



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 9
1 April 2021

Kia ora Te Kura o Hato Māka whānau,

We have made it to Easter! One of the most significant parts of our church calendar. This morning there was "rock bursting", chocolate eggs and songs! Over the last 4 days Rev. Ben has taken us on the whole Easter journey - a narrative at the heart of our hope and joy in a risen Lord.

School is CLOSED:

Friday - 2 April - Good Friday

Monday - 5 April - Easter Monday

Tuesday - 6 April - Easter Tuesday

Winter Sport: Year 5 - 8

In recent years we have travelled to a number of venues on a Thursday to compete against other schools in hockey, football and netball. ALL students have been involved as the benefits of team sport is well documented.

As a school we have found the organisation and competition extremely variable. Teams would arrive to find no opposition and the spread out nature of the venues challenged staffing and associated costs. Sometimes our school organisation contributed to the challenges, so I asked for a review at the end of Term 4 as we looked to manage our sporting budget for 2021. We are now in discussions with local schools (often our competitors on a Thursday anyway), to understand how a local competition might meet our needs better. The benefits seem to be less time travelling, similar competition, using local venues, whilst still maintaining the objectives of the afternoon. This change to closer geographical locations is currently being supported by Sport Canterbury.

Mr Dan Clarkson is spearheading any changes, and has already asked for nominations of sports for students and any offers of parent assistance. I am confident in his approach, and ask that you contact him at d.clarkson@saintmarks.school.nz with any feedback or suggestions.

We will inform the community of any changes before the end of this term.

Orchestra

I am so encouraged by the number of students joining this group and although in the early stages of development, **Josie Stanford** and I have agreed that a performance before the end of term service will support this group of students in growing confidence. We are still waiting on badges for them which should be here in time for that day.

Library

We would really appreciate all books returned before **Friday April 16th**. This will allow our term audit and a fresh start in Term 2.

Donations

From time to time to meet the obligations of the Board of Trustees, we share via this newsletter any Ministry of Education notifications or reminders.

To this end I am required to share the following annually:

What families/whānau need to know about school/kura donations.

Donations are voluntary, no matter who asks for them. You never have to make a donation to your school/kura, but you can give any size donation any time if you want to. If you choose to do this, GST is not payable on the donation and you can claim a tax credit.

If you have questions regarding payments contact your board or your local Ministry office. You can also email any questions to

school.donations@education.govt.nz.

With all staff, I want to wish you all a blessed Easter. May the time with family be refreshing and joyous.

Me te aroha nui.

Averil



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

Upcoming Event

1 April Easter Sunday Service
16 April End of Term Service - 2.15pm

Term Dates

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	Kaira F
Pūtakitaki	Alice A
Kōura	Shadeh H
Kāmana	Tyree D-A
Pīngao	Charlie B
Kawau	Matteo L
Kahawai	Emily H
Karengo	Nikhil J
Toroa	Harriet P

Community Notice

Mt Pleasant Sea Scouts

Scouting for 8-10 year Old's - CUBS

The Mt Pleasant Sea Scout Group Cub Pack meets on Thursday nights at the Scout Den at the Mt Pleasant Old school reserve, 172 Major Hornbrook Road, from 6.30 to 8pm. They currently have space in the Cub Pack for new members if there are any kids wanting to give Cub scout activities a try.

Scouting for 6-8 year old's – KEAS

The group has some new Kea leaders and are looking to restart Keas in Term 2.

If there are any parents who would like some further information or wish to register a child interest in Cub or Keas they can contact either the

Group Leader – Roger Horton
mtpleasant@group.scouts.nz ; or

Cub Section Leader – Jason White –
jason@farringtonandwhite.co.nz

Sports Results

Waterpolo

Feb 19 - Won 2-1 vs St Josephs
Player of The Day: Casper T
Feb 26 Won 4-3 vs Cobham
Player of the Day: Jack O
March 5 (level 2) lost 4-1 vs Queenspark
Player of the Day: Felicity W
March 12 lost 6-2 vs St Patricks
Player of the Day: Ben A and Andrew G who filled in for us.
Next games
April 9. 8.35 vs Medbury QE2
April 16. 8.35 vs Cathedral Grammar QE2



Student Success

Congratulations to Lachie who got most improved for His under 9 RKS softball team and Phoebe who got fielder of the year for her under 11 RKS team





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\$10 PER BAG
OR
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4.5KG
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stmarkskindling@gmail.com

orders close 15th April 2021
collection date from
St Marks 17th April

Limited stock, get in quick
Bank details on confirmation email





ST MARKS

April School Holidays 2021



Based at St Marks Primary School, 33 Chomondeley Avenue

7:30am - 3:00pm - \$53.00

7:30am - 6:00pm - \$60.00

8:30am - 3:00pm - \$43.00

8:30am - 6:00pm - \$50.00

*Trip & Activity Fee's extra as advertised

*Terms & Conditions apply

WHAT'S ON?



Monday 19th



MINECRAFT MAGIC

Can you fight off the Creepers? We're Immersing in Minecraft

Tuesday 20th



MEGA AIR

Can you do a flip? Test your jumping skills
\$15 Trip Fee

Wednesday 21st



EXPLORING ANZAC

Join us for Military and ANZAC themed activities

Thursday 22nd



AMONG US

Complete the tasks to find the imposter before they find you!

Friday 23rd



JUMP JAM

Dust off those Jump Jam skills!
\$10 Activity Fee

Monday 26th



ANZAC DAY

MASH is closed today for ANZAC Day observed

Tuesday 27th



MEXICAN MAYHEM

Hola mi amigo! Mexican Mayhem is taking over MASH today!

Wednesday 28th



CAVEMEN CAPERS

Are you a cave dweller? There's fossils, dinosaur bones and more!

Thursday 29th



MINI GOLF

Can you get a hole in one?
\$10 Trip Fee

Friday 30th



FRIDAY FUNDAY

It's Friyay! Join us for the best day of the week!



Book online now to secure your spot!

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