



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 8
5 December 2018

Kia ora St Mark's family

What a beautiful service on Thursday night. Thank you for everyone who shared in this special part of our year - a special thanks to **Rev. Ben** for making it so student centred. Including so many students speaks to the mission of the school and teachings of Jesus.

Staffing 2019

With confirmed staffing for 2019, planning is in full swing for the new year. I am delighted with the calibre of staff we will have in front of your children next year. Class lists will be posted next week - although with many year level classes, staff will be known to you.

2019: 28th and 29th January

In previous communications the start date for the 2019 has been signalled as **28th January**. I would now like to add details to this date and the start of the 2019 academic year.

Senior Staff have made the decision that the **28th and 29th January** will be set aside for **Individual Learning Plans**. These will take the form of parent/child/teacher conferences (3 way) where there is discussion about the needs of every child in our school at this stage of their schooling.

This step is in line with **best practice in teaching and learning**, offers the opportunity to develop an individualised program for every child, includes student voice in the plan for 2019 and builds further on the relationship between whānau and school.

This has been the embedded practice of other schools, both in our Kahui Ako and wider nationally. I am confident that this is a critical step for sharing both learning and needs.

Next week you will receive a notification inviting you to book a time on **one** of those days with the staff member teaching your child next year.

Our **Opening School Church Service**, and first full day of teaching and learning, will be at **8.55am** on **Wednesday 30th January**.

A further communication will follow in week 9.

Principal's Award

It is the highlight of my week to work with students and hear of success. I always ask students what has made their piece of work successful and join in that celebration.

Awards this week:

Isla R - for painting amazing pictures for the reader with her words.

Indie L - For writing *Silent Night* in Te Reo and singing it so beautifully.

Zachary O - For the most well constructed story that created stunning visual images for the reader.

Ethan S - for outstanding independent mathematics home learning - outstanding Hiranga.

Rafi W-S - for an amazing talented writer whose descriptive language is like a song.

Mokihi

Today all of our Junior Students and their teachers are heading to the Cathedral to sing carols and offer an unwrapped gift if they choose to. This is a special time for them and the Cathedral staff.

End of Year Reports

These will be sent home with your child on **Friday 14th December**

Dates in the calendar and details:

- Year 8 Leavers and their families dinner **TONIGHT - 7.00pm**
- **BYOC 2019. Thursday 6th December, 2.30pm - 4.00pm.** This is an afternoon run by Miss Yonetani (Lead teacher e-learning) and is particularly relevant for year 5,6,7 and 8 for 2019. All are welcome.
- **Term 4 Eucharist Service - Friday 7th December, 9.00am.**
- **Year 3 - 7 Swim Day Waltham Pool - Friday 7th December, 9.00am**

Blessings everyone
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Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

School Notices

Upcoming Events

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

2019 School Term Dates and Holidays

Monday 28 January - Friday 12 April
Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July
Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September
Monday 14 October - Friday 13 December

Church Certificates

Raupo	Willa H
Inaka	Tessa W
Kereru	Millie H
Kamana	Finn McW
ToeToe	Islah S
Kotuku	Ruby T
Paua	Jack O
Mako	Zoe R
Wheke	Ayrton E
Toroa	William M

Sports Results

28 November - Great games by the Lions. We lost 15 -18 to Halswell Rams. They were undefeated, and we were leading until the last quarter. A very close and hard fought battle. POD was Toby - great defence, passing and attempts at hoops.

Student Achievement

Congratulations to Theodore H who passed Grade 2 ABRSM singing exam.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open during the school holidays for purchasing uniform. The dates are:

Monday 14 January: 10.00am-11.30am

Friday 25 January: 2.00pm - 3.00pm

Find the Elf





An Update from the Board of Trustees Review Committee



WE NEED YOUR INPUT PLEASE

2018 Term 4 – Policy Reviews:

This term we are reviewing the following policies and invite your feedback as part of our three-year review cycle.

- Religious Instruction
- Improving Educational Outcomes for Māori Students

It is from these policies that the procedures are developed in relation to the way the school approaches these things operationally. For this reason, we want to encourage parents to become familiar with these policies and recommend any changes that might be required.

Feedback can be given anonymously if you choose

The cut off for feedback is the last day of Term 4 – **Friday 14th December 2018.**

If you would like to view and give feedback on the policy its as easy as 1,2,3!

1. Go to www.schooldocs.co.nz and click on search for your school. Pick St Marks School.
2. Enter the following user name and password
Username: st marks
Password: saint
3. Find the policy that's up for review, read it, click on the red bubble in the top right hand corner of the policy and enter your feedback. (if there is no red option, pick the green speech bubble instead).

2018 Term 4 - 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>Curriculum</u>	<u>Employer Responsibility</u>	<u>Finance & Property Management</u>	<u>Health, Safety, and Welfare</u>	<u>Legislation and Administration</u>
None this term	-Appointment procedure -Appraisal of staff -Attestation - Provisionally Certified Teachers (PCTs) -Teacher Certification and Police Vetting	-SUE (Staff Expenditure and Usage)	-Evacuation Procedure/Emergency Kit -Risk Management	-Length of School Year



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!



Winter Wonderland

ALL ADMISSIONS WILL BE DONATED IN FULL TO
 **cure kids**



SATURDAY 22 DECEMBER 10AM – 10PM

\$10 PER PERSON INCLUDING SKATE HIRE (IF REQUIRED)

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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 **TOMORROW!**

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.



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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.