



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 3
11 August 2022

Kia ora Te Kura o Hato Māka whānau

What a great start to the term we have had - house meetings, an open day, the visibility of the "fly through" for the play spaces at our school, resumption of all programs and some new students amongst us.

This morning I learned of the news of the arrival of Rev. Ben and his wife Johannah's precious third child - **Thomas Francis Truman**. A blessing and a joy for them, a wonderful brother for Edward and Toby and a delight for the extended whānau.

The whole family has our prayers and love as they settle into a new normal with Thomas amongst them. Rev. Ben means so much to us all and we can't wait to meet Thomas.

Psalm 139:14 You are fearfully and wonderfully made.

Managing student, staff and community health.

Staff continue to be thankful to the school community for their support with many illnesses and Covid-19 still prevalent. If your child is unwell we ask that they remain home until they are well and able to return to school.

Our hygiene protocols remain strictly in place including mask wearing by staff and students year 4 - 8, and cleaning well used surfaces. We continue to support those whānau who manage their family health in specific ways - please talk to your class teacher in the first instance.

Sport

Sport is an area of school life that takes on many forms. Beyond school competitions, in school programs including Thursday afternoon sport, and zone and Canterbury competitions that span a range of disciplines. Sport has the potential to divide but the greatest potential to unite and it is the latter we strive for. As winter sports draw to an end, and we look to our multi layered Thursday program we will conduct a review of our sports for 2023.

We are thankful to those parents/whānau members who have assisted us this year in any way and will seek a date and time to honour your contribution - we just could not run sports without this support.

One particular change we are looking to implement is an exchange program and would welcome your thoughts on competing with other schools both locally and wider.

Enrolment for 2023

We have limited spaces for 2023 and there has been much interest both prior to Open Day and with the tours yesterday. This is a gentle reminder that if **your child has a sibling who turns 5 next year**, or you know of a family considering our school for their child, **August 31st at 5.00pm is the deadline.**

We cannot consider applications beyond this date and time. Of course applications can be sent online.

We still require the application form for siblings as we plan our numbers and class configurations.

Church Fridays

With Rev. Ben on paternity leave we will still have our church services at St Mark's Church on Ōpawa Road with staff and Mrs Margrett Sherwood coordinating the services. ALL parents/whānau are welcome to these services. The student lead service on Monday at 9.00am is also open to our community.

Blessings everyone and continued prayers for great family health.

Take care everyone - Averil and Staff



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Church Certificates

Īnaka	Jayden C
Pūtakitaki	Leo D/Anthony B
Kōura	Aadeah P
Kāmana	Willa H/Alexander S
Pīngao	Matai D/Adam R
Kawau	Liam O'C/Madison A
Karengo	Thomas OAbby S/Loukas S
Toroa	Benjamin C/Elias D

Sports Results

Basketball

St Mark's Thunder 29 v Mt Pleasant 8

Player of the Day: Max B for great defence and passing



Subway can be ordered for lunch every Tuesday. To place an online order, visit www.subway.co.nz/schools and follow the instructions to place your order by 9am each Subway day. Alternatively, envelopes are in the office and you can either pay with the correct cash or credit card.

Winter Tournament



Student Successes

In the New Zealand Gymnastics Nationals, Sienna G won gold for first place in the all around competition for Step 8, under 15 years. In the individual apparatus competition, she won a gold medal on bar and floor and silver on vault.

She has also qualified for the New Zealand team to compete in Hawaii in January.



Monty S qualified for the South Island Championships last weekend.

He was in the 14 years and under group and got through the heats to the final where he finished 7th in the 100m butterfly

Quite an achievement as he was the only 12 year old boy at the competition.



PHOTO : Olympic rider
Rebecca Petch

REGISTRATION DAY SUNDAY 21ST AUGUST*

NEW SEASON ABOUT
TO START. COME & SEE
WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT!

*FOR BACK UP RAIN DATES
PLEASE CHECK FACEBOOK



**RACING STARTS
SUNDAY
28TH AUGUST**

Local track details

There are a number of great tracks around the Mainland North Region. Find the one closest to you, and have a go.

CHCH CITY BMX CLUB

Kyle Park
Waterloo Road, Hornby

info@chcbmx.nz
www.facebook.com/CHCBMX

NORTH AVON CHCH BMX CLUB

Bexley Reserve

nacbm@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/North-Avon-Christchurch-BMX-Club-153985061282782

NORTH CANTERBURY BMX CLUB

32 Millton Ave, Waimakariri
(next to Ashley Bridge picnic area)

ncbmclub@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/NorthCanterburyBMX

NELSON BMX CLUB

Tahunanui Recreation Reserve
Beach Road, Tahunanui, Nelson

www.facebook.com/nelsonbmclub

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