



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 10
29 September 2022

Kia ora Te Kura o Hato Māka whānau

As this is the last week of term staff and I wish you all a relaxing and refreshing break in the school holidays. Given the busyness of Term 4, we have included a list of dates for events in Term 4.

I am sorry I am unable to join you all for the last service of Term 3. I have been invited to a hui in Auckland with representatives from Anglican Schools in Australia, Polynesia and New Zealand to discuss future partnerships.

SHAVE FOR A CURE - FELICITY W

On **Friday 16th September** Felicity W in an act of selfless love and generosity, shaved her hair at school in support of Shave for a Cure. We want to thank the community for their support in this cause - the final total of money raised, is yet to be announced. We were privileged to share this day with Felicity's parents and grandparents. Inā rawa Felicity - that's amazing.

It was also great to welcome Mrs Lisa Milligan back to school - a long serving parent and board/PA member! She was Felicity's hair stylist!!

SPORT

Canterbury Sport

Our year 5 and 6, and year 7 and 8 football teams both finished 7th and 12th respectively at the Canterbury wide finals. The competition was really tough but our teams not only played with skill but humility. In watching them it was clear to see good competitive action with a strong sense of fairplay.

Koru Games - a South Island Tournament!

Our two teams (trilled and selected) - hockey and football - were outstanding in so many ways during this event. After two days both teams made the top 6 and eventually finished 5th overall! Very skilful and playing superbly as a team, we can be so proud of these students and what they achieved. They were noted by other teams for their skills and ability, as well as their kindness on and off the field. Huge thanks to Mr Clarkson, Mr Rennie, Mrs Bigelow, Mr Lallu and Mrs Rose for supporting and encouraging our teams over 3 days - God given talents on display!!

Singing Cup

At the time of writing we are enjoying the anticipated singing cup and look forward to the results next term. A huge thanks to Mrs Wells for her tireless work to bring our singers to centre stage.

Dates for Term 4

Please check the calendar for dates and note the following:

TERM 4 2022

OCTOBER

20th - Class, Individual and family photographs.

24th - Labour Day - School CLOSED

25th - Teacher Only Day - School CLOSED

28th - St Mark's School NIGHT MARKET! 5-8PM

NOVEMBER

1st - 4th - Year 8 Camp

2nd - 4th - Year 6 and 7 Camp

3rd - Year 5 at the Music Festival

7th - Athletics Day - Hanson Park

10th - Reserve Athletics Day

11th - Canterbury Anniversary - School CLOSED

14th - Independent Zone Athletics

18th - Grandparents Day

23rd - Itinerant Teacher Music Night (TBC)

24th - 25th - Year 7 Leadership Camp

26th - Tūhono Kapa Haka Festival

3th Nov - 2nd Dec - Year 4 and 5 Camp

DECEMBER

6th - Year 8 Leavers Dinner

8th - Advent Carol Service

13th - New Parent/Whānau Evening

14th - Internal Prizegiving

15th - St Mark's School Prizegiving

16th - End of Year Service - 2.00pm

Kia pai to ra e hoa/Have a happy day everyone
Averil and staff.



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

FLAVALL, Brad



My name is Brad Flavall and I am standing for re-election onto the Board of Trustees of St Mark's School. I have been married to Vicki for over 14 years and a proactive Dad to our two loving children (Thomas – Yr7 and Genevieve – Yr4). From the South Waikato, I

moved to Christchurch in 2001 for my professional education and have lived here since. I love living in Christchurch, given its opportunities available to my family. Living in our community, I feel privileged to be able to have my children educated at St Mark's School.

Employed as a Senior Electrical Design Engineer, being part of a proactive design and project management team, has exposed me to complex but extremely rewarding multi-discipline assignments around Australasia. I believe my analytical, practical, and financial awareness skills within this role will be beneficial to the school trusteeship at St Marks.

Our city, communities and school have gathered momentum over recent years, and I am dedicated to maintaining this momentum. It would be a privilege to be a Parent Representative of the St Mark's School Board of Trustees and to see its continuing development towards a positive future.

Seeing the progress and continued growth of our school, I am committed to the governance of St Mark's School, our student's welfare, and achievement along with maintaining the ongoing improvement of our school.

WALKER, Jake



I would like to put myself forward for the St Marks school board election. First and foremost, I am passionate about my kids education and performance of the school. I'm putting myself forward so I can contribute to ongoing positive outcomes for all students attending St Marks.

As a Managing Director of a scaffolding business, an ITM building merchant and a property holdings business I have significant experience in financial management, strategic planning, compliance and raising capital, sourcing funding, and providing governance. I have managed large teams and production facilities and have a very broad skillset that is certainly relevant for school boards.

I believe the educational package is so much more than just reading, writing and math. Our kids have a wide range of talents, and the role of the school is to support all those skills and provide our kids with inclusive opportunities to grow and shine both academically, in the arts and on the sports fields while also instilling St Marks own unique values and school culture in the kids so they leave as positive well rounded students.

FURKERT, Suzanne



Hello

My name is Suzanne Furkert and I have two children at St Mark's school. I feel privileged that they are able to receive a high quality faith based education and would like to contribute to the school community by being a parent representative on the school board.

