



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 4
6 November 2019

Dear St Mark's Whānau,

Week 4 already! On the calendar this week is one of the years highlights as we welcome grandparents and senior family members to our school.

The day has a plan:

9.00am - Classrooms open for whānau members to visit.

9.30am - Presentations by the Performance Choir and Kapa haka groups in the hall.

9.50am - Church service lead by Rev. Canon Ben Truman.

10.30am - Morning Tea for adults in hall thanks to the PA

We hope to see as many of you as possible.

Fair

An amazing event in the life of our school on Saturday and credit to Gary Miller first and his team for creating an unrivalled community atmosphere. Aside from the incredible financial benefits to our school, the sense of **whanaungatanga** - strengthening of relationships through shared experiences and working together to create a sense of belonging - was for all to see.

To all stall holders, volunteers and helpers we say thank you so, so much for your commitment. A special shout out to **Mr Tom Gordon**, who orchestrated these connections, joined the dots for many on the day and without whom our fair would not have been so successful.

Parish of Ōpawa/St Martins

Please add the parish and especially Rev. Ben, to your prayers this week as they move from the church at St Anne's and make a temporary home at school. We are really looking forward to sharing our campus with them, but appreciate the physical and emotional toll this will take on everyone.

Staffing 2020

As you will appreciate, planning for this is well underway, however with interviews taking place this week for an additional teacher, placements of specific teachers and appointments of Team Leaders, will not be made until well after this. All considerations with children at the centre are part of our decisions. I can confirm that the class configurations for next year will be:

- New Entrants
- Year 1 / 2
- Year 1 / 2
- Year 3
- Year 4
- Two classes of Year 5
- Year 6/7
- Year 6/7
- Year 8

Itinerant Music Evening TONIGHT

Kids in Town TOMORROW

Year 5 Bring Your Own Chromebook information afternoon TOMORROW

Grandparents and Senior Whānau day FRIDAY!!!

Blessings everyone
Averil



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Upcoming Events

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
25 Nov	Kamana Art Gallery Trip
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

Church Certificates

Raupō	Theo T
Inaka	Mackenzie H
Kererū	Tyronne N
Ti Kouka	Louis B
Kāmana	Stella P
Toetoe	Autumn M
Kawau	Xavier F
Kutai	Dustin S
Rimurimu	Clara N/Esha J
Toroa	Hannah W

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:
sTm1919

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.

Sports Results

St Mark's Tigers 32 v Halswell Thunder 16
Player of the Day: Zara P





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Manageability
Chrome Education License

How does
BYMC
benefit
learning?

BYMC

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?

Risingholme's 75th Birthday and Community Day

Bring your picnic and celebrate with us

Sunday 24th November 2019
11 am – 2 pm

Highlights

- Discover what you can learn through us: visit our facilities, see our displays
- Spend time learning about the history of Risingholme Community Centre
- Self-tour the refurbished Historical Homestead
- All welcome at the cutting of the birthday cake at 12.30 pm
- Join a free reiki or yoga session (*on the lawn, if fine*)
- Free-to-use outdoor games (*weather permitting*)



Risingholme Community Centre, 22 Cholmondeley Ave, Opawa, www.risingholme.org.nz