



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 6
16 November 2023

Kia ora St Mark's Whānau,

Music Festival

Congratulations must go to James P, Thomas F and Joseph M who all represented our school in different capacities at the Christchurch Music Festival. The arts are such an important part of our school culture and to see these students achieving to such a high standard is amazing.

I also want to thank James P for sharing his impressive trombone playing skills with the school on Monday. It's heartwarming to see the special God given talents and gifts of our students on display.

Performing Arts Celebration

Last night a good crowd of family members enjoyed the performances of students as they showcased their God given talents and gifts. What a special night! As always, Mrs Wells has worked hard to provide a brilliant opportunity for students to share.

Library Books

We are in the process of updating our library computer system to a much more modern and user friendly platform. Because of that, issuing books to students is on hold for now. Please return any books borrowed by your child to the school office before the end of the school year.

New Caretaker

It is with great pleasure that I announce the appointment of a new school caretaker. Kevin McKinnel finishes with us this week and embarks on a well earned and deserved retirement.

His replacement is Trevor Brown who has had over 20 years of experience as a caretaker at a number of different schools including most recently Tauranga Girls College.

Playground Closure

You will have noticed that the junior playground has been closed off. One thing I will not compromise on is student safety. We have had the playground assessed for safety and it is clear that it is no longer fit for purpose. The Board of Proprietors are well aware of the issue and processes have been put in place to provide our Mōkihi students with a safe, fun and engaging play space.

Waka Puhara Church

What an absolute joy it was for Waka Puhara students and whānau to join in worship with the St Mark's Church Parish on Sunday 5th November. I was so proud to see many families attend and to see students take on leadership roles within the service.

Whānau Day

We were pleased to welcome a large crowd of St Mark's whānau on Friday last week. I personally appreciated hearing some of the stories of times gone by from family members who attended the school years



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ago and about the amazing connections and relationships that exist because of our school. Students were very excited to see their grandparents and others at school for the morning.

Zone Athletic Sports

St Mark's sent a team of athletes to compete at the sports this week. We had some outstanding results and these will be published when official confirmation of placings have been released by the zone committee.

At this stage we understand that six of our athletes may be invited to the Canterbury event (not officially confirmed yet). Congratulations to Arika E, Angel S, James D, Sofia D, Lincoln S and Indi L.

Teacher Only Day Reminder

Just a reminder that school is closed for a Ministry of Education provided teacher only day on Monday 20 November.

Chaplain Teresa

It is almost time to bid farewell to Reverend Ben as he moves on to be Dean of the Transitional Cathedral. In the time 'between vicars' we are lucky to have the services of Chaplain Teresa, Bishop Peter Carrell's wife (pictured below). She will be ministering at our regular Friday church services and leading Waka Hourua RE.

Certificate winners in church last week.



Please enjoy a well deserved long weekend with family and friends.

Proverbs 27:19

"As water reflects the face, so one's life reflects the heart."

Your life is a reflection of the ideals and faith you hold in your heart. The areas where you spend time and energy reveal what's really important to you.

Blessings to all,
Adrian

Church Certificates

Raupō	Walter D/Arlo W/Emelia G
Īnaka	Billie P/Heitor D-S
Pūtakitaki	Beau W/Nina G/Hannah O'C
Kōura	Harriet C/Veronica R/Jayden C
Kawau	Sienna F/Emi S/Monty P
Kāmana	Max C-B/Lachlan S/Alice A
Pīngao	Taylor M/Ariki E/Genevieve F
Wheke	Caeli McL/Adam R/Janneke deL
Kahawai	Jake H/Finn J
Hāpuka	James P/Lincoln S/Iva F

Student Success

Elspeth competed for Olympia Gymnastics in the Spooktacular event recently.. Her first competition, she's very pleased. :)



Order forms for Scholastic Books have been sent home. Orders may be placed direct with Scholastic at www.mybookclub.scholastic.nz. An easy way to order online yourself and will be delivered direct to school. Orders close on **Friday 24 November**.



Kia ora koutou,

As you are hopefully aware, the transition of Year 5 students to Waka Hourua (the senior school) brings with it the requirement to have their own Chromebook to bring to school each day.

We work with Cyclone, our IT support company to offer devices that are suitable for the learning your tamariki will be undertaking on devices from next year. They provide us with a [portal](#) through which you can view and purchase these devices. Just select St Mark's Ōpawa from the dropdown list.

To help you make a decision about choosing a chromebook we are hosting an **information session** with Cyclone, here at school, at **3.15pm on Wednesday, the 22nd of November**. We will meet in our Ōmoho (library) where you will be able to ask any questions you may have. The Cyclone team will have demonstration devices with them so that you can have a look at what is available.

When purchasing, please know that a case is a must-have item, as students take their Chromebooks home every day to charge. Headphones are optional but recommended, especially for students who benefit from voice-typing with a mic on their headphones.

