



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 5
19 August 2020

Kia ora St Mark's School!

Huge thanks to everyone for their support at the gates and for our staff as we negotiate some further days at Alert Level 2. Students are enjoying the extra space in the playgrounds, particularly the rostered use of the turf.

Community Consultation - Curriculum

Thank you so much to those families who have completed the survey. We are so grateful. Mrs Wells is offering incentives! Please take the time to complete this survey - we want to hear from you.

New family members!

I know you will join with staff in a loud "Hallelujah" as we congratulate **Mr Ben Davis and his wife Steph** on the birth of their beautiful daughter **Maya**.

All are doing well, and Mr Davis will return to Karoro in week 7 after his parental leave.

New Students in Raupō

Mrs Tracey Hastings has welcomed many new students in the last weeks and we are thrilled to have them and their whānau in our kura.

Her hapori has **Mitchell S, Rian A, Leo D, Sadie G, Audrey G, Clare G, Aurora S, and Emi S**. They have joined us in Alert Level 2 and many will be formally welcomed this Friday. Their parents and whānau are welcome to join us for this important occasion. We ask that they sign in at the office and observe all hand hygiene and social distancing protocols.

Centennial - April 9th - 11th 2021

In the last 3 weeks I have had the opportunity to meet with some alumni and parents/whānau of past school family members who have shared their "story" with me. It is such a wonderful distraction and helps me hear the history of the school through their narrative.

The committee has settled on a plan for the weekend which will be published on the website and facebook page next week.

Please encourage as many of your contacts as you can to "like" our facebook page and be added to hear news of the school and the celebrations next year.

Principal Awards

It is such a joy for me to share in the students' learning. Often they identify their own learning as standing out for them for various reasons. This could be to do with achievement, our school values, for effort, for persistence or even group work.

At our school there is an acknowledgement that everyone has God given gifts and talents that are unique. Principals awards are a way of recognising these gifts and talents - and celebrating them.

Cultural Celebration Day 23rd October 2020

Staff have set aside this date to celebrate our school cultural diversity. This date is the day before the 75th celebrations of the United Nations. Details to follow.

Blessings everyone, Averil and Staff.



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2020 Term Dates

Term 4 - Monday 12 October - Friday 11 December

Teacher only day - Tuesday 27 October

Church Certificates

Inaka	Madison Z
Pūtakitaki	Willa H
Kōura	Cristian D
Tuaki	James D
Karoro	Xavier F
Pingao	James P
Karengo	Oscar P
Kahawai	Alyssa A/Melody H
Toroa	James M

Sports Results

Basketball

St Mark's Saints 21 v Medbury Spurs 13

Player of the Day: Theo Y

St Mark's Tigers 8 v Medbury Pistons 2

Player of the Day: Monty S

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open tomorrow, Thursday, from 2.30-3.30pm by appointment only.

To make a booking, please go to:

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Code: pumjk

Singing Cup

Competing in the Singing Cup has been a tradition at our school for a very long time.

This year, it will take place on Thursday 24 September.

9:45 - 10:30 for Years 0-3 and

11:00 - 12:00 for Years 4-8.

Many students have already added their name to the sign up lists. Alternatively, you can email me and I will add their names.

There are three categories in both the Yrs 0-3 and the Yrs 4-8 group: Girl's Solo, Boy's Solo and a Duet Cup for groups.

Students can sing unaccompanied, use a backing track (without the lead vocals attached) or provide the music for Mr Ellis to accompany them on the piano. He will need a copy of the music to practise so the children will need to bring this to me before week 9. If you are using a backing track, please email that to me too.

Auditions will take place late Week 8 or early Week 9 .

I am looking forward to this amazing celebration of singing.

Mrs Wells

Lead Teacher, Music

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Parent / Whānau Local Curriculum Survey

St Mark's School Te Kura o Hato Māka

A huge thank you to those parents who have already completed this very important survey.

Gaining feedback from you is vital in

- helping us build shared understandings about the teaching and learning we want at our school
- making our vision come alive for every learner and
- allowing us to better connect with learning opportunities in our wider community.

It would be amazing if we could have over 100 responses to the survey. This would make it truly reflective of every part of our school community.

There are free coffees available at the coffee cart when we move out of Level 2. Just tell them you have completed the survey and you might get one of the 12 free coffees available!

Your feedback is an integral part of our Local Curriculum journey.

Don't forget, you can contact me on e.wells@saintmarks.school.nz with any questions.

Ngā mihi nui

Emily Wells

Lead Teacher, Local Curriculum



Plants & Produce Donations

St Mark's School Fair



This beautiful weather has got me thinking ahead to our much-anticipated School Fair on

Saturday 7th November.

I would be so grateful for peoples help in reaching out for donations for the horticultural table this year. We have some wonderful businesses who have supported us in previous years with donating plants and produce. If you are able to help with contacting some of these businesses again or if you have any contacts who may like to donate, I would be so grateful to hear from you.

Many blessings from Tania Sharr

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