



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 8
15 September 2022

Kia ora Te Kura o Hato Māka whānau

As we approach the end of the third term, I want to thank all our families for their unwavering support of staff/kaiako and students/ākonga and the wider community in what seems to be a fast moving year of challenge. Much to celebrate though!!!

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

This week there was celebration of the 50th year since the Maori Language petition was presented to parliament with 30,000 signatures. It was a milestone in the resurgence of te reo Maori me tikanga and recognition as the first language spoken in our country. This week we have decided to post on our facebook page, on seesaw and in this newsletter, daily actions and meaningful ways Te Reo gives flight to our cultural narrative. We continue to strive to be active and intentionally honouring of Te Tiriti o Waitangi/The Treaty of Waitangi at St Mark's School.

HRH Queen Elizabeth II

The death of the world's longest reigning monarch stirs different reactions across the world and across Aotearoa/New Zealand. The history of our nation and the role of the crown is a complex and fraught narrative. Te Tiriti o Waitangi is pivotal to relationships across the motu/country, 181 years on remains central to conversations in this century.

One thing that seems indisputable about Queen Elizabeth was her abiding faith in Christ and her openness to comment on how Jesus' life provided a bedrock of strength for this faith.

Whatever we might think of the pomp and circumstance of how her death is celebrated, or even the monarchy her abiding faith shines through.

Kakahu Kainga/Home clothes day.

SHAVE FOR A CURE - FELICITY W

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

THIS Friday our very own **Felicity W** will be involved in Shave for a Cure - shaving her hair at school in support of this cause. Her hair will be cut in a way to be used to create a wig for someone who has lost their hair as a result of treatment. 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**.

Clubs

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

Staffing 2023

Due to challenges at the national level of the Ministry of Education, staffing for 2023 for all schools has been delayed until early term 4. Whilst this is a challenge, staffing will be announced to the school as soon as possible.

SPORT

Senior Swimming Sports

Like many schools we are rescheduling this event from Term 1 along with many many other schools. It was not possible before now as the Orange setting of the Covid-19 framework placed many restrictions. We are working with a number of venues to secure a date and their water!!

School Athletic Sports are confirmed for **Monday 7th November at Hansen Park** and this is in the calendar - details for this event will be sent closer to the time.

Canterbury Sport

Today we wish our year 5 and 6, and year 7 and 8 football teams the very best at the Canterbury finals. We are so proud to have two teams representing our school and zone.

Koru Games

We have entered teams into these games for the first time. These games have been cancelled for the last 2 years and we welcome the opportunity for some of our athletes to enter. It is a program for a range of sports and it is our plan to extend into a number of other sports for our students in 2023.

This event will be managed by St Mark's School staff, and parents of those involved are most welcome to attend. Further details from Mrs Bigelow.

There are a number of attachments to this newsletter that come from various sources - please take note of those most relevant to you.

Kia pai to ra e hoa/Have a happy day everyone
Averil and staff.



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

Church Certificates

Īnaka	Jack R/Jayden C/Theo C
Pūtakitaki	Emi S/Alaska S
Kōura	Julius C-T/Kaira F
Kāmana	Jake H/Leo D/Elijah N
Pīngao	Caeli McL/
Kawau	Naomi R/Trinni F/Lachlan S
Karengo	Indie L
Kahawai	Ethan S/Sonja C/Isabelle C
Toroa	Dustin S/Eli D



Our Year 8 students are fundraising for their end of year events. They will be running sausage sizzles every Tuesday. Sausages are \$2 each. Please give your money to your classroom teacher in the morning and the sausages will be delivered to each classroom at 12.30pm.

No IOU's will be allowed

Thank you - Year 8 students

Prize giving Cups

Children, who were awarded Cups and Trophies at the 2021 Prize Giving ceremony, are asked to return these to the school office by **as soon as possible**. It would be greatly appreciated if these can be polished before returning.



PLEASE NOTE: Subway School lunches will be unavailable from 17th September until the start of Term 4 due to remodelling their restaurant. Looking forward to continuing providing School Lunches to you in Term 4.

Last Week's Church Service



Singing Cup - Thursday 29th September (the last Thursday of Term 3)

This amazing event is creeping upon us quickly. If you would like to take part in the Singing Cup this year, please email your name, and song choice to me. e.wells@saintmarks.school.nz
Auditions will be held from the end of Week 8, through into Week 9.
Please also include your sheet music for Mr Ellis so he can accompany you on the piano, or include a link to a karaoke version of your song.
There is a separate category for duets / trios if you would rather perform with your friends.

Mrs Wells

Photos from the Māui me te Rā performance by the Court Theatre team yesterday. The after photos are of Theo and Louisa connecting with a distance cousin and the students who performed in 'Sir Spam-a-lot' in the last holidays reconnecting with their cast mate





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)



IT'S BACK!

ST MARK'S CHURCH FAIR

Saturday 24 September
Cnr Opawa Rd and Vincent Pl

8:30 till
12 noon

Bargains and
goodies galore!

Cash
only



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



Christ's College enrolment process



Application

Complete the [online enrolment form](#) and [pay the enrolment fee](#).



Acknowledgement of enrolment

After your online registration has been processed, our Admissions Registrar will acknowledge the enrolment. An enrolment is not a guarantee of a place.



Executive Principal meeting

Our Admissions Registrar will be in contact to organise a meeting with Executive Principal Garth Wynne. This is not an 'interview' for enrolment. The meeting is your chance to ask any questions about College life and the many opportunities that College has to offer so you can both be informed about school life. Equally, it is our opportunity to get to know you and your son a little.



Timeline for 2024 enrolments

1. All siblings of current and past students – as notified through the enrolment process – will meet the Executive Principal in November 2022. A link to book the meeting will be emailed to parents/caregivers in October, with the option to meet in person or online.
2. Other students will meet the Executive Principal in February/March 2023, according to the date of enrolment and space availability. A link to book the meeting will be emailed to parents/caregivers in early 2023, with the option to meet in person or online.
3. If an application is received too late and a place at Christ's College is unlikely based on the number of enrolments we have received, you may not receive an invitation to meet with the Executive Principal.



Enrolment offer

After attending the meeting with the Executive Principal, unless a matter of concern has been raised your son will be offered a place via email. Your offer of place will have a one week acceptance deadline. If this acceptance deadline is not met, your enrolment will be automatically moved to the wait list. A wait-list status is no guarantee that a place will become available.



Offer acceptance

To confirm your place, the acceptance fee of \$2500 and all required enrolment documentation must be completed by the acceptance deadline.