



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 3
28 October 2020

Kia ora Te Kura o Hato Māka whānau,

I hope this finds everyone well. Staff enjoyed a very productive day yesterday moderating student work, professional development in Storytelling/Writing and discussion regarding Local Curriculum Development.

Grandparents Day - This Friday 30th October

Grandparents day this Friday is a significant day in the life of our school. It has been a tradition of welcoming Senior Whānau members to our church service, to performances of choirs and kapa haka, tours of the school and a delicious morning tea provided by the PA.

Please use the Contract Tracing App or sign in sheet located at each gate. Hand sanitiser will also be available.

Just a reminder of the timings:

- 9.00 am - school church service including choirs
- 9.45 am - Kapa haka full dress performance
- 10.00 am - morning tea in the library.
- 10.30 am - tours of the school by students.

Athletics Day - Thursday 29th October

This is a day where all Year 4 - 8 students compete in all athletic events at Hansens Park from **10.00am**.

A program of events will be placed on the noticeboard in the school foyer with approximate times for events for year levels, which will assist you in joining us on the day where possible.

A reminder that **Year 3** students join us at Hansens Park at **1.00pm** for the sprint events. There is a separate organisation for their field events at school.

Office Staffing

Mrs Christine Fairchild is currently on leave due to a broken arm. Our prayers are with her as she recovers at home. This means the office will be short staffed for the next 2 weeks. We ask for your patience over this time and where

possible email Louise for answers to questions. Thank you in anticipation.

Kapa Haka - Tūhono Festival

This Sunday (1st November) our kapa haka team made up of students from Year 4 - Year 8 will be performing at the Town Hall. Already postponed, the dress rehearsal last week at school was very moving. Such growth in our performance but also the heart of what we are doing. **Matua Steve**, ably supported by **Adrian Rennie** will bring this amazing group of students together. I look forward to seeing many of you there in support of them.

Interns at St Mark's School

Next week we welcome 5 Graduate School interns to St Mark's School. After a formal welcome at our school church service on Monday they will join the following classes until the penultimate week of the year: Kahawai, Karengo, Pingao, Kāmana and Tuaki. It is always a privilege to be part of the professional development and journey of beginning teachers.

Parent Concerns

Just a note that if you have any concerns or questions about your child, their friendships or academic concerns please contact your classroom teacher in the first instance.

There is nothing that can't be discussed and in partnership with the school your classroom teacher is key. We appreciate that at times your child/ren may need our support and attention in different ways, but cannot achieve this without open dialogue.

Policies of the Board and procedures of the school provide clarity around process but nothing can beat open conversation for shared understanding.

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Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

Upcoming Events

28 Oct	Year 3 Big Day Out - Living Springs
29 Oct	Year 3-8 Athletics Day
30 Oct	Grandparents Day

Church Certificates

Raupō	Audrey G
Inaka	Madeleine J
Pūtakitaki	Matteo L
Kōura	Violet J
Tuaki	Seth K
Kamana	Charlie B
Pingao	Aayush K
Karoro	Ben A
Karengo	Andrew G
Kahawai	Harriet P
Toroa	Emily M

Sports Results

St Mark's Thunder 18 v Pioneer Pacers 20

Player of the Day: Charlie B - moving forward into space, great catching, staying close on defence and for all your practice during the off season, well done it paid off!

St Mark's Rockets 18 - 8

Amazing goals, passes and dribbles. Incredible game to watch.

Players of the Day: Maybelle H/James F

They were not only fantastic goal scorers but they were fantastic team anchors by passing and setting up play.

Waterpolo

What a great first game. It was so good to see everyone play and keep up the attack against a really good team. Well done Liam for player of the day. Saving many goals. Well deserved. Final score was 10 - 1 to them. A couple of our attempts at goal were sadly disallowed. **Our next game is Friday 20th November. Supporters very welcome!** We will keep up our practices through till then so we can go in roaring!

Go St Mark's!

Rachael Okey



Subway can be ordered for lunch every **Tuesday**. To place an online order, visit www.subway.co.nz/schools and follow the instructions to place your order by 9am each Subway day. Alternatively, envelopes are in the office and you can either pay with the correct cash or credit card.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop hours are:

Tuesday - 8.30-9.30am

Thursday - 2.30-3.30pm

If you have any questions, please email:

uniformshop@saintmarks.school.nz

Coffee Cart



"School Grounds" is a volunteer run coffee cart, operating out of the school foyer.

