



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 7
28 November 2018

Kia ora St Mark's family,

This week is like a "news in brief". It can feel like a sprint to the end of the year, however we are finishing well, in great heart and with exciting developments in planning for 2019.

This time of year is always tinged with sadness as we prepare to farewell our year 8 students and families. In this year's senior students lie many years of commitment and contribution to this school for both students and families. Staff look forward to joining with them on many occasions to honour this contribution beginning with a Leavers' Dinner on Wednesday 5th December. This is most generously supported by our brilliant PA.

Advent Carol Service - TOMORROW 29th November, Transitional Cathedral 7pm.

Timings for arrival at Cathedral:

6.15pm: Junior and Senior Performance Choir arrive for rehearsal

6.30pm: Readers, Crucifer, Acolytes, Junior Prayer readers, Collection bearers

Parking: Advice from Cathedral Staff indicate that street parking at that time of night is possible and the nearby Wilson's car park on Hereford St is available.

Points to note:

- **Staffing for 2019** will be shared on Friday 30th November.
- **Wednesday 5th December:** Canterbury Athletics Championships
- **Wednesday 5th December 1.30pm:** Mōkihi carol singing and visit to the Transitional Cathedral
- **Wednesday 5th December 7.00pm:** Year 8 Leavers and their families dinner
- **Thursday 6th December 2.30pm - 4.00pm:** BYOC 2019 Information Afternoon
- **Friday 7th December 9.00am:** St Mark's School Eucharist Service.
- **Friday 7th December 11.30am:** Year 3-7 Swim Day Waltham Pool

Internal Prize Giving Tuesday 11th December 1.30pm

This Prize Giving recognises students who achieve 2nd and 3rd places in various cultural and sporting events throughout the year. A list of those receiving awards will be published on the school noticeboard in the foyer of the school on **Friday 7th December**.

I am personally looking forward to catching up with as many of you as possible in the coming days as we celebrate all that has been 2018.

Blessings
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School Notices

Upcoming Events

29 Nov	Advent Carol Service - 7pm
4 Dec	Year-8 Driving Range Trip Waka Hourua Science Roadshow
5 Dec	Year-8 Leavers' Dinner
6 Dec	Year-8 Victoria Park Trip
11 Dec	Internal Prizegiving - 1.30pm
12 Dec	Year-8 Jellie Park Day
13 Dec	Prizegiving - 7.00pm Year-8 Supa Karts Trip
14 Dec	End of Year Service - 11.45am

Church Certificates

Raupo	Matteo L
Inaka	Leo D
Kereru	Alex H
Ti Kouka	Thomas O
Kamana	Thomas F
ToeToe	Harrison B/Coco A
Kotuku	Tommy P
Paua	Rafi W-S
Mako	Liam S
Wheke	Jackson P
Toroa	Lilah J

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 30 November. 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.

AQUAGYM

459 Cashel St

Ph:381- 0299

**Learn to Swim
& Coaching**

AquaGym and Sumner Pool

Book now for January Holidays and Term 1

Leaders in Aquatic Education

Sports Results

Lions 34 vs Thorrington Cats 5 - 22 November
Player of the day - Meg W - great defence and staying with her partner, hoops and passing.

Student Achievement

Meg W - 1st, 9 year old girl in Pak n Save Duathlon at Pegasus
Pippa W - 2nd, 7 year old girl in Pak n Save Triathlon at Pegasus

On 24 November, Sophia W was awarded Gymnast of the year (step 4) at Christchurch School of Gymnastics.





I'd like to take this opportunity to THANK EVERYONE that donated their time, products, services towards our 2018 School Fair, and a note of appreciation for everyone getting on with the job at hand after my last minute set up changes due to the pending weather forecasted in the hours leading up to fair day.

To the Fair committee members whom gave up numerous hours and evenings throughout the year - THANK YOU

To the Convenors for pulling the myriad of stalls together - THANK YOU

To the Volunteers for your time and energy - THANK YOU

To the Teachers and staff of the school for the support throughout the process and on the day THANK YOU.




To the Students whom all willingly and diligently assisted with a myriad of jobs in the days leading up to the Fair
THANK YOU

Final tally is approx \$30,000 raised on the day with expenses (to yet be confirmed) of approx \$5,000 and a bit. Please see the info on the results for the stalls on the day, these are the figures before costs are deducted. A very pleasing result that will go a long way towards providing great resources for our children and the school.

