



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 9
30 June 2022

Dear St Mark's School Family,

Welcome to what is almost, the final week for Term 2. This has been a term with plenty of great learning, winter sports and school competitions. There has also been winter illnesses running alongside Covid. We are thinking of everyone who is unwell at this time.

Last week was a special time for our St Mark's School family as we came together to celebrate Matariki. It was wonderful to see both students, families and staff participating in the various activities. A huge thank you to Emily Wells for her organisation of this event. Thank you also to the staff and Parents' Association who supported her on the night.

This week we have farewelled the Dunbar family; Jonathan, Aaron and Emily, who joined us in Term 1. We pray for God's hand on them all as they make their final preparations for their journey back to Cambodia. It has been a blessing to have them join us at our school.

Orchestra Performance

On Monday morning the school was treated to a live performance from the St Mark's School orchestra. It was fantastic to see these students demonstrate their God given gifts and talents at our service. Thank you to their teacher Josie Stanford who does a great job as their conductor.

Online Frozen Pies and Savouries

Yesterday the St Mark's School Parents' Association launched their new fundraiser to help support our school with our playground upgrade. The PA are running the pies and savouries product sales campaign online. This is an easy fundraiser that everyone can support. Information on the fundraiser can be found on the Schoolapp. A notice has also been sent out to families. Our students will be eager to be involved in selling the pies and savouries to support their house group to be the house that reaches the target of selling the most pies.

Coffee Cart

The Coffee Cart would love to have some additional volunteers join them making coffee on either a Wednesday or Friday morning. If you are able to give up some of your time please email pa@saintmarks.school.nz.

Lost Property

There is a huge amount of unnamed lost property that needs to be collected from the foyer area. Can we please ask that all of your child's clothing is clearly named.

Vehicles on Locarno Street

Staff have expressed increasing concern about the behaviour of vehicles when people are collecting students from the Locarno Street gate. Most concerning are the u-turns being performed close to the driveway where the students are exiting the school. Some cars are also choosing to double park as people wait for children. For the safety of everyone please take the utmost care around this gate area.

Calendar Events also on the Schoolapp

- **Tuesday 5th July - Hillview School Cross Country Year 0-4 12.00pm - 3.00pm**
- **Friday 8th July Last Day of Term**
End of Term service to be held in the school hall at 2.15pm

Please note that there will not be a church service in the morning on this day.

As you move into the weekend and the final week of the term can I leave you with this verse:

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 13:15 NIV

Despite the stresses that are upon us, there is always hope from our God who never leaves us. There is a joy, hope and peace which is promised to us when we hand ourselves over to his safekeeping.

Take care - Liz and Staff



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

Church Certificates

Inaka	Jack R
Pūtakitaki	Emi S
Koura	Rosie Q
Kawau	Madeleine J
Kāmana	Indigo J
Pīngao	Lucy C
Karengo	Isabella D-S
Kahawai	Lincoln S
Toroa	Alyssa A

Gymnastics

Congratulations to Sienna G who was recently placed 2nd overall at the Canterbury Gymnastics competition. This was another outstanding performance from Sienna.



The St Mark's School Orchestra performing at our Monday church service this week.

Certificates

On 17 June the school welcomed Hazel E into our St Mark's School family. Jasmine O, Seth K, and Sonja C (absent) participated in the iNVENTIONATOR competition and won the delivery category.



Canterbury Cross Country

On 22nd June Angel S and Matthew C represented St Mark's School at the Canterbury Cross Country competition. Both students ran well for the Zone, demonstrating our school value of Hiranga/Excellence



Mānawatia a Matariki 2022

Ngā mihi nui e te whānau o Te Kura o Hato Māka.

Last Tuesday night was an amazing time of Whanaungatanga - with families and staff from every part of the school joining together to celebrate Matariki.

Thank you for all the contributions to the delicious shared kai and for the way everybody helped and interacted with all the star activities.

Arohanui, Emily Wells



Enviro Education

Pīngao visited the school's water monitoring site, Jackson's Creek at Risingholme Park with Matt Stanford from Environment Canterbury. The Year 5 class are investigating the impact of stormwater drains on the creek.



