



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 6
10 March 2022

Kia ora Te Kura o Hato Māka whānau

A school newsletter in your inbox!!

We have appreciated your support and encouragement with our communications, our hybrid learning and in managing the changing landscape.

KIWIANA DAY

This **Friday 11th March** will be a day dedicated to supporting vital work of *The New Zealand Conservation Trust*. It will be a non-uniform day or kakahu kainga (clothes from home). Along with not wearing a uniform, the theme for the day, initiated by student leader Ethan K is **Kiwiana**. If you are able, a gold coin can be delivered to your class teacher.

Please see the flyer attached.

Hat Day!

Jasmine O's creativity was clearly expressed on our last non-uniform day. Outstanding hat with a bird on a nest with an egg!! Wonderful work!



Options Program

On Thursday afternoon our Year 5 - 8 students are participating in an extension extra curricular program. Dance, Drama, Puppets, Touch Rugby, Tennis, Art, Digital Media and Chess. We are so fortunate to be extending our curriculum in these ways and offering students their choices.

And in other news...!!

- There is an enormous ornamental pumpkin and a beautiful chrysalis hanging from a swan plant in Mrs Brereton's room.
- Mrs Well's butterfly has hatched.
- Mrs Hastings class is playing statues every morning - they are great at staying still!
- Mr Davis' class are maths whizzes.
- Miss B's class give the best "morena" greetings in the school.

Run to Uganda

We are continuing this early morning exercise at school as we try to "run" our way to Uganda and back. Later in the year (hopefully in June) we will have our annual **Walk with a purpose** - raising funds for the children of Rwenjaza Hillside School in Uganda.

School organisation.

At present we are playing, lunching and learning in waka. This means 3 separate breaks for teachers too! It is a measure on our response plan that is intended to restrict numbers in one place, but importantly allow free outside access for everyone, where much appreciated mask free time can happen. Football, skipping using short and long ropes, netball and gymnastic moves are popular!

Over the coming weeks we can make changes to school operations as per the response plan which you all have. Even with changes, we will be able to deliver a mixture of online and onsite learning. Staff and student health will be the main driver of any changes to school organisation while maintaining high quality teaching and learning.

Parking - again!

We have been asked by *Discovery Junction*, the preschool across the road on Cholmondeley Ave to respectfully ask parents and whānau not to park over the driveway of the preschool or grass berm. Thank you in advance for your care of our neighbourhood needs.

Averil and staff. Kia kaha everyone.



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

**This term we are trialing a new programme called
|“Cool Clubs.”**

CHESS CLUB



FABULOUS ART



TOUCH RUGBY



TERRIFIC TENNIS



**DELIGHTFUL DIGITAL
TECH**



PERFECT PUPPETS



DELICIOUS DANCE



DAZZLING DRAMA



Students have chosen a club to join that involves activities and challenges that sit outside our usual curriculum. We have utilized the God given talents of our staff members, welcomed a new dance tutor and supported several of our Year 8 leaders to run special clubs. Everyone was really excited to get started last week.

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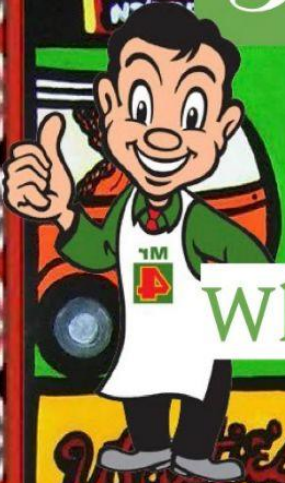
Kiwiana theme

When: Friday 11th of March

What to wear: Dress in
Kiwiana-themed clothing

Please bring a gold coin donation for New
Zealand Conservation Trust

To increase awareness of the plight of our
national icon, the Kiwi.



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