



St Mark's School

Te Kura o Hato Māka

Kia ora St Mark's Whānau,

Term 2 Week 8
18 June 2025

Congratulations to our amazing speech finalists for 2025. Every student delivered a fantastic speech and made it very hard for our guest judges to make a decision! Mrs Worner and Ethan Knights did a fantastic job. Ethan is a former St Mark's student and five time speech cup winner so he was well qualified!

Senior Speech Cup Year 7-8

1st Cleo F
2nd= Lola F / Louisa T
3rd Zaia O
4th Genevieve F
5th= Jackson O'D / Isabella M

Junior Speech Cup Year 5-6

1st Sophie M
2nd Monty P
3rd= Henry B / Zabian O
4th= Sonya I / Lucy O'D

All of our finalists.



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School Uniform

It is very frustrating for all when students misplace expensive articles of clothing. Staff are really good at getting lost bits back to the right person but only if they are clearly named! Let's all have a look and rename it all for a fresh start in Term 3.

We are also aware that some students might accidentally take home someone else's clothing by mistake, something that can also be easily fixed with clear naming.

Christchurch Schools' Music Festival 2025

A HUGE congratulations to Imogen B, Holly M and Zara T who successfully auditioned for a place in the Junior Representative Choir for this year's Music Festival. This is a wonderful accomplishment as 550 students auditioned for a place in one of the four Representative groups.

Emily Wells, Lead Teacher, Music

News From A Neighbour

Mrs Davies is an 84 year old neighbour of the school on Locarno Street. She phoned our school office this week to share some news. Her husband has been away on an overseas trip and mobility is an issue for her. A couple of weeks ago she was struggling to make it the letterbox to collect mail. A St Mark's senior student was passing and stopped to help. He was very respectful, kind and helpful. When he realised that this lady was by herself for a significant length of time, he chose to go back regularly and help her. This is the type of love and care for others that we value and strive to instil in our students. He didn't mention his good work to anyone at school, he just saw a need and helped. Well done, Tyree DA!

Reporting To Parents

After school today we will electronically be sending out your child's mid-term report via email. Due to the nature of our school learning platform, the emailed reports may arrive at different times during the evening. This report serves the purpose of describing your child's achievements and progress at this point of the year.

We look forward to seeing you all next week at the Parent/Teacher Interviews to discuss their learning further with you.

Please note: if you do not receive your child's report by Friday, please email s.learman@saintmarks.school.nz so we can arrange getting one out to you.



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MATARIKI CELEBRATION

What a wonderful night of community, fellowship and remembrance we had on Wednesday night. I want to thank everyone who donated food for our hāngi. In particular, Nadia Healy sourced a significant donation of meat. It was great to be able to host a free community event. Matua Steve Reid led our kapa haka singing beautifully and Mrs Wells shared the Matariki story. Students were heavily involved in food prep and loading the cookers. I need to acknowledge the amazing contribution of Mr Ed Wall. Ed has been the driving force behind this outstanding community celebration taking two days out from work to source all of the gear and to make it happen. We are all so grateful!



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Te Kura o Hato Māka

Coming Events

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

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

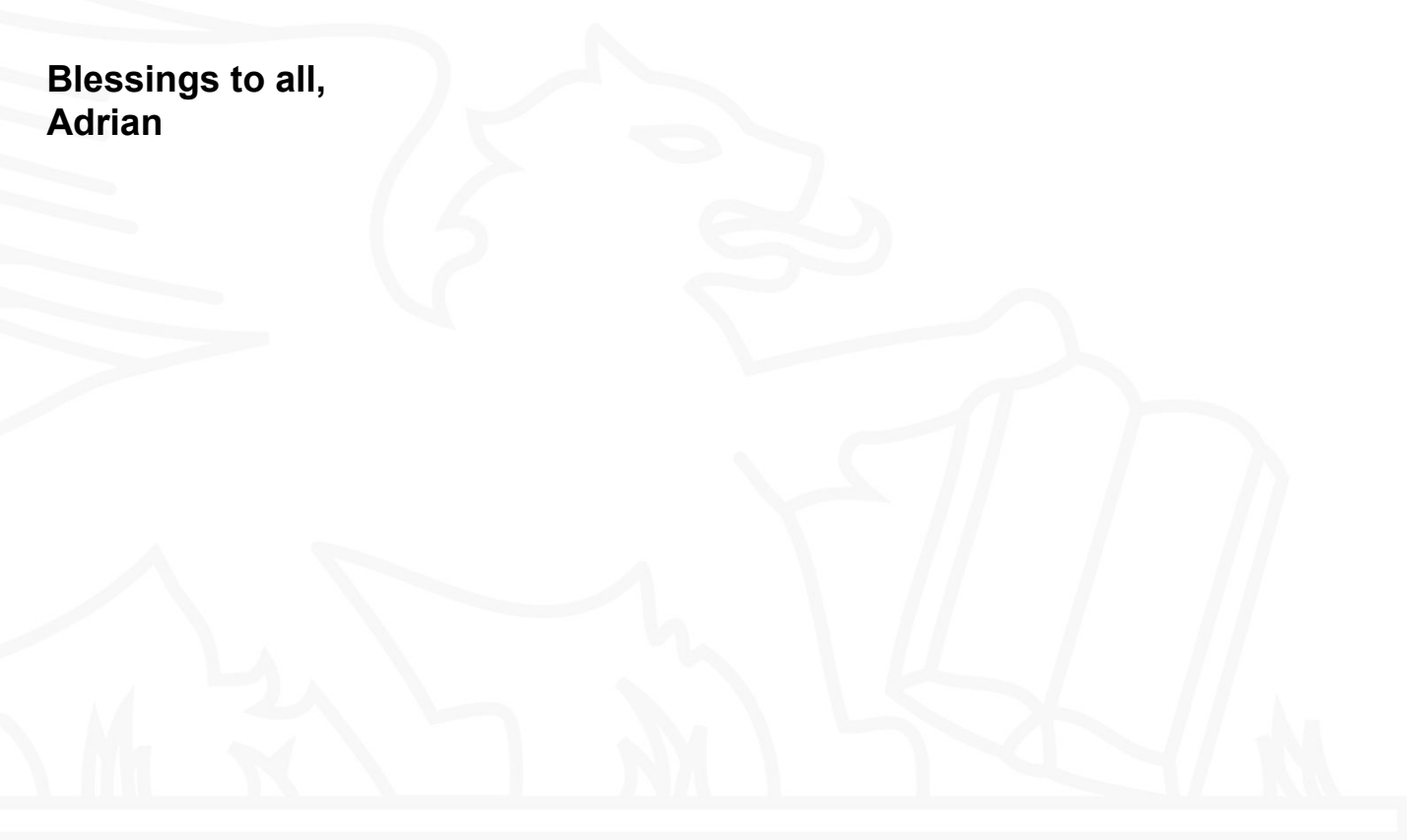
Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor:

