



# St Mark's School

## Te Kura o Hato Māka

Kia ora St Mark's Whānau,

Term 4 Week 7  
27 November 2024

### Tūhono Festival Kapa Haka

What a stunning performance by our St Mark's team at Tūhono! Our team were outstanding in their professionalism and quality of performance.



Overall, our St Mark's team placed third against some quality performances from other schools. There are a number of awards within the structure of the event.

- |                    |             |                                       |
|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| • Whakamihi - Tane | First place | A within performance mihi by James D. |
| • Taonga Puoro     | First place | Use of instruments within performance |
| • Waiata Tira      | Third place | Choral song performance               |
| • Waiata-ā-ringa   | Third place | Action song performance               |

A huge thank you to all of the parents who supported our students from the crowd and to our staff, Mrs Learman, Mr Davis, Mrs Coster and Mrs Learman in particular has spent hours arranging logistics and uniform for the team. Once again, Matua Steve Reid has expertly guided our team to some great success in 2024.



*Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story*

### **Paralympian Visit**

Last Thursday Rachael Watson, a paralympic swimmer came to St.Mark's and shared her paralympic story with us. She brought in some medals with her. She showed us a video of her racing at the Rio Olympics.

Rachael is an Australian Paralympic Swimmer who has won two Paralympic gold and two Paralympic bronze medals across three games - Rio 2016, Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024.

She became the first Olympian or Paralympian to win a medal in the 50m Freestyle three consecutive times and won the 500th medal for Australia.

She is currently training for the 2025 World Championships and aspiring to make the 2028 Los Angeles Paralympics.

By Quinn & Liam

### **Morning Drop Off**

Staff are noting an increase in the number of students being dropped off at school before 8:30am, some even before 8am! Just a reminder that there are no teachers available to care for students until 8:30am when classes open. Many staff are onsite before 7:30am and that is their valuable lesson prep time.

### **Lost Property**

We have a good sized mountain of lost property again this term. Office staff will display it in the Cholmondeley Avenue entrance way in the coming two weeks for parents to find those lost items.

### **Prize Giving Reminder**

In honouring all of the great success by students throughout the school year, we have updated our awards ceremonies as follows:

Wednesday 11 December - School Hall - 1:30pm

- Junior book awards
- 2nd and 3rd place certificates for all sporting and cultural events throughout the year
- 1st place certificates and cups for all sporting and cultural events throughout the year

Monday 16 December - School Hall - 6pm

- Kapa Haka performance and award
- Speeches by BOT, BOP, PA reps
- Speech by Year 8 Leaders
- Principal's speech
- Major cup prizes presented
- Blessing by Bishop Peter

All whānau are warmly invited to attend both events. Both will be live streamed and recorded for people unable to attend in person with the link in the school app on the day.

### **Advent Service Rehearsal**

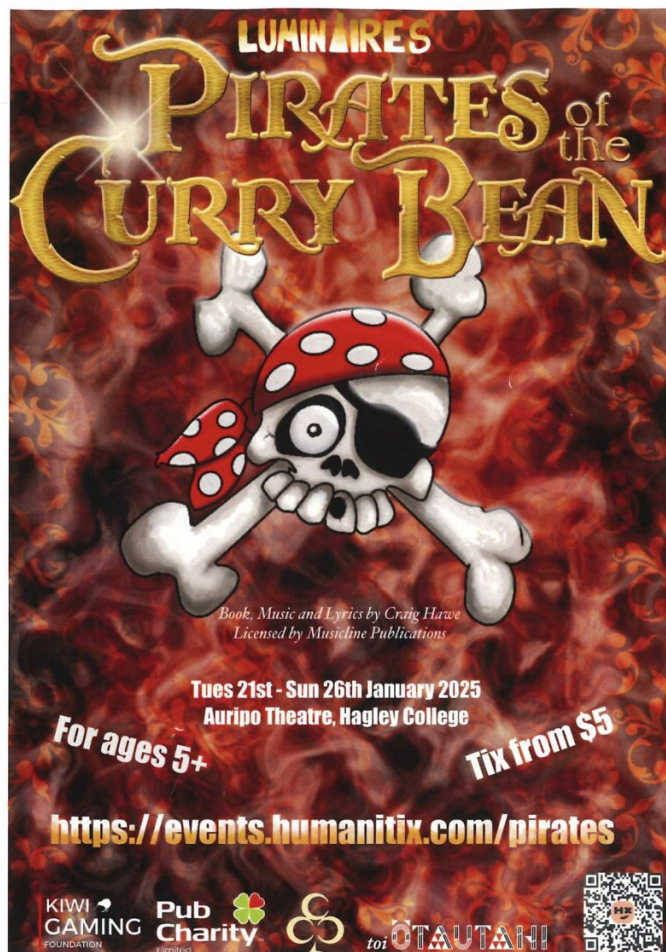
Both our junior and performance choirs plus special candle lighters and readers will travel to the Cathedral on Thursday 12 December from 9-11:30am for a rehearsal. The Advent Service is a very special event in the school calendar, one where the whole school community comes together in worship.





