



# St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 4  
21 February 2024

Kia ora St Mark's Whānau,

Our Year 8's enjoyed a fantastic camp at Hanmer Springs last week. The weather was gorgeous as this special group came together to work on their leadership challenges for 2024. My thanks to Mrs Learman, Mrs Bigelow and Mr Gordon for leading this experience. I appreciate how hard it is for staff to leave their own families for three days to make camp possible.



Alice A. showed persistence and accuracy and precision as she built a tower taller than her teacher!

## Swimming Sports

Many thanks to Mrs Bigelow for her organisation of this event. It is great to have this opportunity for students to realise their special God given talents and gifts.

## Community Survey

The Board of Trustees wishes to thank every person who responded to the recent community survey. It was wonderful to have so many replies. Your thoughts are greatly appreciated and will form the St Mark's School 2024-2025 Strategic Plan.

## Community BBQ

What a wonderful event!. While the crazy bikes and lolly scramble are fantastic, for me the overwhelming feeling was that of a community happy to come together in friendship and fellowship.

## Beach Education

Our Year 5 class, Pīngao, spent a day at the beach last week getting wise and learning about beach safety. Many thanks to the parents who gave their time to this important programme.

## Special Services

We were blessed to be able to have Bishop Peter join us for Ash Wednesday Service and a Eucharist Service last week. Four new students were awarded their commencement certificates.

## Colour Run

Friday 8 March is set aside for our first ever fundraising colour run. Keep up the good work in finding sponsors.

## Library / Ōmoho

Work is underway to load every book in our library onto a new database. Please return any stray library books you may have home to the school office.

## *Mā te huruhuru ka rere te manu*

*Adorn the bird with feathers so it may soar.*

Blessings to all, Adrian



*Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story*

## 2024 Term 1 School Events

21 February	Parents' Association AGM - 7pm
26-28 February	Year 6/7 Camp
6 March	Zone Swimming Event
25 March	Easter Service
26 March	Easter Service
27 March	Easter Service
28 March	Easter Service
29 March	Good Friday - School Closed
1 April	Easter Monday - School Closed
2 April	Easter Tuesday - School Closed
12 April	End Of Term Service 2pm

## Church Certificates

Īnaka	Oscar B
Pūtakitaki	Olivia G
Harakeke	Daniel P
Kawau	Pippa E
Kāmana	Claire G
Pīngao	Archer W
Wheke	Marnie C
Mako	Violet J
Toroa	Lilybelle T



Subway can be ordered for lunch every Tuesday. To place an online order, visit [www.subway.co.nz/schools](http://www.subway.co.nz/schools) and follow the instructions to place your order by 9am each Subway day.

**A very warm welcome to Mrs Renee Spijkerman, Mrs Kim Morgan and to all our new students.**





# **ST MARK'S SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION**

## **PARTICIPATION!**

We plan and hold fun events for the whole school - discos, Back to School BBQ, Whanau Day, fundraisers and the School Fair.

## **COMMUNITY!**

It's not just about the school - we want to bring the whole community together! The PA includes family, teachers and our Principal.

## **WE HAVE FUN!**

Being a part of the PA is a great way to meet other parents! We want everyone who volunteers to have a stress-free and fun time and the more helpers we have - the better!

## **IT'S FLEXIBLE!**

We know that your time is valuable so we will do what works for you! Any time you are willing to give is greatly appreciated!

## **GET IN TOUCH!**

We are more than happy to answer any questions you have! Come along to our AGM on 21st February 2024 at 7pm to talk to current members and find out how you can be involved! Alternatively you can contact us on [pa@saintmarks.school.nz](mailto:pa@saintmarks.school.nz)

# 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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