



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 2
21 October 2020

Kia ora Te Kura o Hato Māka whānau,

I hope this finds everyone well. Already week 2 and there are plenty of exciting events on the horizon. Please see last week's newsletter for dates and details.

Cultural Celebration Day - This Friday 23rd October

This is an important event on our calendar. Due to Covid-19 we have added this as a school and waka event, but with some restrictions. We invite all students and families to consider national dress and items that reflect our cultures that may be shared with others.

Whilst plans to include food were in our planning at the beginning of the year, we have decided not to proceed with this in 2020.

The church service on Friday morning is being prepared by Rev. Ben around cultures of the world, and everyone is welcome to attend. It also coincides with the 75th jubilee of the UN.

Teacher Only Day - Tuesday 27th October

On **this day the school is CLOSED**. This is a teachers only day where we will be focusing on sharing learning across waka particularly in writing and mathematics, and reviewing our reporting protocols.

Athletics Day - Thursday 29th October

This is a day where all Year 4 - 8 students compete in all athletic events at Hansens Park from **10.00am**.

A program of events will be placed on the noticeboard in the school foyer with approximate times for events for year levels, which will assist you in joining us on the day where possible.

A reminder that **Year 3** students join us at Hansens park at **1.00pm** for the sprint events. There is a separate organisation for their field events at school TBC.

Grandparents Day - Friday 30th October

We are so thrilled that this day, a highlight of our year, will go ahead on **Friday 30th October**. The program for the day will be a simple one but supported as other years by our wonderful Parents' Association.

9.00am - Church Service - including Performance Choir

9.45am - Kapa haka performance

10.00am - Morning tea

10.15am - From this time tours of the school by students.

All grandparents/senior whānau members/other family members, are invited to join us at the school for an acknowledgement of the whānaunatanga among us and to korero with our wider family.

Thank you to the PA for supporting the school in this way.

Garden!

Mrs Liz Coster along with the support of other staff, is leading us in the development of our Enviro Learning. Thank you for your generous donations of plants, to Oderings for their support and to those families who have contributed to the development of the school garden in any way.

Do you know of anyone who has a **GLASSHOUSE/TUNNELHOUSE** we could have?

We are thinking of erecting a secure structure for plants and propagation and tomato housing. Please contact Liz at l.coster@saintmarks.school.nz

It was a joy for Adrian to pray for two new students to our school on Friday - **Jessie M and Christopher A.**

Blessings Averil



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Upcoming Events

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

Church Certificates

Raupō	Emi S
Inaka	Lachlan S
Pūtakitaki	Indigo J
Kōura	Lemarle D-A
Tuaki	Sofia S
Kamana	Zara P
Pingao	Case W
Karoro	Ryan M
Karengo	Matthew C
Kahawai	Eli D
Toroa	Sophie F-D

Scholastic Book Club

Order forms for Scholastic Books have been sent home. Orders may be placed direct with Scholastic at 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.

Mokihi Vegetable Garden

Thank you to the parents who have kindly donated seedlings for our garden.

A HUGE thank you also to Oderings, Barrington, for their very generous gift of a huge range of vegetable plants. We have enough to plant the whole Mokihi garden, and also enough for Waka Puhara and Waka Hourua's gardens as well. It was such an amazing gift.

Emily Wells

The photo is of willing planters during last Friday's Fun Day gardening activity.



Congratulations to our two Canterbury swimmers.

Monty S -50m backstroke and Felicity W- 50m breastroke both represented our school and zone at Canterbury Swimming last week. Both made it to the final and both placed **6th in their finals!!** Outstanding achievements Felicity and Monty!



Congratulations to Iva F who was awarded her level two 'Knight' badge this week.



Dustin S and Ioli K represented our school at the Canterbury Duathlon. Outstanding achievement. Dustin placed in the top 30 and Ioli placed 5th!! Excellent sporting achievements!





From the P.A.

THANK YOU to everyone for your generosity with the Fair Goodie Bags, even after we unfortunately had to make the difficult decision to cancel this year you kept sending in donations of all manner of goodies.

Having now had a chance to sort through everything this is what we have decided to do.

- A small Secret Santa to each of our students.
- A donation of goodies to the Christmas tree at the Central Cathedral during our Advent Service on Dec 3rd
- The items that would have been raffled at the school fair are to be included in the 'School Raffle' with books of tickets for that being dispatched home with the eldest sibling later next week.
- Other non-perishable items will be used for some events we have lined up early next year especially within the 'Centenary Weekend Celebrations'
- Jar Tombola and the St Mark's Fudge we shall hold these over until the centenary celebrations, so we won't be asking for donations of Jar Tombola this term or volunteers for fudge making. These we shall be asking for in Term 1 2021.

To all that completed the volunteer forms for the fair we are very grateful and would ask that you consider volunteering for roles for the Centenary Weekend in April next year. More about that in term 1 2021.

It seems peculiar to be talking about Term 1 2021, but there will be so much going on and we invite our community of St Mark's families to get involved in as much as you are able to. Our traditional Welcome Back BBQ will be on Fri 12th February so mark that in your child's St Mark's School Calendar as soon as yours is delivered.

Once again THANK YOU all for your understanding and support.

Nga mihi nui

Gary Miller
Chairman
St Mark's School Parents Association



GARAGE SALE

Saturday 7 November 2020

8:00AM - 1:00PM

St Mark's Church, 101 Opawa Rd

Cash only



A promotional graphic for a 'Spring Sizzle Sausage' sale. 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. The text reads 'SPRING SAUSAGE SIZZLE' in a large, white, serif font. Below this, the price '\$2 Each' is written in a smaller, white, serif font. At the bottom, the order and delivery details are written in a white, serif font: 'Order + Cash Thursday' and 'Delivery Friday'.

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