



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 9
29 March 2023

Dear St Mark's Whānau,



Principal's Awards

I am always excited and humbled to have students come to show me their excellent work. Last week I got to see some outstanding recorded thinking from Beau W. The connections she has made between ideas as a Year 4 student are outstanding. That was a much deserved principal's award.

I was also blown away by the amazing maths knowledge of Henry W in Year 2.



Choir

Last week the senior choir performed beautifully in our church service, ably led by Mr Paul Ellis. We took the opportunity to award catch up choir badges to students who have joined the group in 2023. We are looking forward to hearing the junior choir in church this week.

Kiwi Tests

Just a reminder that entries for these tests are now overdue but we are accepting late entries until Friday 31st March. Forms are available from the office.

Waka Hourua Church

Every family in Waka Hourua, our Year 6-8 team, is warmly invited to attend church this Sunday 2 April at St Mark's Church at 10am with Reverend Ben.

Swimming Sports

As you read this Tyronne N, Felicity W and Alex H would have finished representing St Mark's at the Primary Sport Canterbury Swimming Event. They are both champion swimmers. Making it to this event puts them among the best swimmers in Canterbury. We are proud of their efforts!

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.



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story



More Community Service

We were pleased to be able to welcome back to St Mark's Matthew Chinula last week. Matthew chose to complete a service day from St Bede's College at his old primary school, and what a gift! He spoke beautifully to Year 7 and 8 classes on leadership, transitions to high school and how to make the most of your time at St Mark's. It was amazing to see such a talented and self assured young person come back to us to share and serve.

Staffing Term 2

Staffing the school and ensuring we have the right kaiako working with the right students is a crucial part of managing the school. Senior staff are finalising those details now. As soon as we have confirmed our staffing plan we will be in a position to confirm with the community. Thanks for your patience in this. I am determined to take the time needed to ensure quality teachers are working alongside all of our students.

I have been heartened this term by a growing sense of partnership, teamwork and care for each other. Whānau, staff and students are working together for student success. They say it takes a village to raise a child. In our case it takes a St Mark's School Family.

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ." —Galatians 6:2

Blessings,
Adrian

Church Certificates

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| Īnaka | Toby S |
| Pūtakitaki | Rupert A/Pippa E |
| Kōura | Harriet C/Jack R |
| Kawau | Sienna E/Minnie B |
| Kāmana | Holly M/Eleanor P/Eli M |
| Pīngao | Maddox A/Ella B |
| Wheke | Pippa F-D/Ariana W-S |
| Kahawai | Lucas C-B/Sofia D |
| Hāpuka | Case W/Charlotte P |

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

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| 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 |

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

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

Lost Property

This beautiful crystal bowl was left behind at the PA barbeque in February. If this is yours or you recognise it, we would to reunite it with the owner.



COMMUNITY
dental service



Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand
Waitaha Canterbury

- Community Dental Clinics are closing from 7/04/2023 to 24/04/2023 for the upcoming school holidays.
- We have limited appointments available over this Holiday period 11/04/2023 to 21/04/2023.
- Please call 0800 856 983 or email: comm dental@cdhb.health.nz to book an appointment, if you cannot attend your booked appointment, let us know so we can book another child.

Church Service Certificates and Choir Badges



Student Success

Isabella has had a massive few days dancing at the New Zealand Dance Awards recently. She performed 3 troupes and 6 solos (3 of them first time out). It was her first time ever doing a classical ballet solo and she got 2nd in the 9-12 year age group. She also qualified to compete in NZ Top Dancer 9-12yr which will happen in July.

1st Contemporary

1st Musical Theatre

2nd Classical Ballet

3rd Lyrical

4th Jazz (which she forgot and had to improv a good portion of)

Last solo was used in the qualification process for NZ Top Dancer

