Kia ora St Mark's Whānau,

Term 3 Week 9 18 September 2024

#### **Koru Games**

We are pleased to be able to send two Year 7 and 8 St Mark's teams, in basketball and netball to the upcoming Koru Games. Teams will compete over three days next week in an event based on participation, fair play and excellence.

#### Uniform

In our church service on Monday morning, we talked as a whole school about wearing our uniform correctly and with pride. Lately we have noticed students:

- Not wearing blazers to and from school
- Wearing shoes other than regulation
- Not wearing a tie
- Not wearing long hair tied back
- Wearing jewellery other than regulation
- Wearing different items of clothing not in our uniform

Staff are likely to stop students at the gate and ask them to fix things that need it.

#### **Lost Property**

Our impressive collection of lost property currently stored in the office entrance way will be laid out for everyone to see on the netball court on Friday 20 September. Anyone can come and search for lost items before that too. All items will then be recycled.

#### **Keeping Ourselves Safe**

This important unit of work from the Health / PE Curriculum is being delivered in classes this week with support from NZ Police. Lessons are going well. It was great to see so many parents attend our information meeting last week.

#### **PA Playground Support**

As I reflect on the developments in the playground:

- New basketball hoop and backboard
- New netball hoops
- Junior school play planks etc
- Mud kitchen
- New sports gear (being ordered now)
- A new shed to house playground sports gear (being ordered now)
- New junior playground

I have to acknowledge the support of the Parents' Association and wider school community. None of these brilliant playground additions would have happened without the interest, dedication and commitment from some key people. It warms my heart to see students engaging in great, positive play with these resources. THANK YOU!

Blessings, Adrian





#### **Church Certificates**

Īnaka River F/Audrey W
Pūtakitaki Gifty MGB/Frankie B
Harakeke Phillip K/Loki C
Kawau Ava R/Matilda H
Kāmana Jesse M/Zara T
Pīngao Holly M/Lachlan S

Wheke Harry O/Poppy C
Mako Madelyn E/Zoe M
Toroa Adam R/Landon H

Hāpuka Lucas C-B

#### Principal's Award



#### **Church Certificates**



**Tournament of Minds Awards** 





#### 2024 Term 3 School Events

19 September Singing Cup

20 September Science Road Show 23-26 September Year 6 Cycle Safety

27 September End of Term Service - 2pm

#### 2024 Term 4 Events

20 October
 24 October
 Waka Puhara at St Mark's Church
 Music Festival Performance - Town Hall

28 October Labour Day (school closed)

29 October Teacher Only Day (school closed)

5 November School Chess Tournament 6 November School Athletics Day 7 November School Photographs

9 November School Fair

15 November Canterbury Anniversary Day (school closed)

20 November Itinerant Teacher/Performance Night

27 November Canterbury Primary Athletics
28-29 November Year 7 Leadership Camp
3 December Year 8 Leavers' Dinner
10 December New Parent Evening

11 December Internal Prize giving - school hall

12 December Carol Service - Christ Church Cathedral

16 December Prizegiving - school hall17 December End of Term Service

#### 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

To our wonderful St Mark's School community,

The Science Roadshow is coming to St Mark's School this Friday. For those of you who don't know about it, here are a few details you might be interested in!

The Science Roadshow is an interactive learning experience, designed to make students curious and passionate about science. The classes will have a structured lesson by the Science Roadshow teaching staff and will also have the opportunity to explore the myriad of interactive experiments that will be on display.

