

### 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 school. the sense to our 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 Opawa/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



#### **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 Nov Junior Athletics Day - Year 0-2 25 Nov Kamana Art Gallery Trip 27-29 Nov Special Character Review

28 Nov Year 8 Dance

21-22 Nov

2 Dec Year 8 Air Force Museum

3 Dec Year 8 Can Sail

5 Dec Advent Carol Service - 7pm

Transitional Cathedral

Year 7 Leadership Camp

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 Education10 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**

Theo T Raupō Mackenzie H Inaka 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





## St Mark's School

Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story



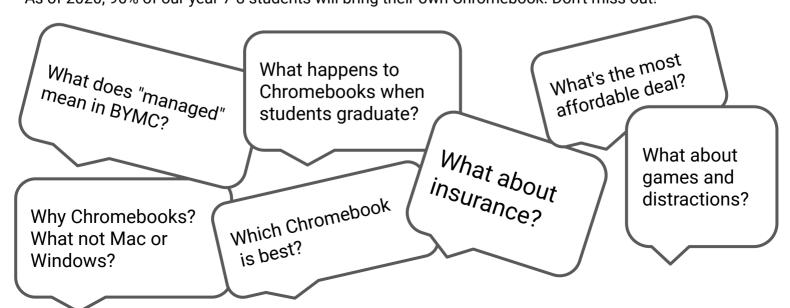
## 2020 BYMC Launch

(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!



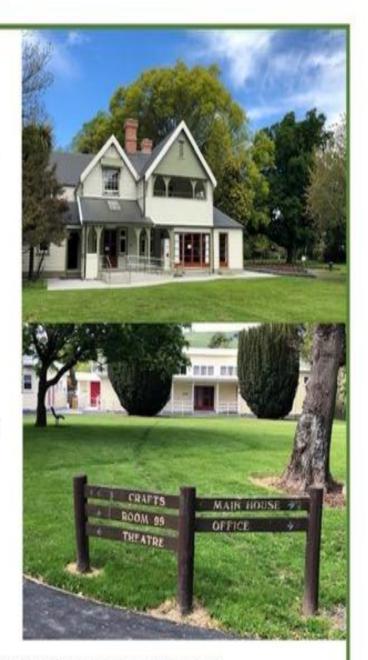
# Risingholme's 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday and Community Day

Bring your picnic and celebrate with us

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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