



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 7
12 June 2019

Kia ora St Mark's Family,

I hope you are enjoying receiving the newsletter on your personal devices. We are certainly seeing joy on students faces when they share their learning with you on Seesaw. Please feel free to comment back at any time. Seesaw naturally creates a "learning profile" for every child over time.

Year 8 Clever Cookies!

What great cookies are on offer by our year 8 students! The senior students are raising money to support school events they are running, to part fund activities at school camps, charitable events and community projects. Delicious and only \$2.00!!

AIMS Games

Mrs Bigelow and I have been in discussion about trialling sending 2 teams of students to the AIMS Games held every year in Tauranga in September. For The Association of Intermediate and Middle Schools, this sporting event is for high performing athletes as individuals or teams. At this stage we are seeking feedback from the year 7 and 8 community before proceeding. It is an elite sporting event and not without a substantial financial commitment although fundraising ideas are being canvassed. To our knowledge St Mark's School has not attended this event. If you would like to offer feedback please contact Maree or myself directly. At this stage we have identified hockey and football as the likely travelling teams.

Music Festival

Next week it will be a pleasure to join the families of those students in the Performance Choir in the South Music Festival. We are grateful to **Ms Adrienne Hale and Mr Paul Ellis** for their skill and expertise in preparing the songs and singers for this performance. We choose to attend the local festival alternately with the Christchurch Music Festival, keeping our connections with both communities.

Year 4 and 5 Choir

This morning Mrs Elliott and I went to listen to the Year 4 and 5 choir. They will be singing at our church service on Friday and whilst I am an amateur observer in terms of choral singing, the quality of the sound was beautiful and brought goose bumps to the skin - please join us if you are able.

Parents' Association

From time to time I talk of the incredible work of our PA and their overwhelming generosity in support of our school. I am fortunate to attend their meetings every month and of their aspirations at the moment to raise funds for new playgrounds. This year the raffle will happen outside the Fair, and your support is already showing. Please add **Gary Miller** and the team to your prayers in their commitment to us all.

Centenary 2021

Before the end of term I will call a meeting with the "Centenary Committee". I have already received offers of help for this huge event in the life of our school. Please hold off on all offers until we have a structure in place to come out to our community. In the meantime the date of the anniversary is in **May 2021**.

TODAY

Today I have been in several classrooms releasing teachers to spend time reflecting on their teaching and learning practice in maths. It is a pleasure and a joy to do this. Staff are doing this work alongside our professional partners **Carol Butel** (UC) and **Brent Langford** (Evaluate Associates). Such professionalism by staff is paving the way for our curriculum review. The work is intimately tied to student achievement and success (both qualitative and quantitative) and is preparing the way for consultation with you our community!!

Our values story!

This is at the heart of all we do, our learning, our wellbeing and our community. Do you know it?!

*Through **Grace/Huatau**, we act with compassion and humility to achieve **Excellence/Hiranga** using the potential of our God given talents and gifts. This gives us the **Courage/Māiatanga** to bring about change as we show **Faithfulness/Piriponotanga** to God and others.*

Blessings Averil



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

Upcoming Events

13 June Sports/Cultural Photographs
24-26 June Whanau/Teacher Interviews

2019 School Term Dates and Holidays

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

2020 Term Dates

Term 1 - 27 and 28 January Parent/Teacher/Child conferences. Wednesday 29 first full day of term.
Term 1 - Monday 27 January - Thursday 9 April
Term 2 - Tuesday 28 April - Friday 3rd July.
Teacher only day - Tuesday 2 June
Term 3 - Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September
Term 4 - Monday 12 October - Friday 11 December
Teacher only day - Tuesday 27 October

Church Certificates

Inaka	Zaia O
Kererū	Indigo J
Ti Kouka	Tyree D
Toetoe	Samuel B
Kāmana	Oliver P
Kawau	Aayush K
Kūtai	Ethan K
Mako	Summer McC
Rimurimu	Emily D
Toroa	Charlotte P

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 14 June. 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.

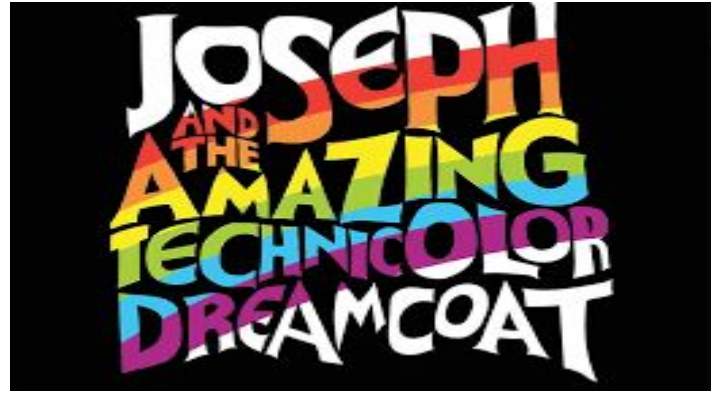
Sports Results

Basketball

St Mark's Magic 10 v Sacred Heart Shooters 14
Player of the Day: Miriama N

Netball

St Mark's Leopards 5 v South Brighton 6
Player of the Day: Tessa C



This year we are lucky to present Joseph, a wonderful production with a rich history. Auditions were held on Monday and have been stunning. The sheer talent at our wonderful school boggles the mind. This does mean choosing the right people for each role, which will be very difficult. There are also those who will be selected to be an understudy. We hope to announce the audition results as quickly as we can. If you have any questions regarding the upcoming senior production, do not hesitate to email Mr Gordon or come and talk to him. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Whanau/Teacher Interviews

These are being held on 24, 25 and 26 June. To access interview times please go to:

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Code: 62whv

Lost Property

We have a large amount of clothing, shoes and lunch boxes in our Lost Property cupboard in our foyer. Please take the time to have a look to see if any of these items belong to your child.

PA News

Entertainment book

Congratulations to Kamana for selling the most entertainment books - there is a pizza party coming your way!!!!

Please if you still have a book can you return it to the drop box in the office or pay online at

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1341r76>

We would love to finish up this fundraiser so we can focus on the next one. Thank you for your support

YEAR 3 VISIT TO TRAVIS WETLANDS

Yesterday we went to Travis Wetlands to look at the community of animals, birds and insects. It was great fun looking through binoculars and trying to catch backswimmers.





The Saint Mark's Annual School Raffle

Traditionally we have held our school raffle in term 4 around the School Fair. We realise that term 4 is very hectic and the demands on our families' time and finances are far greater at that time of the year than any other. We have decided to move our School raffle forward to term 2 with the draw taking place early in term 3 to help ease the load on our families' around fair time. The Parents' Association are now seeking PRIZES for our Annual School Raffle. If you are able to donate a prize or the company you work for; please contact Gary Miller on 0275-918-777 or email fair@saintmarks.school.nz

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE ANNUAL SCHOOL RAFFLE GO TOWARDS OUR SCHOOL GOAL TO HELP PROVIDE FUNDS TO REVAMP OUR CHILDRENS' PLAYGROUNDS.