



St Mark's School

Te Kura o Hato Māka

Kia ora St Mark's Whānau,

Term 1 Week 7
12 March 2025

Colour Run

The Colour Run was an amazing success last Friday. It was wonderful to see the whole school enjoying this brilliant event together as a family. I'm pretty sure there were some parents keen to join in the fun! Thanks to Jacinda Thomson and Mr Gordon for organising.

I'm sure the PA will share with us how much money was raised in due course.



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Special Character Review

Last year, our Board of Proprietors initiated a review of our school's special character with the goal of developing clear, overarching statements to define it. This initiative aims to provide staff with guidance and support in upholding our school's unique values. As part of their responsibilities—which include school property ownership, application assessments, and uniform policies—the Board is committed to ensuring that our special character remains well-defined and meaningful.

This week, we welcomed a consultant who gathered feedback on a draft document as part of this ongoing process. Significant effort has been dedicated to this important project.

Hockey Coaching

We are pleased to announce that two of our Mōkihi parents, Ben and Sarah Rutherford, are keen to lead a free trial programme of hockey coaching for students in Year 0-2. Coaching will run on Wednesday afternoons from 3:15 - 4:00pm on our own hockey turf starting on the 7th May. If you are interested in having your child join this group, please contact the school office for details.

Mrs Coster as Assistant Chaplain

At our Ash Wednesday church service last week Bishop Peter presented Mrs Coster with a certificate confirming her appointment as an official assistant chaplain of the church.



Opportunities at St Mark's

Students enjoying jump jam in the senior school.



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Eucharist Service

All whānau are warmly invited to attend our church service this Friday from 9am at St Mark's Church as we are led in a eucharist service by Reverend Simon.

Dress standards of staff in the senior school seem to have lapsed a bit!

"He taonga rongonui te aroha ki te tangata"

Goodwill towards others is a precious treasure.

Blessings to all,
Adrian



Coming Events

12 March	Zone Swimming Event
14 March	Eucharist Service 9am at St Mark's Church
28 March	Y5-8 Kiwi Competitions Registrations Close
3 April	Canterbury Swimming Sports Event
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
28 April	First day of Term 2
2 May	Teacher Only Day
30 May	Teacher Only Day

Church Certificates

Kererū	Louis R
Pūtakitaki	Oscar B
Kawau	Wolf P
Pātiki	Aadeah P
Aua	Mila L
Mako	Marnie C
Toroa	Felix A/Henry D
Kahawai	Amoni McC



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The Positive Popcorn team is selling popcorn for \$2 each Thursday. They are doing a great job learning about running a business, and students love getting a healthy snack to add to their lunches!

SEEN: The Film – A New Parenting Documentary

This film is about the lives of four parents with 6 experts (one being New Zealander Nathan Wallis) providing insights into children's needs and the science of understanding them. It not only explores the transformative power of personal healing for parents but also delves into the scientifically supported effects of such healing on parenting and its impact on child brain development.

It is a film about learning to see who we are, where we come from, the impact we have and how to change.

The film is being screened throughout Australia and in Auckland, Dunedin and Christchurch.

In Christchurch, the Neighbourhood Trust is screening the film on Thursday 27th March at 7pm at the McFaddens Centre, 64 McFaddens Road, St Albans.

To watch the trailer please go to

<https://seenthefilm.com/>

Tickets can be purchased through [Eventbrite](#) and are approx \$19.



Seen: The Film
Christchurch, NZ
Community Screening

☑ Thur, 27th March 2025 📍 The McFaddens Centre
🕒 7PM - 8:30PM 64 McFaddens Road, St Albans, Christchurch, NZ

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GET TICKETS AT [SEENTHEFILM.COM](https://seenthefilm.com/)



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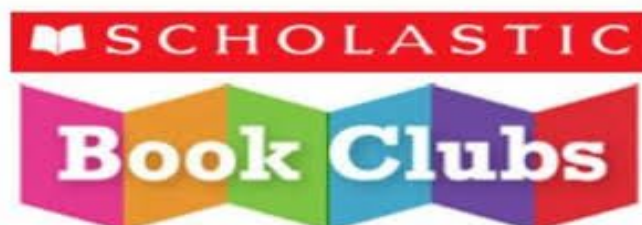
Swimming Sports Certificates





Tuesday

To place an order for your child, simply visit www.subway.co.nzschools, log on, select SUBWAY School Lunch Programme – Ferrymead Branch and follow the instructions to place an order before 9am each Tuesday. Please note that you can order days beforehand if you wish.



Order forms for Scholastic Books have been sent home. Orders are to be placed direct with Scholastic at www.mybookclub.scholastic.nz. Orders will be delivered direct to school. Orders close on **Friday 28 March**.