



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 2
9 February 2022

Kia ora Te Kura o Hato Māka whānau IT'S 2022!

Nau mai hoki mai Te Kura o Hāto Maka whānau.
Welcome back to the school year - we are so happy to be back with you. Whatever this year brings we have such hope and promise in our precious ākonga.

New families! A HUGE welcome to these students and their families:

Jonathan, Aaron and Emily Dunbar (Rebekah and Neill).

Macky Simmonds (Phil and Tang).

Cowan and Isabella Macklin (Charlotte and Sam).

Madison Tikao (David and Liz).

Evelyn Lowe (Sarah and Adrian).

Aurelia and Julius Cassels-Tremewan (Lucy and Dan).

Taylor Marston (Kerry and Tim).

Alaska Shaw (Chelsea and Marcus).

And our new new entrants:

Theo Calvert (Jasmine and Hamish)

Jack Ryder (Rebecca and James).

Alex Rush (Rachel and Simon).

Sebastian Barbour (Shelley and Matt).

George Lowe (Sarah and Adrian).

I know you will join us all in welcoming them to the school family - may they find here a turangawaewae - a place to stand and belong. So so thrilled to have you all here!

I will be offering certificates, badges and prayers this Friday in hapori.

TONGA fundraising - Fun hat day!

This **Friday 11th February** will be a day of fundraising for the devastated kingdom of Tonga. It will be a non-uniform day (mufti) or kakahu kainga (clothes from home). Along with not wearing a uniform, I asked year 6 for an added idea of fun

- their idea is to wear a fun hat - we love it!

If you are able, a gold coin can be delivered to your class teacher.

Locarno Street

This is an impassioned plea for help at the end of the day at the Locarno St gate. We are very concerned about the number of cars taking u-turns after picking up children. Efforts to have a controlled crossing installed have failed at the council level, so we rely **solely** on whānau to drive with caution and care. Please take the extra time to park and walk from your car if possible, avoid doing u-turns - staff always ensure children cross the road safely to cars.

Postponements - we have not cancelled!!!

Whilst there have been a number of school events postponed this term, I want to assure you we are working hard to offer alternatives later in the year. I remain super positive about 2022 - this is the time now and for our ākonga we seek excellence in teaching and learning, the best outcomes for every child, and fun!

House events, school and team events will be planned differently while we navigate these early months.

Student Initiatives

Congratulations to Oscar Pearson and Nathaniel Bayne for initiating a teacher tech help website and a school digital newspaper - I personally am looking forward to both!

We are thankful for you all - your support and your encouragement.

"I will strengthen you and help you" Isaiah 41:10

Averil and staff.



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