I grew up in the Wellington region and after study and work in New Zealand, California and the UK, I settled back into Canterbury/Christchurch in 2006. My professional background is in science, product development and project management. The work I have done has given me a passion for getting a broad picture of problems, issues and potential solutions, and collaborating effectively with people with a wide range of backgrounds to determine the ideal outcomes. Our school community encompass a diverse range of cultures, backgrounds, and priorities, and I would value the opportunity to work with and represent you on the school board.

I have a great passion for the natural environment, renewable energy and making changes to reduce climate change. I feel extremely lucky to live in such a wonderful part of the world, and want to do everything I can to preserve and enhance the environment for the future and for our children. If elected to the board I will try and introduce and environmental awareness to everything we do. I would aim to increase awareness in environmental issues and simple steps for everyday improvements, so we can continue to live the lives we want to, whilst treading a little lighter on the planet.

I believe that my strong project management and scientific background, combined with my passion for the environment and ability to collaborate well with a wide range of stakeholders, means that I am well suited for a school board role. I would greatly value the opportunity to become part of the governance team developing environmentally sound and practical policies that will integrate well with our faith based education, and will help take us into the future we want.

Yours Faithfully,
Dr Suzanne Furkert

Church Certificates

Īnaka	Cody M
Pūtakitaki	Lily H/Nina G
Kōura	Dante E/Aurora S
Kāmana	Nathan H/Cleo F
Pīngao	Lily G/Tyronne N
Kawau	Archer W
Karengo	Holly R/Jake H/Charlie B
Kahawai	Lincoln S/Catalina M
Toroa	Vanessa A/Danielle G

Prize giving Cups

Children, who were awarded Cups and Trophies at the 2021 Prize Giving ceremony, are asked to return these to the school office by **as soon as possible**. It would be greatly appreciated if these can be polished before returning.

Last Week's Church Service and Wacky Hair Day



Student Success

Congratulations to Eli N for gaining Honours in his BAL Pre Primary tap exam this year.



Thomas F and Genevieve F competed in the Canterbury Provincial Brass Band contest this last weekend.

Genevieve placed 1st in both the Junior and Open Percussion Ensemble Events.

Thomas place 3rd= in the Under 13 Solo competition and 1st in the Junior Ensemble.



Congratulations to Leo D player of season for rugby and Henry B gold silver and bronze recent karate champs.



We have received results from the 2022 Kiwi Tests offered by U.C. Congratulations to the following students who have achieved strongly.

Zachary O: English Merit, Maths Excellence, Science Excellence

Iva F: Science Merit, English Excellence

Aurelia C-T: English Merit

Macky S: Maths Merit

Ethan K: Maths Excellence

SNAPSHOTS OF OUR TEAMS AT THE KORU GAMES







AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT THE ST MARK'S NIGHT MARKET

Friday 28th October 2022

Did you know that we have not had a school fair since 2019?!? Due to the uncertainty leading up to the fair and time restrictions we have opted to organise a smaller night market this year. This is the first step in what has been a long period where as a community we have not been able to come together.

What an exciting time for our children, school and wider community to come together and celebrate this exciting first step!

Do you know what makes the school fair a success? **You!** The parents of St Mark's and we want to thank those of you who have already raised their hands to help with The Night Market. A big thank you to those who have already returned their goodie bags!

We want to explain a little bit about the fair and why it is so vital that everyone, as much as possible, is part of this amazing event.

The fair is our major fundraiser for the year, that we, as parents, can put on for the wider community as a means of securing funds for a range of resources that otherwise we simply would not be able to provide at school.

Every little bit that each family provides, whether by way of resources or time is what makes this event a success.

It is also a great way to get to know other St Mark's families who are getting involved and have fun as a school community.

Contributions for baking, the white elephant, fair prizes, tombola jars, horticulture and other fair mainstays will be asked for in the coming weeks. As well as that, we need lots of help on and before the big day. Even an hour or two on a stall or helping with packing down and or sorting is appreciated.

Your contribution is hugely valued and we are looking forward to putting on an event altogether in just over 5 weeks time.

Remember to fill in your availability forms and keep an eye out for further correspondence.

There are many ways you can contribute to the success of the Night Market. Please consider the following options and help where you can.

Thursday 27th October - Sorting goods for White Elephant

Friday 28th October - Help transport trestle tables from Risingholme and empty fair room. Having a ute, truck or trailer would be ideal (9am - 11am)

Friday 28th October - Help set up stalls and or cafe on the day

Gazebos - Can you lend one for the market? We are looking to borrow some Popup Gazebos to help provide shelter for some of our stalls

Stall helper - Volunteer on a stall for an hour (we need lots of helpers)

Please tick/indicate what you can help with.

Name: _____

Contact number: _____

Email Address: _____

PLEASE RETURN BY DROPPING INTO THE OFFICE.

Further information:

White Elephant will take place! A tradition of the St Mark's Fair! We will be seeking donations of excellent condition second hand items! These can be dropped into the hall from Friday 21st October - Thursday 27th October.

Jar Tombola - Another popular stall is the Jar Tombolas! Start creating jars or donate empty jars with lids into the office. Empty jars with lids can be dropped off from now in a bag. Completed jars can be dropped into the office or to your child's room from now. See ideas below!