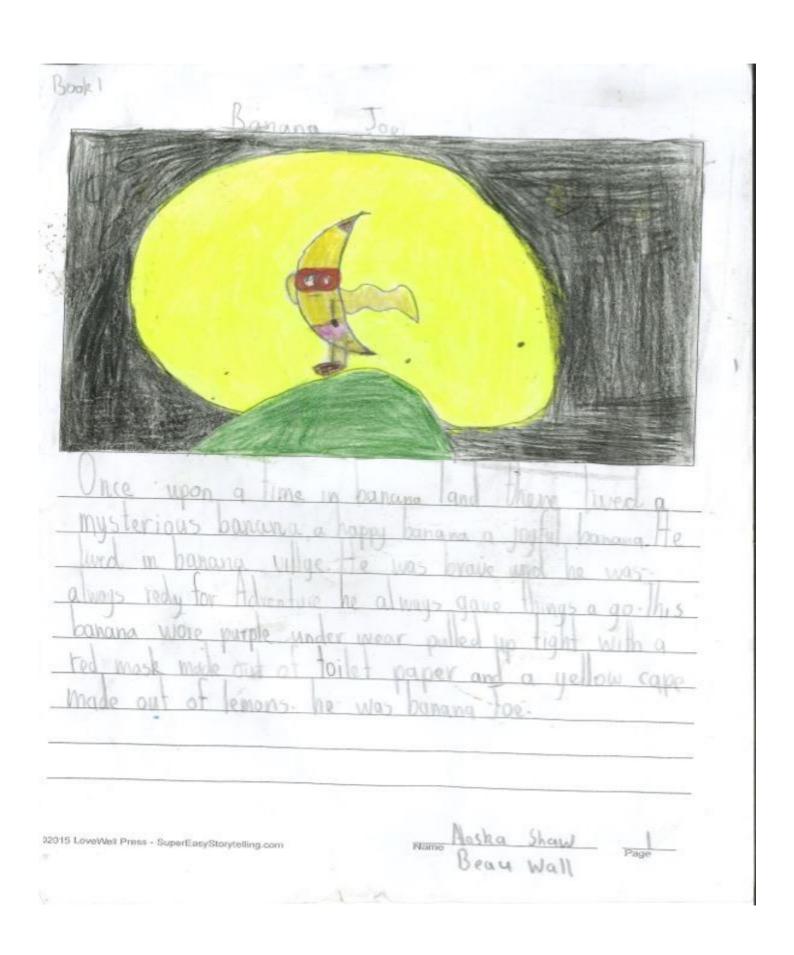
This is an incredible opportunity and every year our students have had a blast.

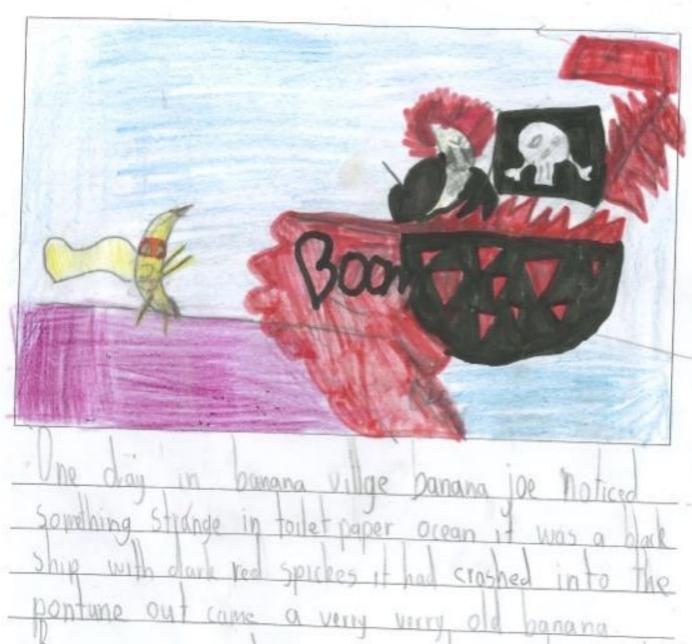
Waka Puhara's session starts at 9:20am, finishing at 10:30am. Waka Hourua's session starts at 1:45pm, finishing at 2:55pm.

Let me know if you have any questions, at t.gordon@saintmarks.school.nz



## Stories from Alaska & Beau from Kawau - Year 3)





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# SAUSAGE SIZZLE THIS FRIDAY!

- Cash orders due Thursday.
- Hand into teachers.
- Raising money for Year 8
   EOY activities!

Girls/children supported in casual and informative conversations around Menstrual Cycle Awareness go on to have better relationships with their Cycle

Give them the best start!

Celebration Day for Girls workshop, a one day positive period preparation programme for 9-12 year olds.

Groups are kept small to encourage sharing and conversation. Mum's join in at the end. A fun day of arts and crafts, Kai and games with the wisdom sprinkled in.

www.celebrationdayforgirls.com

Email me for more info!

cdg.alicetabak@gmail.com



# A Celebration Day for Girls™

GIRLS WORKSHOP
Positive Period Preparation

SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER 2024 10am - 4pm

TE ARA SOPHIA, ŌPAWA CHRISTCHURCH

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# Do you know someone who is looking to sell their property?

Refer them to Julia, and you'll be helping to support us!

Harcourts STERNADIER

Here's how it works:

- 1. Refer a property listing to Julia.
- 2. When the property is successfully sold, Julia will donate \$1000 to St Marks School.

Your referral not only helps someone find the perfect home it also directly benefits the children at our school.

Spread the word and make a difference today!

For more information, contact **JULIA** DALY 022 0305 285 | julia.daly@harcourts.co.nz

HARCOURTS FERRYMEAD



# 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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