



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 7
7 June 2023

Kia ora St Mark's whānau,

Week 7 and this week sees the whole school involved in Māori weaving - raranga. You may have seen evidence of this on our Facebook page where students and staff have been working on making flax ropes/taura and flax bowls/kono. Learning about the tikanga around harvesting the flax/harakeke and weaving/raranga was a significant part of the learning. This mahi/work resonated with the narrative of Moana, and our growing Aotearoa New Zealand Histories Curriculum. We were so fortunate to have Sonia Lucchese with us and that this was funded through the Kahui Ako and an extension of the Teacher Only Day that started our term. We encourage you to talk about these sessions with your child. Mrs Elliott and Mrs Fairchild will join staff tomorrow ensuring all staff are part of this learning.

Playground

Great progress has been made on our new senior playground in the last few weeks. It is exciting to see features taking shape. Grass will be sown on various parts of the playground this week and various pieces of the original equipment will be completed. Whilst we don't have a timeframe on the completion of the project we are thrilled with the progress. It is really important to note that the original climbing equipment has been repurposed and the grey "future posts" around the gaga pit and rebound wall are recycled domestic and commercial waste plastic. Needless to say the inextricable links to our school five marks of mission are evident and to be celebrated. It will be a playscape for all.

Cross Country Results

Our school cross country event was a great success thanks to the great organisation of Mrs Bigelow and our Year 8 sports leaders. One of the most pleasing aspects of the event was seeing students who find long distance running challenging still giving it their best effort and persisting. Thanks to all family members who came along to support their children.

Place Getters:

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| Year 4 boys Eli M Henry B Jackson W-E | Year 5 boys Henry D Zaia O Cristian Del N | Year 6 boys Hosea F Darcy Q Max B | Year 7 boys Zachary O Samuel B Jake H | Year 8 boys Jesse S Finn B Theo AC |
| Year 4 girls Alice A Trinni F Mila B | Year 5 girls Cleo F Indigo J Maia Rose A | Year 6 girls Lily-Belle T Janneke de L Pippa FD | Year 7 girls Angel S Sofia D Tyler M | Year 8 girls Felicity W Isabelle C Catalina M |



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

These students represented our St Mark's School Family with pride at the Zone Cross Country earlier this week.

| Year 5 | Year 6 | Year 7 | Year 8 |
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| Henry D | Lily-Belle T | Angel S | Felicity W |
| Zaia O | Janneke de L | Sofia D | Isabelle C |
| Cristian del N | Hosea F | Tyler M | Jesse S |
| Cleo F | Darcy Q | Zach O | Finn B |
| Maia Rose A | Max B | Jake H | Theo AC |

Congratulations to **Cleo F** and **Henry D** who achieved top six results at the zone event and will be competing at the Canterbury Cross Country event - a great achievement!

JUNIOR CROSS COUNTRY THIS FRIDAY 9TH JUNE AT SCHOOL - everyone welcome

Cashmere Testing Year 8

This year the usual round of tests run by Cashmere High School for our Year 8 students attending there will be held on **Tuesday 19 September**. Parents may see a different date advertised but we have advised Cashmere that their first date is right in the middle of our senior production week. We have asked for our students to be tested the following week when they are rested! This date has been added to the school calendar. **PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE.**

WALK WITH A PURPOSE - NEXT FRIDAY 16TH JUNE

Tania Sharr and our group of Year 6-8 ambassadors have been working hard to facilitate this important fundraising event. We have all seen the details of the event in the school app message sent earlier. The online registration page and give a little page are now live. Everyone is encouraged to get in behind this great cause that is such an integral part of our school values in terms of the Five Marks Of Mission and making a positive difference in the global community.

Registration page: [Link](#)

Give A Little Page: [Link](#)



Beats By Bingo

Congratulations to the PA on running a great fundraising event.

Book Week

Many thanks to Ms Bryant and our hard working Ōmoho leaders for facilitating this important event.

Blessings everyone - stay well!!

Averil Worner and Adrian Rennie

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

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| Friday 9 June | Junior Cross Country |
| 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

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| Pūtakitaki | Kamrin W/Theo A/Sebastian B |
| Kōura | Maisie M/Theo C/Wynn F |
| Kawau | Rosario M |
| Kāmana | Iwin J/Alfie M/Mila B |
| Pīngao | Felix A/Indi J/Dean C |
| Wheke | Lakshmi M-N/Tyree D-A/Adam R |
| Kahawai | Indie L/Thomas O/Charlie B |
| Hāpuka | Jesse S/Nikhil J/Catalina 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 Services - 19 & 26 May 2023





PRODUCTION HELPERS NEEDED!

WE WANT YOU! Maybe you are someone who has been waiting for a chance to put your hand up for a school event, and NOW is your chance!

Are you a painter?

Are you a craftsman?

Are you a costume whiz?

Are you a make up artist?

Are you a sewer?

Are you eager to chip in wherever and however?

Email Tom Gordon, if you are interested!

t.gordon@saintmarks.school.nz

Meitaki Maata!

Tom Gordon



St Mark's School

Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

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!**