



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 8
25 March 2021

Kia ora Te Kura o Hato Māka whānau,

It has been a busy week for us all with a number of our specialist programs at the forefront of some of our students learning:

Taylor's Mistake Beach Clean-Up

On Monday a number of senior students travelled to Taylor's Mistake to pick up rubbish. This trip was part of a project led by **Olive H** but a wonderful opportunity to gauge the content and scale of rubbish in the immediate area, which led to a debate on the ethical questions around littering.

Rubix Cube Club

There is a passionate group of "cubers" who gather in Waka Puhara on Monday lunchtimes. They delight in the algorithms in the different shapes and it was great to join them to check out progress. For this old "non-cuber" I was astonished at their skill and the different shapes of cubes that now exist.

Triathlon

This week a number of athletes from St Mark's School competed in the Canterbury Primary School Competition. It was a tough course with a daunting **lake swim (BRRRRR)**. We are proud of all competitors, but offer a special congratulations to **Pippa W (6th!)** and **Zara P (8th!)** in the year 5 girls event. Brilliant work girls.

Art

This week I was able to congratulate some budding artists in the Senior School who have been focussed on perspective drawing in Mr Rennie's art classes. **Aurora C-L** is a talent!

Technology

Today year 5 were working with **Mr Gordon** harnessing the natural power of air pressure to create balloon powered cars. There were many and varied creations all with the main goal of moving quickly and in a straight line!

Writing

This week there has been a steady stream of writers to my office for recognition of outstanding writing work. Also special, has been the opportunity to visit many classrooms and look at the writing of so many of our tamariki. It is a priority in our school, built on strong oral programs starting with our youngest students telling/sharing stories and their important life events.

Music

Mrs Wells is encouraging as many musicians as possible to share their talents at our Monday student led service. To date the talents of **Theodore and Mackenzie H** have delighted the school. Thank you so much boys for performing for us so brilliantly. We are encouraging others to step up to this opportunity.

Next week we will present the orchestra badges for our team of musicians who are growing in their ability to play together and thank **Josie Stanford** for her encouraging work here.

Paul Ellis continues to lead our choirs with his very special brand of expertise and we look forward to the choirs contributions at our centennial celebrations.

Holy Week

Next week is Holy Week. There are services each morning and we would love for you to join us for some or all of these services. Rev. Ben does an amazing job of squeezing Easter into this week - not to be missed. All services start at 9.00am.

Social Development

This week I have been asked questions about those aspects of social development that impact learning. It is an understatement to say how crucial this is, but hard to quantify. It goes directly to wellbeing, resilience, respect and kindness, and emotional intelligence. I am proud of our staff and their energy to outwork our special character through the relationships our tamariki encounter every day.

When those social relationships impact negatively we have to act quickly to address concerns. Working with groups/classes of our ākonga in the playground or in the classroom is as important as working with whānau. It is a privilege, and conversations are the best and only way I know how.

Me te aroha nui.

Averil



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

Upcoming Event

29 March-1 April Year 6 Cycle Safety
29-31 March Holy Week Service
1 April Easter Sunday Service

Term Dates

TERM 1 - Monday 1st February (TOD school CLOSED) - Friday 16th April.
(Waitangi Day - Monday 8th February school CLOSED)
(Easter - Friday 2nd April - Tuesday 6th April with 2nd, 5th and 6th April school CLOSED)

TERM 2 - Monday May 3rd (TOD - school CLOSED) - Friday 9th July
Monday 7th June - Queens Birthday - school CLOSED)

TERM 3 - Monday 26th July (TOD - school CLOSED) - Friday 1st October.

TERM 4 - Monday 18th October (TOD - school CLOSED) - Tuesday 14th December
Monday 25th October Labour Day - school CLOSED)
Friday 12th - November - Show Day - school CLOSED)

Church Certificates

Inaka	Rosario M/Elisha R
Pūtakitaki	Anthony B/Mila B/Max C
Kōura	Madison Z/Trinni F/Emily T
Kāmana	Lily-Belle T/Sofia S/Arran M
Pīngao	Maybelle H/Pippa W/Millie H/Charlie B
Kawau	Amelia N/Zaia O/Maddox A
Kahawai	Danielle G/Lily B/Olive H/Ethan K/Samuel T
Karengo	Aayush K/Violet H/Isiah S
Toroa	Daniel S/Julia M/Jack O

Sports Results

Miniball

St Mark's Hornets 14 v SHS Tornadoes 13
Player of the Day: Henry D/Louis B
St Mark's Hornets 8 v Thorrrington Flames 14
Player of the Day: Eli N/Dean C

St Mark's Rockets won 26-16

Player of the Day: Arran M for being in position to score two great goals and great defence marking.

Family Day at Living Springs

Thank you to all those families who attended our Family Day at Living Springs. It was so wonderful to have so many of you there - we received some really positive feedback and it is definitely an event that we would consider running again. It was also a bonus that the weather put on a good show and we were able to finish the day with a lolly scramble!



