



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 8
20 March 2024

Kia ora St Mark's Whānau,

A quote from The Very Reverend Ben Truman from his work as Dean of the Transitional Cathedral:
"Unity is one of the key themes of Christianity. In the beginning all that God creates is called good. In the histories we are reminded that any blessing of one community is given for the benefit of all - Abraham is blessed in order to be a blessing to all nations. In Jesus we see new communities made, and the isolated and ostracised being welcomed. In the age of the spirit we see the boundaries between Jews and Gentiles, slaves and free, male and female being superseded by an overarching ethic of uniting love where all are one body... a beautiful picture of diversity and unity."

In a very local context, I would like to think that St Mark's School has become a place where all students and their whānau are included, welcomed, loved and cared for. God's love is shared by all. I am reminded of this every day in the playground when I see 12 year olds choosing to play with 5 year olds, and the 5 year olds absolutely loving the care and attention from older buddies. Reminders of unity come when families fall on hard times and support comes from other families reaching out to them. Who is responsible for safeguarding our St Mark's School Family? The answer is all of us! If we want this special school to endure and carry on making a positive difference in young lives we must all contribute and choose not to leave the hard work to others.



We were so privileged to have a visit last week by Adelma from the Antarctic Heritage Trust. She brought with her multiple VR headsets.

Scott, Riaan and Maia's dad, brought in three gorgeous huskies for students to meet after they had all experienced the amazing virtual reality tour of Hillary's hut in Antarctica. Students explored and learnt about Ed Hillary's Trans Antarctic Expedition of 1955-1958.

We are recognising National Down Syndrome Day tomorrow, Thursday. Students are encouraged to wear their usual uniform but with crazy socks. This is not a fundraiser so no gold coins required!

Road Safety

I want to share that I am meeting with a community travel advisor from CCC this Friday to share my concerns for student safety at our gates. My thanks to Adrian Easton for his support in this important challenge.

We continue to have near misses where accidents could easily happen. **I would again ask parents to please stop parking illegally, especially at our crossing point opposite the Locarno Street gate.**



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story



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HABIT OF MIND OF THE WEEK

Learn about a new Habit of Mind every week in our newsletter

At St Mark's we have chosen to use Art Costa's 16 Habits of Mind as a way for students to access the Key Competencies in the NZ Curriculum. Read more about the Habits of Mind at <https://www.habitsofmindinstitute.org/what-are-habits-of-mind/>

Habits of Mind Persistence

Waka Hourua

- I will have a go
 - I will make a start at any task
- I don't give up if it's hard
- I can manage or ignore distractions
 - I generate ideas to complete tasks
- I want to achieve success
 - I know that it hurts to persist
- I am determined to improve
- I choose to find learning interesting
 - I strive for excellence in my work
- I am not satisfied with half finished work
- I learn through failure
 - I can reject the easy path in favour of a more difficult and rewarding one
- I am aware of my own progress
 - I am not frustrated by feelings of frustration

Waka Pūhara

- I will have a go
 - I will make a start at any task
- I don't give up if it's hard
- I can manage or ignore distractions
 - I generate ideas to complete tasks
- I want to achieve success
 - I know that it hurts to persist
- I am determined to improve

Mōkihi

- I will have a go
 - I will make a start at any task
- I don't give up if it's hard
- I can ignore distractions
 - I choose not to distract others

St Mark's School / Te Kura o Hato Māka

“Habits of Mind are dispositions or thinking behaviors that are desirable attributes for learning and living productively in a complex world. People often use these habits when confronted with problems and situations to which the answers are not immediately apparent.”

Staff have woven the Habits of Mind into lessons and units. They have developed mentoring and coaching resources based on the Habits.

You will also see students from Year 4-8 reflect on their own thinking in a special insert in report forms twice a year.

In this resource we have created pathways for students in different waka to follow as they develop in their ability to solve problems thoughtfully. They describe what successful thinking looks like for students of different ages.



Junior Playground

It is getting closer to the scheduled time for the installation of our brand new junior playground! In the meantime you may have noticed that there are some new interlocking planks kindly made by Mrs Wells' husband and some tyres donated by Shelly Barbour. Mōkihi students are loving the games they are generating with the new gear.

2024 Term 1 School Events

Thursday 21 March	Teacher Union Meeting 1:00 - 3:00pm
Monday 25 March	Holy Week Service at school, 9:15am
Tuesday 26 March	Holy Week Service at school, 9:15am
Wednesday 27 March	Holy Week Service at school, 9:15am
Thursday 28 March	Holy Week Service at school, 9:15am
Friday 29 March	Good Friday (School Closed)
Monday 1 April	Easter Monday (School Closed)
Tuesday 2 April	Easter Tuesday (School Closed)
Friday 5 April	Eucharist Service at St Mark's Church, 9:15am
Friday 12 April	End of Term Service at school, 2pm

Thursday 25 April (In the holidays) ANZAC Service 9.30am at Waltham Pool Memorial Gates. More details to follow.

