



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 2
8 February 2023

Kia ora St Mark's Whānau,

What a wonderful start to the school year! In speaking with staff, it is clear that some excellent connections were made between home and school at the conferences last week. The value of those conversations will no doubt be realised as the year progresses.

Last week we welcomed nine new students to our St Mark's School Family with a mihi whakatau and church service. We also maintained our important school tradition of praying for each new person in our first Friday church service.

My thanks to the PA for facilitating a brilliant back to school BBQ last Friday. The very hot temperature did not deter people from enjoying the crazy bikes, especially Mr Davis (photo evidence attached)!

Students in Waka Hourua are excited as we approach camp season. Year 6-7 camp should have left for Living Springs as you read this and Year 8 camp to Hanmer Springs is scheduled for next week. Outdoor education programmes are an important feature of the way students access the curriculum at St Mark's.



I also want to signal to the community that NZEI has called for a union meeting for all member teachers on Thursday 2 March. A skeleton staff will be on site for supervision purposes only if you are unable to collect your child from school after lunch. More details will follow on this.

This term is already shaping up to be exciting and engaging for students with Te Ari Ora performances and classes in early March, swimming sports and even the NZ Opera visiting late in the term. Staff will communicate details of events via the school app as usual. We are blessed to have so many opportunities for students.

You may notice that the playground is looking a little different. Work by the Board of Proprietors began over the holidays on a refreshed and updated playground for the school. This term we will work around some fenced off areas as work progresses. Students are very much looking forward to the prospect of a gaga dodgeball pit and rebound wall!

Blessings,
Adrian and staff
JEREMIAH 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'"



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Coming Events and Important Dates

Wednesday 8-10 February	Year 6-7 Camp
Monday 13-15 February	Year 8 Camp
Tuesday 21 February	Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)
Wednesday 22 February	Ash Wednesday
Friday 24 February	House Fun Day
Monday 27 February	School Swimming Sports - Years 4-8
Thursday 2 March	Union Meeting (pick students up by 1:30pm)
Thursday 2-3 March	Te Ari Ora
Monday 6 March	School Swimming Sports Postponement Day
Monday 6-10 March	Water Safety classes Year 4-8
Tuesday 7 March	Zone Swimming Sports
Friday 31 March	NZ Opera performance
Sunday 2 April	Waka Hourua Church Service - 10am
Monday 3-5 April	Easter church services
Thursday 6 April	End of Term Service 2pm and last day of Term 1 - 2.15pm

Church Service

The service will be held in the school hall this week.

Uniform Shop

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event code n39nu

Mōkihi having lunch on the new Junior Playground



Meet our New Entrants

