



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 1
1 May 2024

Kia ora St Mark's Whānau,

A huge welcome back to Term 2!

I hope the holiday break was an enjoyable one with plenty of family time. We are looking forward to a productive and fun school term with lots of learning.

ANZAC Day Service

St Mark's had a strong presence on ANZAC Day at a new memorial service remembering those from the Opawa / Waltham / St Martins area. My thanks to Tiffany C and Angel S for attending as senior leaders representing the students of St Mark's at this event. Mrs Wells spoke beautifully about past school students who now appear on our WW2 honour roll. The girls read their names to the gathered crowd of several hundred at the Memorial Gates at Waltham Pool.



School Reports

One of the themes that came through in feedback from the recent community survey was a desire to have a clearer picture of where students are sitting in terms of achievement against the New Zealand Curriculum (NZC). In response to this, senior staff have reviewed and redesigned our mid year school report. The big change in this trial is the addition of curriculum levels and an overall teacher judgement (OTJ) represented by a tick. The general comment has been removed as whānau have a parent / teacher interview directly after reports have been completed and sent home. The general comment will remain in the end of year report. As in previous reporting rounds, a Habits of Mind report is also included.

Each level of the NZC has been divided into B (beginning), P (proficient) and A (advanced). The coloured boxes indicate the range that we would expect students to be achieving within for their age. The tick indicates where the student is achieving according to an overall teacher judgement. Many factors are considered when staff make these judgements including standardized test results, achievements in class and the day to day observations teachers make of students at work. It should also be noted that there are many skills for students to master within each curriculum area and it is common for students to experience asynchronous growth. For example, in maths a student may be outstanding at addition and subtraction, but not yet have mastery of times tables.

Students work through the levels described in the NZC at different rates achieving milestones at different times. Generally, a student can spend two years of school working through one curriculum level. Progress in students is not linear and can feature rapid growth as well as plateaus at times. No two students are identical in terms of progress and achievement.



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

Sample:

Mathematics Year 3

1B	1P	1A	2B	2P	2A	3B	3P	3A	4B	4P	4A	5B	5P	5A
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XXXXX is achieving at the expected level for her age. She has sound number knowledge and is progressing strongly in her ability to solve problems. Her knowledge of fractions, percentages and decimals has improved this year. In geometry she has expanded her knowledge base significantly. Her work ethic in maths is outstanding. She communicates her mathematical thinking well. Her next steps are to improve her skills in applying the four operations and to deepen her knowledge of numbers.

Mud Kitchen

We have a brand new and amazing hand made mud kitchen for our students to play with! Ava and Quinn R's grandfather, Paul Campbell has generously donated his time to build this incredible play resource for our school. Thanks also to Sue and Amanda for sourcing a great collection of utensils as well! Make sure you take a minute to check it out. It is sure to be a much loved piece of playground equipment this term and beyond.



Absences

Just a reminder that if you have a sick child who needs to stay home from school we would appreciate it if you could communicate that through the school app. It saves our office staff a lot of time tracking people down! You may also use the app to advise us of upcoming holidays.

Thessalonians 5:11

“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”

Blessings,
Adrian

2024 Term 2 School Events

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

Welcome to the St Mark's Family

Ella W (Jack and Zoe)

Monty T (Will and Sue)

Benjamin H (Andy and Rachael)

Aria D (Robert and Lina)

Jack D (Gina)

Gifty B (Michael and Aruna)

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

Congratulations

Matteo L was selected to represent Pioneer basketball club for the SIPT (South Island Primary Tournament) over the holidays. This was a 4-day tournament and his team finished 3rd which was a great result for them.



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
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Year 6	Mako	Mrs Renée Spijkerman	r.spijkerman@saintmarks.school.nz
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Pūtakitaki	Eden V-D	Julius C-T
Kawau		
Kāmana	Zara T	
Pīngao		Henry B
Wheke		Zaia O
Mako		Madelyn E
Toroa		Arran MacD
Hāpuka	Joseph M	

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Opawa School, 30 Ford Road

Friday the 24th of May

Come and join us for
our

Under the Sea DISCO

Junior Disco
year 0-4
6-7.15pm

\$2 per
child entry

Senior Disco year 5-8
7.30-9pm

Dress up encouraged. Come
dressed as your favourite
sea creature, mermaid or
pirate.

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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