Bluelight Canterbury Event

Last Friday 8 students attended the Bluelight Canterbury event. There were a number of challenges and activities that teams participated in. The timed session was the Physical Competency Test that all Police officers complete,

Our teams were

Year 7 - Danielle G, S, Dustin S, Matthew C

Year 8 - Olivia M, Harriet P, Ioli K, Rafi W-S



Canterbury Triathlon - Thursday 23rd March

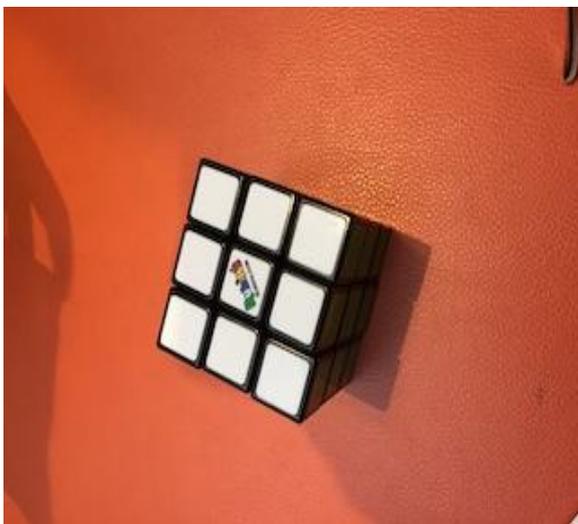
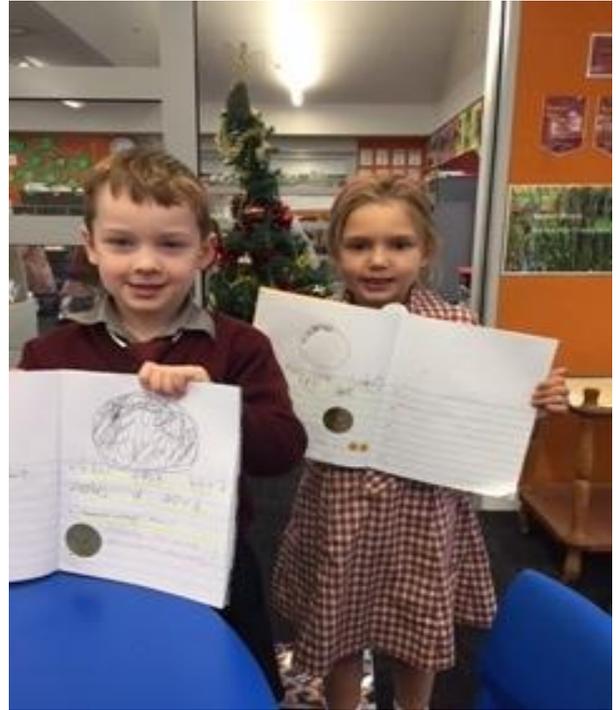
Beautiful weather conditions in North Canterbury made for a great day at the Triathlon. Our participants were:

Indie L
Pippa W
Zara P
Olivia Sh
Tessa C
Catalina M
Dustin S
Casper T
Ioli K

An excellent effort was made by all. A special mention to Pippa W who placed 6th overall and Zara P who placed 8th overall.



Rubix Cube Club/Students Writing/Taylor's Mistake Beach Clean-Up



2021 Easter Services

Sun 28th March

10am at St Mark's School

Palm Sunday

A combined service including procession with palms and an extended Passion reading.

Mon 29th March

7:30pm at St Mark's School

Monday in Holy Week

Shortened Eucharist with reflection

Tue 30th March

7:30pm at St Mark's School

Tuesday in Holy Week

Shortened Eucharist with reflection

Wed 31st March

7:30pm at St Mark's School

Wednesday in Holy Week

Shortened Eucharist with reflection

Thu 1st April

7:30pm at St Mark's School

Maundy Thursday

A service marking the institution of the Lord's Supper. Includes the washing of feet & stripping of the church.

Fri 2nd April

10am at St Mark's School

Good Friday

A 45-minute reflection on the cross. People are invited to remain in the church at the conclusion of the service for personal contemplation.

Sat 3rd April

9pm at Cathedral

The Great Vigil of Easter

Parishioners are invited to join with the Diocese at the Transitional Cathedral for the Vigil.

Sun 4th April

10am at St Mark's School

Easter Day

A combined service including sung Eucharist, the renewal of Baptismal vows, and the blessing of the Paschal Candle.

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April School Holidays 2021

Based at St Marks Primary School, 33 Chomondeley Avenue



7:30am - 3:00pm - \$53.00

7:30am - 6:00pm - \$60.00

8:30am - 3:00pm - \$43.00

8:30am - 6:00pm - \$50.00

*Trip & Activity Fee's extra as advertised

*Terms & Conditions apply

WHAT'S ON?



Monday 19th

Tuesday 20th

Wednesday 21st

Thursday 22nd

Friday 23rd



MINECRAFT MAGIC

Can you fight off the Creepers? We're Immersing in Minecraft

MEGA AIR

Can you do a flip? Test your jumping skills \$15 Trip Fee

EXPLORING ANZAC

Join us for Military and ANZAC themed activities

AMONG US

Complete the tasks to find the impostor before they find you!

JUMP JAM

Dust off those Jump Jam skills! \$10 Activity Fee

Monday 26th

Tuesday 27th

Wednesday 28th

Thursday 29th

Friday 30th



ANZAC DAY

MASH is closed today for ANZAC Day observed

MEXICAN MAYHEM

Hola mi amigo! Mexican Mayhem is taking over MASH today!

CAVEMEN CAPERS

Are you a cave dweller? There's fossils, dinosaur bones and more!

MINI GOLF

Can you get a hole in one? \$10 Trip Fee

FRIDAY FUNDAY

It's Friyay! Join us for the best day of the week!



Book online now to secure your spot!

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