



# St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 1  
12 October 2023

Kia ora St Mark's whānau,

Well, here we are at the beginning of Term 4 of 2023. This term is always an emotional one for our Year 8 students as the reality sets in that they will soon be moving on to high school.

This term is always one of the busiest with many events scheduled. Keep an eye on the "coming events".

I have to draw attention to the great work of the Parents' Association Fair Committee. Organising an event like this is a huge task and the hard working members of this group desperately need all the offers of assistance they can get. Let's not forget that this is the major fundraising event of the year for the PA and the more successful it is, the more it benefits our students. Let's come together as a St Mark's School Family, contribute and get in behind the Fair!

## School Fair

During the school holidays, Alice, Rupert, Naomi and Veronica had the wonderful experience of going to Media Works to record the radio advert for the fair.

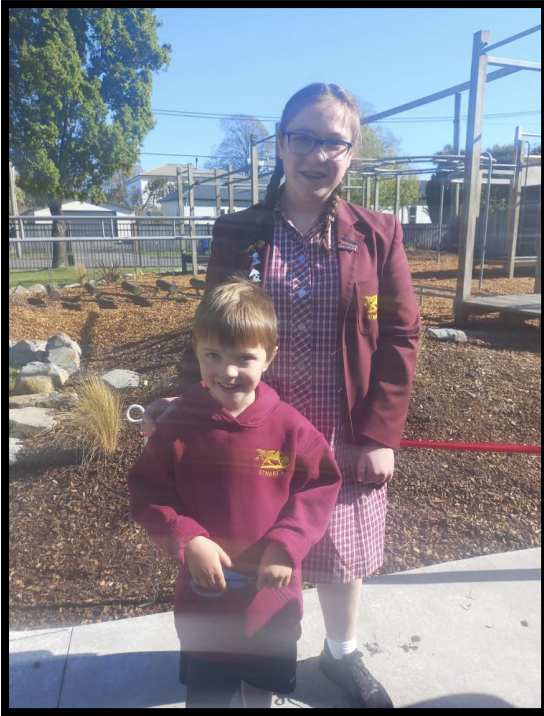
They were a bit nervous but they did a great job saying their lines and bringing the energy. The ad sounds amazing!



*Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story*

## Playground

Yesterday we were so pleased to be able to welcome representatives of all school groups who have contributed so much time, resources and effort to the realisation of a new senior playground. Members of the Board of Proprietors, Board of Trustees, Parents' Association and Pippin Wright-Stow (project designer and manager) were on hand to watch Isiah S and Arlo W cut the ribbon and declare the playground open after a beautiful blessing from Reverend Ben. The wonderful links in the new design to recycling, sustainability, our cultural narrative and the St Mark's School story are truly gorgeous. Wednesday saw the playground swarming with excited students!



There are many events scheduled for this final term of the year. It is my hope that families won't be disappointed or frustrated because they miss a notice or forget to check the school app. Just a reminder that every event throughout the term will have an associated school app message or messages. Events like camps will most likely have other communications as well and may come in the form of a paper copy, seesaw message or email. I would encourage and remind every family to regularly check the alerts on the app to stay up to date. Please do contact classroom teachers for more information if you are unsure.



Cleo F

Cleo competed in the Palms Talent Quest singing Hallelujah and achieved 3rd place! What a great result!

## Cycle Safety

It has been wonderful to see our Year 6 Wheke class engage with the important Christchurch City Council Cycle Safety Programme. Students have worked so hard to achieve success over two days with the dedicated tutors from CCC.



Jeremiah 29:11

“For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the LORD, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’”

Blessings to all,  
Adrian

## Coming Events

### Term 4

10-11 October	Year 6 Cycle Safety
11 October	Playground Blessing
19 October	School Photos
23 October	Labour Day
24 October	Tennis Cup
24 October	James D Chop The Mop Day
28 October	School Fair
30 October	Graduate School of Education Interns start
2 November	School Athletic Sports - Years 4-8
5 November	Waka Pūhara Church
9 November	Postponement Athletics Day Year 4-8
10 November	Whānau Day
14 November	Zone Athletic Sports
15 November	Performing Arts Show
16 November	House Fun Day
17 November	Canterbury Anniversary Day
20 November	Teacher Only Day - <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
23-24 November	Year 7 Leadership Camp
24 November	Junior Athletics Day - Years 0-3
25 November	Tūhono Kapa Haka Festival
27 November	Top Team with St Michael's School
28 November	Science Roadshow
29 November	Canterbury Athletics
30 November	Year 8 Independent Schools Dance
30 November	Year 3 "Big Day Out"
29-1 December	Year 4/5 Camp
4 December	Year 8 Sailing Trip
5 December	Year 8 Leavers Dinner
12 December	New Parents Evening
13 December	Internal Prize Giving
14 December	Advent Service
18 December	Prize Giving
19 December	Last Day and End of Year Church Service



## Prize giving Cups

Children who were awarded Cups and Trophies at the 2022 Prize Giving ceremony, are asked to return these to the school office by **Friday, 20 October**. It would be greatly appreciated if these can be polished before returning.

## School Photographs

These are scheduled for Thursday 19 October. Class, individual, and family photographs will be automatically taken. Formal uniform is to be worn. Boys are to wear white shirts and shoes and socks for all children.

If you would like a family photograph, please email [c.fairchild@saintmarks.school.nz](mailto:c.fairchild@saintmarks.school.nz) or alternatively you can hand a form in at the school office.

