Call Centre: phone 0800 846 983 / email
commdental@cdhb.health.nz**

A promotional graphic for a 'Spring Sizzle Sausage' sale. The background is a bright yellow gradient. At the top, there are two large yellow sun-like shapes with white triangular flags hanging from them. On the right side, there is a vertical arrangement of yellow and white daffodils. The main text is enclosed in a white rectangular border. The text reads 'SPRING SAUSAGE SIZZLE' in large, bold, white serif font. Below this, the price '\$2 Each' is written in a smaller, white serif font. At the bottom, the order and delivery details are written in a white serif font: 'Order + Cash Thursday' and 'Delivery Friday'.

SPRING
SAUSAGE
SIZZLE

\$2 Each

Order + Cash Thursday
Delivery Friday

ST MARK'S December Holidays 2020

Based at St Mark's School, 33 Chomondeley Ave

7:30am - 3:00pm - \$48.00

7:30am - 6:00pm - \$55.00

8:30am - 3:00pm - \$38.00

8:30am - 6:00pm - \$45.00

* Trip fee's extra as advertised

* Terms & Conditions apply

WHAT'S ON?

Monday 14th



**MASH
CHALLENGES**

Who will be the best?

Tuesday 15th



OUT OF AFRICA

Will you be the
cheekiest monkey

Wednesday 16th



**WINTER
WONDERLAND**

Let's explore a white
Christmas

Thursday 17th



**CULTURAL
CHRISTMAS**

How do other Countries
Celebrate Christmas?

Friday 18th



XMAS CHEF

Let's make Xmas
treats to share!

Monday 21st



PAY IT FORWARD

Pay it forward today,
we're making giftsto
give.

Tuesday 22nd



KIWI CHRISTMAS

Let's celebrate some
Kiwi Xmas Traditions

Wednesday 23rd



CROSBIE PARK

We're heading for some
fun at the park!

Thursday 24th



CHRISTMAS EVE

It's the day before
Christmas, let's spread
some Christmas cheer

Friday 25th



CHRISTMAS DAY

Enjoy Christmas Day!
MASH is closed today

MASH

MY AFTER SCHOOL HEADQUARTERS



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or email us at info@mashkids.co.nz