



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 10
5 April 2023

Dear St Mark's School Whānau,

We have made it to the last week of the term!



Holy Week

As you read this we will be past half way through Holy Week with a church service every day sharing and celebrating the story of Christ's suffering, crucifixion, and resurrection. This picture is a shot of students having their palm crosses blessed in the Palm Sunday service.

Principal's Awards

Congratulations to Elspeth A, Pippa E, Emily T and Matilda H for receiving a principal's award each for amazing writing this week. Their stories were a treat to read.



Rev'd Ben's Sabbatical

Ben Truman will go on sabbatical leave next term from 1 May.

Rev'd Mike Hawke will be filling in in Ben's absence. He will be known to many Anglicans in Christchurch having been a long-serving vicar of St Christopher's Avonhead. Mike is easy to spot, often found sporting an obscenely bright coloured clerical shirt and guitar. In retirement Mike has been assisting at the Parish of Sumner, and before that was Dean of the Nelson Cathedral. We're delighted to be able to borrow Mike with his years of experience and enthusiastic communication of the gospel.

Waka Hourua Church

It was lovely to gather as a senior team with parishioners for the Waka Hourua church service last Sunday. Many students contributed by giving readings and prayers. It was a joy to see those students read with such confidence. My thanks to every family who attended the service. The strength our school community gains from coming together in worship cannot be understated



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

Swimming Sports

Tyronne N, Felicity W and Alex H all represented St Mark's at the Canterbury Primary Schools event. Our swimmers competed hard and all three reached finals in their events.

Tyronne finished with a breaststroke 3rd place.

Alex finished with a backstroke 5th place.

Felicity finished with a breaststroke 2nd place.

Amazing performances! My thanks go to Mrs Kristy Wright who was our team organiser and support person on the day.

Christ's College Production

Peter Pan

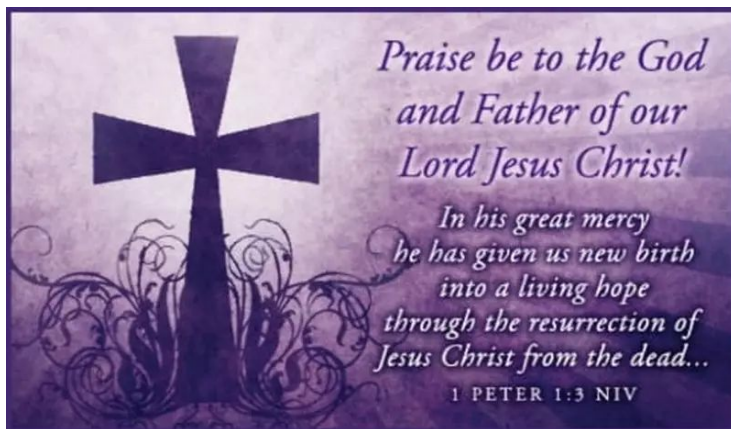
Tickets are available at:

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2023/peter-pan/christchurch>

Staffing Term 2

Having Mrs Worner on sabbatical leave in Term 1 necessitated a slight reshuffle of teaching staff in classes for the beginning of 2023. I am happy to confirm that the class teachers we had working with year groups in Term 1 will remain the same in Term 2. We value that surety and consistency for students and families.

It is with sadness that we farewell Mrs Philippa Tyrrell at the end of the term. Philippa has been a key part of our Mōkihi staffing for the past five years. We have so appreciated and valued her professionalism, passion and skill in the work she has done with our youngest students. It was lovely to have the whole school pray for her in church this morning.



“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”

Peter 1:3 NIV

Blessings,

Adrian

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

Thursday 6 April End of Term Service 2pm at St Mark's Church and last day of Term 1

Term 2

Monday 24 April Teacher Only Day - no school.

Tuesday 25 April ANZAC Day

Wednesday 26 April First day of Term 2
ANZAC Day Service

Church Certificates

Pūtakitaki	Cairo T
Kōura	Dante E
Kawau	Khelan L
Kāmana	Alice A
Pīngao	Ella B
Wheke	Janneke de L
Kahawai	Samuel B
Hāpuka	Jashil C



Mōkihi Musical - SAVE THE DATE

"The Very Hungry Caterpillar." Performed By all Mōkihi students.
St Mark's School Hall.

Thursday 11th May: 6.30-7.15pm (please have students here at 6pm)

Friday 12th May: 11.45am-12.30pm.

No tickets required. All welcome!



Uniform Shop Holiday Open Hours

Tuesday 18th April 10am-2pm

Appointment Only

Booking link and code <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz> event code n39nu

Student Success

Congratulations to Phoebe M who was awarded
"Batter of the Year" for Richmond Keas Softball
Club U13. Well done!