Dear Families,

July/August 2022 – Online Frozen Pies and Savouries Fundraiser

St Mark's School are selling delicious Kai Pai Frozen Pies and Savouries to help support our school with our playground upgrade. All funds raised will go towards improvements to our school playground. Outdoor play has huge mental and physical benefits for our young people, providing them with an enhanced space will be wonderful for our current and future students! These pies and savouries are a great addition to the freezer for winter and we really appreciate the support from the school community to sell to their friends and family.

How will this fundraiser work?

We have partnered with New Zealand online fundraising company Raise It. Raise It specialise in working with New Zealand schools and clubs to maximise their fundraising efforts. We have chosen to run a Kai Pai Pies and Savouries Fundraiser. There is a great range of flavours to choose from, fill your freezer with these yummy award-winning pies and savouries just in time for the colder months.

By running our product sales campaign online, it makes it super easy for everyone - no more door knocking, your family can fundraise from home - no need to worry about handling all that cash and bringing it in. You simply sign up on the fundraising website, share the link with family and friends and they can arrange to collect their products from you at the end of the fundraiser.

How do I sign up to fundraise online?

Each family can set up as a fundraiser by signing up for their very own web page to send out to friends and family to collect sales. Just go to our Fundraising Hub page at: <https://saintmarkspies.raiseit.nz/hub>

- You will find a link to **SETUP YOUR FUNDRAISING PAGE** - You just need 1 page per family
- If you need any help, email help@raiseitfundraising.com for direct assistance
- All fundraiser totals update in real time and your supporters can leave you messages of encouragement

As an added incentive we will draw several spot prizes at the end of our first week of the campaign for those families who have set up fundraising pages, and will also have a prize for the House the sells the most pies at the end of the fundraiser. Will it be **Julius?** **Cholmondeley?** Or **Williams?**

Ideas for promoting/selling:

- **Share your child's fundraising page around your workplace/colleagues** and tell them a date when you will bring their purchases for collection
- **Share the links with your friends**
- **Use the links on your fundraising page** to share with friends/family via email & social media
- **For family & friends who don't live locally** – offer to give their purchase to a local charity you support

What happens at the end of the fundraiser?

At the end of the fundraising campaign (last day for sales is 31st July) all orders will be compiled, and products will be collected and distributed in the School Hall on Friday 19th August 2.30 - 4pm. You will then collect all orders made from your fundraising page for you to distribute.

Before pickup day, each fundraiser will be sent a report (to their registered email) showing all the supporters who have purchased from their fundraising web page and what items/quantities they have purchased.

Any questions about purchasing pies can be emailed to pa@saintmarks.school.nz

Thank you for supporting us with this fundraiser.

Jacinda Thomsen

St Mark's Parents' Association

St Mark's School Coffee Cart

Ever wanted to have a go at learning to make barista style coffee? Now's your chance!



The Coffee Cart is desperately in need of more volunteers to keep it running smoothly and we would love your help!



All it takes is 1 hour from 8.15am – 9.15am on either a Wednesday or Friday morning (or both!!). Full training will be given and you will get the chance to work with a great group of people, learn a new skill and contribute towards the Parents' Association fundraising efforts!

If you would like to find out more or have any questions, please email pa@saintmarks.school.nz and we will get in touch with you!

1 June 2022

School Board Parent Election 2022

Nomination round

Our school will be undertaking a parent election **for 5 School Board vacancies**. This process will start with the issuing of nomination papers to our caregiver community by **Friday 15th July 2022**.

We have employed CES to undertake the election process on our behalf. This year with legislative change, our nomination form and full instruction on how to place your nomination into our own School's Election website will be emailed to you if we have your email address in our database or you will receive it by post if we don't have your email in our database.

Nomination papers will also be available at the school office. The school will send those on to CES for processing upon receipt from candidates.

Nominations close on Friday 5th August at 12 noon.

We look forward to your participation in this process.

Wayne Jamieson

Returning Officer

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