



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 3
26 October 2023

Kia ora St Mark's whānau,

It's Fair week! The school is buzzing with Fair preparations for this Saturday. There are some very busy (and stressed) PA members hard at work behind the scenes. The pile of white elephant stuff is growing every day in the hall.

I know that there are many unfilled spots on the roster of stalls as I write this. The PA really needs more willing hands! You can email Fair@saintmarks.school.nz to offer your time.

It's such a great community event that absolutely needs everyone in the community to contribute!

Chop The Mop

Tuesday saw the conclusion of an amazing fundraising effort for charity by James D in year 6. He has been growing his hair for six months and working so hard to raise funds in support of the Cancer Society. James' extended whānau, Cherie from the Cancer Society and the whole school watched on as his hair was cut to make a wig for cancer sufferers and his final fundraising total was announced... over \$5,000! Breaking the 5k barrier ensured that Mr Gordon would join James in a haircut!

One of our Anglican Five Marks of Mission talks about "responding to human need by loving service". As acting principal I am so proud that we have many students who care so much that they want to serve the school and the wider community. I can only imagine the difference these young people will be making by the time they are adults.

2024 Staffing

On Tuesday I alerted the community via the school app that we will be saying goodbye to four much loved staff members at the end of this year.

- Mr Kevin McKinnell will finish as caretaker on Thursday 16 November.
- Mrs Sue Shea will finish as learning support at the end of the school year.
- Mr Dan Clarkson will leave us at the end of the year to take up another position.
- Mrs Lorraine Brereton is retiring at the end of 2023 after 50 years in education!

Every school experiences change over time in terms of staff. One amazing thing about our school is that when there is a need, God always seems to provide! We have an outstanding staff and I want the community to be reassured that we will be



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staffing each class in 2024 with the very best professional educators to meet the many and varied needs of our students.

NZGSE Interns

You will notice some new teachers in our school next week. The New Zealand Graduate School of Education has placed four interns (student teachers) with various classes for the next six weeks.

Year 3 Emily Harris (Emily has already started in Mrs Hastings' class)

Year 4 Lucy Ford

Year 6 Keisha Gilling

Year 7 Mikayla Cooper

Every teacher who works at St Mark's immediately becomes part of our school family. We are looking forward to the contribution they will make.

Athletics Sports

This major school event on the calendar is scheduled for Thursday 2 November for every student in Year 4-8. Please refer to the app message sent on Wednesday with more details including event timings. All whānau are welcome to attend.

Blessings to all,
Adrian

Corinthians 13:4-7

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Coming Events

Term 4

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 - SCHOOL CLOSED
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

Church Certificates

Raupō	Remy L/Vida F
Īnaka	Josephine A/Maysie B
Pūtakitaki	Matilda H/Cairo T
Kōura	Henry W/Theo C
Kawau	Beau W/Hudson W
Kāmana	Archer W/Madison A
Pīngao	Madelyn E/Jake H
Kahawai	Lucy H/Samuel B
Hāpuka	Phoebe M/Cowan M/Charlotte P

Sausage Sizzle

There is **no** sausage sizzle tomorrow.

Reminder: School Raffle ticket payments and stubs are due back ASAP.

If you haven't done so already, please pay as soon as possible or return unsold booklets to the office. It's important unsold booklets are returned so that the PA can continue to fundraise for the school by selling them at the Fair. Payment can be made by bank transfer or at the office.

Account Name: St Mark's Parents' Association
Account #: 03-1598-0015833-000
Particulars: Class Name
Code: Raffle
Reference: Child's Surname

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

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.

Church Services - Term 4



Fair Week

It's the last push....just over 2 weeks to go.
Here's everything you need to know about the lead up to the 'greatest little Fair in town'.



Jar Tombola

WHEN: From now...
WHERE: Classrooms

Bring your jars filled with fun to your child's classroom from now up until the Fair.



Crafts

WHEN: Fair week
WHERE: Office

Bring your hand made crafts to the office and they will direct you where to put them.

*Please include a price indication on your crafts to help stall helpers.
Thanks.



Horticulture

WHEN: Fair week
WHERE: Office

All plant donations can be brought to the office in the week leading up to the Fair and they will direct you where to put them.



White Elephant

WHEN: Fair Week
WHERE: School Hall

Donations of good quality items such as books, toys, puzzles, games, homewares, clothing, shoes and sports equipment can be dropped off at the school hall in the week leading up to the Fair.



Fudge

WHEN: Friday 27th
WHERE: Coffee Cart/Office

*We have **cellophane bags and spare sugar** for fudge, coconut ice, biscuits etc can be collected from the office at **any time - pls come take it!** Drop baked goods to the coffee cart at drop off/pick up, or to the office, on Friday 27th, or bring to the stall on the day.



Baking

WHEN: Friday 27th
WHERE: Coffee Cart/Office

Please bring your baking in on the Friday before the Fair (27th Oct) to the coffee cart area at drop off/pick up, or to the office.
Or, bring items straight to the stall on Fair day.

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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