



# St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 3  
13 February 2019

Dear St Mark's whanau,

Week 3 and with year 6/7 camp, year 4/5 trip to the museum, year 8 trip to the City Council chamber the resumption of senior languages and technology our broad curriculum is in full flight.

## Board of Trustees

On Saturday the Board met to discuss strategy and vision for 2019. Whilst still in draft form there is much to celebrate and operationalise as the board considers 2018 consultation and feedback from the community and staff. In a changing governance landscape the need to focus on common goals for the students is paramount.

## Seesaw

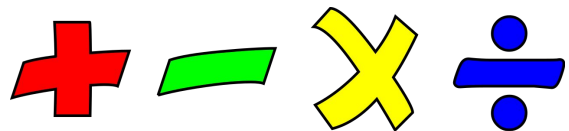
Last year we trialled **Seesaw** - a program of "in time" sharing where students can send their learning directly to parents during the school day. This enables parents to be engaged at the time and comment on what their child has achieved. The **free app** allowed parents to receive this information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



## Mathematics!

This year our curriculum focus is mathematics. We have funded professional development for staff from the University of Canterbury - **Ms Carol Butel** and ongoing specialist professional development from **Mr Brent Langford** from Evaluation Associates. As we inquire into our practice in this area of the curriculum we will share our learnings (not dissimilar to the All Blacks!) and seek your views throughout the year. Some class levels have specific stationery items that lend well to this inquiry but overall our commitment is to a coherent and local curriculum is the common goal.



## To note in your diaries!

- **THIS FRIDAY back to school BBQ** - see you there from 5.00pm.
- Year 8 Hanmer Camp - **Tuesday 19th - Friday 22nd February**
- **PA AGM - Tuesday 19th February - 7.30pm**
- **Softball** is happening in the school on Thursdays - year 3 - 8!!



**Courage** is the school value taking flight in classrooms this term. Look out for it in your child's learning!

*"Stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong"*  
1 Cor; 16:13

Blessings everyone  
Averil



*Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story*

# 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.

If you haven't already done so, please return these forms to the school office as soon as possible.

## Church Certificates

|          |                 |
|----------|-----------------|
| Kereru   | Alexandra H     |
| Ti Kouka | Landon H        |
| ToeToe   | Holly R         |
| Kamana   | James P         |
| Kawau    | Nikhil J        |
| Kutai    | Rosa T          |
| Mako     | Naomi J         |
| Rimurimu | Leo-Sebastian M |
| Toroa    | Olivia B        |



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.

Kūtai, Kamana and Kawau went to the Canterbury Museum yesterday. We learnt...

*Antarctica is the 5th largest continent on earth.*

*It is the windiest and driest place on earth.*

*Some of the explorers names are Scott, Shackleton and Amundsen.*

*Sir Edmund Hillary was the first to cross the Transantarctic on a motorised vehicle.*

*Explorers are very courageous*



## Billets required for the evening of Tuesday 21st May 2019

The Anglican Schools' Conference is being held in Timaru this year. Delegates travelling internationally to the conference will need to arrive in Christchurch on Tuesday 21st May. The Polynesian delegates will include school chaplains, school principals and some Year 12 students. It is preferably that 2 students be billeted together. If you are able to provide dinner, bed and breakfast for people travelling from Fiji and Tonga to the Anglican Schools' Conference please let the School Office know.

With thanks

*Carol Trotter*



**Anglican Schools**  
of Aotearoa New Zealand  
and Polynesia



## 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**

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### **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 \_\_\_\_\_      Secondor \_\_\_\_\_

Nomination accepted by \_\_\_\_\_ (Person nominated)

For ST MARK'S SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION 2019





# **Children's Day**

**SUNDAY**  
**03 March**  
**11AM-3PM**

**FREE**

**CROWN OWNED LAND**  
**152 New Brighton Rd**