



St Mark's School

Te Kura o Hato Māka

Kia ora St Mark's Whānau,

Term 2 Week 6
4 June 2025

I hope everyone had a restful and safe King's Birthday weekend.

Non Uniform Day

There is a non uniform day and gold coin collection this Friday 6 June in support of the Te Tahī Youth organisation. A former student, Chelsea Pannett is raising funds for this charity and her St Mark's School Family is supporting her.

Year 0-3 Cross Country

The weather was perfect for this great event for our juniors yesterday. Many parents were on hand to cheer for our junior athletes. Congratulations to our placegetters many of who will travel to Hillview later in the term to represent St Mark's.

Results:

Year 0/1 Boys - 1st Freddie B, 2nd Nikora T, 3rd Chet S.

Year 0/1 Girls - 1st Isla O, 2nd Aria D, 3rd Emma P.

Year 2 Boys - 1st George M, 2nd River F, 3rd Oscar B.

Year 2 Girls - 1st Eva M, Harper D, 3rd Audrey Q.

Year 3 Boys - 1st Cairo T, 2nd Alex P, 3rd Bastien CB.

Year 3 Girls - 1st Kiara L, 2nd Maisie B, 3rd Elsie F.

Cross Country Zones team

A huge congratulations to our Year 5-8 runners yesterday who earned a place and competed in the Zones Cross country at Roto Kohatu.

Our team -

Sophie M, Emi S, Audrey G, Riaan A, Jesse M, Alice A, Mila B, Eli A-S, Archie S, Eli M, Henry D, Miller J, Josiah N, Cleo F, Zoe K, Maia-Rose A, Pippa F-D, Lilybelle T, Caeli McL, Darcy Q, and Max B.

The students should be incredibly proud of their efforts.

A special mention to Darcy Q, Alice A and Riaan A who placed in the top 6 and will compete at the Canterbury cross country event.



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Theo T travelled down to Dunedin for 2 karate competitions over the long weekend.

The first competition was the South Island schools championship where he won 2 bronze medals- 1 for kata and 1 for kumite.

He then competed in the Otago/Southland championships where he won gold for kata and silver for kumite.

Well done Theo!



Also over the long weekend, Cleo F won best solo and country gospel which means she is New Zealand's Junior Golden Guitar 2025 overall winner.



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Parents' Corner

A chance to “stop and think” about how we support young people.

Over-parenting, often stemming from a desire to protect and smooth the path for children, can inadvertently hinder their development of self-esteem and capability. While well-intentioned, constantly solving every problem for a child robs them of crucial opportunities to learn, adapt, and build resilience.

When parents consistently step in, children miss out on the valuable experience of navigating challenges, making mistakes, and discovering their own solutions. This can foster a sense of helplessness and dependence, leading to diminished self-confidence.

Children need opportunities to observe themselves achieving success. Let's let them do things on their own, make mistakes, fail and learn.

At school let's have students carry their own bag, put away their own gear, and remember their own sports gear on the right day. Do your older children have the opportunity to make their own school lunch? Just a thought...

Matariki

Many thanks to those families who have already donated food for our Matariki hāngi. Much appreciated! We hope to make this event free for families on Wednesday 18 June. Monday 16 June is the day we would love to get in your food donations to make this event possible.

Mrs Coster's Farewell

I need to flag for the community that our end of term church service on Friday 27 June from 2pm is also our opportunity to farewell Mrs Coster as she leaves to become principal at St Michael's. All are welcome to send off an exceptional teacher and leader who has served our school community for many years with grace and love.

Team Dot Bot

Our amazing team are arriving back in Christchurch today from their adventure in the USA competing at the Seaperch Challenge. Miss Yonetani tells us that the team performed brilliantly and that they were a credit to St Mark's. We will publish more details later.



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Coming Events

6 June	Non Uniform Day gold coin donation for Te Tahī Youth
9-13 June	Junior Swimming Year 0-3 at Pioneer Stadium
17 June	Sports/Cultural Photos
18 June	Matariki Celebration Hangi
20 June	Matariki Holiday - School Closed
23 - 25 June	Parent Teacher Interviews
27 June	End of Term Service 2pm in the school hall
14 July	First day of Term 3

Normally we would have a bible verse quote or perhaps a Māori proverb. This week I thought we could change that up a bit as a final thought.

"You can't always get what you want...

But if you try sometime you find...

You get what you need."