Once again, THANK YOU and Regards

Gary Miller - School Fair Coordinator.

Balloon Animals	\$ 418.00
Books	\$ 743.20
Bouncy Castle	\$ 279.80
Cakes	\$ 743.50
Candy Floss	\$ 635.20
Chocolate Wheel	\$ 1,642.30
Coffee Cart	\$ 991.90
Dinosaur Dig	\$ 261.40
Drinks Stall	\$ 1,175.20
External Providers	\$ 460.00
Face Painting	\$ 244.50
Games - Hockey shoot	\$ 248.70
Games - Tin Can Alley	\$ 242.00
Toilet Roll Toss	\$ 360.90
Horticulture	\$ 870.70
Hot Chips	\$ 790.00
Jar Tombola	\$ 1,508.30
Near New Clothing	\$ 1,853.30
Ooky Spooky House	\$ 832.50
Pop Corn/Sno Cones	\$ 827.10
RAFFLE	\$ 5,865.00
Souvlaki	\$ 2,122.20
Sweets	\$ 1,204.80
Toys	\$ 613.50
WB/Salad/Sausages	\$ 2,121.70
White Elephant	<u>\$ 2,847.30</u>
	\$ 29,903.00



Christmas Services

@ St Anne's Church

(7 Wilsons Rd)

We would love to have you join with us as we celebrate the great gift of Jesus this Christmas.

Sunday 23rd

8am Communion Service
10am 9 Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve

5pm Children's Christmas *
10:30pm Candlelight Christmas Vigil **

Christmas Day

9am Communion Service

* Our Children's service is full of *costumes* and *carols*. You can come dressed as a character from the nativity story, otherwise we can provide the costumes. No knowledge of church is needed.

** The Vigil service includes 20min of carol singing before a communion service at 11:00. Come for one or both. We aim to finish at 12:15 – in plenty of time to catch Santa!





Thinking BYOC for 2019?

We encourage students who will be in years 6-8 in 2009 to bring their own Chromebook to school. We recommend purchasing through our [BYOC Portal](#).

90% of our current year 6-7 students already have Chromebooks for 2019!

Second-Hand Chromebook Sale

Thursday 6 December

2:30pm - 4:00pm

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At our information afternoon, there will be a noticeboard for families wishing to buy or sell used Chromebooks. We are keen to support this eco-friendly practice and to make e-learning as affordable as possible.



BYOD Made Easy

OUTCOMES THROUGH TECHNOLOGY

Visit www.cyclone.co.nz/byod. Select your school name and you will be redirected to your schools specific portal login page. Enter the login name and password given to you from the school.

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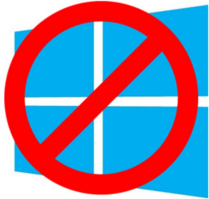
Which Chromebook?

Any Chromebook (device with the official Chrome logo) will meet our minimum system requirements. Beware of old Chromebooks that may look similar, but don't perform as well as the newer ones. Google demands high standards for hardware manufacturers to earn the Chrome logo, and these standards have increased over the years. A newer Chromebook is likely to be better. Touchscreen and tablet mode are lovely optional features, which are definitely worth considering.



Why not Apple or Microsoft?

Only Chromebooks can support a Chrome Education Licence, which offers the best safety, security, and learning environment for our students. Through a two-year trial and community consultation process, we have chosen Chromebooks as the best fit for our school.



We love our iPads in Mōkihi! Apple and Microsoft offer some great products, but we are a BYOC, not BYOD school.

Why do I need a Chrome Education Licence?



Learning

Chromebooks are for learning. A Chrome Education Licence provides the best online learning environment for our senior students. It means that the apps and sites work at home, exactly the way they work at school. We are able to customise the learning environment to meet students' needs.

Security

The Chrome Education Licence restricts sign in to users with an @saintmarks.school.nz account. Siblings may sign in with their school accounts to share the Chromebook at home. If a Chromebook is stolen, we can remotely disable it.

Safety

The Chrome Education Licence disables the ability to powerwash (return to factory settings). This prevents students from bypassing our safety and security measures. Students are unable to delete their browsing history and are responsible and accountable for how they use their Chromebooks.

Please be aware that while we do our best to keep our students safe online, no device is 100% safe.

We strongly encourage families to be actively involved in our students' e-learning.