



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 5
16 November 2022

Kia ora Te Kura o Hato Māka whānau

At the time of writing the Year 4 Class are on a field trip with the Christchurch City Council exploring the Living Earth Recycling and Nature Farm. It is so great to have our learning extend beyond our school.

Grandparents/Senior Whānau Day Friday 18th November

Please ensure your much loved older family/whānau members are seated in the hall from 9.15am where they will enjoy our school church service, an anthem by the school performance choir and a tour of the school followed by morning tea.

Paid Union Meeting

Just a reminder that tomorrow - **Thursday 17th November** - is a Paid NZEI meeting for our staff. We have asked parents, where possible, to collect their children from school from 1.00pm. There will be staff onsite to **supervise** students who need to stay at school.

Parking

Periodically I receive a message from our neighbours asking us to message our community regarding parking on grassed areas around the school. I am responding to the latest communication and asking that we observe careful parking when dropping off and collecting children.

Communications from the School

Just a gentle reminder from staff to check all communications from the school via seesaw and especially via the school app. Permission slips are vitally important to us so that we are confident that families/whānau have given full informed consent for any activity requiring that.

Caretaker

This month we farewelled Sarge who had been our caretaker for over a year. Sarge brought super skills in "fixing" things and was a lovely presence in our school.

I am thrilled to announce that Kevin McKinnel has accepted the role of caretaker at St Mark's School after the role was taken to market.

Kevin has been welcomed by all staff.

TERM DATES 2023

Whānau conference days:

Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st January

Term One:

Wednesday 1st February - Thursday 6th April 2023

Opening Service 9.00am Wednesday 1st February

Waitangi Day Monday 6th February - SCHOOL CLOSED.

Term Two:

Monday 24th April - Friday 30th June

Teacher Only Day Monday 24th April SCHOOL CLOSED

ANZAC Day Tuesday 25th April SCHOOL CLOSED.

Kings Birthday Monday 5th June SCHOOL CLOSED

Term Three:

Monday 17th July - Friday 22nd September

Term Four:

Monday 9th October - Tuesday 19th December

Labour Day Monday 23rd October SCHOOL CLOSED

Canterbury Anniversary Day Friday 10th November SCHOOL CLOSED.

Anglican Schools

As some of you will be aware, I am currently chairing the NZ Anglican Schools Trust Board.

At our meeting on Monday (we have 4 per year and this was a strategy one!) the discussion turned to Anglican Schools, their existence and their history in Aotearoa.

Our discussion naturally turned to what a christian school offered families and whānau seeking one out. I would love to hear your views on that, and perhaps what it was and is about St Mark's School that ultimately gave us the privilege of being part of your child/children's/family journey.

Our school certainly is unashamed about being a christian school, and the number of applicants for 2023 reflects that there is something that resonates for new families.

Critically for me an authentic expression of faith where we understand that in Christ there is a hope, trust, power and love that is infinite is part of that definition. And I believe our children can grasp this now and over time. A community of faith wrapped around them - God central to our whole school life - extends that hope and promise to all.

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

Averil and staff.



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Student Success

Dustin S was chosen for the Touch Canterbury U14 team. Canterbury sent up 6 teams in total between u12 and u14 girls and boys. Dustin represented Canterbury in the Tahuna Touch Tournament in Nelson this weekend with teams from Marlborough, Richmond, Motueka, Nelson and Tahunanui. He scored a total of 11 tries over the weekend.



Congratulations to Joshua W who competed in the Canterbury Jiu jitsu Championships and was placed 2nd.



Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open Tuesday 8.30-9.30am and Thursday 2.30-3.30pm. To make a booking go to:

Term 4 booking link <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>
Event code j4ast



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.

School Coffee Cart

We are back on Wednesdays and Fridays throughout Term 4 and look out for our 'NEW' summer term item - Chocolate Frappé

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