



# St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 7  
18 June 2021

## **Kia ora Te Kura o Hato Māka whānau,**

Damp cold weather is upon us but it does not affect the warmth and liveliness in our school. As I was showing a prospective family around this morning our classes waved, smiled and shared learning with this family in a way that was authentic - so proud!

## **Walk with a Purpose (WWAP)**

Such an exciting event on our calendar WWAP promises to unite us all in the mission of Fountain of Peace to provide **“centres of hope and transformation for orphaned and abandoned children in Uganda”**.

**“Transforming Lives”** is at the centre of the vision and strategic plan of the Boards of St Mark's School, and as such the mission of the Fountain of Peace finds a natural home in our school.

Details of the walk, the routes and the mission have been shared in separate communications and you are encouraged to join the walk however it best suits your family.

ALL proceeds of this walk go to Fountain of Peace and as our community unites in this we are reminded of the 10k children walk in Uganda to get to centres of hope - we walk with them.

## **Paid Union Meeting**

You will have received notice of this meeting next **Thursday 24th June**. Just a reminder that the school remains open this afternoon with supervising support staff and management staff. If you are able, and want to collect your child at **1.30** that is possible.

There will be **NO Winter Sport** for Years 5 - 8 that day - most schools in our sports draw will not be available.

## **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.

## **Strum, Strike, Blow**

Congratulations to all Year 5 students who joined other schools in Canterbury at the annual Strum, Strike, Blow concert. Our thanks to Ms Adrienne Hale for leading this in our school and the excellent musicianship of this class. Such amazing representatives of our school!

## **Chess club**

Thank you to our amazing Mr Davis, we have a thriving chess club which meets every Friday. It is such a fun place to be with very competitive games which happen over lunch! This club is open to all students!

## **Disco**

It is never easy to postpone an event, particularly one like a disco. My conversations in this community regularly reinforce my view that adults here only want the best for the tamariki in our care.

I remain grateful every day for those who volunteer to add to our community in positive ways. Such volunteers in our school have been serving our community for 100 years! - amazing!

I appreciate there has been disappointment over the disco postponement and I am working with the PA to find another date and time.

If there has been angst, I pray that grace comes into conversations to ensure that what we do together uplifts and preserves the mana of all ākonga and their families.

## **School Interviews**

Our scheduled mid year parent/whānau teacher interviews are scheduled for Monday **28th to Wednesday 30th June**. The link to the digital booking form will be sent to you on Monday so that you can find a time that suits you best to discuss all aspects of your child's learning.

## **Matariki Celebrations Wednesday 7th July 2021**

The reappearance of a cluster of stars in the night sky signalling the start of Maori New Year. A time to celebrate what is in the past and the abundance of new life. Emily Wells and I will be at school from **6.00pm - 7.00pm** eating soup, rolls and savouries.

We would love you to join us if it suits your family. Wrap up warm and join us on the school playground. Soup and rolls and savouries will be provided - bring something to share if you would like to.

St Mark's School has not celebrated this national event in any way before but in our centennial year we are! Please let the office know if you are interested in joining us [office@saintmarks.school.nz](mailto:office@saintmarks.school.nz)

(And perhaps with any dietary restrictions).

Just a reminder that our last Friday service for this term is on the afternoon of **Friday 9th July 2.15 pm**

Blessings everyone - Averil



*Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story*

## Upcoming Events

20- June	Waka Puhara Church - 10am
25 June	Walk with a Purpose
28-30 June	Parent Teacher Interviews
7 July	Matariki Celebrations 6-7pm
9 July	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

Īnaka	Hudson W
Pūtakitaki	Imogen B/Liam O'C/Leo D
Kōura	Claire G/Eleanor P/Audrey P
Kāmana	Landon H/Judah C/Darcy Q
Pīngao	Gudiya E/Tyler M/Holly R
Kawau	Harry O/Samuel P/Mackenzie H
Kahawai	Eli D/Sebastian J
Karengo	Isabelle C/Lennix C/Case W/Oliver P
Toroa	Matthew C/Annabelle P

## Sports Results

### Basketball

St Mark's Lions 8 v St Martins Hawks 20

Player of the Day: Jake H

St Mark's 31 v Somerfield 11

Player of the Day: Xavier F

St Mark's Titans 10 v CGS Tigers 4

Player of the Day: Daniel S

### Netball

St Mark's Year 5 Dolphins 20 v Sth New Brighton Kotuku 2

Player of the Day: Gudiya E/Tyler M

## Winter Sports Results

### Netball

Year 5/6 Gold won 19-13 - Player of the Day: Felicity W

Year 5/6 Maroon drew 3-3 and lost 1-4 - Player of the Day: Tyler M

Year 6/7 Maroon lost 13-15 - Player of the Day: Islah S

Year 7/8 Gold lost 4-19 - Player of the Day: Mirama N

### Hockey

Year 5/6 Gold lost 2-5 - Player of the Day: Samuel B

Year 5/6 Maroon lost 0-10 - Player of the Day: Violet H

Year 7/8 Gold lost 2-10 - Player of the Day: Harriet P

Year 7/8 Maroon lost 0-5 - Player of the Day: Ethan K

### Football

Year 5/6 Gold lost 0-7 - Player of the Day: Cruze S

Year 5/6 Maroon lost 0-15 - Player of the Day: Zara P

Year 7/8 Gold won 4-0 - Player of the Day: Daniel S

Year 7/8 Maroon drew 2-2

## STRUM, STRIKE, BLOW



### Student Success

Congratulations to Seth K who attended the Christchurch short track ice speed skating development training camp over Queen's birthday weekend. At the conclusion of this camp Seth competed in the Canterbury Alpine ability meet where he came overall and first in all his races! An amazing achievement as Seth only started skating this year.



**YOUTH FISTBALL  
OPEN DAY**

SUNDAY 27 JUNE, 2-4PM  
HILLVIEW SENIOR SIDE FIELDS

