



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 5
3 June 2021

Kia ora Te Kura o Hato Māka whānau,

There is no getting away from the cold mornings or the usual bugs that arrive at this time of the year. We appreciate you keeping your children home (Please use the school app!) to avoid the spread of their illness. Covid 19 has sured up our hygiene practices at school and hand sanitizer has made a welcome return to our classrooms.

Mental Health Foundation

Last week our "Wear something pink/favourite colour" mufti day raised **\$276** for the Mental Health foundation. A great contribution from our school to support tamariki and rangatahi in Aotearoa who need support in many areas of mental health.

Open Day

A significant number of families came to our open day and just to let you know that a number have booked appointments with me to know more about the school and enrolment.

A good opportunity for me to remind those of you with siblings of current students turning 5 in 2022 - let the office know and get your application in too!!

Staffing

It is with sadness that the Board of Trustees have accepted the resignation of our caretaker Mr Kevin McKinnel. Any of you who have worked with Kevin will know he has been a wonderful presence in our school - so happy to do ANYTHING that helps the smooth running of the school and with great connections from his many years and expertise of working in schools. There will be an opportunity to farewell him closer to the end of this term and an advertisement for a new caretaker is pending.

Ecostore Soaps

The Parents' Association Fundraiser has been well supported by our community. There are still some available for purchase. If you have some at home - Even Unsold - please send them back to the office so they can either be sold to those who want more or gathered for later sales.

Year 5 - 8 Thursday Sport

Although the recent weather storms and ground conditions have meant that sport has been cancelled today, we expect this program to be significantly beneficial for all students. Physical exercise, team sport dynamics and self management skills are some of the benefits. We do however encourage competition - to play the best game you can - sometimes this competition translates into challenging individual skills, challenging teamwork or striving for fair play.

Having different teams (e.g. A or B) acknowledges different skill levels and learning about and accepting disappointment is a part of all our learning. However ALL students are included in the program and ALL have training and playing opportunities.

The draw and venues will be published before Thursday each week and we welcome parents/whānau to join us at any venue.

Queens Birthday Weekend

MONDAY 7th June SCHOOL IS CLOSED

This is a national holiday celebrating the birthday of Queen Elizabeth 11.

School will be open as usual for the week on Tuesday 8th June

Junior Cross Country Tuesday Years 0 -3 1.30 - 3.00pm

This will be run on this day according to the organisation published by staff.

This is the Tuesday after the long weekend. All are welcome to join us for this annual event.

Relationships

This week in my own personal walk, with a prospective family and during some meetings at school, I have been reminded of the fragility of relationships and how crucial they are. We can take communication for granted - mistakes here are more easily explained. Our sustaining relationships however say so much about us and our culture of care and love. It is noticeable and tangible to those who meet us for the first time

Ephesians 4:32: "Be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you."

Me te aroha nui.
Averil



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

Upcoming Events

4 June	St Mark's Arbour Day
7 June	Queen's Birthday
8 June	Yr0-3 Cross Country Postponement Day

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

Īnaka	Kaira F
Pūtakitaki	Jesse M/Lily H
Kōura	Alfie M/Eli M
Kāmana	Aaish P/Alex H
Pīngao	Autumn McC/Jake H
Kawau	Alex S/Cristian D-N
Kahawai	Foster H/Oscar P
Karengo	Iva P/Sonja C/Stella P
Toroa	Melody H/Rafi W-S

Sports Results

Netball

St Mark's Year 4 Champions 7 v West Spreydon - **Player of the Day: Alex H**
St Mark's Year 4 Champions 3 v St Francis 5 - **Player of the Day: Lucy C**
St Mark's Year 5 Dolphins 26 v St Margaret's Keas 3 - **Player of the Day: Autumn McC/Zara P**
St Mark's Year 5 Dolphins 10 v St Francis 4 - **Player of the Day: Isabella S**
St Mark's Year 6 Stars 14 v Cashmere 2 - **Player of the Day: Stella P**
St Mark's Year 6 Stars 7 v Marist Albion 5 - **Player of the Day: Catalina M**

Basketball

St Mark's Year 5 Lions 18 v Halswell Hoopers 1 - **Player of the Day: Zachary P**
St Mark's Year 5 Lions 7 v Medbury 6 - **Player of the Day: Loukas S**
St Mark's Lions 9 v Medbury Pelicans 12 - **Player of the Day: Zara P**
St Mark's Year 6 Thunder 17 v West Spreydon Celtics 7 - **Player of the day: Phoebe M/Coco A**
St Mark's Year 7 Saints 22 v St Martins 16 - **Player of the Day: Ruby T**
St Mark's Year 8 Titans 22 v STAC 10 - **Player of the Day: Nariah D**



St Marks Disco!

Our next school boogie is Friday 18th June!

Years 0-4 6pm-7:15pm

Years 5-8 7:30pm-9pm

Blue Light Party – dress up in your whitest white or most colourful colour.

We've done a lot of research into what other local schools do for their disco so this year we're pre selling tickets which come with a goodie bag, and providing a relaxed area for parents to wait for their kids where there will be coffee and cake to purchase.

Tickets cost \$10 each and include a goodie bag with:

- Ticket to the disco
- Face or arm paint with Glow paint!
- Lollipop
- A ticket for the selfie station
- 1 x drink and a bag of crisps

BYO Glow sticks

Siblings are welcome at the junior disco! Gold Coin donation for a face painting.

You can purchase your Ticket:

1. At the school office - payment by eftpos ONLY
2. By making payment online with your child's surname and DISCO in the reference line.

ACC# 03-1598-0015833-000 – Online payments up until the 17th June.

Hot Chips will be available for purchase for \$3 on the night along with cans of soft drink for \$2. Cordial is free!

Parents as mentioned above, we have a special chill zone for you with tea, coffee or cake to purchase on the night, so you can wait for your kids while they unleash.

Please note – all children must be signed in & signed out on the night by the attending teacher.