## Second-hand Uniform Shop

TERM 4 – Opening Hours are changing. The second-hand uniform shop will be open Fridays 2.30-3.30pm.

You're welcome to book online or simply pop in.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>

Code: gj8td

Please deliver quality second-hand items to sell on your behalf or donate. Items can be left at the office during school hours or directly to the 2nd -hand uniform shop during opening hours.

Complete a seller's form with all your details (located outside the 2nd-hand uniform shop).

Email: [uniformshop@saintmarks.school.nz](mailto:uniformshop@saintmarks.school.nz)

Ngā mihi nui  
Lora Parsons

## Venue for Hire - St Mark's Church

Are you looking for a venue to hire for a social gathering or child's birthday party? St Mark's Church has 2 rooms available for hire. One room opens out to a fully fenced lawn area. There is also a kitchen available for use with either room.

If you are interested in further information including rates and availability, please contact the Church office at: [opawa.stmartins@gmail.com](mailto:opawa.stmartins@gmail.com).

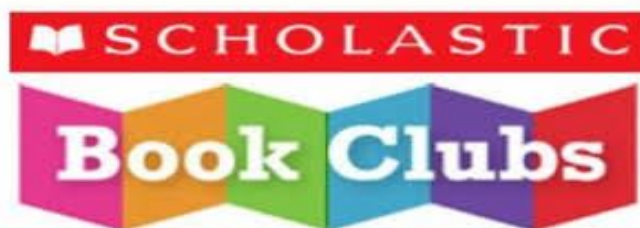
## Chess Cup Results

### Junior Cup:

1st Anthony Boros  
2nd Leo Devery  
3rd Max Cumming Bellolio

### Senior Cup:

1st Ryan Ma  
2nd Theo Allan-Caney  
3rd James Dodd



Order forms for Scholastic Books have been sent home. Orders may be placed direct with Scholastic at [www.mybookclub.scholastic.nz](http://www.mybookclub.scholastic.nz). An easy way to order online yourself and will be delivered direct to school. Orders close on **Friday 20 October**.



**Cancer  
Society**

Te Kāhui Matepukupuku  
o Aotearoa



**On Tuesday October 24th  
James Dodd is chopping, donating  
and shaving his mullet!**

**SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!  
WEAR IT YOUR WAY  
NON UNIFORM DAY.**

*Blue or Yellow*



**Gold coin donation  
appreciated!**



**@chop.the.mop**



## I would like to be a Server at the Cathedral



The Cardboard Cathedral (in Latimer Square) is looking for young people to serve at the 10am Sunday service, and on some other special occasions (roles include crucifer, acolyte, etc).

Being a Server at the Cardboard Transitional Cathedral is an interesting, fun experience that helps you to grow in reliability and other skills in a formal but relaxed environment.

- You are providing a service - this can count towards certificates, diplomas, or awards which have a service component, e.g. The Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award.
- You learn new skills and disciplines - training is provided.
- You get to know other young people, including from different schools.
- The Cardboard Cathedral is a supportive, safe environment for all - including children and young people.
- You meet interesting people of all ages, are part of a caring community, amazing music, and hear lots of stimulating new ideas to think about
- You do not need to be baptised. You might be unsure about God, but this is an environment in which you are supported to think openly about such things.
- The Cathedral provides you with a special robe to wear.
- You would be on a roster once a month or less for a service or special ceremony.
- There are fun events throughout the year too!

If you are interested, please email: [admin@christchurchcathedral.co.nz](mailto:admin@christchurchcathedral.co.nz)



This is an invitation from Rev'd Bosco Peters (who leads the Cathedral until December) and Rev'd Ben Truman (who will lead the Cathedral from December 2023).

*Bosco +*



# Tuning in to Kids

Emotionally Intelligent Parenting – Term 4 2023 dates

A six-session programme for parents/caregivers of children aged 5-12 years

TIK and TINT are evidence-based programmes designed to teach parents & caregivers:

- Awareness and regulation of their own and their children's emotions
- To use children's emotional experiences as an opportunity for closeness and teaching
- Skills in assisting children to verbally label and manage their emotions
- Skills in assisting children to problem solve, and guide children's behaviour with appropriate limits

Sessions include:

- Watching video material
- Group discussions and exercises
- Role plays
- Home activities to practice different ways of responding to your child's emotions
- Participants sharing their own experiences within the group

See below for courses running in Term 4 2023. It is free to attend, you must attend all 6 sessions. To sign up for a group please email the course facilitator.

Start date	Day/Time	Location	Facilitator contact
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesdays 12:30 – 2:30pm	Waltham School	Heather Robb heatherr@mmsi.org.nz
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesdays 9:30am – 11:30am	Waipuna, St John of God. 349 Woodham Road	Liz Riley liz.riley@sjog.org.nz

We have programmes running every Term, so please check back on our website and Facebook regularly to stay up to date with the newest courses each Term. Next course dates will be released closer to Term 1, 2024.



# SUPPORTING ST MARK'S SCHOOL



## Part of the St Mark's School Family

For every home referred and sold or listed and sold with us within the school family, we will donate \$1000 to St. Marks School.\*

With Sonia being a past parent, now grandparent, and Sophie a current parent at St Mark's, we are proudly involved with the school community and look forward to giving back.

**Supporting St Mark's school,  
now and for its future**

\* Terms and conditions apply.

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