



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 6
12 March 2021

Kia ora Te Kura o Hato Māka whānau,

The 10th anniversary of the Christchurch earthquake and the 15th March Mosque attacks, has left us with great sadness and thankfulness, a combination of emotions that have meant it has been hard to process what we experienced and the aftermath of rebuilding - our homes, our lives and our dreams. Today I want to acknowledge those of you who lost loved ones, friends, livelihoods and homes - you have endured. Our school values: **Huatau/Grace, Hiranga/Excellence, Māiatanga/Courage and Piriponotonga/Faithfulness** speak volumes about us as a community in Canterbury. In God we have eternal hope and joy, and for that we can be thankful.

100 Years!

Postponed and now rescheduled!!!!

Labour Weekend 2021 - Yahoo!

22nd to 24th October

A reminder that the weekend is devoted to celebrations - a mixture of formal and informal gatherings, a mixture of free and priced events - all designed to celebrate the breadth and depth of school life at St Mark's School. Details and registration forms can be found via the school website www.saintmarks.school.nz The events are open to all who share part of our history. Please contact us if there are any barriers you perceive to your participation in any event office@saintmarks.school.nz

Garden Show - 12th - 14th March

This morning at 6.50am I joined **Mrs Liz Coster, Andy G and Ariya S** at the Botanical Gardens. Here on display are many facets of the Grow Ōtautahi vision including school gardens. St Mark's School Garden is one of the entries which has been child driven from concept design to what is on display this weekend. I am thrilled to let the community know we have won a **SILVER AWARD**. What a joy and a thrill.

We thank Portstone Nursery for the support in this venture. Details below - Get along this weekend and see our school shining a light in our community!

[Christchurch Garden Festival: Grow Ōtautah](#)



Just a reminder: Locarno St Fence

The Board of Proprietors have confirmed the timeline for the fence replacement:

Friday 19th March - a temporary fence will be erected.

Saturday 20th March - old concrete posts removed.

Monday 22nd March - new fence started.

Run to Uganda

A new initiative this year is to have school running every morning from 10.20am - 10.30. The whole school including staff are encouraged to run/walk around a track on the field - this is primarily for fitness and the unequivocal links that contribute to academic success.

To make this more meaningful we are running to Uganda - the home of our Walk with a Purpose outreach!

At the end of last week we had run and walked 640 kilometres - or somewhere into the Tasman Sea.

We are really excited about doing this together - pictures to follow!

Blessings everyone, Averil



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

Upcoming Event

21 March	PA Family Fun Day at Living Springs
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	Bram C/Christopher A
Pūtakitaki	Archer W/Sonya I
Kōura	Riaan A/Khelan L
Kāmana	James D/Olivia H
Pīngao	Thomas O/Laurika de L
Kawau	Nathan H/Henry D
Kahawai	Jasmine O/Miriama N
Karengo	Ryan M/Catalina M
Toroa	Olivia M

Sports Results

Miniball

St Mark's Hornets 27 v Somerfield Sharks 3

Player of the Day: Joshua W

St Mark's Rockets lost 10-24

Player of the Day: Troy M

St Mark's Rockets lost 10-28

Player of the Day: Janneke de L

Waterpolo

St Mark's 2 v St Joseph's 1

Player of the Day: Casper T

The newly named St Marks' Fire Breathing Rubber Duckies (our fierce waterpolo team) has had another win! It was a fantastic game with plenty of action and many shots at goal from both sides. Our talented goalie, Jack blocked some great attempts at goal earning him Player of the day! Big ups to Jack and Lucy for maximum effort after a full on week on camp. But what really impressed the crowd was the awesome team work. Every player playing at their best. A joy to behold! They all look like they have been playing together for years not just 2 games.

A win for us 4-3 vs Cobham and a win for all at St Mark's!

St Mark's Church Repair

I know. It's been a long time coming...

But let us rejoice that on Monday 15th February, 9 years and 51 weeks after the 'quake that damaged it, the physical work of repairing it began.

Hopefully you have seen the workers on site, and the scaffolding going up. On the inside the floors are being levelled, the cracks are being fixed, the old electrics are being removed, and some new features are being prepared.

We're very excited about the project which includes significant repair, strengthening, betterment, updated heating and lighting, and new furnishings. Perhaps the most exciting feature is the St Anne's Chapel which will include the beautiful stained-glass cross from our since sold and demolished St Anne's Church that some of you will remember.



As anyone who has been involved in buildings will know, timelines are never

anything more than an educated guess. However, we *hope* that we *might* be back for Christmas this year, and are confident that we'll be worshipping in the place before Easter next year.

As you can see from the thermometer on the fence, donations are still being called for. Please consider donating either directly to the parish or through our Give A Little Page (search for St Mark's, Opawa)

Like our facebook page for fortnightly updates on progress, and feel free to contact me if you have any queries about the project.

The parish is very much looking forward to welcoming St Mark's School students back to their spiritual turangawaewae.



With thanks,

Rev'd Ben





Grow Ōtautahi
Christchurch Garden Festival

Christchurch Botanic Gardens
12 - 14 March 2021
FREE ENTRY

Presented by
 **LINCOLN UNIVERSITY**
1877

Grow Ōtautahi, 12-14 March 2021

Free entry in the Christchurch Botanic Gardens

WEB www.growotautahi.org.nz | FACEBOOK [@growotautahi](https://www.facebook.com/growotautahi) | INSTAGRAM [@growotautahi](https://www.instagram.com/growotautahi)

A Garden Festival designed especially for the Garden City, Grow Ōtautahi celebrates our community, champions our environment and supports education. Grow Ōtautahi is run by the Christchurch Garden Festival Trust and is not-for-profit. Entry will be free to the public.

Come along and support the St Mark's entry in the schools section of the competition.

Fun for the family

You don't have to know much about gardening to know you can have a great day out at Grow Ōtautahi. Our wonderful School Gardens celebrate the city's youngest gardeners. The festival Kids' Zone will also keep the little ones entertained with competitions, tree-climbing, sandpit digs and more, while parents explore, take-in a cooking demonstration, hear from science and garden experts, enjoy a bite to eat, do a spot of shopping and generally relax in the botanic gardens.

From your garden to your plate

Foodies will love Grow Ōtautahi, with top chefs led by our fabulous Food Ambassador Jax Hamilton showcasing their culinary skills in the Garden Kitchen. The line-up of kitchen maestros will create a dish from the Meadow Mushrooms Mystery Box of locally sourced ingredients. Jonny Schwass and the team at the Ilex Café will also have plenty of satisfying treats on hand so visitors will be entertained and inspired.

Sprucing-up your outdoors

Summer holidays are a great time to get working in the garden or your outdoor spaces. Our stunning exhibition gardens will inspire your home project and there will be practical help from exhibitors and retail areas on how to make your ideas a reality.

Starting your garden from scratch

Gardening is very on-trend, but many don't know where to begin. You'll be able to talk directly to the gardening experts at Grow. Our Beginner Gardening Ambassador Julia Atkinson-Dunn is focused on helping you learn the basics, while the workshop marquee will have expert demonstrations.

Sharing your horticultural passion

You'll hear from the experts at our Terra Viva Workshops, while seasoned gardeners will be able to share their love of horticulture with like-minded people. Our Botanical Marquee showcases horticultural clubs and associations and you'll also meet Canterbury's amazing gardeners at the City Care Community Gardens exhibition.

Going science-crazy

Grow Ōtautahi celebrates innovation and different ways of thinking. Our Horticultural Futures Hub encourages robust discussion about existing and new technologies, promotes innovation and offers a top line-up of agricultural and science experts to lead the way.