



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 8
19 June 2024

Kia ora St Mark's Whānau,

These last few weeks have been a busy time for staff as we enter an assessment and reporting time for families. Staff have spent a long time preparing mid year academic reports to inform discussions at our upcoming parent / teacher interviews. My hope is that with a redesigned report form, we have achieved greater levels of clarity for parents around student progress against the NZ Curriculum.

Junior Cross Country

What a wonderful event for our youngest students yesterday! It was great to see everyone giving their best effort with so many parents and whānau watching on.

Results:

Year 0/1 Boys: 1st- Freddie B. 2nd- George M. 3rd- River F. 4th- Leo W.

Year 0/1 Girls: 1st- Billie F. 2nd- Harper D. 3rd- Audrey Q. 4th- Audrey W.

Year 2 Boys: 1st= Bastien CB. 1st= Aaron W. 3rd- William G. 4th- Alex P.

Year 2 Girls: 1st- Hannah O. 2nd- Kiara L. 3rd- Elsie F. 4th- Maysie B.

Year 3 Boys: 1st- Teddie DA. 2nd- Beau W. 3rd- Rupert A. 4th- Dante E.

Year 3 Girls: 1st- Matilda H. 2nd- Nina G. 3rd- Veronica R. 4th- Aadeah P.

Top performers will form a St Mark's team to compete at the upcoming Hillview Cross Country event. More information will follow on this.

Show Quest

Excitement is building among students for Show Quest this week. Mr Gordon has communicated all the details via the school app. I am particularly pleased to see this event available for our enthusiastic and skilled drama students in a year that does not include a production.

Matariki

A separate communication via the app has been sent detailing our plans to honour Matariki on Wednesday 26 June.



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

Staffing

I would like to invite parents to join us at our end of term service on Friday 5 July from 2:15pm in the school hall (there is no 9am service that day). This service is special in that we bid farewell to Ms Bryant, a very special teacher and much loved person in our school family.

We are delighted to welcome back Mr Dan Clarkson as Year 4 Kāmana teacher for Terms 3 and 4 as May's replacement.

The Board of Trustees are currently engaged in the recruitment process for appointing a new principal. The new principal is due to be appointed by the end of this term.

Basketball Uniforms

A big thank you to the PA for supporting some new basketball uniforms. This initiative was driven by Zach O, our student leader and very keen basketballer!

Aquabots

Te Kura o Hato Māka, St Mark's School, has invested in two [NZAquabots](#) kits, sponsored by University of Canterbury and our PA. Amy from Ministry of Inspiration coached eight of our year 5-6 students in creating these robots to solve problems, including navigating an underwater obstacle course and collecting items underwater. We are activating the **HoM Work With Others** and **Creating and Innovating**. Students involved were Alice A, Indi J, Arlo B, Josiah N, Leo D, Zaia O, Violet J and Quinn R.



Mā mua ka kite a muri, mā muri ka ora a mua

Those who lead give sight to those who follow, those who follow give life to those who lead.

This whakatauki also speaks to the importance of working together. It acknowledges and values the importance of both the leader and the follower.

Blessings to all,
Adrian

Mid Year Reports


As we have signalled in earlier communications, feedback from the community indicated a need to better understand where students are achieving against the NZ Curriculum.

In the mid year report forms going home to you later this term, you will notice some coloured boxes and a tick.

The coloured boxes indicate the curriculum level in which students should be achieving within **by the end of 2024**.

The tick reflects an overall teacher judgement of where the **student is achieving now**, six months prior to the end of year.

Year Report



2024 Year 8
Hapori: Hāpuka

2A	3B	3P	3A	4B	4P	4A	5B	5P	5A
						✓			

Mathematics and is showing a real desire to constantly be challenged! She is a focused and disciplined mathematician who consistently demonstrates a 'have it right' qualities. She has particularly enjoyed the success of using scientific

In the example above, the student is achieving at the upper end of expectations mid way through 2024. This indicates strong progress.

In the example at the left, you can see that the student is working towards the expected level in Maths. He has another six months at school to make progress towards meeting the expected level.

In Reading, he is achieving strongly and in Writing, he is achieving within the expected already, six months before the end of the year.

Please feel free to ask for more details at the upcoming parent / teacher conferences.

