



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 2
4 May 2023

Dear St Mark's School Whānau,

The school is a buzz with full learning programmes, noises of workpeople on the playground build and our PALS program - Peer Assisted Learning Sessions - offer activities during breaks and leadership opportunities for our senior students (see the parachute picture in this newsletter).

Playground Development

After some unexpected delays, it is wonderful to see work on the playground progressing.



The “gaga pit” (dodge ball pit) and rebound wall have taken shape this week. Sustainability and recycling are key features of this development with many elements of our old playground being reused in the new design. The posts being erected are all made from recycled materials. The link below allows us to view some amazing fly by views of the finished playground.

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New Students

A huge St Mark's School Family welcome to new students who have started at school this term: Xinyan L, John H, Billy E, Ezekiel R and Billie P new entrants, Ava R and Sarah F Year 2 and Quinn Year 4.

Sport

Year 5-8 winter sport is underway. Staff still need some help from our community - whānau and parents - we need you to look after and accompany a team on Thursday afternoons starting Thursday 25 May and every week after that finishing half through term 3. Please contact Mr Clarkson urgently if you are able to contribute to this important programme for students.

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Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

Junior School Production

A lot of hard work has gone into preparing ***The Very Hungry Caterpillar*** ready for the community to enjoy next week. Please check the school calendar for performance times. We are so thankful for the great leadership of Ms Adrienne Hale who has ably led our junior students in this brilliant project and our Junior Staff who have worked tirelessly to support what promises to be a wonderful show. We can't wait to see it!

Parents' Association

Our hard working PA are pleased to be hosting the school disco this Friday. In covid times it seems like a long time since students have been able to enjoy this event.

Friday 5 May Junior Disco: 6pm-7:15pm

Senior Disco: 7:30-9pm

Covid

We continue to be challenged by the covid pandemic and cases in our school are inevitable. Advice from the Health Hub includes self isolation for seven days after the onset of symptoms or a positive RAT test (whichever comes first). Clear communication by families with the school is essential and appreciated.

Partnerships

We regularly review teaching programmes and as we engage in this process we are reminded of just how many kaiako (teachers) regularly work with and support our students. The specialist teacher model allows for many teachers to support individual students and, with whānau love and care, our tamariki have many adults supporting them in their learning journey.

[Jeremiah 29:11](#)

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Blessings,

Averil and Adrian

Church Service - 28 April 2023



Upcoming Events and Important Dates

5 May	School Disco
11-12 May	The Very Hungry Caterpillar
16 May	Cross Country - Years 4-8
19 May	House Fun & Pink Shirt Day
22-26 May	Scholastic Book Fair
23 May	Book Character Day
29 May	Zone Cross Country

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

Tuesday 8.30-9.00am and Thursday 2.30-3.30pm

Appointment Only

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

event code n682q

SAINT MARK'S SCHOOL PRODUCTION IS...



Auditions are
Week Three,
Wednesday,
Thursday and
Friday!!!



St Mark's DISCO



ENTRY
\$3

MAY
5th

Yr 0-4 6pm-7:15pm

Yr 5-8 7:30pm to 9pm

**Hot chips, potato chips, chocolate and
lolly mixtures available for purchase.**

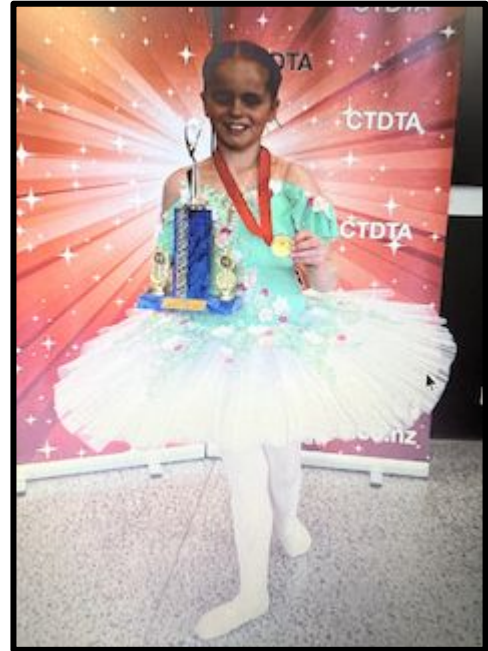
Raro free.

Discos are a TECH FREE ZONE!

The library will be available for parents/siblings with tea/coffee
during the Junior Disco

Student Success

Tyler and Pippa competed in the South Island trampolining competition today. They decided to ask if they could do a Synchro routine together, which they hadn't done before (they both knew the routine though), and they came 2nd in the South Island for 11 and 12 year olds.



Pippa F-D won a competition in the holidays for her ballet. CTDTA ballet - she placed 1st in novice

Parachute Game By Senior Students



Lachie was part of the grade 8 4×100 relay, winning their relay and becoming Canterbury Champs.



ST MARK'S — BEATS BY — BINGO

At this exciting event, get ready to shout "BINGO!" and win some fantastic prizes.

