



St Mark's School

Te Kura o Hato Māka

Kia ora St Mark's Whānau,

Term 2 Week 2
7 May 2025

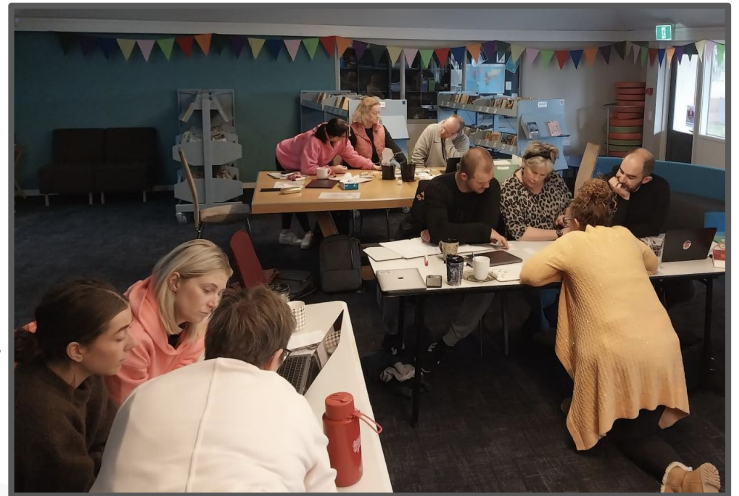
I hope everyone managed to stay warm and dry during our pretty furious rain storm last week. The students coped very well with being cooped up inside for most of the school week.

Teacher Only Day

I would like to thank the community for caring for children last Friday on our teacher only day. Mrs Bigelow led a special series of workshops on the refreshed Mathematics and Statistics Curriculum. Teachers worked hard to deepen knowledge and understanding of teaching maths.

Mrs Bigelow also hosted a parent information session at school yesterday which was well attended.

We have seen the news this week that the Ministry of Education has designed an online resource for parents to gain a better understanding of the refreshed curriculum - maths and literacy. Watch the school app for more information.



Winter Sport Year 5-8

It was great to see our winter sport programme begin this week. The emphasis here is on enjoyment in sport. It is an opportunity for students to try a sport they may not have played before. As we lead up to the competition starting, it would be great for students to have their sports gear at school in lockers so that they are well prepared for any extra trainings we are able to schedule. Some students were not ready with mouthguards and boots etc this week.

Production

There is high excitement in the school as Mr Gordon begins auditions for Madagascar this week.



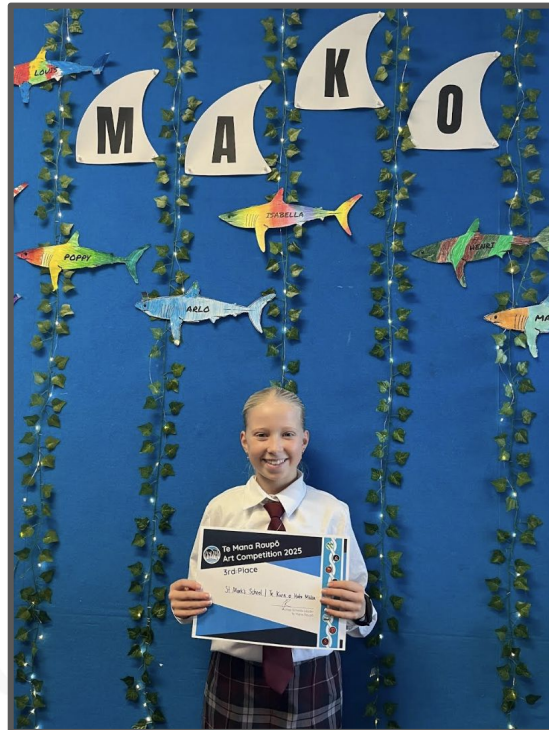
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Artwork Prize

Last term our year 7 students entered a local art competition in our Kahui Ako (local schools working together). Isabella M gained third place for her work based on historical features of our local landscape.



Matariki Event

This year we are hoping to enhance our Matariki celebration at school with a hangi. An undertaking like this needs support to be successful. We are grateful for the expertise of Ed Wall (one of our school dads) in planning and preparing. More details will be shared soon. Can you help? If you are interested please contact Mr Rennie. There are quite a few jobs to attend to in organising this event.

a.rennie@saintmarks.school.nz

School Cross Country

This event is scheduled for Thursday 15 May at Hansen Park beginning at 11am with the Year 4 races. More details will follow on the school app.

Blessings to all, Adrian



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Coming Events

9 May	Ocean Day
9 May	School Disco
15 May	Year 4-8 Cross Country at Hansen Park
22 May	Mōkihi Musical
27 May	Chess Cup
29 May	Open Day
30 May	Teacher Only Day - School Closed
2 June	King's Birthday - School Closed
6 June	Non Uniform Day gold coin donation for Te Tahi Youth
9-15 June	Junior Swimming Year 0-2 at Pioneer Stadium
17 June	Sports/Cultural Photos
18 June	Matariki Celebration Hangi
20 June	Matariki Holiday
23 - 25 June	Parent Teacher Interviews
27 June	End of Term Service 2pm in the school hall



You are invited to the Mokihi Musical:

"We're Going On A Bear Hunt"

WHEN: Thursday 22nd May TIME: 11.30am -12pm AND 6-6.30pm

WHERE: St Mark's School Hall COST: FREE

All welcome. See you there

FOUND!

A small box dropped on the road on Cholmondeley Avenue last week. It contains various items. If you think this may belong to you, please come to the school office identifying what these items are.



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Disco Communication

Pick up and drop offs

Please drop your child/ren off at the front of the hall no earlier than 5.45pm for a 6pm disco start for the Juniors (years 0-4) and 7.20pm for a 7.30pm start for the Seniors (years 5-8).

All children are to be signed in on arrival.

Please collect your child/ren from the back of the hall at the carpark end and sign them out.

Juniors to be swiftly collected by 7.15pm to ensure the space is free for the senior disco. Seniors to be collected by 9pm please.

Friendly Reminder

This is a friendly reminder that our school disco is for current St Mark's pupils only, so we kindly ask that extended Whānau do not attend this event. We will however have the library open for those of you who need a space to reside in for the duration of the disco. Also, no devices please.

Thanks for your understanding.

We look forward to a fun disco with the tamariki on Friday the 9th of May and seeing the dress ups for those of you who have chosen to dress up in Country & Western!



OCEAN DAY

Save Our Ocean's future

Get your knowledge up for the sea quiz with house points for the winners!

Bring a \$2 coin for dress up

Don't forget to come in your favourite blue costume

Watch out for the gooey bluey in our seashell hunt!

Friday 9th of May

Sausage Sizzle

Next Week: Friday 16 May



Funds raised will support our St Mark's School robotics team, DOT BOT.

Follow us on [Facebook](#) or show your support on [Givealittle tinyurl.com/GoDOTBOT](https://www.givealittle.tinyurl.com/GoDOTBOT) 😊



**MAKING A
SPLASH IN STEM!**



We need your help!

Mr Gordon is looking for the next amazing team of production helpers.

Interested in sewing or adjusting costumes? Have a connection with printing companies, or have choreography skills? Do you have a skill King Julien would brag about?

Want to help out? Email Tom Gordon at t.gordon@saintmarks.school.nz





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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.
Tours of the school by senior Year 8 students.
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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/>