



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 4
17 May 2023

Dear St Mark's School Whānau,

I walked through the school several times last week at lunch time break and I was struck by such a sense of community. In my 30+ years of teaching in many schools I have never seen a playground where the youngest students absolutely love the oldest ones. Usually younger students are either wary of, or just scared of the much bigger and older people. It certainly warmed my heart to see senior students choosing to hang out and play with our juniors. God's love in action!

Mōkihi Production

WOW!

We need to congratulate Ms Adrienne Hale and the team of junior school staff. In talking to many families after the night time performance of **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** it was clear that parents' hearts were filled with joy to see their children perform the way they did with such courage and confidence. My thanks to staff who made this wonderful opportunity for students to show their God given talents and gifts happen.

Playground Development

The link below allows us to view some amazing fly by views of the finished playground.

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Cross Country

It was wonderful to see everyone in Year 4-8 compete at the cross country yesterday with such enthusiasm. Mrs Bigelow's organisation of this great school event was expert. We always encourage students to activate their Habits of Mind by choosing Persistence and Have A Go. This event was a great opportunity for students to give their best. Many thanks to the parents and whānau who came to support. Mrs Bigelow will name our Zone Cross Country team in the coming days.

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.

Anti Bullying

This Friday 19th May students are encouraged to wear pink and their house colours in a day dedicated to anti bullying. A gold coin donation is appreciated on the day.



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

Beats By Bingo

Let's get behind our hard working PA and support the Beats By Bingo community fundraiser on Saturday 27 May 7-10pm. Book your tickets at trybooking.co.nz/NNT.

Book Week

Book Week is here on Monday 22 May. Take a moment to visit our library to view the wonderful display of books available for purchase. Many thanks to Ms Bryant for facilitating this important event.

Fair Meeting

The first meeting of the School Fair committee is tonight at 6.45pm - meet in the school foyer. This is a great opportunity to support the wider life of the school. It will make a real difference.

All are welcome. Come have your say.

Blessings,
Adrian

Peter 3:8

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

19 May	House Fun & Pink Shirt Day
Mon 22- Fri 26 May	Scholastic Book Fair
Tuesday 23 May	Book Character Day
Monday 29 May	Zone Cross Country
Tuesday 30 May	Sports/Cultural Photos
Monday 5 June	King's Birthday
Tuesday 13 June	Year 5-8 Speech Cup Finals
Friday 16 June	Walk With A Purpose
Sunday 18 June	Performance Choir performing at Aldersgate Centre 2pm
Mon 19 - Wed 21 June	Parent / Teacher Interviews
Friday 30 June	End of Term Service 2pm

Church Certificates

Pūtakitaki	Miesha W/Teddie D-A
Kōura	Kiara L/Jayden C
Kawau	Audrey G/Riaan A
Kāmana	Theo T/Sonja I
Pīngao	Willa H/Henri H
Wheke	Ahri L/James D
Kahawai	Hannah T/Finn J
Hāpuka	Phoebe M/Ryan M

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

Church Service - 12 May 2023





Speak **UP**
STAND TOGETHER
STOP BULLYING

KŌRERO MAI, KŌRERO ATU, MAURI TŪ, MAURI ORA

FRIDAY 19 MAY 2023

JOIN THE MOVEMENT:
WWW.PINKSHIRTDAY.ORG.NZ
#PINKSHIRTDAYNZ

ST MARK'S — BEATS BY — BINGO

**INVITE
FRIENDS (18+)
TO JOIN THE
FUN!**

TWO TICKET OPTIONS NOW AVAILABLE!!

\$25



Entry and 6 Beats by Bingo games!

\$40



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Nibbles



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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.

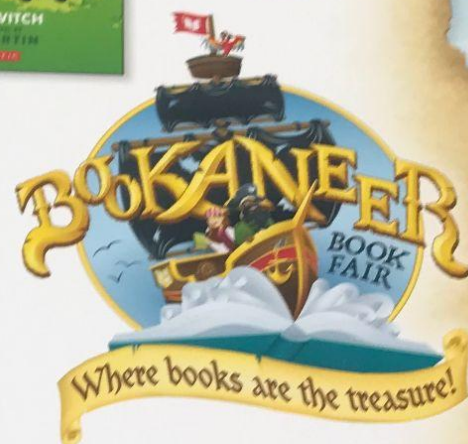
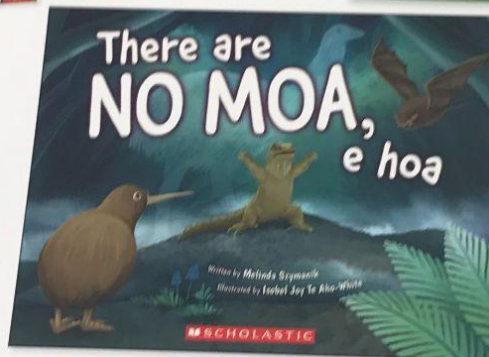
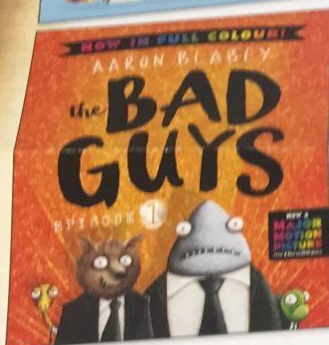
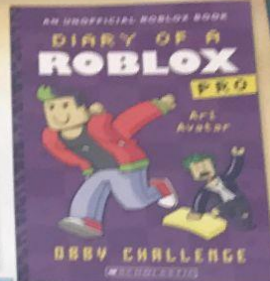
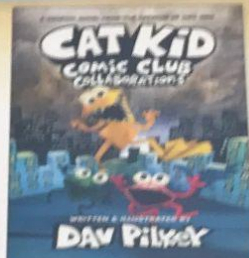
See you soon!

Helen Ackroyd



**YOUR
SCHOOL
FAIR
NEEDS
YOU!**

You're invited to our Scholastic

BOOK FAIR

EVERY PURCHASE YOU MAKE EARNS LEARNING AND LITERACY RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL



SCHOLASTIC REWARDS

Date **Week 5, 22-26 May** Time **8-8:45, 3:15-4:00**
 Place **Omoho** and until 6pm on Weds

 **SCHOLASTIC**