



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 6
6 March 2024

Kia ora St Mark's Whānau,

Life at school always seems to go at a fast pace. Already we are halfway through Term One and Easter is approaching.

There are always quite a few special events and interruptions for us to navigate at the start of the year but with the end of senior camps and our swimming sports, we are definitely into a phase of great classroom learning. I have included a table of class names, teacher names and contact information to help parents get to the right person when contact is needed. It can be confusing!

NZEI Union Meeting

Thursday 21 March, 2024. Most staff will be attending this meeting. School will remain open for that afternoon, but for supervision only. Regular classes will not take place. **There will be a skeleton staff available to supervise any students who cannot be collected by parents between 12:30pm and 1:00pm.**

Swimming Sports Results

Congratulations to all swimmers who competed so well at our event.

2024 St Mark's Swimming Sports OVERALL RESULTS

Place Girls	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
1st	Rosario M = Emi S = Beau W =	Alice A	Indigo J	Alex H	Hannah T
2nd		Emily T	Violet J = Cleo F =	Pippa F-D	Angel S
3rd		Mila B		Louisa T	Abby S
Place Boys	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
1st	Leo D	Liam O	Louis B	Darcy Q	Harry S
2nd	Jesse M	Theodore T = Lachlan S =	Liam = Zaia O =	Max B	Zachary O
3rd	Zabian O			Ahri L = James D =	Joseph M

Lost Property

Mrs Elliott reports to me that there is a mountain of lost property on the bench in the school entrance way. If you are missing any items please take the time to check. We would love to reunite lost and expensive clothing items with owners!

