



St Mark's School Te Kura o Hato Māka

Kia ora St Mark's Whānau,

Term 4 Week 4
6 November 2024

Chess

Yesterday Mr Davis facilitated what has become a major school event, the St Mark's Chess Tournament. It was wonderful to see students of all ages competing in the hall and giving it their all.

Senior Year 6-8 First Place: Harry S
Junior Year 0-5 First Place: Eli M

Tournament Of Minds

St Mark's are World Champions!



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story



Congratulations to Lucas C, Aaish P, Harry S, Indi J, Lucy H and Violet J for their stunning success at this truly international competition.

A big thank you to Miss Yonetani and Mr Gordon for their amazing work in getting the team to Sydney and for the outstanding work they did in preparing the students. I asked Miss Y if there were any students who stood out and I was heartened to hear that it was a wonderful collaborative team. They worked together brilliantly to solve their high level challenge.

School Photographs

A reminder that class photographs are on tomorrow, Thursday. We ask that boys wear their ties with their grey shirts and that they have plain black shoes on.

Athletic Sports

As you read this, Year 4-8 students and staff will be at Hansen Park competing in the St Mark's Athletic Sports. A lot of work has gone into organising this wonderful event. It is another opportunity for students to show their God given talents and gifts. My thanks to Mr Clarkson and Mrs Hasting for their efforts.

Graduate School Of Education

We are excited to welcome five interns (student teachers) from the NZGSE. They will be studying and working at St Mark's for the rest of the school year.

Farheen Mulla	Year 7 with Mrs Morgan
Sonia Murray	Year 6 with Mr Davis
Matt Connon	Year 5 with Mrs Coster
Lily Waites	Year 4 with Mr Clarkson
Liv Fanselow	Year 1/2 with Mrs Wells

School Fair

A reminder that the school fair opens at 10am on Saturday morning. All are welcome! If you are able to lend a hand in support of our brilliant Parents' Association, it's not too late to sign up.

School Roll For 2025

A significant piece of work has been formulating our school roll for next year. The one unknown we still have is any students leaving us at the end of this year. The reasons families leave us are many and varied. **If you intend to take your child to another school next year, please let us know as soon as possible.** This information contributes greatly to the planning process for 2025.

He taonga rongonui te aroha ki te tangata
Goodwill towards others is a precious treasure

Blessings to all,
Adrian

Church Certificates

Kererū	Chet S
Īnaka	Zidan D/Jack D/Lottie P
Pūtakitaki	Ezekiel R/John H/Olivia G
Harakeke	Eloise H/George C
Kawau	Henry W/Theo A/Bowie S
Kāmana	Savannah S/Khelan L
Pīngao	Lemarle D A/Lucy O'D/Jackson W E
Wheke	Miller J/Charlotte P/Maia-Rose A
Mako	Josiah N/Dean C/Ella B
Toroa	Sofia S/Alex H
Hāpuka	Isabella S/Zach O/Hannah T



Commencement Certificates



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Principal's Awards



Science Badge



Chess Tournament



2024 Term 4 Events

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 - 1:30pm
12 December	Carol Service - Christ Church Cathedral - 7pm
16 December	Prize giving - school hall - 6:00pm
17 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

Fair week donations

Reminder to bring in Fair donations this week for our much loved white elephant, horticulture, Jar Tombola and Baking stalls!

Horticulture



WHEN: This week
WHERE: Entrance/Office

White Elephant



WHEN: This Week
WHERE: School Hall

Fudge & baking



WHEN: This week/Fair morning depending on baking requirements.
WHERE: Entrance/Office during the week, baking

Jar Tombola



WHEN: This week
WHERE: Entrance/Office



This Saturday!

ST MARK'S SCHOOL

FAIR

LOCARNO ST, OPAWA

SAT 9 NOV

10am - 3pm



TŪHONO KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL

24TH OF NOVEMBER

CHRISTCHURCH TOWN HALL

86 KILMORE STREET

Scan for tickets
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Parent Talk

NAVIGATING KIDS AND SCREENS

Are you wondering how to navigate the world of screens for your kids aged 5-10? Perhaps your child is nagging you to get a smartphone? Or maybe your kids they are struggling to get off the screen when you ask.

In this informative and research-backed evening, Celia Hogan will help you understand the challenges parents face with the digital world, how to create a screen contract and provide some practical strategies to help you keep your kids safe online.

DETAILS

WHERE: SOUTH LIBRARY, CHRISTCHURCH

DATE: TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER

TIME: 6.30PM - 7.30PM

COST: \$15

TICKETS: GET THROUGH HUMANITIX



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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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