



# St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 1  
14 October 2020

## Kia ora Te Kura o Hato Māka whānau,

Welcome back to Term 4 of 2020.

We all hope you had a refreshing break. It is so great to see smiling faces every morning. As the term unfolds there is much to look forward to with annual events that celebrate our community. I have included a number of dates and calendar items in this newsletter so you have all the information in one place!

## Centennial - April 9th - 11th 2021

Just a reminder to put this in your calendar. We will start a greater advertising program soon and registrations will be open in November.

The weekend falls after Easter and is the weekend before the first school holidays in 2021.

## Term Dates 2021

I am republishing these here for those who have not seen them. **Please note well - the first Monday of each term in 2021 is a Teacher Only Day**

**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)*

## Staffing 2021

Provisional staffing for our school has just been announced. Once all positions have been confirmed, we will be able to announce staff for 2021. I will say here that I have full confidence in all current staff. This means among all their other qualities, staff can teach in any area/level of our school that best meets the needs of students/cohorts. That is at the forefront of ALL decisions.

Additional staffing in waka will be a focus of decisions too as we seek to personalise learning and provide programs that are targeted.

## IMPORTANT DATES TERM 4 2020 FOR YOUR CALENDAR

### OCTOBER

- 19th Canterbury Duathlon
- 21st Sports/Cultural Photographs
- 22nd Class/Individual Photographs
- 23rd Cultural Celebration Day
- 26th LABOUR DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
- 27th Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
- 28th Year 3 Big Day Out
- 29th Senior Athletics Day
- 30th Grandparents Day

### NOVEMBER

- 1st Tūhono Festival - Kapa haka
- 4th - 6th - Year 4 and 5 Camp Wainui
- 11th - 12th Year 7 Leadership Camp - Living Springs
- 13th Show Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
- 17th New Parents/Whānau Evening - 7.00pm
- 18th Itinerant Music Night - 7.00pm
- 19th - Year 0 - 2 Junior Athletics Day
- 22nd Waka Hourua St Mark's Church

### DECEMBER

- 1st Year 8 Leavers Dinner
- 3rd Advent Carol Service - Transitional Cathedral - 7.00pm
- 9th Internal Prizegiving - 1.30pm
- 10th Prizegiving - 7.00pm
- 11th End of Year Service - 2.00pm

Friday is "Pink Shirt Day" and is part of a nationwide anti-bullying campaign. We invite every student to wear something pink with their uniform on Friday to support this message. At St Mark's School our Aoraki Matatu program is specifically designed with our special character in mind - love, forgiveness, upstanding and courage are some of the key messages.

*"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you". Matt. 7:12*

Happy days and blessings  
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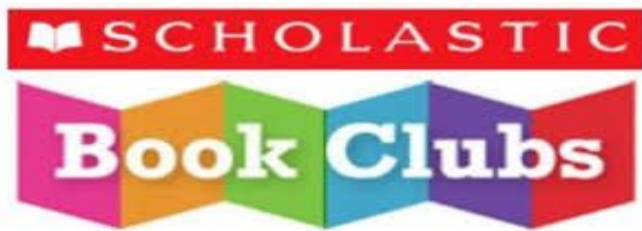
*Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story*

## Upcoming Events

21-22 Oct	School Photographs
26 Oct	Labour Day
27 Oct	Teacher Only Day
28 Oct	Year 3 Big Day Out - Living Springs
29 Oct	Year 3-8 Athletics Day
30 Oct	Grandparents Day

## School Photographs

These are scheduled for Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 October. Class, individual, family and sports/cultural photographs will be taken. If you wish to have a family photograph, please return the form sent home by this **Friday 16 October**. Information regarding uniform on these days will be advised at the beginning of next week.



## Scholastic Book Club

Order forms for Scholastic Books have been sent home. Orders may be placed direct with Scholastic at [www.mybookclub.scholastic.nz](http://www.mybookclub.scholastic.nz). An easy way to order online yourself and will be delivered direct to school. Orders close on **Friday 23 October**. The Gift Function has been turned on in LOOP! This allows parents to place a separate order as a surprise gift for their child. Items marked as a gift will be delivered to school and will be set aside at the school office for parents to collect.

## Lost Property

There is a large number of items in our Lost Property. Please take the time to check the cupboard inside the Cholmondeley Ave entrance.

## Uniform Shop

A reminder that next term we change to summer uniform the uniform shop is open by appointment only. The shop will be open during the term on Tuesday 8.30-9.30am and Thursday 2.30-3.30pm.

## Mokihi Vegetable Garden

The Mokihi team are looking to re-establish the vegetable garden at the back of our area as it is wonderful for the children to be able to use fresh produce for baking, adding to their sandwiches etc.

If anyone is planting out their vege garden and has some extra plants left over, we would love to have them.

Ngā mihi nui, Emily Wells



On Wear Some Pink Day, Friday 16 October 2020, Aotearoa will be transformed into a sea of māwhero/pink as we stand together to spread aroha and kindness, celebrate diversity and end bullying!

Wear Some Pink Day is an opportunity for both us all to Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!

On Friday 16 October students are invited to wear some pink (we are still wearing our uniforms) such as wigs, wings, bracelets etc to raise awareness against bullying.

## Singing Cup

At the end of last term, the school was treated to two incredible concerts with the Singing Cup competition. All our finalists showed amazing talent and Māiatanga, Courage in singing in front of their peers and whānau. Luckily, we moved to Level 1 just days before so parents / whānau could enjoy the beautiful singing with us.

Mrs Jo Dodgson very kindly judged the competition for us. She was very impressed by the standard of our musicians and wrote encouraging comments for all participants.

### Years 0-3 Girls Solo

1st Louisa T  
2nd Caeli M  
3rd = Frankie E / Lily G

### Years 0-3 Boys Solo

1st Mackenzie H  
2nd James D  
3rd Elijah N

### Years 0-3 Duet

Trinni F and Mackenzie H

### Years 4-8 Girls Solo

1st Lily B  
2nd Emily D  
3rd Saffron D

### Years 4-8 Boys Solo

1st Matthew C  
2nd = James P and Theodore H

### Years 4-8 Duet

1st Michael and Matthew C  
2nd Theodore H and James P  
3rd Olivia S and Tiffany C

Emily Wells  
Lead Teacher  
Music

The background is a bright yellow gradient. At the top, there are two large yellow sun-like shapes with white triangular flags hanging from them. On the right side, there is a vertical arrangement of yellow and white daffodils. The main text is enclosed in a white rectangular border.

SPRING  
SAUSAGE  
SIZZLE

\$2 Each

Order + Cash Thursday  
Delivery Friday