Open Mon/Wed/Fri mornings 8:30 – 9:10am

Our coffees are great value, our fluffies are a hit and all profits feed back into the school under the PA umbrella.

We offer cash and eftpos facilities



From the P.A.

THANK YOU to everyone for your generosity with the Fair Goodie Bags, even after we unfortunately had to make the difficult decision to cancel this year you kept sending in donations of all manner of goodies.

Having now had a chance to sort through everything this is what we have decided to do.

- A small Secret Santa to each of our students.
- A donation of goodies to the Christmas tree at the Central Cathedral during our Advent Service on Dec 3rd
- The items that would have been raffled at the school fair are to be included in the 'School Raffle' with books of tickets for that being dispatched home with the eldest sibling later next week.
- Other non-perishable items will be used for some events we have lined up early next year especially within the 'Centenary Weekend Celebrations'
- Jar Tombola and the St Mark's Fudge we shall hold these over until the centenary celebrations, so we won't be asking for donations of Jar Tombola this term or volunteers for fudge making. These we shall be asking for in Term 1 2021.

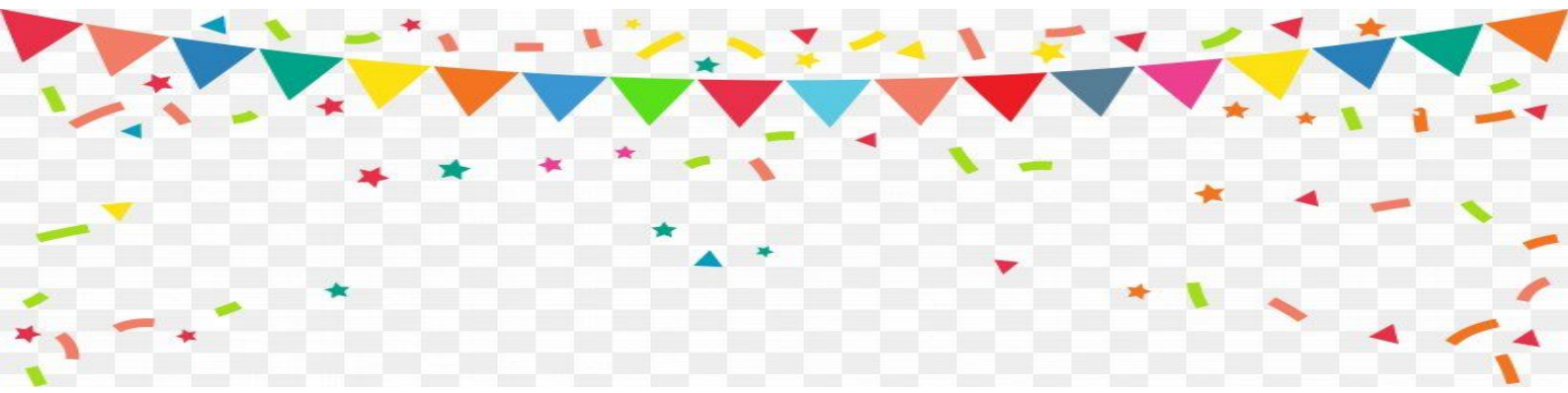
To all that completed the volunteer forms for the fair we are very grateful and would ask that you consider volunteering for roles for the Centenary Weekend in April next year. More about that in term 1 2021.

It seems peculiar to be talking about Term 1 2021, but there will be so much going on and we invite our community of St Mark's families to get involved in as much as you are able to. Our traditional Welcome Back BBQ will be on Fri 12th February so mark that in your child's St Mark's School Calendar as soon as yours is delivered.

Once again THANK YOU all for your understanding and support.

Nga mihi nui

Gary Miller
Chairman
St Mark's School Parents Association



GARAGE SALE

Saturday 7 November 2020

8:00AM - 1:00PM

St Mark's Church, 101 Opawa Rd

Cash only





SPRING SAUSAGE SIZZLE

\$2 Each

Order + Cash Thursday
Delivery Friday