SATURDAY, 27TH MAY

DOORS OPEN 7PM

ST MARK'S SCHOOL HALL

33 CHOLMONDELEY AVE, CHRISTCHURCH

\$40 PER TICKET + BOOKING FEE

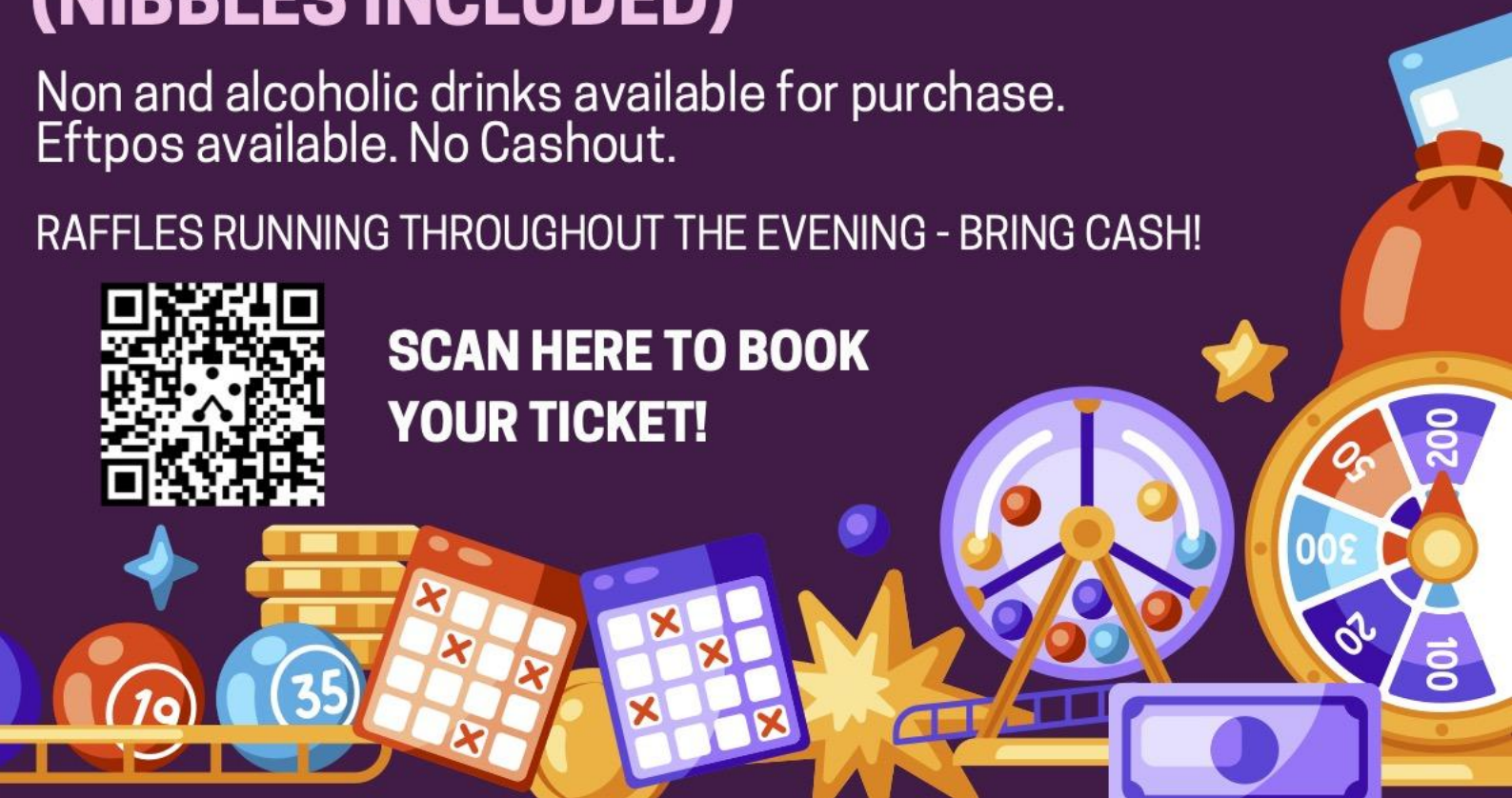
(NIBBLES INCLUDED)

Non and alcoholic drinks available for purchase.
Eftpos available. No Cashout.

RAFFLES RUNNING THROUGHOUT THE EVENING - BRING CASH!



**SCAN HERE TO BOOK
YOUR TICKET!**





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Hi Parents/Caregivers

The St Mark's school fair as you know and love it will be back this year.
We have set a date for Saturday 28th October 10am - 3pm.

After a few years forced hiatus and a change in tack last year - we're going back to the tried and tested format and want to bring back the 'Greatest Little Fair in Town'.

Would you like to be part of the Fair Committee that helps us come back with a bang?

As always these events take a lot of organising so we are looking for a team to help bring the event together (as well as many helpers on the day).

This is an invitation to come along and attend the first committee meeting, **6:30pm 17th May**. The committee will then meet every 3rd Wednesday of the month.

If you would like to get involved please let us know at fair@saintmarks.school.nz

Further information on specific help that is needed will be sent out over the coming months.

Can't help but have some great ideas?

We'd love to hear them - send them along to, you guessed it, fair@saintmarks.school.nz.

See you soon!

Helen Ackroyd



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SCHOOL
FAIR
NEEDS
YOU!**



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Daffodil Day 25th August 2023

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