



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 9
27 March 2024

Kia ora St Mark's Whānau.

As I move around the school and visit classrooms, it has been wonderful to see the way that everyone is engaging with the important business of learning. As we approach Easter this part of term 1 is all about the hard graft of making progress. Some highlights for me have been seeing the wonderful writing of Harper D in Mrs Wright's class, some incredible progress in spelling from Indie L in Mrs Learman's class and some great writing from Bowie S in Mrs Hastings' class.

Football Goals

We have brand new football goals! A big THANK YOU to the Parents' Association who have funded this vital piece of playground equipment. There is now a fantastic football game every lunch and break time populated mostly by Waka Pūhara students.

Holy Week

Holy Week is always a very important time in the Anglican calendar. This week we are having a short service every day hosted by a number of different clergy and lay people. Reverend Harry Newton, Mrs Margrett Sherwood and Reverend John Sheaf have all contributed. We have been honoured to have their services as St Mark's Church continues to engage in the process of appointing a new vicar. I have to acknowledge the outstanding contribution of Chaplain Teresa Carrell who has looked after our Friday service and senior team RE all year. Thank you!

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

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

027 239 7690

Opawa School, 30 Ford Road

Parking and Road Safety

Parents at the Locarno Street gate last Friday may have noticed me meeting with representatives of the City Council to discuss ways to improve both safety for our students and driver behavioural choices. Proper consultation processes and planning are now underway to make some very visible changes to that entrance. Safety of our students is a priority.



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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

Stop And Think

Waka Hourua

- I consider different ways to solve problems and I select the best one
- I can generate a list of possible consequences and consider potential outcomes
- I gather appropriate resources before starting
- I make plans and I can discuss probable outcomes
- I am able to predict consequences of actions for myself and others
- I use past knowledge to choose successful actions in new situations
- I am prepared
- I choose the smartest option even if it may not be the most desirable one

Waka Pūhara

- I am able to use more than one strategy to solve problems
- I make sensible choices
- I am deliberate and measured in my approach to challenges
- I make plans
- I am prepared

Mōkihi

- I think before acting
- I can choose the smartest thing to do
- I remember to follow rules and choose the right actions

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.”

Staff have woven the Habits of Mind into lessons and units. They have developed mentoring and coaching resources based on the Habits.

This week we are featuring the **Stop and Think** HOM. It's all about managing impulsivity and making choices that are successful and have desirable outcomes instead of reacting or acting without considering the consequences. Staff use this HOM a lot when coaching students to manage their own behavioural choices in our St Mark's School Family.



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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.

2024 Term 1 School Events

Thursday 28 March	Holy Week Service at school, 9:15am
Friday 29 March	Good Friday (School Closed)
Monday 1 April	Easter Monday (School Closed)
Tuesday 2 April	Easter Tuesday (School Closed)
Friday 5 April	Eucharist Service at St Mark's Church, 9:15am
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
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
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

**Waiho i te toipoto,
Kaua i te toiroa**

Let us keep together, not far apart.

Blessings to all,
Adrian

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

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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
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Year 6	Mako	Mrs Renée Spijkerman	r.spijkerman@saintmarks.school.nz
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Church Certificates

Īnaka	Harper D
Pūtakitaki	John H
Harakeke	Eloise H
Kawau	Beau W
Kāmana	Mila L
Pīngao	Alice A
Wheke	Charlotte P
Mako	Jake H
Toroa	Tyree D-A
Hāpuka	Hugo F

Church Certificates



Before/After School Care

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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



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

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33 CHOLMONDELEY AVE, OPAWA

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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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