



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 3
30 October 2019

Dear St Mark's Whānau,

Today is Athletics Day for many of our students and we are looking forward to welcoming you all to school and Hansen Park. Thank you to Mrs Bigelow for her organisation and to the staff who will encourage every student. We welcome support from the sideline!

Office

This is notice that Mrs Louise Elliott will be out of the office on leave for the next two weeks. Louise is joining extended family in India to celebrate the wedding of a family member. We wish her safe travels and a wonderful time. Mrs Christine Fairchild will be in the office full time, and any questions should be directed to her in the first instance.

Pet Service

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small. So goes the ancient hymn and our pet service last Friday. It was a glorious celebration of extended family members and the special joy of pets in our lives. God's creation is abundant and good and our pets were so well behaved!! A huge thank you to the whānau members who joined us for the service and to Rev. Ben who's crazy idea came to wonderful fruition.

Fair

An extraordinary effort by a team of parents and community comes together for our annual event on Saturday. There is still a need for helpers on the day. It is important we all get behind the PA and support this event as the school and the students are the immediate beneficiaries.

The PA have clearly advertised that their fundraising efforts will go directly to supporting the development of our playgrounds. **Please contact Gary Miller if you are able to offer even an hour of your time on Saturday.**

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Please check out the calendar carefully as this term is littered with events, outings and functions.

Graduate Interns

From next week, there will be a number of interns from The New Zealand Graduate School of Education in our school working alongside supervising staff.

Blessings everyone

Averil



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Upcoming Events

2 Nov	School Fair
6 Nov	Itinerant Music Evening - 6pm
7 Nov	Kids in Town - 12pm Performance Choir, Orchestra and School Band
8 Nov	Grandparents' Day - 9am
15 Nov	Canterbury Show Day
18-20 Nov	Year 4-5 Woodend Camp
18 Nov	New Parents Evening - 7pm
19 Nov	Year 3 Big Day Out at Woodend
21-22 Nov	Year 7 Leadership Camp
21 Nov	Junior Athletics Day - Year 0-2
27-29 Nov	Special Character Review
28 Nov	Year 8 Dance
2 Dec	Year 8 Air Force Museum
3 Dec	Year 8 Can Sail
5 Dec	Advent Carol Service - 7pm Transitional Cathedral
5 Dec	Year 3-8 Waltham Pool 11.30am-2.00pm
9 Dec	Mokihi Carol Singing at Transitional Cathedral - 1.30pm
9 Dec	Year 7-8 Beach Education
10 Dec	Year 8 Leavers Dinner - 6pm
11 Dec	Internal Sport/Cultural Prizegiving - 1.30pm
12 Dec	Year 8 Jellie Park
12 Dec	School Prizegiving - 7pm
13 Dec	End of School 2019 Carol Service - 2pm

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

Sports Results

St Mark's Tigers 4 v St Martins Smartstars 30
Player of the Day: Zachary O

Musical Events

Week 4 will be a very busy week for our musicians. Wednesday night, 6th November is the annual Itinerant Music Night where students learning from our Itinerant tutors at school have the opportunity to perform for an audience. Everyone is welcome to attend. There are two sessions this year. The 6pm session is for Year 0-3 students and also for Matt Stockwells' guitar and drum students. This session will end with a group and the School Band performing. There will be a short interval before the Year 4-8 session begins around 7:15.

On Thursday, 7th November, the Performance Choir, Orchestra group and School Band will be performing in the CCC's Kids in Town concert series held at the new library, Tūrangā. If you work in town, please join us from 1 - 1:30pm.

Emily Wells
Lead Teacher, Music.

Prize giving Cups

Children, who were awarded Cups and Trophies at the 2018 Prize Giving ceremony, are asked to return these to the school office by **Friday 1 November**. It would be greatly appreciated if these can be polished before returning.

Photographs

Staff, students and families can access these now at:

<http://www.photoshots.co.nz>

then click the button 'Event Gallery Login' in the top right. Photos appear in several sub galleries, for ease of viewing / loading, under 'St Mark's School 2019' in red to the bottom right.

