



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 2
7 February 2019

Kia ora St Mark's whanau,

What a great start to 2019! Welcome back! As I walk around the school it is obvious how settled our students are and with staff focussed on establishing routines and relationships in the first few days, there is much to be grateful for. Thank you for your feedback regarding our start with interviews - this process will be repeated in 2020 due to the mutual success for parents and staff.

New Addition to our school family

On behalf of the school and community we extend prayers and congratulations to Rev. Ben and Johannah Truman on the birth of the precious gift of Edward James Truman. Welcome to the St Mark's School family. *"For we are God's masterpiece" Eph: 2:10*

Communication

At the end of last year the Board of Trustees surveyed the community seeking feedback on a number of areas in preparation for strategic planning.

One area well supported in this survey was the age old question of communication. Vital in a school - not one way but mutual! - staff had already been considering ways to streamline communication in ways to support community needs and provide specific information for specific reasons.

Last year we trialled **Seesaw** - a program of "in time" sharing where students can send their learning directly to parents during the school day. This enables parents to be engaged at the time and comment on what their child has achieved. The **free app** allowed parents to receive this information on their mobile device.

In 2019 as a trial, we will shift the newsletter and other class and team communication to Seesaw ensuring school information is not buried in your inbox! We will make this shift in **Term 2** giving everyone time to download the app, talk to their class teacher and team leader, and practice using it's features. The newsletter and other communications will be available in print or digital form initially.



Clubs in Term 1

Staff are committed to providing extra curricular activities for students and I am thrilled to announce that clubs are starting in the next 3 weeks and include:

- **Ukelele - Ms Hale** - Monday lunchtime
- **Senior Sports - Mr Clarkson/Mrs Bigelow** - Tuesday lunchtime
- **Junior Code Club - Miss Yonetani** - Tuesday lunchtime
- **Chess - Mr Gordon** - Wednesday Lunchtime
- **Junior Sports - Mr Clarkson** - Thursday lunchtime
- **Senior Code Club (Years 4 - 8) - Miss Yonetani** - Thursday lunchtime
- **Wheels (Years 0 - 3) - Mrs Wells** - Thursday lunchtime
- **Tennis (Years 3 - 8) - Mr Gordon** - Friday lunchtime.



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

Class Teachers and names of hapori/classes

Mōkihi

Year 0 - Mrs Delwyn Wright

Year 1 and 2 Mrs Emily Wells - Team Leader

Year 1 and 2 Mrs Liz Coster/Mr Adrian Rennie

Waka Puhara

Year 3 - Mrs Lorraine Brereton - Team Leader

Year 4 - Miss May Bryant

Year 4 - Mr Dan Clarkson

Year 5 - Mrs Maree Bigelow

Waka Hourua

Year 6 and 7 - Mr Tom Gordon

Year 6 and 7 - Ms Katrina Steans

Year 8 - Miss Cristy Yonetani - Team Leader

Choirs

Mr Paul Ellis recently received an MNZM (New Year's Honour) for his services to music in New Zealand. As a school we have offered our congratulations to him in recognition of the significant contribution to Music Education and music in general.

- **Performance Choir - Friday 8.30am sharp**
- **Year 4 and 5 Choir - Wednesday 8.30am sharp**

Parents' Association

Two very important dates as we start the year

1. **PA back to school BBQ Friday 15th February 5.00pm.** Everyone welcome!
2. **PA AGM Tuesday 19th - 7.30pm**

The newsletter will be published every Wednesday. Full details regarding camps, swimming, home learning, class events and trips sit with your team and classroom teacher. Please don't hesitate to contact a staff member if you are unclear about any communications from the school.

Staff enjoyed time away together in Hanmer in late January, planning for 2019 and sharing in best practice. Focus of the 2 days were those with diverse learning needs, collaboration in teams and a special spotlight on mathematics being our curriculum focus for 2019. Partnering with families was an important topic of discussion and how we might outwork this more effectively. Joining with you all in that discussion began with our interviews - thank you!

"...for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness" Lam. 3:22-23.

Blessings everyone

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School Notices

Upcoming Events

11-14 Feb	Year 6-7 Camp
15 Feb	PA Back to School BBQ
19 Feb	PA AGM
19-22 Feb	Year 8 Leadership Camp
25 Feb-7 Mar	Year 0-3 Swimming - Pioneer
	Year 4-8 Swimming -Waltham

2019 School Term Dates and Holidays

Monday 28 January - Friday 12 April
Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July
Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September
Monday 14 October - Friday 13 December

Emergency Contact Form and School Permissions Form

The following forms have been sent home with your eldest child.

1. Emergency contact form (one per family)
2. School Permissions form (one per child - please ensure both sides of this form are completed.)

This will enable our records to be kept up-to-date.

Please return these forms to the school office by Friday, 8 February.

Music Itinerant Program

If you would like your child to have a music lesson, please return the permission form (one per child/lesson) to the school office by Thursday, 7 February 2019.

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 8 February. 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.

New Families

We welcome the following new families to our school and pray they find a turangawaewae in this place with us:

Henry D and parents Julia and Paul
Faith L and parents Kathi and Daniel
Samuel P and parents Rachel and Lloyd
Maddox A and parents Anna and Vaughan
Madelyn E and parents Marliese and Adrian
Harry O and parents Jenny and Graham
Mackenzie H and parents Margot and Justin
Felix A and parents Charlotte and Pete
Nicole A and parents Margarite and Nicholas
Gudiya E and parent Rebecca
Jashil C and parents Anjana and Nilesh
Isabelle C and parents Kimberley and Nathan
Matthew and Sonja C and parents Raewyn and Peter
James M and parent Marina

Lost!

A St Mark's maroon hoodie (size XS) named "Rea". Would you please have a look at home to see if it inadvertently made its way to your house. Thank you.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open for purchasing uniform on the following days.

Tuesday: 8.30am - 9.30am

Wednesday: 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Enquiries may be made at
Uniformshop@saintmarks.school.nz



St Marks School Welcome Back BBQ

Friday February 15th
From 5pm

The PA will provide the meat and Bouncy Castles.
Please bring a salad to share. Also your plates, cutlery, drinks,
picnic blanket etc
See you there. :)

P.A. NEWS

Happy new school year everyone! Welcome to 2019 at St Mark's. I hope the holidays have been refreshing and relaxing and you are all set for an enjoyable and productive year.

St Mark's School Parents Association NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Tuesday, 19th February 2019, 7.30pm St Mark's School Library

The PA is an opportunity to get to know some good people and have some fun while you help the school and your children as well. The PA represents the parent body of the school so if you want to have your say, this is where you should be! Our aims are basically to run social and fundraising events for the school community and apply those funds to the purchase of "extra" items that improve the teaching and learning environment at St Mark's. New Parents – this is a great opportunity to get involved in the school community.

A nomination form is attached below for nominating yourself or someone else (with their consent) for a position on the PA. Please hand completed forms into the school office by 15th February. **Elections will be held at the PA AGM on 19th February, 2019.**

Susan Bain
PA President

NOMINATION FORM – Please hand in to school office by Friday 15th February, 2019

I NOMINATE _____ FOR THE POSITION OF

(Circle one) President Secretary Treasurer Committee member

Nominator _____ Seconder

Nomination accepted by _____ (Person nominated)



Children's Day

SUNDAY
03 March
11AM-3PM

CROWN OWNED LAND
152 New Brighton Rd

FREE