St Mark's School Senior Staff

3P	3A	4B	4P	4A	5B	5P	5A
	✓						

Mathematics. He has made pleasing progress in number knowledge, works with focus and has grown in confidence to share ideas mathematical concepts, including BODMAS and basic algebra. Working with angles, properties of regular shapes, coordinates, confidence with long division and multiplication, and to master

3P	3A	4B	4P	4A	5B	5P	5A
			✓				

Fluently reads and comprehends texts across a variety of text implicit meanings. He effectively applies a range of comprehension and summarise key information from a range of sources and writing in confidence to share his ideas with the class. To continue read a variety of challenging fiction and non-fiction books for

3P	3A	4B	4P	4A	5B	5P	5A
		✓					

writes with control and demonstrates understanding of writing improvement in his use of descriptive language and characterive, informative, and explanatory pieces of writing. He can use variety of sentence types to add interest. To continue his

2024 Term 2 School Events

Monday 24 June	Parent / Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 25 June	Parent / Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 26 June	Parent / Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 26 June	Matariki Event
Friday 28 June	Matariki Holiday (School Closed)
Friday 5 July	End of Term Service 2.15pm School Hall

2025 Term Dates

Term 1

11 weeks.

Monday 27 January - Friday 11 April.

Includes:

Learning Conferences 27 - 28 January

Regular classes start on Wednesday 29

January

Waitangi Day Thursday 6 February

Term 2

9 weeks.

Monday 28 April - Friday 27 June.

Includes:

Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day Friday 30 May

King's Birthday Monday 2 June

Matariki Friday 20 June

Term 3

10 weeks.

Monday 14 July - Friday 19 September

Term 4

10 weeks.

Monday 6 October - Friday 12 December

Includes:

Labour Day 27 October

Canterbury Anniversary 14 November



Church Certificates



Īnaka
Pūtakitaki
Harakeke
Kawau
Kāmana
Pīngao
Wheke
Mako
Toroa
Hāpuka

Olive A
Audrey Q
Xinyan L
Jack R
Christopher A
Naomi R
Genevieve F
Eli N
Louisa T
Indie L / Jahdiel N



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.rennie@saintmarks.school.nz
Office Contact		Mrs Louise Elliott	office@saintmarks.school.nz
Specialist Maths Teacher		Mrs Maree Bigelow	m.bigelow@saintmarks.school.nz
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Pūmanawa Gifted Ed / MODS		Miss Cristy Yonetani	c.yonetani@saintmarks.school.nz

Before/After School Care



Powerzone Mobile: 021 0651917 285 Cashel St, Chch Email: powerzonechch@gmail.com

matthew@kidsbase.co.nz
027 239 7690

Opawa School, 30 Ford Road



St Mark's School Uniforms

Uniform requirements at St Mark's School

Enrolled children at St Mark's School are required to wear the compulsory uniform. The uniform provides the students with a sense of pride and school identification in the community.

Make-up, nail polish and coloured hair are not permitted. It is a safety requirement that hair (regardless of gender) extending below the collar is tied back with hair ties in school colours or matching natural hair colour. Students should have a neat and reasonable hairstyle (natural hair colour only).

Jewellery is not permitted to be worn, with the exception of plain stud earrings, watches and jewellery of a religious or cultural significance. Smart watches capable of texts or calls are not permitted.

For girls who opt for a dress or kilt instead of skorts, black bike pants or PE shorts can be worn underneath for modesty.

Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Any requests that differ from what is outlined should first be discussed with the school Principal before further consultation with the Board of Proprietors.

Optional items

The following items are also available for purchase at Mainland and the second-hand shop, while stocks last.

- Beanie
- Scarf
- Plaid scrunchie (Summer and Winter fabric)
- Hairclips
- Headbands (Summer and Winter fabric)
- Sports jacket

Uniform Shop

Uniforms are available to purchase from [Mainland Uniforms](#), Christchurch's largest school uniform supplier, supplying over 100 schools across New Zealand. With over 30 years of experience and extensive knowledge across this industry, their aim is to provide children with school uniforms made from premium fabrics that offer quality, comfort, and affordability.

St Mark's uniform items are available either in-store at the 189 Peterborough Street store or [online](#) which operates 24/7 with free delivery over \$50.00 purchase.