## Show in 2025

Leo D and Amelia N are part of the cast of a new show in 2025. They have committed so much time and effort to this amazing project.



### Luminares Charitable Trust

Brings to you the abso-loot-ley hilarious musical for families

## Pirates of the Curry Bean!

Anchors away and set sail for swashbuckling pirate adventure on the high seas in this piratical musical that's sure to shake your booty! Young siblings Jack & Liza Periwinkle yearn for adventure, so imagine their joy at discovering a real life treasure map! But when the infamous Redbeard and his pungent Pirates of the Curry Bean steal the map and kidnap their mother, the race is on to rescue her, reclaim the map and find the treasure! Accompanied by their faithful cat Fiddlesticks, the kids join a mad admiral and his crazy crew on a voyage of adventure that takes them from Old London Docks to the mysterious island of Lumbago in the sea of Sciatica! Will they be first to find the treasure chest, or is a surprise awaiting them that's even better than gold? With colourful characters, sparkling songs and a witty script as sharp as a cutlass, this show is dripping with piratical style!

Plenty of snacks, drinks and pirate treasure available.

Recommended for ages 5+

Run time 90 minutes plus intermission



<https://events.humanitix.com/pirates>

Romans 12:10:

***Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.***

Blessings to all,  
Adrian

### Church Certificates

Īnaka	Emma P
Pūtakitaki	Cooper U
Harakeke	Elsie F
Kawau	Alex H
Pīngao	Eli A-S
Wheke	Felix M D
Mako	Henry D
Toroa	Judah C/Pippa F-D
Hāpuka	Sofia D/Maybelle H



### Commencement Certificate



### Principal's Award



### 2024 Term 4 Events

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 - school hall - 1:45pm

### 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

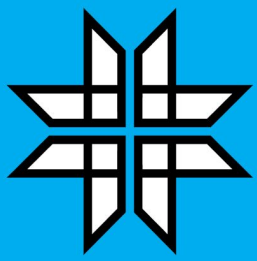
#### Term 4

10 weeks.

Monday 6 October - Friday 12 December

Includes: Labour Day 27 October  
Canterbury Anniversary 14 November





# iNVENTIONATOR



Congratulations to Aroha S, Olivia H, Tiffany C, Lucy O, Isabella M, and Angel S, who represented St Mark's School in iNVENTIONATOR and won all three categories: Delivery, Rationale, and Description, for their innovative product pitches.

This team, along with Sonya I, will be launching their real business, Positive Popcorn, this Friday!



## Positive Popcorn!

## Friday 12:30-13:00

No pre-orders,  
just bring a \$2 coin 😊





# The Duck Dash

The Duck Dash was one of our fundraising efforts to send our TOM team (now world champions!) to Sydney to represent New Zealand. We raised nearly \$300.



If you haven't checked out the Duck Dash video, head to the St Mark's School Facebook page, where you can see all the quacks, feathers and beak-biting tension as each race unfolded.



Congratulations to Ava, Finn and Charlie for backing the winning ducks in Heats 1, 2 and 3!



Keep an eye out for future Duck Dash fundraising!

Quack!

Mr Tom Gordon



PARISH OF OPAWA-ST MARTINS

---

# GAMES NIGHT

Saturday 30th November from 4pm

St Mark's Anglican Church

101 Opawa Rd

Bring a salad or dessert to share

All are welcome