- The Rolling Stones

These lyrics offer a wonderfully pragmatic and ultimately optimistic message about life's often unpredictable nature. They acknowledge that desires aren't always fulfilled, but emphasize the importance of perseverance and the often surprising discovery that what we truly need is different, and perhaps even better, than what we initially sought.

**Blessings to all,
Adrian**



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An Update from the Board of Trustees Review Committee



2025 Term 2 – Policy Reviews:

As part of St Marks' Policy review cycle, the below Policy requires dedicated feedback INPUT from SCHOOL PARENTS this term.

☐ Emergency Management

1. Go to www.schooldocs.co.nz



2. Click on the "Search for your School" button

Search for your school >>

3. Enter - "St Marks School".
 - a. Username: saintmarks
 - b. Password: saint

4. Click on the "Reviews" button to review available policies currently under review

Reviews

5. Select the Policy you wish to Review the click the "Start your review" button

Term 1 review topics	Review opens 3 February
• Health, Safety, and Welfare Policy	Board review
• Safety Management System	Board review
• Risk Management	Board review
• Worker Engagement, Participation, and Representation	
• Healthcare	Board review
• Recording and Reporting Accidents, Injuries, and Illness	



Upcoming fundraisers

You might remember in our last PA Update that we're doing things a little differently this year. The School Fair will be run every two years alternating with the school production. With extra time to plan, we're excited about making the 2026 Fair even bigger, better, and more fun than ever! This change also means we can deliver fresh fundraising initiatives for this year - here's a little sneak peek of what's to come.

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SCHOOL PRODUCTION

The PA will be making the most of this special event—not just to celebrate the kids, but also to raise funds that help support important school programs and activities.

How you can help: we're on the lookout for Raffle prize donations and Sponsorships email pa@saintmarks.school.nz if you're interested.

Term
FOUR

ST MARK'S TEA TOWELS

Our creative kids will be designing Tea Towels—a fun and personal keepsake that's both practical and full of charm.

COOKIE TIME COOKIES

We've done chocolate and pies, this time we'll fundraise cookies, what better cookies than Cookie Time ones!

PERFECT
CHRISTMAS GIFTS
FOR FAMILY AND
FRIENDS!



July Holiday Programme

Full Day 7:30am - 6:00pm 07:30 a.m.-06:00 p.m \$74.00 (All inclusive - No Extra Fees)
Full Day 8:30am - 6:00pm 08:30 a.m.-06:00 p.m \$64.00 (All inclusive - No Extra Fees)
Half Day 7:30am - 3:00pm 07:30 a.m.-03:00 p.m \$64.00 (All inclusive - No Extra Fees)
Half Day 8:30am - 3:00pm 08:30 a.m.-03:00 p.m \$54.00 (All inclusive - No Extra Fees)

Opawa School Holidays July 2025

30 Ford Road, Opawa, Christchurch

Winter Wonderland Mon 30 Jun When it's cold outside let's warm up inside and enjoy a winter festival full of wonder and fun. Lots of extra special Winter fun today.	TRIP: Glow Party Tue 01 Jul Kidsbase famous Glow Party is back. Live DJ with the latest music, lots of incredible glow games & prizes to be won, @ Kidsbase Spreydon.	Creepy Crawlies Wed 02 Jul Who loves creepy-crawlies? Today you will make lots of awesome creepy crawly crafts, super fun games & extra yummy treats.	TRIP: Movies Thu 03 Jul Walt Disney Pictures and Pixar Animation presents, Elio family movie - Private screening @ Hoyts Northlands.	Lego Masters Fri 04 Jul Become a master of lego with super cool games, challenges and fun activities you never thought you could play with lego.
Cartoon Characters Mon 07 Jul Cartoon Network has come to Kidsbase with an action packed day of activities with all your favourite Cartoon Characters.	TRIP: Ninja Valley Tue 08 Jul It's Back!! Ninja Valley was so popular last holidays we decided to visit again. Our most popular activity by far so don't miss out.	Escape Room Wed 09 Jul Can you find your way out? Kidsbase very own Escape Room has some special surprises for you.	TRIP: Inflatarun Thu 10 Jul IT'S BACK! Awesome fun on the biggest & best indoor inflatable obstacle course in Christchurch. Held at New Life Gym in Rangiora.	Talent Show Fri 11 Jul A chance for kids to practice and show off their talents, anything goes at Kidsbase very own "Who's Got Talent"

** WINZ SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE ** All Programmes are MSD approved. Children from ALL schools welcome

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