



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 7
15 March 2023

Dear St Mark's Whānau,

We are past half way! This is the seventh week of Term 1 and I am so pleased to see, as I walk through the school, so much hard work and effort coming from staff and students. The important business of learning takes a lot of energy.

Zone Swimming Sports

Congratulations must go to our zone swimmers. They competed well against some amazing athletes from other schools. Many of our swimmers made finals and two have qualified for the Canterbury event, Felicity W and Tyronne N. Well done athletes and Mrs Bigelow!

Industrial Action

As you read this, teacher union members will be about to take strike action on Thursday 16 March in support of negotiations around pay and conditions with the government. School will be closed on this day.

Road Safety

Last week many people noticed the presence of Constable Jo from NZ Police at our Locarno Street gate at 3pm. I invited her to give us a hand to remind people about safe parking and speed at our critical end of the day pick up time. I absolutely need everyone to park safely and legally to minimise risk to students and staff as our young people cross that road.

Easter Services

I would like to invite you all to attend as many of our Easter church services as you would like starting the week of Monday 3 April.

Maths

This week our maths specialist teacher, Mrs Bigelow, has been observed teaching by a group of maths advisors including Dr Paul Swan. This is recognition of excellent teaching practice in maths here at St Mark's.

Ēhara tāku toa i te toa takatahi, engari he toa takitini.
Our strength is not made from us alone, but made from many.

Blessings,
Adrian



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Upcoming Events and Important Dates

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| Thursday 16 March | School closed |
| Friday 31 March | NZ Opera performance |
| Sunday 2 April | Waka Hourua Church Service - 10am |
| Monday 3 April | Easter church service 9am in the school hall |
| Tuesday 4 April | Easter church service 9.15am at St Mark's Church |
| Wednesday 5 April | Easter church service in the school hall |
| Thursday 6 April | End of Term Service 2pm at St Mark's Church and last day of Term 1 |

Term 2

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| 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

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| Īnaka | Heitor B de S |
| Pūtakitaki | Nina G |
| Kōura | Cody M/Aaron W |
| Kawau | Lily H |
| Kāmana | Naomi R/Trinni F |
| Pīngao | Nathan H/Isabella M |
| Wheke | Olivia H/Lilybelle T |
| Kahawai | Tyler MacP/Jake H |
| Hāpuka | Nikhil J/Macky S |

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!

St Mark's year 3, 4, 5, and 6 After-school Netball

St Marks will enter teams into after-school netball, run by Christchurch Netball, for years 3-6. The teams are open to boys and girls and all levels of experience.

If you have any questions please contact Liz de Lange, lizcornel@gmail.com.

Uniform Shop

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>

event code n39nu

2023 Swimming Results

Year 4 Girls

1st= Emily T
Alice A
3rd= Trinni F
Imogen B

Year 4 Boys

1st Liam O'C
2nd Lachlan S

Year 5 Girls

1st Indie J
2nd Violet J
3rd Amelia N

Year 5 Boys

1st Henry D
2nd= Zaia O
Louis B

Year 6 Girls

1st Alex H
2nd Aurelia C-T
3rd Pippa F-D

Year 6 Boys

1st Tyronne N
2nd Darcy Q
3rd Max B

Year 7 Girls

1st Hannah T
2nd Tyler MacP
3rd Sofia D

Year 7 Boys

1st Harry S
2nd Zachary O
3rd Joseph M

Year 8 Girls

1st Felicity W
2nd Phoebe M
3rd Macky S

Year 8 Boys

1st Theo A-C
2nd Finn B

We had a team of 13 swimmers represent St Mark's at our Independent Zones Swimming sports on Tuesday 7th March. We are very proud of our swimmers.

Felicity W
Phoebe M
Tyronne N
Aurelia C-T
Alex H
Darcy Q
Violet J
Indigo J
Hannah T
Harry S
Tyler MacP
Louis B
Henry D



1st and 2nd place from the finals win a spot at the Canterbury Primary Swimming Event to be held on Thursday 30th March at Selwyn Aquatic Centre. A special mention to Felicity W (breaststroke and freestyle) and Tyronne N (freestyle) representing St Mark's and our zone. Alex H who placed third is a reserve.



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