



# St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 7  
12 June 2024

Kia ora St Mark's Whānau,

It was wonderful to have Mrs Worner and Mrs Fisher judging our speech finals. There were some amazing God given talents and gifts on display. Congratulations to all students!

## Speech Cup Results

### Year 5/6

- 1st Zaia O
- 2nd Holly M
- 3rd= Genevieve F / Theo T
- Highly Commended: Zoe M / Jake H / Henry B

### Year 7/8

- 1st Zachary O
- 2nd Pippa F-D
- 3rd= Aroha S / Angel S
- Highly Commended: Lucy H / Aaish P



## Fountain Of Peace: Walk With A Purpose

With very wet weather expected this Friday, senior staff in consultation with event organiser Tania Sharr, have decided to postpone our Walk With A Purpose event to next term. Friday 16 August is the new event date.

## Cross Country Results

Congratulations to every student who competed in the school cross country races recently. Mrs Bigelow and our senior sport leaders put on a great event even though it was cold. We have three runners who have qualified to compete at the Canterbury event: Angel S, Cleo F and Alice A. Congratulations!

## Space Helmets Īnaka



## Zones Cross Country Team



*Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story*

## Mid Year Reports


As we have signalled in earlier communications, feedback from the community indicated a need to better understand where students are achieving against the NZ Curriculum.

In the mid year report forms going home to you later this term, you will notice some coloured boxes and a tick.

The coloured boxes indicate the curriculum level in which students should be achieving within **by the end of 2024**.

The tick reflects an overall teacher judgement of where the **student is achieving now**, six months prior to the end of year.

# Year Report



**2024**      Year 8  
**Hapori:**    Hāpuka

2A	3B	3P	3A	4B	4P	4A	5B	5P	5A
						✓			

Mathematics and is showing a real desire to constantly be challenged! She is a focused and disciplined mathematician who consistently demonstrates a 'have it right' qualities. She has particularly enjoyed the success of using scientific

In the example above, the student is achieving at the upper end of expectations mid way through 2024. This indicates strong progress.

In the example at the left, you can see that the student is working towards the expected level in Maths. He has another six months at school to make progress towards meeting the expected level.

In Reading, he is achieving strongly and in Writing, he is achieving within the expected already, six months before the end of the year.

Please feel free to ask for more details at the upcoming parent / teacher conferences.

St Mark's School Senior Staff

3P	3A	4B	4P	4A	5B	5P	5A
	✓						

Mathematics. He has made pleasing progress in number knowledge, works with focus and has grown in confidence to share ideas mathematical concepts, including BODMAS and basic algebra. Working with angles, properties of regular shapes, coordinates, confidence with long division and multiplication, and to master

3P	3A	4B	4P	4A	5B	5P	5A
			✓				

fluently reads and comprehends texts across a variety of text elicit meanings. He effectively applies a range of comprehension and summarise key information from a range of sources and writing in confidence to share his ideas with the class. To continue read a variety of challenging fiction and non-fiction books for

3P	3A	4B	4P	4A	5B	5P	5A
		✓					

writes with control and demonstrates understanding of writing improvement in his use of descriptive language and character ve, informative, and explanatory pieces of writing. He can use variety of sentence types to add interest. To continue his

## Vandalism

We have been targeted twice in the last week by vandals. On Thursday night last week someone destroyed three heat pump compressors and over the weekend almost all of our metal drain covers were taken. Clearly someone values the cash they can get from scrap metal merchants. I would ask that the community rallies around and keeps an eye on the school. All of this damage is taking thousands of dollars away from our core business, teaching and learning.

## 2024 Term 2 School Events

Sunday 16 June	Performance Choir at Royal School of Church Music 2pm, Transitional Cathedral
Tuesday 18 June	Sport/Cultural Photos
Monday 24 June	Parent / Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 25 June	Parent / Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 26 June	Parent / Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 26 June	Matariki Event
Friday 28 June	Matariki Holiday ( <b>School Closed</b> )
Friday 5 July	End of Term Service 2pm School Hall

## 2025 Term Dates

### Term 1

11 weeks.

Monday 27 January - Friday 11 April.

Includes: Learning Conferences 27 - 28 January  
Regular classes start on Wednesday 29 January  
Waitangi Day Thursday 6 February

### Term 2

9 weeks.

Monday 28 April - Friday 27 June.

Includes: Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day Friday 30 May  
King's Birthday Monday 2 June  
Matariki Friday 20 June

### Term 3

10 weeks.

Monday 14 July - Friday 19 September

### Term 4

10 weeks.

Monday 6 October - Friday 12 December

Includes: Labour Day 27 October  
Canterbury Anniversary 14 November

## Luke 1:37 - For nothing will be impossible with God.

Blessings to all, Adrian

## Church Certificates

Īnaka	Aria D
Pūtakitaki	Bastien C-B
Harakeke	Walter D
Kawau	Rupert A
Kāmana	Elisha R
Pīngao	Mila B
Wheke	Maddox A
Mako	Leo D
Toroa	Caeli McL

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

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# St Mark's School Uniforms

## Uniform requirements at St Mark's School

Enrolled children at St Mark's School are required to wear the compulsory uniform. The uniform provides the students with a sense of pride and school identification in the community.

Make-up, nail polish and coloured hair are not permitted. It is a safety requirement that hair (regardless of gender) extending below the collar is tied back with hair ties in school colours or matching natural hair colour. Students should have a neat and reasonable hairstyle (natural hair colour only).

Jewellery is not permitted to be worn, with the exception of plain stud earrings, watches and jewellery of a religious or cultural significance. Smart watches capable of texts or calls are not permitted.

