



# St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 11  
10 April 2024

Kia ora St Mark's Whānau.

I hope everyone enjoyed a well deserved Easter break. It is hard to believe that the term holiday break is almost here.

## ANZAC Day Memorial

There is a new ANZAC Day memorial service planned for Thursday 25 April from 9:30am at the Waltham Pool Memorial Gates. St Mark's has been invited to contribute something, to which I have agreed. This service is in the holidays and all whānau are invited. In our entrance way you may have noticed a WW2 honours board listing the names of ex St Mark's School students who perished in that conflict. Several students from St Mark's will attend with staff to lay a wreath as part of this celebration along with all local schools and other organisations.

We also have a short ANZAC Day service planned for Monday 29 April at 9:15am in the school hall. All are invited.

## Mōkihi Certificates... and SUPERHERO CAPES!

What a delight it was to be present in Mōkihi hui last week to see their brand new superhero capes being awarded to certificate winners Kiara L, Abby B and Olive A. Eloise H's mum, Abby's mum and grand mother all collaborated to create these brilliant capes as a gift to St Mark's. Thank you so much!



## Miss B's Book Bonanza

Many thanks to Miss Bryant for organising a week of book swapping. It is wonderful to see students getting excited about books and reading.

## Junior Playground

You may have noticed the slowly increasing pile of playground equipment for our junior people to engage with. Many thanks to Amanda Rudkin for her support. There is one more amazing addition to come (apart from the installation of the actual junior playground scheduled for May) which is a mud kitchen. All sorts of imaginative play will be possible for our newest students.



*Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story*



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## HABIT OF MIND OF THE WEEK

Learn about a new Habit of Mind every week in our newsletter

At St Mark's we have chosen to use Art Costa's 16 Habits of Mind as a way for students to access the Key Competencies in the NZ Curriculum. Read more about the Habits of Mind at <https://www.habitsofmindinstitute.org/what-are-habits-of-mind/>

### Habits of Mind Work With Others

**Waka Hourua**

- I support younger students in a range of settings
- I will choose to help others
- I can confidently interact with others
- I share and take turns with others
- I care about other people
- I manage and solve conflicts using good strategies
- I support and encourage others
- I cooperate with others
- I avoid 'taking over' or 'doing nothing' in group work situations
- I display leadership in a range of situations
- I care about the success of the group
- I will set aside personal wants for the success of the group

**Waka Pūhara**

- I will help others
- I can confidently interact with others
- I share and take turns with others
- I care about other people
- I solve conflicts using good strategies
- I support and encourage others
- I cooperate with others
- I can show leadership

**Mōkihi**

- I share with others
- I can take turns
- I will help others in the classroom
- I can talk with others
- I care about other people
- I can use the stop hand

St Mark's School / Te Kura o Hato Māka

*“Habits of Mind are dispositions or thinking behaviors that are desirable attributes for learning and living productively in a complex world. People often use these habits when confronted with problems and situations to which the answers are not immediately apparent.”*

This week we are featuring the **Work With Others** HOM. It's all about the skills and attitudes we all need to function well in teams when working together to solve problems. Some of the language we use:

Does it matter who we work with? No! We don't have to be with friends.

Sometimes the strongest contribution we can make to a group is to know when to be quiet.

Students in the senior school appoint facilitators to lead groups by asking questions of people instead of giving orders.



## Winter Sport Year 5-8

We are planning for our season of winter sport that officially starts in week 5 of term 2, Thursday 30 May and runs until the middle of term 3.

**We need coaches / helpers / supervisors!** Can you help? We have a large number of netball teams and football teams that need adults to help them. If you would like to know more please email Tracey Hastings at [t.hastings@saintmarks.school.nz](mailto:t.hastings@saintmarks.school.nz)

## After School Options

As we know, the demise of the MASH organisation has left many families across the city scrambling to find affordable and reliable after school care for students. I am happy to report the St Mark's whānau now have two options available.

**Power Zone** based in Cashel Street operate a mini bus from St Mark's every afternoon and transport children to their base.

[powerzonechch@gmail.com](mailto:powerzonechch@gmail.com)

021 06519 172

85 Cashel Street

**Kids Base** is well established programme now operating at Opawa School. They intend to offer a walking bus service from St Mark's to Opawa School every day.

[matthew@kidsbase.co.nz](mailto:matthew@kidsbase.co.nz)

027 239 7690

Opawa School, 30 Ford Road

## 2024 Term 1 School Events

Friday 12 April End of Term Service at school, 2pm

**Thursday 25 April (In the holidays) ANZAC Service 9.30am at Waltham Pool Memorial Gates.**

## Term 2

Monday 29 April	First Day of Term 2
Monday 29 April	ANZAC Service 9.15am School Hall
Thursday 9 May	School Open Day
Friday 10 May	Kidney Society Mufti Day (gold coin)
Wednesday 15 May	Year 4/5 Camp
Thursday 16 May	Year 4/5 Camp
Friday 17 May	Year 4/5 Camp
Sunday 19 May	Waka Hourua Church at St Mark's 10am
Thursday 23 May	School Cross Country
Friday 31 May	Teacher Only Day (School Closed)
Monday 3 June	King's Birthday (School Closed)
Tuesday 4 June	Zone Cross Country
Wednesday 12 June	Speech Competition Year 5-8
Friday 14 June	Walk With A Purpose Event
Sunday 16 June	Performance Choir at Royal School of Church Music 2pm, Transitional Cathedral
Monday 17 June	Parent / Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 18 June	Parent / Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 19 June	Parent / Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 26 June	Matariki Event
Friday 28 June	Matariki Holiday (School Closed)
Friday 5 July	End of Term Service 2pm School Hall

