



# St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 5  
25 August 2022

## Kia ora Te Kura o Hato Māka whānau

Some wonderful weather this week really lifts one's heart.

Even though we continue to manage various illnesses and staff absences, it is heartening to see our students so settled and the full range of programs running. If your child is unwell, or has cold and flu symptoms it is best they remain away from school. Not only for the sake of others but for their own recovery.

Last week I shared the news of Rev. Ben and Johannah's new baby Thomas. This week some personal news as our whānau welcomed Luke Worner - a son and brother to Thomas, Victoria and Rosie. What joy for us to be blessed with another grand darling.

*Psalm 139:14 You are fearfully and wonderfully made.*

## 2023

Early planning for 2023 is underway as we look to staffing the school and class configurations. As you will be aware classes are arranged in waka, however throughout the year for significant events (and there are many) we draw lines at year levels. Often times "bubbles" exist in the school - year levels where the numbers are a little higher than usual - and we make decisions to keep academic class sizes low to ensure academic learning can be personalised for ākonga/students. As this planning progresses I will keep the whole community alerted as to staffing and any changes to previous year/class configurations. Any questions now can be directed to your class teacher or team leader.

## Kakahu Kainga/Home clothes day.

On **Friday 16th September** there will be home clothes day with the theme "**Crazy Hair Day**". This is a fundraiser for Leukemia and Blood Cancer Research and if you are able a donation can be made via a gold coin to school on that day.

On this day our very own **Felicity W** will be involved in Shave for a Cure - shaving her hair at school in support of this cause. Felicity has been working on this as a passion project in MODS, and the school has supported other students in the past for the same cause. We willingly support Felicity's leadership in this area and staff look forward to also supporting Crazy Hair Day. A flyer is attached to this newsletter.

## 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.

## Choirs

The school welcomes **Courtney Hickmott** for the next few weeks, as Mr Ellis takes time in England with family and a new grandchild. Courtney brings experience through CSM, and is working with both choirs. Welcome Courtney to the St Mark's School family.

## Clubs

Clubs restart today with many student lead initiatives and a buzz about the creative opportunities - chat to your child!!

Take care everyone - Averil and Staff



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## Church Certificates

Īnaka	Kamrin W
Pūtakitaki	Christopher A/Rupert A
Kōura	Sienna E/Henry W
Kāmana	Violet J/Harry O
Pīngao	Hosea F/Joshua W
Kawau	Henry B/Max C B
Karengo	Finn J/Tyler M
Kahawai	Charlotte P/Islah S/Nikhil J
Toroa	Morgan D N

Recently in the sunshine some of the Mōkihi and Waka Pūhara students were involved in planting natives in the Riverlaw Esplanade Reserve. This has been organised by the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River Network, Christchurch City Council rangers and a group of neighbours to improve the Reserve that is close to St Mark's. The aim is to have the opportunity for several of the students to become involved in the plantings along the river.

If you have an interest in helping with the planting and restoration of our local river system there is a group that you are invited to become involved with.

The Ōpāwaho Heathcote River Network actively seeks volunteers on the first Sunday of the month from 9:30am-11am. The school has become involved in the current planting in the Riverlaw Esplanade Reserve. Everyone is welcome!

Finn Jackson is the local contact. If anyone has any questions they can email Finn at [finn.jackson982@gmail.com](mailto:finn.jackson982@gmail.com) or text on (022 128 8137).



On Wednesday 24th August we had two teams represent St Mark's school in Cantamaths.

Our year 7 team - Islah S, Felicity W, Iva F, Macky S

Our year 8 team - Ethan K, Milli L, Matthew C, Foster H

The teams reported that they had a great time and were well challenged by the maths problems.

The teams performed very well and we thank them for representing our school and showing their expertise in mathematics.



# SHAVE

Every shave is different. Every shave matters.

## Felicity Wright

### Shave Date - 16 September 2022

Hi I'm Felicity, I'm currently in year 7 at St Mark's School. I have decided to shave my head for cancer also known as Shave for a Cure. I would love if you have a some spare change if you can scan this QR code or search, <https://shaveforacure.co.nz/felicity-wright> and donate to this amazing cause and help me support these brave people.



## HOME CLOTHES DAY Crazy Hair Day!!



Friday 16th September

### Gold Coin Donation

All money donated will be going to Shave for a Cure  
( Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand )



# Online >>> Safety Workshop

for Whānau and Community



Tuesday 25 October 2022, 7pm



**St Martins School**

24 Albert Terrace, St Martins

A free event for parents and whānau about keeping young people safe online. Netsafe's Relationship & 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 and whānau can support and enable children and young people to navigate online opportunities, challenges and complexities.

for more information visit  
[netsafe.org.nz/parenttoolkit](https://netsafe.org.nz/parenttoolkit)

