



St Mark's School Te Kura o Hato Māka

Kia ora St Mark's Whānau,

Term 1 Week 11
9 April 2025

As the first term draws to a close, it has been wonderful to see all the success and great work students have been engaged with so far this year.

I have been deliberately working to “catch moments” of daily life at school through photographs to share with the community in this newsletter. It is always great to see what students are doing while whānau are at work!

This week has been no different. Aurelia CT, Ariana WS and Louisa T attended the Parents' Association meeting (late at night) to present a funding proposal for new kapa haka uniforms. It was wonderful to see our year 8 leaders stepping into an unfamiliar space with such confidence and maturity.



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ANZAC Day Project

We have been invited to attend an ANZAC Day memorial service at the Waltham Pool gates on Friday 25 April at 9:30am (in the school holidays). Part of our school history includes ex St Mark's students who went on to make the ultimate sacrifice in WW2. We have also been invited to share a small item of some sort within the service. Mrs Morgan has written a special, original song for the occasion. **Our senior and junior choirs are learning it and everyone in those groups is invited to attend and to sing.** Traditionally, several hundred people take part in this service from the Opawa / St Martins area.

Exciting Things Happening in Term 2

ANZAC Service
Junior Production
Winter Sport Year 5-8
Waka Hourua Church
School Disco
Chess Competition
Open Day
Cross Country
Matariki Celebration
Junior Hillview Cross Country
World Scholar's Cup
Junior Water Safety
Parent / Teacher Interviews

Details of all of these events will be published via the school app



Community ANZAC Day Service



9.30 - 10.15am
Friday 25 April 2025
Waltham Park Memorial Gates
Cnr Waltham Road & Wilsons Road

The names of 43 young men on the memorial from the Waltham-St Martins-Opawa community will be honoured, along with service by others in subsequent conflicts, and those who serve our nation today. Many local schools, churches and uniformed youth groups will be involved. All welcome to this community service – please bring flowers – and older people bring folding chairs.

More Information contact: Rev. Dr Richard Waugh 022 533 9400



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Eli N bravely “shaved his head for a cure” and managed to raise \$544 for a very good cause. That’s an outstanding contribution and he is showing wonderful community service. Well done to grandad, stepping in as barber and to Mr Gordon and Mr Davis for joining in after the school passed \$500 in donations!



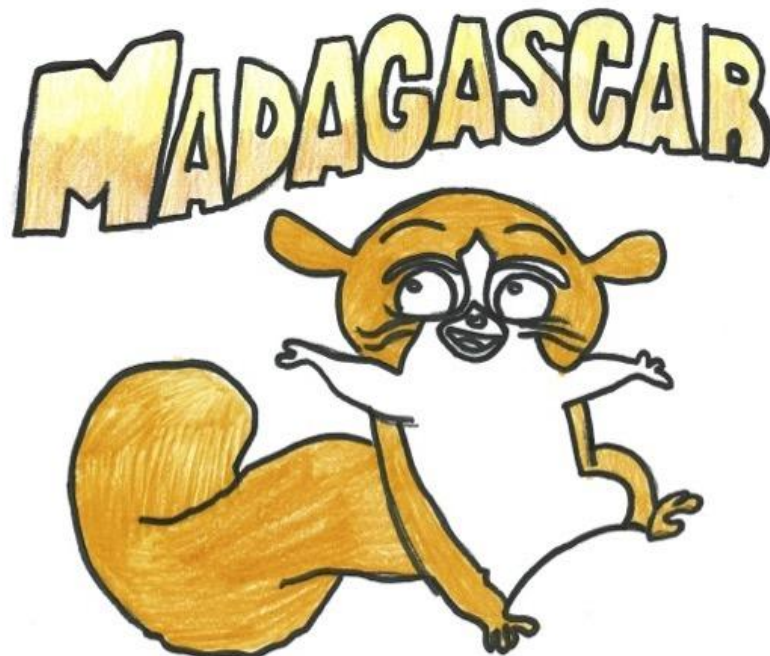
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And the production for 2025 is....

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By Lexi K



There was great excitement this week as the 2025 production was announced by Mr Gordon and a team of eager helpers who dressed up for the occasion.

They even invaded the principal's office in their enthusiasm!

How does Mr Davis manage to feature in the newsletter so often...?



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Maths at St Mark's

The maths curriculum is undergoing revision and change this year at a national level.

Senior staff have scheduled a Ministry of Education approved **teacher only day on Friday 2 May** to allow staff to engage in professional development.

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We have also scheduled a mathematics and statistics parent information session for all whānau interested to know more. All parents are welcome to join our lead maths staff member, Mrs Bigelow, on **Wednesday 7 May from 8:30am in the school library**. The coffee cart should be open that day. Grab a coffee and come along to learn more.

Blessings to all,
Adrian

Coming Events

11 April	Last day of Term 1
25 April	ANZAC Day Service at Waltham Pool gates 9:30am This event is in the holidays and will be attended by student leaders and choir members.
28 April	First day of Term 2
2 May	Teacher Only Day - School Closed
7 May	Whānau Maths Information Meeting 8:30am in the library
9 May	School Disco
15 May	Year 4-8 Cross Country at Hansen Park
22 May	Mōkihi Musical (times to be confirmed)
27 May	Chess Cup
29 May	Open Day
30 May	Teacher Only Day - School Closed
9-15 June	Junior Swimming Year 0-2 at Pioneer Stadium

Church Certificates

Kererū	Luka Z
Pūtakitaki	Ella R
Harakeke	Zidan D
Kawau	Theo H
Pātiki	Theo A
Aua	Christopher A
Wheke	Max CB
Mako	Poppy C
Toroa	Violet J
Kahawai	Ariana WS



Principal's Award



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Friday Bake Sale

\$2 at lunch play time



**Cookies, Mars bar
slice, and more!**

**Fundraising for our St Mark's School
robotics team to represent New Zealand
at the International SeaPerch Challenge
in Washington DC next term.**





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Marking 80yrs since the end of WWII



World Wars In Miniature

**Display & Memorabilia
ANZAC Day 25 April**

Free Entry

**St Nicholas Church - 231 Barrington St
@11am-3pm**

For more info contact Jeff Cotton 027 364 7279



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Open Day

Thursday 29 May 2025

Come and see if our school is the right fit for your child and family. There are two opportunities on the day to attend.

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| 9-10am | Welcome by the principal.
Tours of the school by senior Year 8 students.
Refreshments and meet other potential St Mark's whānau. |
| 11-12pm | Welcome by the principal.
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Contact the school office to book a place at this event:

office@saintmarks.school.nz

School website: <https://www.saintmarks.skoolsites.co.nz/>

\$2 Entry per child

Dress up encouraged



Country Western

Disco

Friday 9th May

Juniors year 0-4

6-7.15pm

Seniors year 5-8

7.30-9pm