



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 7
4 September 2019

Kia ora St Mark's Family,

This week have many activities at stages of "near completion".

Kapahaka

This morning I popped into the **Kapahaka** rehearsal and was so thrilled by the commitment of the students there. Thanks to **Matua Steve** who leads this group so brilliantly with christian teaching, and **Mr Rennie** who is learning alongside. This team of students will represent St Mark's School at the **Tūhono Festival** at Cowles Stadium next Friday. We wish them all the best and thank all the parents who will support their children and the school.

Production

This morning I also stayed in the hall watching in awe as students practised the Potiphar scene of **Joseph**. Tickets will go on sale next week, a limited number per family first, and then additional sales after that. We are limited by the capacity of the hall, so want to be fair to everyone initially. There will be two matinees (23rd and 24th) and two evening performances (23rd and 24th). **Mr Gordon** is managing all aspects of this production with great staff support. **The Three Trees** has every student (Year 0 - 3) involved - look out for a life sized dinghy and billowing sea

AIMS Games

Next week **Mrs Bigelow** and myself, along with parent volunteers will travel to Tauranga to compete in Hockey and Football. I was reminded this week of the sometimes muddy waters of inclusion given that we are not taking all year 7 and 8 students. This on the back of an announcement today the 5 sporting codes - hockey, netball, cricket, football, rugby and sport NZ - have signed a statement of intent with new steps to how tamariki and rangitahi experience sport. My personal view is that this is an opportunity for some of our students for whom some of their God given talents rest in sporting prowess.

It sits well with our value of excellence and importantly we expect graciousness from our team members - win or lose. As we broaden our curriculum we need to consciously seek ways to value EVERY student whatever their abilities.

Sausage Sizzle

NO sausage sizzle next Friday 13th September.

Student Success congratulations to:

- **Liam S** - who has been selected for U13 Canterbury Hockey Development squad.

FASHION SHOW!!

A wonderful night of fashion and fun. Thank you to the parents who organised this and supported it!

Centennial Committee

Last night the centennial committee met for the first time. The committee are enthusiastic and it is likely that more will be added to the number as specific jobs emerge.

The committee has decided on the following:

- The celebrations will take place on the weekend of the **9th - 11th April 2021**.
- A **St Mark's School Facebook Page** will be set up to connect with alumni and whānau.
- On **Saturday 10th April** there will be a formal celebration dinner.
- There will be opportunities to tour the school on **Friday 9th April**.
- On **Sunday 11th April** there will be a celebratory church service.
- Please put these dates in your diary!

According to the Anglican lectionary the Psalm for 3rd September is number 27, verses 1 - 8.

"I will sing and make music to the Lord" - We are!!

Blessings everyone

Averil



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

Upcoming Events

24 Sep	School Production Matinee - 1.30pm School Production - 7pm
25 Sep	School Production Matinee - 1.30pm School Production - 7 pm

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	Liam B
Kererū	Lily-Belle T
Ti Kouka	Lily G
Kāmana	Ari R
Toetoe	Zara P
Kawau	Sonja C
Kutai	Saffron D/Olive A-C
Rimurimu	Torbin C
Toroa	Plumm T

Sports Results

St Mark's Magic 6 v Medbury Wolves 8

Player of the Day: Ioli K

Ruby T helping on Daffodil Day



Chess

Last week we had several students represent our school in the Canterbury's Individual Chess Championships. Our students represented our school with a positive attitude and lots of great sportsmanship. They competed against the best in Canterbury.

At the end of the day, all students had battled valiantly against their opponents. Thomas placed third overall in the Year 4 division. Toby S placed 3rd overall in the Year 5 division. Seth K placed 1st in the Year 1 and 2 division.

Huge congratulations must go to all students that participated, and the wonderful families that contributed their time to the event. Thank you Tania Sharr and Miho Kuwasaki for all your hard work!

We wish Ioli K, Daniel S, Toby S and Thomas F the best of luck, competing this week at the South Island Chess Championships.





Our Ukulele Club and year-8 students really enjoyed playing alongside the other 47 schools and conductors. The ukuleles blended great with the recorders and marimbas.

Thank you to Miss Y and Ms Hale for organising for us to go to this fun event!



The pieces we performed included:

E Tū Kahikatea
 Little black box
 April sun in cuba
 Try everything
 Aotearoa nō te katoa
 Dragonfly
 Calypso cruise

By Emily D and Music Leader, Charlotte P



An Update from the Board of Trustees Review Committee



2019 Term 3 – Policy Reviews:

As part of St Marks' Policy three-year review cycle, there are no Policy areas requiring feedback from school parents this term.

The two areas that will have input from Board members and staff this term are:

- Performance Management
- Health, Safety and Welfare.

2019 Term 3 - Assurance:

In addition to reviewing policy, it's also the role of the Board to gain **ASSURANCE** that the operational policy and procedures are being operationalised in the school.

This term we will undertake assurance on a variety of areas including:

<u>Employer Responsibility</u>	<u>Health, Safety, and Welfare</u>	<u>Legislation and administration</u>
- Appraisal of the Principal	- Physical Restraint - Risk Management - Safety Management System - Surrender & Retention of Property and Searches	- International Students

Parenting Week

Helping Whānau
to Flourish

2019

9TH-19TH
SEPTEMBER

Strategies to help your family through
the difficult times and enjoy being together

**WITH MIKE KING, DR SUE BAGSHAW,
PIO TEREI, JENNY HALE AND MORE!**



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WWW.NHT.ORG.NZ/PARENTINGWEEK



**Neighbourhood
Trust**

**Christchurch
City Council**



WITH SPECIAL THANKS TO PAPANUI-INNES,
FENDALTON-WAIMAIRI-HAREWOOD AND
BURWOOD-COASTAL COMMUNITY BOARDS



**Rātā
Foundation**



Lottery Grants Board
Te Puna Tahua
LOTTO FUNDS FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

Kelly Sports October Holiday Programme

Bookings for our upcoming Kelly Sports Holiday Programmes at Hillview Christian School and Hillmorton High School are now available online.

The focus of our Programmes is to ensure kids are active throughout with a great mixture of games and activities to suit everyone. WINZ Subsidies are available for families that qualify and we have options of Half Day sessions, School Day sessions and Full Day sessions available.

To register and for more information please visit www.kellysports.co.nz/christchurch-east or contact Steve on steve@kellysports.co.nz



Faster, higher, stronger?

Port Hills Athletics Club will help you get there!

Registration days: 15th September 4-5pm

17th September 5-6pm

Hansen Park club rooms, Opawa.

Info: Amanda Landers : juniortrack@porthillsathletic.org.nz

Or message us your phone nr. on Facebook (Port Hills Athletics Club) and we will get back to you!

**30 SEPT
- 4 OCT**



ST. STEPHEN'S

UNDERWATER KINGDOM HOLIDAY CLUB



WHAT

Kids aged 5-11 will have a whale of a time learning about Jesus, the King, through games, craft, drama and the Bible. A yummy afternoon tea will be provided.

WHEN

Monday 30 September 2019— Friday 4 October 2019
1pm – 4pm (Special Prizegiving on Sunday 6 October)

WHERE

12 Berwick St
St Alban's

BOOKINGS

SPACES ARE LIMITED

Please register at

www.ststephens.org.nz

or email: leigh@ststephens.org.nz

Phone: 9800929 for more info

FREE

THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR HOLIDAY CLUB,
ALTHOUGH, IF YOU ARE ABLE TO, A SMALL
GOLD COIN DONATION WOULD BE APPRECIATED