Term 2

Monday 29 April	First Day of Term 2
Monday 29 April	ANZAC Service 9.15am School Hall
Thursday 9 May	School Open Day
Wednesday 15 May	Year 4/5 Camp
Thursday 16 May	Year 4/5 Camp
Friday 17 May	Year 4/5 Camp
Sunday 19 May	Waka Hourua Church at St Mark's 10am
Thursday 23 May	School Cross Country
Friday 31 May	Teacher Only Day (School Closed)
Monday 3 June	King's Birthday (School Closed)
Tuesday 4 June	Zone Cross Country
Wednesday 12 June	Speech Competition Year 5-8
Friday 14 June	Walk With A Purpose Event
Monday 17 June	Parent / Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 18 June	Parent / Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 19 June	Parent / Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 26 June	Matariki Event
Friday 28 June	Matariki Holiday (School Closed)
Friday 5 July	End of Term Service 2pm School Hall

Tangata ako ana i te whare, te turanga ki te marae, tau ana

A person who is taught at home, will stand collected on the Marae (meeting house grounds)

A child who is given proper values at home and cherished within his family, will not only behave well amongst the family but also within society and throughout his or her life.

Blessings to all,
Adrian

In case you are not sure who you want to contact at school:

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Year 6	Mako	Mrs Renée Spijkerman	r.spijkerman@saintmarks.school.nz
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Church Certificates

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Pūtakitaki	Toby S
Harakeke	Elsie F
Kawau	Aadeah P
Kāmana	Rosie Q
Pīngao	Liam O'C
Wheke	Willa H
Mako	Nicole A
Toroa	Pippa F-D
Hāpuka	Tiffany C

Church Certificates



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Order on **kindo** by 21 March 2024
Collect your order at the school
on 27 March 2024

Got questions? Contact us:
pa@saintmarks.school.nz

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for friends
and family too!



Introducing an easier way to pay

kindo.

This year, the PA team are excited to announce the launch of the Kindo app - an easier way to pay for school fundraisers! We're kicking it off with our Easter Hot Cross bun orders - refer to the attached Factsheet for set up details.

Great news! St Mark's School Parent Association are now online with myKindo so that you can order and pay for items or tickets anywhere, anytime. No cash required! It's easy, convenient, open 24/7 and you can order in advance! This is our preferred method of payment, and we encourage all our families to sign up!

REGISTRATION IS EASY

New to **eZlunch** or myKindo? Use the **QR Code** or go to <https://shop.tgcl.co.nz> to set up your myKindo account.

Already have an **eZlunch** or myKindo account? Use the **QR Code** or go to <https://shop.tgcl.co.nz>.

Go to the 'my details' page to update your information and your child(ren)'s details.



PAYMENT

There are a range of methods you can choose to top up your account, and this can be done at the checkout, or by selecting the myKindo wallet at any time.

SHOPPING

Choose your shop item/s and add them to your cart. Some items will need you to select a student's name. Once you have made all your purchases, click on your **Cart** then go to **Checkout**. Review your cart, top up your account if needed, and then simply click **Complete Order** and you're done!

Your order will automatically go through to the Parents Association, and you will receive an email receipt confirming your topup and/or purchase!



KINDO MOBILE APP

Download the Kindo app for free at the Apple app store or Google Play store to make ordering from Kindo even easier. Search 'myKindo' and log in using the credentials you used in your registration.

Need assistance?

Our helpdesk is open 8am - 4pm weekdays

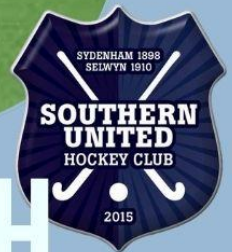
hello@mykindo.co.nz or 0508 454 636

Knowledge base online: support.mykindo.co.nz



GIVE HOCKEY A GO!

HAVEN'T PLAYED HOCKEY
BEFORE?
NO PROBLEM - WE'LL SHOW YOU!



SUNDAY 24TH MARCH

\$2 SAUSAGE SIZZLE
SYDENHAM PARK TURF - (BESIDE THE CRICKET NETS)

9AM-10AM	FUNSTICKS (YEAR 0-2)
10AM-11AM	YEAR 3 4 BOYS & GIRLS
11AM-12PM	YEAR 5 6 GIRLS
12PM-1PM	YEAR 5 6 BOYS
1PM-2PM	YEAR 7 8 GIRLS
2PM-3PM	YEAR 7 8 BOYS

CHECK OUT SUHC JUNIORS ON FACEBOOK FOR MORE INFO OR VISIT WWW.SUHC.CO.NZ

SUPPORTING ST MARK'S SCHOOL



Part of the St Mark's School Family

For every home referred and sold or listed and sold with us within the school family, we will donate \$1000 to St. Marks School.*

With Sonia being a past parent, now grandparent, and Sophie a current parent at St Mark's, we are proudly involved with the school community and look forward to giving back.

**Supporting St Mark's school,
now and for its future**

*Terms and conditions apply.

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