## 1 Peter 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Blessings to all,  
Adrian

**In case you are not sure who you want to contact at school:**

Year Level	Class Name	Teacher	Email Contact
New Entrant	Īnaka	Mrs Delwyn Wright	d.wright@saintmarks.school.nz
Year 1/2	Pūtakitaki	Mrs Emily Wells	e.wells@saintmarks.school.nz
Year 1/2	Harakeke	Mrs Sarah Quinlan	s.quinlan@saintmarks.school.nz
Year 3	Kawau	Mrs Tracey Hastings	t.hastings@saintmarks.school.nz
Year 4	Kāmana	Ms May Bryant	m.bryant@saintmarks.school.nz
Year 5	Pīngao	Mrs Liz Coster	l.coster@saintmarks.school.nz
Year 6	Wheke	Mr Ben Davis	b.davis@saintmarks.school.nz
Year 6	Mako	Mrs Renée Spijkerman	r.spijkerman@saintmarks.school.nz
Year 7	Toroa	Mrs Kim Morgan	k.morgan@saintmarks.school.nz
Year 8	Hapuka	Mrs Sarah Learman	s.learman@saintmarks.school.nz
Acting Principal		Mr Adrian Rennie	a.rennie@saintmarks.school.nz
Office Contact		Mrs Louise Elliott	office@saintmarks.school.nz
Specialist Maths Teacher		Mrs Maree Bigelow	m.bigelow@saintmarks.school.nz
Special Programmes		Mr Tom Gordon	t.gordon@saintmarks.school.nz
Pūmanawa Gifted Ed / MODS		Miss Cristy Yonetani	c.yonetani@saintmarks.school.nz

**Church Certificates**

Īnaka	Oscar B
Pūtakitaki	William G
Kawau	Rosie A
Kāmana	Rosario M
Pīngao	Alice A
Wheke	Arlo B
Mako	Liam B
Toroa	Aaish P
Hāpuka	Zachary O

**Church Certificates**



**Before/After School Care**

Powerzone Mobile: 021 0651917 285 Cashel St, Chch Email: [powerzonechch@gmail.com](mailto:powerzonechch@gmail.com)



[matthew@kidsbase.co.nz](mailto:matthew@kidsbase.co.nz)  
027 239 7690  
Opawa School, 30 Ford Road

## Second-hand Uniform Shop

### **Reminder:**

Winter uniform is required to be worn by students during Terms 2 & 3.

### **School holiday opening hours:**

Monday 22nd April 9am-11.30am

Friday 26th April 12.30-2.30pm

### **Usual hours:**

Fridays 2.30-3.30pm.

NOTE: The online booking system is no longer available.

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 second-hand uniform shop during opening hours. Complete a seller's form with all your details (located outside the second-hand uniform shop).

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

Ngā mihi nui

Lora Parsons

Elisha, Beau, Emi, Minnie, Sophie and Alaska from Year 4 organised a "Mr Rennie Appreciation Party" on Thursday 28th. They went around the school collecting signatures on a card they made. They made a beautiful poster with all the things they love about Mr Rennie written on it. They celebrated him with music, dancing, chocolate and an Irish Dancing and Gymnastics display. What an amazingly kind school family we have.



Some of our junior children playing with new play equipment!



**MISS B'S BIG BOOK BONANZA IS ON NOW**

**Books, Books, Books, and more Books**

Board Books, Paperback Books, Hardback Books, Picture Books, Graphic Books

Factual Books, Quick Reads, Chapter Books, Classics, Contemporary,

Well thumbed, Unread,

New Books every day!

Every Lunch Time!

They have been brought to school under arms, in bags, boxes and even a big red suitcase.

THANK YOU to everyone who has donated.

THANK YOU to everyone who has gathered



# Miss B's Big Book Bonanza

Bring books to swap  
Take new books home

Every lunch  
time in the  
corridor

Bring as many as you want: Do be generous  
Take as many as you want: Don't be greedy

No money needed



## 2024 Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science Competitions



Kia ora e te whānau,

The University of Canterbury is offering your child the opportunity to participate in the KIWI English, Mathematics and Science competitions. It is important to note that these tests are an interesting challenge and an opportunity for students to build experience in sitting tests. They are not intended to be a stand alone indication of student progress. These competitions take place annually and are designed by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students based on the New Zealand Curriculum. For further information, please consult the CAM website: [www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam)

The competitions are open to all Year 5-8 students in English, Mathematics and Science. Students can enter in one or more subjects. Each competition will provide parents with an individual student report of a student's overall performance. The supervised online tests will take place in the last three weeks of term two and the first week of term three. **The competitions are to be administered at school under exam conditions and supervised.**

All participating students will receive a certificate and prizes will be awarded to top students nationally in each competition. If two or more students share the same top score, then the prize is awarded to the student with the highest speed and accuracy.