For girls who opt for a dress or kilt instead of skirts, black bike pants or PE shorts can be worn underneath for modesty.

Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Any requests that differ from what is outlined should first be discussed with the school Principal before further consultation with the Board of Proprietors.

## Optional items

The following items are also available for purchase at Mainland and the second-hand shop, while stocks last.

- Beanie
- Scarf
- Plaid scrunchie (Summer and Winter fabric)
- Hairclips
- Headbands (Summer and Winter fabric)
- Sports jacket

## Uniform Shop

Uniforms are available to purchase from [Mainland Uniforms](#), Christchurch's largest school uniform supplier, supplying over 100 schools across New Zealand. With over 30 years of experience and extensive knowledge across this industry, their aim is to provide children with school uniforms made from premium fabrics that offer quality, comfort, and affordability.

St Mark's uniform items are available either in-store at the 189 Peterborough Street store or [online](#) which operates 24/7 with free delivery over \$50.00 purchase.

### Second hand uniforms

The second-hand uniform shop, located in the foyer near the school office, operates during school terms on Fridays from 2:30pm-3:30pm. For more information contact [uniformshop@saintmarks.school.nz](mailto:uniformshop@saintmarks.school.nz)

## Spring/Summer Day Uniform - Term 1 & Term 4

### Girls

- Summer dress OR Summer skirt with summer short sleeve white blouse with embroidered St Mark's logo
- White turnover socks
- Black T-bar sandal or plain black, lace-up shoes
- Maroon cardigan (optional)
- School blazer (worn during assembly, to & from school and on formal occasions)
- School hat (compulsory for outside play)



### Boys

- Summer shirt
- Summer shorts
- Light grey ankle socks OR light grey knee-high socks
- Plain black, lace-up shoes
- Maroon jersey (optional)
- School blazer (worn during assembly, to & from school and on formal occasions)
- School hat (compulsory for outside play)
- School tie (worn on formal occasions)



## Autumn/Winter Day Uniform - Term 2 & Term 3

### Girls

- Long sleeve white shirt
- Winter skirt OR winter kilt
- Black socks (either under or over knee) OR black tights
- Black T-bar sandal or plain black, lace-up shoes
- School tie
- Maroon cardigan (optional)
- School blazer (worn during assembly, to & from school and on formal occasions)



### Boys

- Grey long sleeve shirt
- Winter shorts OR charcoal trousers
- Boys winter socks
- Plain black, lace-up shoes
- School tie
- Maroon cardigan (optional)
- School blazer (worn during assembly, to & from school and on formal occasions)



## Sports uniform - PE and sporting events

NB: With the exception of Junior students, on PE days, the Day uniform is to be worn and students are to change into their PE uniform during PE class.

### Boys & Girls

- PE top
- PE shorts OR track pant - both with the St Mark's logo
- Plain white crew socks
- Sports shoes
- Hoodie OR Full zip tunic (optional)



**ST MARKS  
SHOWQUEST  
DRESS REHEARSAL**

**SHOW  
& QUEST**  
2024



**LOCATION**      **DATE** 20th  
**St Marks**      **June**  
**School Hall**      **Thursday.**

**School Doors  
Open 11:45am  
Starts 12pm.**





## ST MARK'S SCHOOL - FOUNTAIN OF PEACE NZ WALK WITH A PURPOSE 2024 NEW DATE - FRIDAY 16TH AUGUST

An opportunity to walk together as a compassionate and caring school community raising funds to save lives and make a lasting impact in the lives of children in need.

Link to details and for registration - <https://forms.gle/kmG5KGjQTsJyg5n57>

Please share the following givealittle link to gain sponsorship -

<https://givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/st-marks-school-2024-fountain-of-peace-nz-walk>

- Join one of the four official walking routes, or make your own way to school. (Maps to follow).
- Students walking can wear mufti and may remain in this for the rest of the day. Please ensure they wear appropriate clothing including comfortable walking shoes. Thermals, jacket, hat and gloves may be required.
- Students may wish to carry a light bag for the walk if an adult is able to drop their school bag to school for when they arrive.
- It is recommended that walkers take a drink bottle, snacks and any personal medication (i.e. asthma inhaler), head torch and rain jacket on the walk.
- Walk will go ahead in light rain, however, if extreme weather is forecasted St Mark's School will communicate postponement details .
- Pack extra food in your child's lunch box, as they might be very hungry.
- A safety briefing will be given by event coordinators before the walk begins.
- One parent per five children needed. Adults will be allocated to students for supervision on the walk until arriving at school grounds. Adults required at front and back of walking groups and to ensure safety at all road crossings. High visibility clothing recommended if available.
- Arrive at school by 8.30 am and celebrate with a hot drink provided by the wonderful Parents Association.
- An official group photo will be taken before starting the school day.
- Smile, knowing you are making a huge and lasting difference in the lives of children and vulnerable women in need.

For questions, please contact

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Photo following last years St Mark's School Fountain of Peace NZ Walk with a Purpose event



## City Mission Op Shop

# DONATION DRIVE

Are you upgrading, downsizing or having a good clearout? Then let us help! We're collecting donations for our City Mission Op Shops in your neighbourhood!

We'll be gratefully accepting good quality clothing, footwear, furniture, linen, electrical, books, tools, bric-a-brac, homeware, plants, toys, antiques, sporting goods & more!



**Saturday 22nd June | 10am - 2pm**  
**St Mark's Church**  
**101 Opawa Road, Opawa**

We can collect larger items for free. Contact us to book a collection.

Ph 03 345 0833 / [opshop@citymission.org.nz](mailto:opshop@citymission.org.nz) / [citymission.org.nz/op-shops](http://citymission.org.nz/op-shops)



# 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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