In the meantime, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at b.davis@saintmarks.school.nz.

Ben Davis
E-learning Lead Teacher

Did you know?
100%
of year 6-8 students in
2023 bring their own
managed
Chromebook to
school!

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Computers & Tablets

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Product	Price (incl GST)
HP Chromebook 11 G9 Intel N4500 11.6 HD 4GB 32GB Chrome OS 3YR + WhiteGlove	\$319.99
Lenovo 100e Chrome G3 11.6" HD Intel N4500 4GB 32GB Chrome OS 3YR + WhiteGlove Bundle	\$338.95
ASUS C204 Rugged Chromebook 11.6" N4520 4GB 32GB Chrome OS 3YR + WhiteGlove Bundle	\$357.11
Acer 511 Chromebook 11.5" Intel N4500 4GB 32GB 3 year Acer Warranty + White Glove Bundle	\$509.58

We're Online! How may I help you today?

HOW TO ORDER SCHOOL PHOTOS

You can access photos now at:

St Marks 23
shop.photoshots.co.nz [<favicon.ico>](#)

OR

<http://www.photoshots.co.nz>

From there, click the button 'School / Event Purchases and Downloads' in the top right.

Password access is:

St Mark's 23 Gallery

Your Email Address - *(the person ordering is to use their own)*

Password - 7B2180

Note - capitals must be correct.

As the gallery do contain a number of photos, it is advised that you do give these a few minutes to load, and use a strong WIFI connection.

Please read the gallery notes, as that provides an outline of the new order site.

Photos can be viewed in batches by class. We hope this will assist the viewing process, by reducing the range individual photos seen, by making it easier to locate your child(ren). Sibling photos remain visible in a separate gallery. Class photos, that have now all been named and checked, appear in class category.

Delivery is available back to school when orders have been received **BY midnight, 26 November 2023.**

Given recent cost rises, a \$1.15 handling charge will be added to all non-post orders.

This is a fairly new system and Photoshots are proud to offer a range of new options. There is no longer an order envelope, and all ordering is online, including payment. You can start viewing and ordering as soon as you receive this message. With this change, we have been able to decrease standard print pricing slightly.

Parents may note we have a greater range of products on offer, now including high quality canvas and framing options. We now also offer Afterpay.

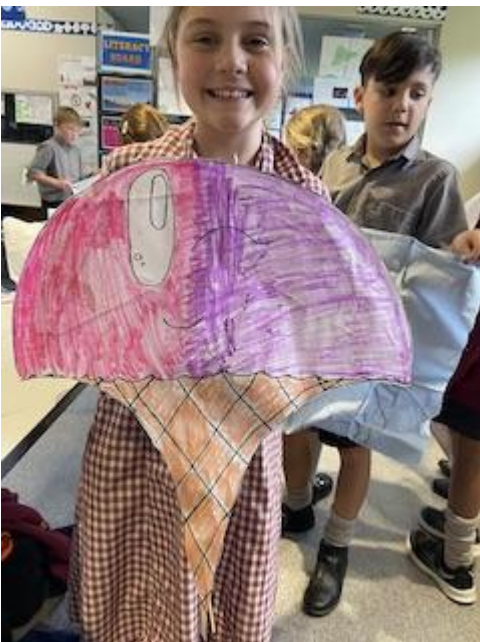
We have also introduced the option to purchase digital files (sibling and individuals only).

For orders over \$120, I now have a discount code available, to receive 10% off your purchase. Feel free to use the code:
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If you have any queries, please contact Photoshots directly.

The year 5 and 6's classes are combining on a Wednesday afternoon for their current technology unit of kite making. Most have made their kite template and are now ready to make the real thing.

Get ready to see the kites flying!





Parish of Opawa-St Martins

Christmas *Market*

FRIDAY

08
DEC

5-7 PM

**FOOD & FESTIVE
GOODS TO PURCHASE**

cnr Opawa Rd & Vincent Pl
CASH ONLY

Advent & Christmas at St Mark's Opawa 2023

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light
(Isaiah 9:2)*

Our St Anne's Chapel is open for silent prayer on

Tuesdays 5,12,19,26 Dec 9am

or Fridays 8, 15, 22,29 Dec 2.30pm

We invite you to write down your prayers and tie them to our Tree of Light in the Chapel - you may also like to light a candle.

Festive food and new gifts (please don't wrap them) can be left under the tree for the City Mission until 17 December.

A collection box for the Christian World Service Christmas Appeal will be available.



Christmas Services

For Unto Us a Child is Born (Isaiah 9:6)



Saturday 23 December 5pm
Children's Nativity Service

Sunday 24 December 11pm
Midnight Eucharist

Monday 25 December 9am
Family Christmas Day Eucharist

ALL ARE WELCOME.

St Mark's Anglican Church

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