Password access is:
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As the galleries do contain a number of photos, it is advised you give these a few minutes to load. This is a view only gallery - there is no online ordering. Parents are asked to use the envelope provided at school to order. **This will be sent home with the eldest child on Friday.** All instructions, prices, sizes and payment details are provided on the order envelope.

Orders are due by Tuesday, 12 November at 9am.

Horticultural Stall – St Mark's School Fair



The fair is fast approaching!!! This is our last shout out to all of those wonderful people with green fingers in our school community who may have fresh produce and flowers growing in their backyards! Or any gardening tools or equipment lurking in hidden corners of garages that may be looking for new homes. We would LOVE anything and everything that may be connected to the garden to sell at the horticultural stall. If you could please drop items in the foyer opposite the uniform shop by Friday afternoon that would be wonderful!!! Or freshly cut flowers etc. would be greatly appreciated on Saturday morning to keep them beautiful and fresh.

Please feel free to contact Tania Sharr if you have any questions.
Phone 021 380 559

THANK YOU SO MUCH from the Horticultural Stall Folk!!!

We will look forward to seeing you all on fair day!



If you are in need of Brass Instrument Lessons (Trumpet, Horn, Trombone etc) please let me or the school know as I have some spaces available for Term 4 and beyond. I have taught Brass music lessons from beginner to tertiary level for over 20 years, and have recently come back to Christchurch after moving abroad in the early 2000's.

I have my Masters in Performance trumpet from the Royal Academy of Music, London I also completed my LRAM which is a Brass specific Diploma in teaching music. I am very active as a performer, I perform live with The Black Seeds, and also play regularly with the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra amongst many other groups.

Cheers!

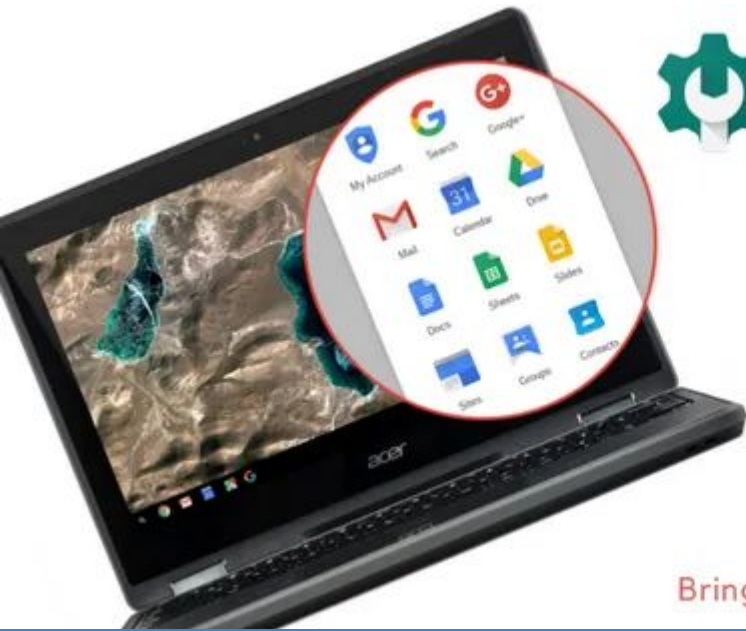
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Manageability
Chrome Education License

How does
BYMC
benefit
learning?

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Bring Your Managed Chromebook

2020 BYMC Launch

(Bring Your Managed Chromebook)

Thursday 7 November

3pm - 4:30pm

Kūtai

You are invited to pop in and learn about BYMC. We are here to help!

Waka Hourua (year 6-8) students are strongly encouraged to bring their own Chromebook to school. As of 2020, 96% of our year 7-8 students will bring their own Chromebook. Don't miss out!

What does "managed" mean in BYMC?

What happens to Chromebooks when students graduate?

What's the most affordable deal?

Why Chromebooks? What not Mac or Windows?

Which Chromebook is best?

What about insurance?

What about games and distractions?