



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 9
29 June 2021

Kia ora Te Kura o Hato Māka whānau,

Kia ora everyone. It's the penultimate week of Term 2. It is hard to fathom the speed of this term!

Walk with a Purpose (WWAP)

It brought joy to my heart to be part of this school event on Friday. Notwithstanding those who could not walk, there was something about arriving at school, the greeting from those already there and the warm drink (Thank you Gary) that had me thinking about our mission as a school and how service to others gives us: a strength of purpose, it teaches humility, it makes a difference to others, it promotes thankfulness and gratitude and it mirrors Jesus life. The psychological benefits linked to happiness, wellbeing, reducing loneliness and improved confidence are scattered throughout the literature. At St Mark's School it was just FAB walking as a St Mark's family - and what a witness to early morning travellers! THANK YOU!!

School Interviews

Our scheduled mid year parent/whānau teacher interviews are scheduled for today Monday **28th to Wednesday 30th June**.

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 will also be making kites as an activity. Kites or manu aute or manu tukutuku are important for communication and tikanga, and whanaungatanga as we make them together.

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 (And perhaps with any dietary restrictions).

School Eucharist

There will be a school eucharist **THIS Friday 2nd July** during the Friday Service. All are welcome to join us for what is always a special service in our terms.

Hillview Cross Country

This Cross Country has been postponed until **Thursday 1st July with an earlier start time of 11.45**. If you haven't seen details they will soon be out so you can make a decision whether it is possible to attend. You are most welcome but please remember there is to be no parking in the New World Carpark. Staff will be walking our competitors from St Mark's school to Hillview on Thursday in time for all races.

Netsafe Parent Evening - 6.30pm 18th August FREE!

Paula Wistrand from Netsafe will run an Information Evening for parents and whānau about keeping young people safe online. If your children are present there will be an activity for them to do. This is an interactive session so bring your questions! Staff will have a session on Monday 16th August to reinforce the same messages.

Centennial Flyers

Before the end of this term we will send home a flyer advertising the centennial. We ask respectfully that you place them in any place - house window, workplace or community notice board - as a way of advertising the celebrations. Thank you in advance.

Caretaker

The position of Caretaker at St Mark's School has been advertised on Trademe and Seek. If you know of anyone who would be interested in this position please ask them to contact the school office after viewing the advertisement.

Staffing

It is the time of year when prospective families make time to see me and the school when they are considering St Mark's School for their child.

One of the questions that always arises is class size. Whilst the research is equivocal on this, our specialist model is allowing us to keep our numbers low, particularly in Literacy and Mathematics

For example our maths classes in the Waka Hourua and Waka Puhara are in the low to mid 20s. This means attention to strengths and next learning steps happen in a low number environment irrespective of year level size.

The Board of Trustees are committed to this creative staffing model and fund extra staffing for this to happen - and we are grateful.

Blessings everyone - Averil



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Upcoming Events

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	Wynne F
Pūtakitaki	Savannah S
Kōura	Mitchell S
Kāmana	Lily G
Pīngao	Hannah T
Kawau	Ella B
Kahawai	Ethan K
Karengo	Tessa C
Toroa	Aurora C-L

Sports Results

Basketball

St Mark's Lions 12 v Thorington Firebirds 4

Player of the Day: Olivia S

St Mark's Titans 18 v Sumner Storm 24

Player of the Day: Andrew G

St Mark's Titans 15 v South Hornets 16

Player of the Day: Ioli K

Music Festival - Representative Groups

A huge congratulations go to all the students who auditioned this year to be part of a Special Group at the 2021 Music Festival.

562 pupils from the Canterbury region auditioned for the 330 places so the standard was extremely high.

The following 7 students will be representing St Mark's this year.

Lily B, Ben C and Amelia H - Senior Choir

Harriet P and Theodore H - Orchestra

Thomas F - Concert Band
and James P - Junior Choir.

Mrs Wells

Lead Teacher, Music

We have two complimentary tickets to "First 1000 Days - Understand your Brain" on Wednesday 30 June - 7.30pm-9.00pm at the La Vida Centre, Upper Riccarton.

Please call the office if you would like these tickets.

Zones and Canterbury Cross Country

Congratulations to Xavier F, Zara P and Pippa W who were selected as part of the Independent Zones Cross Country Team to participate in the Canterbury Cross Country. This was held at Halswell Quarry and the competition was outstanding.