Second hand uniforms

The second-hand uniform shop, located in the foyer near the school office, operates during school terms on Fridays from 2:30pm-3:30pm. For more information contact uniformshop@saintmarks.school.nz

Spring/Summer Day Uniform - Term 1 & Term 4

Girls

- Summer dress OR Summer skort with summer short sleeve white blouse with embroidered St Mark's logo
- White turnover socks
- Black T-bar sandal or plain black, lace-up shoes
- Maroon cardigan (optional)
- School blazer (worn during assembly, to & from school and on formal occasions)
- School hat (compulsory for outside play)



Boys

- Summer shirt
- Summer shorts
- Light grey ankle socks OR light grey knee-high socks
- Plain black, lace-up shoes
- Maroon jersey (optional)
- School blazer (worn during assembly, to & from school and on formal occasions)
- School hat (compulsory for outside play)
- School tie (worn on formal occasions)



Autumn/Winter Day Uniform - Term 2 & Term 3

Girls

- Long sleeve white shirt
- Winter skort OR winter kilt
- Black socks (either under or over knee) OR black tights
- Black T-bar sandal or plain black, lace-up shoes
- School tie
- Maroon cardigan (optional)
- School blazer (worn during assembly, to & from school and on formal occasions)



Boys

- Grey long sleeve shirt
- Winter shorts OR charcoal trousers
- Boys winter socks
- Plain black, lace-up shoes
- School tie
- Maroon cardigan (optional)
- School blazer (worn during assembly, to & from school and on formal occasions)



Sports uniform - PE and sporting events

NB: With the exception of Junior students, on PE days, the Day uniform is to be worn and students are to change into their PE uniform during PE class.

Boys & Girls

- PE top
- PE shorts OR track pant - both with the St Mark's logo
- Plain white crew socks
- Sports shoes
- Hoodie OR Full zip tunic (optional)



**ST MARKS
SHOWQUEST
DRESS REHEARSAL**

**SHOW
& QUEST**
2024



LOCATION **DATE** 20th
St Marks **June**
School Hall **Thursday.**

**School Doors
Open 11:45am
Starts 12pm.**



With Mr Gordon!

July holiday drama workshops now!

Learn to perform, build confidence, improvise on the spot and to enjoy the spotlight!



Week One

Mon 8th,
Tue 9th,
Wed 10th

9am
-
11am

\$30 per day!

Week Two

Mon 15th,
Tue 16th,
Wed 17th

ST MARK'S SCHOOL
33 CHOLMONDELEY AVE, OPAWA

Email interest to
tomg1715@gmail.com



ST MARK'S SCHOOL - FOUNTAIN OF PEACE NZ WALK WITH A PURPOSE 2024 NEW DATE - FRIDAY 16TH AUGUST

An opportunity to walk together as a compassionate and caring school community raising funds to save lives and make a lasting impact in the lives of children in need.

Link to details and for registration - <https://forms.gle/kmG5KGjQTsJyg5n57>

Please share the following givealittle link to gain sponsorship -
<https://givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/st-marks-school-2024-fountain-of-peace-nz-walk>.

- Join one of the four official walking routes, or make your own way to school. (Maps to follow).
- Students walking can wear mufti and may remain in this for the rest of the day. Please ensure they wear appropriate clothing including comfortable walking shoes. Thermals, jacket, hat and gloves may be required.
- Students may wish to carry a light bag for the walk if an adult is able to drop their school bag to school for when they arrive.
- It is recommended that walkers take a drink bottle, snacks and any personal medication (i.e. asthma inhaler), head torch and rain jacket on the walk.
- Walk will go ahead in light rain, however, if extreme weather is forecasted St Mark's School will communicate postponement details .
- Pack extra food in your child's lunch box, as they might be very hungry.
- A safety briefing will be given by event coordinators before the walk begins.
- One parent per five children needed. Adults will be allocated to students for supervision on the walk until arriving at school grounds. Adults required at front and back of walking groups and to ensure safety at all road crossings. High visibility clothing recommended if available.
- Arrive at school by 8.30 am and celebrate with a hot drink provided by the wonderful Parents Association.
- An official group photo will be taken before starting the school day.
- Smile, knowing you are making a huge and lasting difference in the lives of children and vulnerable women in need.

For questions, please contact

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Website - <https://www.fountainofpeace.org.nz>

Photo following last years St Mark's School Fountain of Peace NZ Walk with a Purpose event



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Then let us help! We're collecting donations for our
City Mission Op Shops in your neighbourhood!

We'll be gratefully accepting good quality
clothing, footwear, furniture, linen, electrical,
books, tools, bric-a-brac, homeware, plants,
toys, antiques, sporting goods & more!



Saturday 22nd June | 10am - 2pm
St Mark's Church
101 Opawa Road, Opawa

We can collect larger items for free. Contact us to book a collection.

Ph 03 343 0433 / opshop@citymission.org.nz / citymission.org.nz/op-shops

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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