



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 9
16 September 2020

Kia ora Te Kura o Hato Māka

He wiki reo maori tenei.

Do you know the whakatauki of your child's waka?

Mōkihi

Aukaha kia kaha

Strengthen the bindings

Waka Puhara

Kia kotahi te hoe o te waka

Let's paddle in unison

Waka Hourua

He moana pukepuke ka ekengia e te waka

A choppy sea can be navigated.

All amazing giftings to us from Ngāi Tahu as our journey began. And what choppy waters for us indeed in 2020. However glorious weather and wonderful families make for a very happy week! As level 2 continues keeping clear safety and hygiene protocols remain a priority for everyone.

Centennial - April 9th - 11th 2021

Just an update that we are currently working on a preference list to attend the celebrations. If you know of anyone for a particular reason who should NOT be left off the "VIP" invitation list please let us know. I have some VERY wise heads working on this list however others carry that historical knowledge

Kapa haka

By now you will know that the Tūhono Festival for our Kapa haka group has been postponed until **Sunday 1st November in the Town Hall**. If you have already purchased tickets these remain live with the old date on them. Tickets purchased from now will have the new date. Yesterday the school was treated to a performance by the group which was both stirring and moving. We are enormously grateful to Matua Steve for his mahi in our school, his christian presence and his development of waiata tira, whakaekē, waiata-ā-ringa and haka in our school. We celebrated the efforts and achievement of our ākongā.

Tuahiwi Marae

The first of our staff workshops happened last Friday.

In the same week I heard from Mrs Margaret Palmer (nee DeLaHunt) an alumni of our school 1939 - 1947. An excerpt from her email:

"I was interested to read that the staff are visiting the Tuahiwi Pa. Half my class at Woodend School back in 1961 came from the Pa. They were such happy days and very much a two-way process."

I was moved by these early links and encouraged by this history. This relationship is enduring but without authenticity falls short.

Term Dates 2021

After careful attention to the requirements of the Ministry of Education I want to confirm the following Term dates for 2021.

I draw your attention to the first Monday of **every** term - These will be **4 TEACHER ONLY DAYS in 2021 (TOD)**. As part of the Primary Teachers and Principals collective agreement 8 additional teacher only days were to be added to the calendar (at no cost to the number of half days), and to be used before **June 2022**.

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)

Five Marks of Mission - look for these on our website and Rev. Ben's exposition!!

See you at the gates!

Blessings Averil



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

Upcoming Events

24 Sep Singing Cup

2020 Term Dates

Term 4 - Monday 12 October - Friday 11 December

Teacher only day - Tuesday 27 October

Church Certificates

Inaka	Khelan L
Pūtakitaki	Zaia O
Kōura	Trinni P
Kamana	Samuel B
Pingao	Cruze S
Karoro	Stella P
Karengo	Matthew C
Kahawai	Danielle G

Prize giving Cups

Children, who were awarded Cups and Trophies at the 2019 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.



Book Amnesty!

After our incredibly successful Book Fair we have books on our minds. Before we restock the shelves...

Lost, Unloved, Forgotten, Hidden, Old,

Do you have any school books at home, in the car, at granny's house, under the bed, behind the sofa, on your own bookshelf, in the bathroom, on mum's desk, under the computer, in the dog basket, at the bach?

**Journals, reading books, library books, text books,
reference books, class reading books?**

We would love to see them again. Drop them off, no questions asked! In the foyer is an

"Anonymous Amnesty Book Box!"

Can we fill it by the end of term and bring our books back to school? Go on, do the right thing!

Have a look, who knows what you may rediscover for us.

Sports Results

Netball

St Mark's Penguins 4 v St Francis 7

4 September

St Mark's Dolphins Player of the Day: Holly R for great ball skills and wonderful team player

St Mark's Tigers Player of the Day: Tyler M for great ball skills and fantastic play

11 September

St Mark's Dolphins 15 v South Brighton 0

Player of the Day: Zara P - fantastic netball, always turns up and puts 100% into the game. And Sofia D - fantastic improvement and great defence

St Mark's Tigers Player of the Day: Autumn M for great ball skills and fantastic game of netball

Basketball

St Mark's Saints won by default against Waltham Pirates - they played a friendly game

Player of the Day: Nariah D

St Mark's Tigers 24 v Somerfield Sharks 18

Player of the Day: Matthew C

Uniform Shop

A reminder that next term we change to summer uniform the uniform shop is open by appointment only and appointments are live till the end of term.

To make a booking, please go to:

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Code: pumjk

Student Success

Congratulations to Hugo F who was awarded the Ballet Australasia Beginners Tap Assessment.





An Update from the Board of Trustees Review Committee



2020 Term 3 – Policy Reviews:

*****WE NEED YOUR INPUT PLEASE*****

This term we are reviewing the following policy and invite your feedback (anonymously if desired), as part of our three-year review cycle.

Learning Support

It is from this policy that procedures that relate to the way our school operates are developed. For this reason, we want to encourage parents to become familiar with our policies and recommend any changes that might be required.

Giving feedback on the policy is **VERY EASY!!**

1. Go to www.schooldocs.co.nz and click on search for your school.
2. Type "St Marks School"
3. Pick "St Marks School"
4. Enter the following
Username: stmarks
Password: saint
5. Find the policy that's up for review, read it, click on the red bubble in the top right-hand corner of the policy and enter your feedback. (if there is no red option, pick the green speech bubble instead).

The cut off for feedback is the last day of Term 1 – **Friday 25th September 2020.**

2020 Term 3 - Assurance:

The role of the St Marks Board is also to gain **ASSURANCE** that our operational policy and procedures are being operationalised within the school.

This term we will undertake assurance on a variety of areas including:

<u>Employer Responsibility</u>	<u>Health, Safety and Welfare</u>
- Appraisal of the Principal	- Physical Restraint - Risk Management - Safety Management System - Surrender & Retention of Property and Searches - Medicines, Minor/Moderate Injury or Illness - Risk Management



ST MARKS

October School Holidays 2020

Based at St Marks Primary School, 33 Chomondeley Avenue



7:30am-3:00pm - \$43.00

8:30am-3:00pm - \$38.00

*trip fee's extra as advertised

7:30am-6:00pm - \$50.00

8:30am-6:00pm - \$45.00

*Terms & Conditions apply

WHAT'S ON?



Monday 28th



UNDER THE SEA
Sea crafts & seashell experiments, today is ocean themed

Tuesday 29th



PIONEER POOL
Don't forget your togs and towels.
\$5 trip fee

Wednesday 30th



HUMAN BOARD GAMES
Today we're creating life sized board games

Thursday 1st



CADDYSHACK
Can you spot the Canterbury locations?
\$15 trip fee

Friday 2nd



MILITARY DAY
Attention! Today we are completing army activities

Monday 5th



MUSEUM
We're off to the Museum & Discovery
\$5 trip fee

Tuesday 6th



FIZZ POP BANG!
Join us for a science day of Fizz, Pop and Bang!

Wednesday 7th



MEGA AIR
We're heading to Mega Air today.
\$15 Trip fee.

Thursday 8th



JEDI TRAINING ACADEMY
Become a Jedi today with our challenges

Friday 9th



PAJAMA PARTY!
Come in your PJ's for a Pajama Party at MASH

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MY AFTER SCHOOL HEADQUARTERS



Book online now to secure your spot!

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