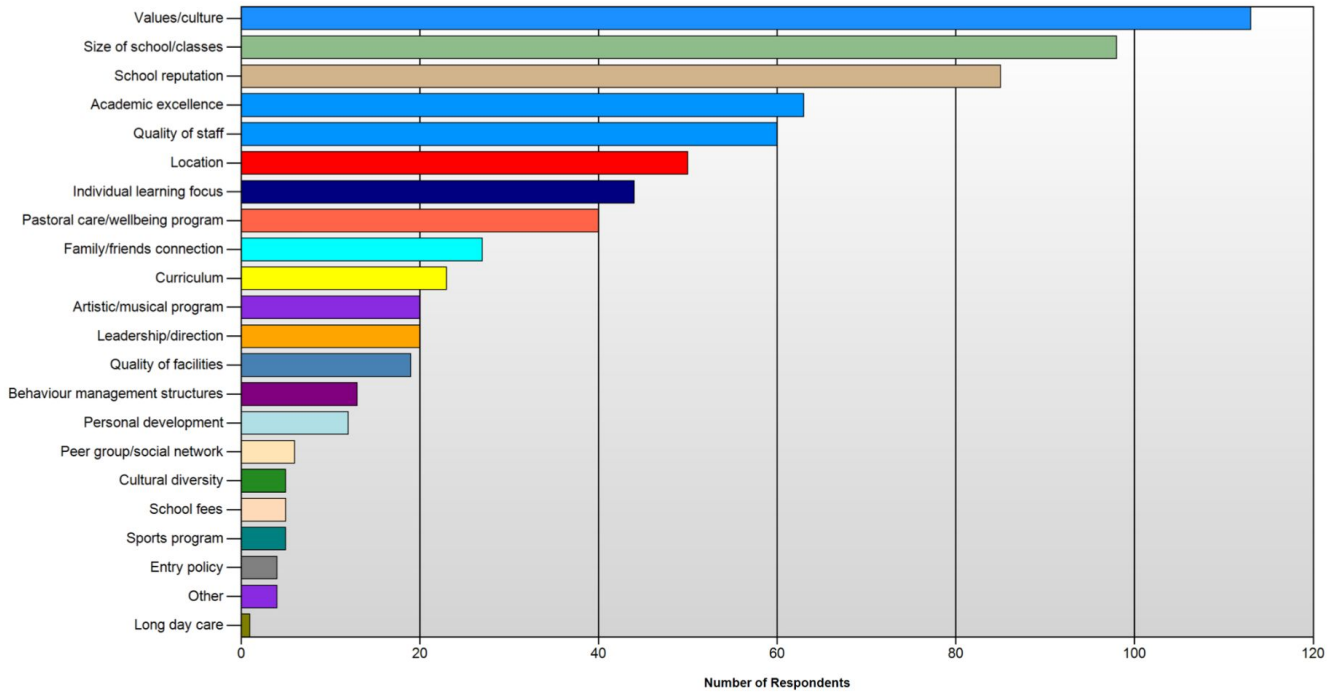


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Community Survey

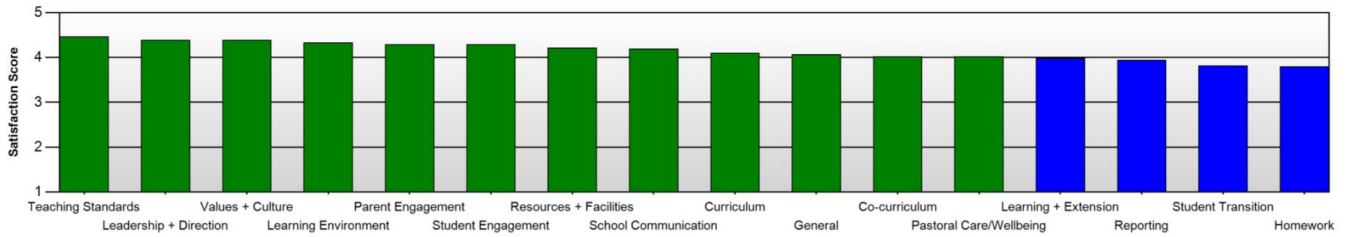
You will have seen the results of the community survey shared with you all on the school app. I have included these images for your information here in our newsletter.

Reasons For School Selection



3. Responses by Key Area

Below is a summary of the satisfaction score achieved in each key area, ranked from highest to lowest and compared to the overall average satisfaction score.



Key Area	Satisfaction	Variance
Teaching Standards	4.46	7%
Leadership + Direction	4.39	5%
Values + Culture	4.39	5%
Learning Environment	4.33	4%
Parent Engagement	4.30	3%
Student Engagement	4.29	3%
Resources + Facilities	4.21	1%
School Communication	4.19	0%
Curriculum	4.10	-2%
General	4.07	-3%
Co-curriculum	4.03	-4%
Pastoral Care/Wellbeing	4.02	-4%
Learning + Extension	3.98	-5%
Reporting	3.94	-6%
Student Transition	3.81	-9%
Homework	3.79	-9%
Average Score	4.18	

- A result that indicates an excellent satisfaction rating.
- A result that reflects a good satisfaction rating.
- A result that suggests a review on this issue may be appropriate.
- A result that indicates action on the issue may be appropriate.
- A score that is equal to or higher than the 'Average Score'.
- A score that is lower than the 'Average Score'.

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.ennie@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

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 to load every book in our library onto a new database has been completed! It was a mammoth effort from Ms Bryant, Mrs Fairchild and helpers. The library is now open!

2024 Term 1 School Events

Wednesday 6 March	Zone Swimming Event
Friday 8 March	Colour Run PA Fundraising Event 1pm-3pm
Monday 25 March	Holy Week Service
Tuesday 26 March	Holy Week Service
Wednesday 27 March	Holy Week Service
Thursday 28 March	Holy Week Service
Friday 29 March	Good Friday - School Closed
Monday 1 April	Easter Monday - School Closed
Tuesday 2 April	Easter Tuesday - School Closed
Friday 12 April	End Of Term Service 2pm

Thursday 25 April (In the holidays) ANZAC Service 9.30am at Waltham Pool Memorial Gates. More details to follow.

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

What does God say during difficult times?

Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)

I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Fear can overtake us, but God is all-powerful and will offer us all the strength we need. Take this Bible verse about strength into account when you face tough times.

Blessings to all,
Adrian

Church Certificates

Īnaka	River F
Pūtakitaki	Ezekiel R
Harakeke	Elsie F
Kawau	Cody M
Kāmana	Lily H
Pīngao	Eli M
Wheke	Henri H
Mako	Faith L
Toroa	Sonya T
Hāpuka	Finn J



Welcome to the St Mark's Family Rohan Kozanic-Iti (Peter and Alice)

I know you will join us all in welcoming them - may they find here a turangawaewae - a place to stand and belong.



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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