



# St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 1  
29 July 2021

## Kia ora Te Kura o Hato Māka whānau,

Kia ora koutou. A warm welcome to everyone. It is wonderful to hear of your holiday happenings and see everyone again.

Term 3 has a full calendar of events - sporting, cultural, musical and of course our year 3 - 8 production of "Mary Poppins"

On behalf of staff, I want to thank those members of our community who have worked in the holidays building sets, painting sets and designing sets. Without your mahi we would not be this far ahead and we are so grateful for your gifts and talents. The production promises to be a great celebration of the gifts and talents of our tamariki.

## Matariki Celebrations

It was with great joy we gathered together to mark the celebrations that begin with the appearance of matariki. Karakia, kai and kite making were part of our celebrations this year as we remembered those who had gone before us, the present, and how in the passage of time we come to grow the narrative of our culture and our traditions.

I want to acknowledge **Emily Wells** for encouraging this significant event for all of us - kei te pai rawa Emily.

## Mōkihi Service - Sunday 8th August 10am

I am looking forward to joining you for this service at school on this Sunday, as we join the parish for our annual gathering. Please ensure students are in formal uniform with white shirts. As always it is a pleasure to be welcomed by our parish church - soon this will be in our home church! The roof looks stunning.

## Netsafe Parent Evening - 6.30pm 18th August St Mark's School 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.

## Junior Toilet Block

I apologise for any inconvenience the renovations of the Junior toilets are causing however we are on track for them to be completed in 2 weeks. I am thrilled that our Junior students are showing great resilience in the short term. It is with grateful thanks

that I acknowledge the work of the Board of Proprietors in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our youngest family members.

## Centennial

In the coming weeks as you listen to radio stations you will hear the voices of some of our students advertising 100 years of teaching and learning in our school. I am grateful to **Mr Glenn Wallace** (ex Parents' Association Chairperson) who is leading us into advertising in this space.

The network of St Mark's School across the years cast a wonderfully long shadow. I personally am enormously grateful.

## Applications for 2022

It is encouraging to see the number of applications for admission in 2022 arriving. With limited spaces our transparency around the process holds fast. If you have a child turning 5, who is the sibling of a current student, you do still need to put an application in to the office. Any time from now is preferable.

## Staffing - WELCOME!!!

It is my pleasure to let the community know that **Mr Barry Sargent (Sarge)** has been appointed as our new caretaker and starts with us on Monday 2nd August. Sarge brings many and varied skills to this role - make yourself known to him. Kevin McKinnel leaves us this Friday having graciously stayed on a week longer to affect a hand over. Go well Kevin - we will miss you.

It is also my pleasure to welcome **Mrs Fran Page** who joins our staff 4 mornings a week. Fran will work in Waka Hourua and Waka Puhara as communicated earlier, with specialist work in literacy. Welcome Fran we are so thrilled to have you with us!

And our wonderful **Mrs Tracey Hastings** is back in Mokihi!!! We look forward to all you that you do with us and our precious 5 year olds.

## Reminders for your diary

- **Friday 30th July - Zones Winter Tournament**
- **Tuesday 3rd August - Canterbury Chess Championships.**
- **Friday 6th August - Staff vs Year 8 Netball match.**

Blessings everyone, Averil



*Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story*

## Upcoming Events

30 Jul Zones Winter Tournament  
3 Aug Canterbury Chess Championship  
18 Aug Netsafe Parent Evening - 6pm

## Term Dates

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	Sienna F
Pūtakitaki	Lachlan S
Kōura	Beau W
Kāmana	Tyronne N
Pīngao	Hugo F
Kawau	Louis B
Kahawai	Jasmine H
Karengo	Theodore H
Toroa	Ioli K

## Sports Results

### Basketball

St Mark's Titans 12 v Oaklands 17  
Player of the Day: Theodore Y  
St Mark's Thunder 27 v Medbury Heat 11  
Player of the Day: Benjamin A

### Netball

St Mark's Year 4: 9 v Cashmere 2  
St Mark's Year 6: 2 v St Josephs 18

## Student Success

Cruze had grading at MMA on Saturday and he earned his brown belt



Pippa F-D and Louisa T  
Classic Ballet Group Comp: 3rd Place  
Southern Ballet School - Spring Waltz



## Mokihi Service



**ST MARK'S  
SCHOOL HALL**



**SUNDAY 8TH  
AUGUST**



**10 AM**

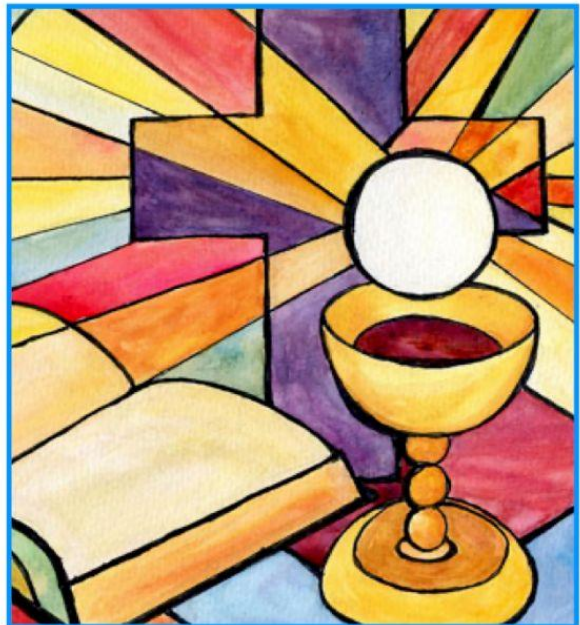
# YOU'RE INVITED

## Welcome to Worship

We're excited to invite the children and families of Mokihi to join us for worship on **Sunday 8th August**. Joint services between the parish and school have been a part of our shared life since the school's beginning and we greatly value the connection. They are an important part of the special character life of the school and **attendance is expected**.

### What to Expect

- The service will last approximately 1 hour, with morning tea to follow.
- Grandparents, siblings and others are very warmly invited to join us.
- Students (incl. siblings in other waka) are expected to wear their dress uniform.
- A collection will be taken to assist the running of the parish. You might like to give students a gold coin to add to the collection.
- We will be celebrating Holy Communion and all are welcome to participate. Children may wish to take only the bread. We ask those who will receive wine from the common chalice not to dip the bread into the wine.
- Selected students will be reading and praying during the service.
- At the end of the service all students will lead a sung blessing.



### Questions?

Feel free to contact your classroom teacher or Rev'd Ben if you have any questions.

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# ST MARK'S CHURCH AND SCHOOL COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER

A night of fun and entertainment  
in support of our Church Parish and School

**SATURDAY**  
**14 AUGUST**  
**2021**

**Who** The Court Jesters **Where** St Mark's School Hall

**Start** 7.30 pm **Price** \$27pp

**Tickets** [courttheatre.org.nz/stmarks](http://courttheatre.org.nz/stmarks)

**Bar and Eats** available from 6:30PM

EFTPOS available | Fun Raffle on the night

**Any further enquiries please contact**

**Emmy 021900806**

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1921-2021

**22nd-24th Oct. Labour Weekend**

**Register: [office@saintmarks.school.nz](mailto:office@saintmarks.school.nz)**

**FRIDAY 27TH AUGUST**

**New Entrants - Year 4 (6pm - 7:15pm)**

**Year 5 - Year 8 (7:30pm - 9pm)**



**Boogie to your Favourite Beats with D.J. Marrs**

**\$2 entry bring a little extra for snacks, drinks and lucky dips. Tea/Coffee for parents**

**All Children MUST BE signed in and out with the Duty Teachers'**