Xavier F faced some tough competition in the Year 6 boys race, and we are so proud of his never give up attitude representing the Independent School Zone.

In the Year 5 Girls race there were 125 runners and **Zara P was placed 5th and Pippa W 8th.** These are AMAZING individual results which contributed to the Year 5 Independent Zone Girls Year 5 Team winning the Teams competition.

Zara and Pippa will now compete at the National Cross Country next term - CONGRATULATIONS.



Student Success

Thea was awarded her Christchurch School of Gymnastics Stage 1 award recently.. Well done Thea!



JUNIOR CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Year 0/1 Boys

Year 0/1 Girls

Race 1

1st	Leo D
2nd	Zabian O
3rd	Anthony B
4th	Jesse M
5th	Monty P
6th=	Hudson W & Bram C-B

1st	Sadie G
2nd	Lily H
3rd	Rosario M
4th	Emi S
5th	Matilda H
6th	Kaira F

Race 2

1st	Riaan A
2nd	Khelan L
3rd	Mitchell S

Year 2 Boys

1st	Lemarle D-A
2nd	Eli M
3rd=	Henry B
	Theo T

Year 2 Girls

1st	Alice A
2nd	Trinni F
3rd	Mila B
4th	Emily T
5th	Madison Z
6th	Lucy O'D

Year 3 Boys

1st	Henry D
2nd	Zaia O
3rd	Louis B
4th	Cristian D
5th	Matteo L
6th	Nathan H

Year 3 Girls

1st	Indi J
2nd	Madelyn E
3rd	Amelia N
4th	Violet J
5th	Ella B
6th	Marnie C





An Update from the Board of Trustees Review Committee



FOR INFORMATION

As part of St Marks' Policy three-year review cycle, there is one Policy area requiring feedback from school parents this term Two

- Reporting to Parents

Policies that will have input from Board members and staff this term are:

- Protected Disclosure
- Visitors

2021 Term 2 - Assurance:

In addition to reviewing policy, its also the role of the Board to gain **ASSURANCE** that the operational policy and procedures are being operationalised in the school.

This term we will undertake assurance on a variety of areas including

<u>Finance and property management</u>	<u>Health, Safety, and Welfare</u>	<u>Legislation and administration</u>
Computer Security and Cybersafety	Digital Technology and Cybersafety, Cyberbullying	Student Attendance
Finance and Property Management Policy	Emergency Evacuation/Emergency Kit	
SUE (Staff Usage and Expenditure) Reports	Monitoring and Auditing School Bus	
	Risk Management	



Free event for parents



Wednesday 18th of August, 2021 @ 6:30pm



St Marks School

A free event for parents and whānau about keeping young people safe online. Netsafe's Education Advisor Paula Wistrand will be talking about the risks, challenges and opportunities of digital technology, and the practical ways we can all help young people to be safe online. The session will look at how parents/ whānau can support and enable children and young people to navigate online opportunities, challenges and complexities.

Further information:

<https://www.netsafe.org.nz/parenttoolkit/>

COMMUNITY NOTICES



CREATIVE YOUNG PICASSO'S LOOKING FOR A FUN WAY TO SPEND A FEW HOURS THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS?

At The Drawing Room, we have a great range of **Kids School Holiday Workshops** on offer. Our classes are fun, informal, educational and are run in a welcoming environment with small class sizes and wonderful tutors!

Check out our website to see what's on offer
www.thedrawingroom.co.nz/c/workshops

Touch base with us ASAP to secure a spot!
Phone 366-0033 or email
workshops@thedrawingroom.co.nz

Dental Care during the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will be providing dental care for children enrolled with our service during the upcoming school holidays. The clinics will offer check-ups, treatment and relief of pain sessions by appointment only. To make an appointment please call/email our Contact Centre which operates between the hours of 8am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday throughout the holidays.

The following Dental Clinics will be open during these school holidays:

- **Aranui Clinic, 240 Breezes Road, Aranui,**
- **Burnside Clinic, 96A Memorial Avenue, Burnside,**

The clinics will offer appointments between 8.15am and 4.45pm for school-age and preschool children. If your child has dental pain because of an accident, please contact your dentist in the first instance.

To book an appointment at one of our clinics please: **call 0800 846 983**

Or email commndental@cdhb.health.nz