NOTE: UC policy is **not** to release test papers or to provide practise papers. The tests are provided primarily as a competition and not as a teaching resource.

To enter, fill in our [KIWI Comp Registration Form](#) by **Friday 12 April**.

Cristy Yonetani  
[c.yonetani@saintmarks.school.nz](mailto:c.yonetani@saintmarks.school.nz)  
Kaihautu Pūmanawa, AST Gifted Education



<https://bit.ly/4a16n2R>

# Family Games

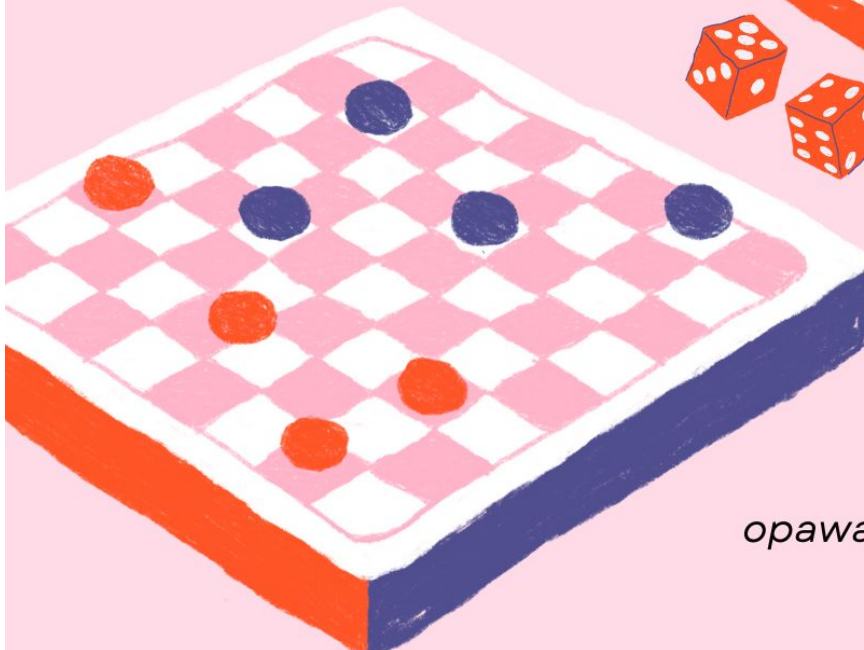
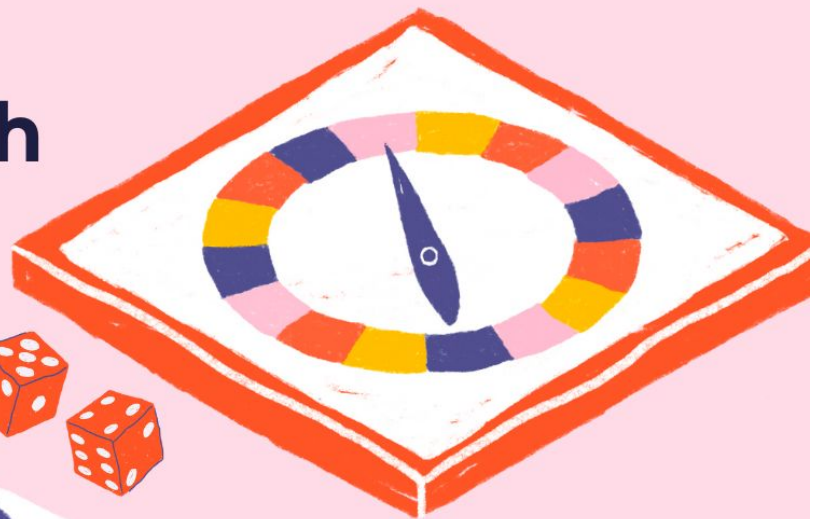
Come and play a variety of different games!  
Sausage Sizzle, Ice cream and soft drinks provided.

BYO Something for dinner or dessert to share.

All are welcome



**Saturday 27th April**  
**4-7pm**  
**St Mark's Church**



**GET IN TOUCH WITH US!**

*St Mark's Church Opawa* 

[www.osmparish.com](http://www.osmparish.com) 

[opawa.stmartins@gmail.com](mailto:opawa.stmartins@gmail.com) 



With Mr Gordon!  
**Term 2 holiday drama  
workshops now!**



April 15th, 16th, 17th  
April 22nd, 23rd, 24th

\$50 for the first day and \$5 off  
for each additional day!

9:30am  
-  
12:30pm

ST MARK'S SCHOOL  
33 CHOLMONDELEY AVE, OPAWA

Email interest to  
tomg1715@gmail.com

# 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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