



# St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 9  
26 June 2024

Kia ora St Mark's Whānau,

We are fast approaching the end of the term and the mid way point of the school year. I hope everyone is surviving the winter chills and bugs.

## Interviews

It has been great to see families meeting with teachers this week to discuss student progress. I am always struck by the level of care our teachers show for students and the lengths they will go to to support children in their learning.

## Website

Our new school website is almost completed. Mrs Elliott has done a great job building the new site which goes live in the first week of next term. Last Friday we had a photographer on site taking fresh photos to update images.

## Show Quest

What a show! Our students put on a fantastic performance at this new event. They won first place for drama, first place for the soundtrack and gained overall 2nd place among other schools. Congratulations and thanks to Mr Gordon for facilitating this stand out event for so many students who are so engaged and in which drama is their way to find success.

## MODS Alumni Event



Ms Yonetani and other staff welcomed back quite a big group of former (MODS) students who have since moved on to high school. Current students welcomed the opportunity to hear from them about transitioning to high school but more importantly about how to celebrate their gifts and talents and ways of thinking that bring happiness and success at school. Staff were delighted to hear such wisdom from young people who are clearly going to go far.

A big thank you to Foster H, Matthew C, Michael C, Ruby-Grace M, Monty S, Jasmine O, Macky S, Iva F, Jack O, and Ethan K.



*Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story*

## Playground

PROGRESS! Things are moving ahead with our new junior playground. The company installing it are part way through their work now. Once that is completed, a different company will, probably in the holidays, work on the ground cover underneath the new structure. We are not too far away from an opening ceremony and a new wonderful place for Mōkihi students to play.

## Kapa Haka

Our kapa haka group is scheduled to perform at Chatswood on Monday 1 July for the residents there. Weather permitting, students will walk to and from this event.



What happens at St Mark's when you are 5 years old and find the cross country really hard? Well, your friend stops running, takes your hand and runs with you all the way to the finish.

Blessings to all,  
Adrian





## 2024 Term 2 School Events

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

Harriet B  
Arlo W  
  
Minnie B

Ben H

Wynn F

Toby H  
Taylor M  
Matteo L



## In case you are not sure who you want to contact at school:

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Year 4	Kāmana	Ms May Bryant	m.bryant@saintmarks.school.nz
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Year 6	Mako	Mrs Renée Spijkerman	r.spijkerman@saintmarks.school.nz
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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

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





# 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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