If either of them falls down, one can help the other up.

But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.

In light of a Matariki hāngi where community connections were strengthened, let's all remember that our St Mark's School Family is there to help. Let's remember to stop and help those in need.

**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	



QUIZ NIGHT

SAT 19 JULY 2025

6:00 - 9.00PM | ST MARK'S SCHOOL HALL

Our Mexican Quiz Fiesta is bringing the heat with questions hotter than a jalapeño and prizes cooler than a frozen margarita.

Grab your sombrero & rally your amigos!

\$20 PER PERSON

INCLUDES QUIZ &
NIBBLES

\$140 PER TABLE

8 PPL PER TABLE
INCLUDES QUIZ &
NIBBLES



NEED HELP?
SKIP A
QUESTION

\$2
A DOT

MAX 2
PER
ROUND

DINNER PACKAGE INCLUDES



GLUTEN
FREE

Build your own Nachos.
Help yourself to corn chips, chili con
carne/veggie chilli, guacamole, salsa,
sour cream, and hot sauce.



\$38 PER PERSON

INCLUDES QUIZ, NIBBLES,
NACHOS & DESSERT

\$280 PER TABLE

INCLUDES QUIZ, NIBBLES,
NACHOS & DESSERT

WINE, BEER, MARGARITA JUGS & SOFT DRINKS

AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ON THE NIGHT





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.

8-11
SEPT

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!

Anglican Parish of Opawa St Martins St Mark's Church



22 June 2025
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What's on this week?

Sunday 22 June

8.30am	Holy Communion	St Anne's Chapel
10am	Sung Eucharist	St Mark's Church

Monday 23 June

9.30am	Opawa Shells Elder Care	Chapman Lounge
2-4pm	Private Booking	Chapman Lounge
6-7.30pm	Brownies	Wilson Room

Tuesday 24 June

8.30-9.30am	Pastoral Support	St Mark's School Boardroom
1.15-2.45pm	Private Booking	Wilson Room
7pm	Holy Communion	St Anne's Chapel
7.15-9.45pm	Private Booking	Wilson Room

Wednesday 25 June

10am	Holy Communion	St Anne's Chapel
7.30pm	Global Voices	Wilson Room

Thursday 26 June

8.15am	Morning Prayer Online via Zoom	Meeting ID: 878 542 1911 Password: 100100 Chapman Lounge
10-12	Private Booking	
11am	Kowhai Rest Home Service	
1.30-3pm	Anabasis Bible Study Group	Chapman lounge
7.15-9.45pm	Private Booking	Wilson Room

Friday 27 June

8.15am	Morning Prayer Online via Zoom	Meeting ID: 878 542 1911 Password: 100100
2pm	End of Term School Service	

Sunday 29 June - St Peter & St Paul

8.30am	Holy Communion	St Anne's Chapel
10am	Sung Eucharist	St Mark's Church

Priest-in-Charge:

Rev Simon Green 027 642 1987 osmvicar@gmail.com

LYTTELTON

ARTS

FESTIVAL

2025

Cleo

Supported by Jules Blewman

Sunday 6th July, 4pm
Lyttelton Arts Factory

Fresh from her spectacular win at the
New Zealand Golden Guitar Awards.
Cleo Fitzgerald has been crowned
the 2025 Junior Overall Winner.

**Please come along and support
this budding Lyttelton artist!**

Cleo has been invited to perform and
compete in the New Zealand showcase
at the Tamworth Country Music Festival
(New South Wales) in Jan 2026

Proceeds will go towards
getting her there!

Sunday 6th July, 4pm
\$15 adult, \$10 under 18
www.lytteltonartsfest.nz



Cleo Fitzgerald

NZ Golden Guitar Junior
Overall Winner 2025

Can't make it to this show?
You can still donate to:
"Get Cleo get to Tamworth 2026"
(Givealittle Page)





July Holiday Programme

Opawa School Holidays July 2025

30 Ford Road, Opawa, Christchurch

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)

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

For more information, call 027 544 5059 Or 027 239 7690

or email info@kidsbase.co.nz

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COMMUNITY dental service



Tips for Healthy Teeth

- Brush twice a day with fluoride toothpaste
- Choose healthy snacks,
- Choose water or milk first,
- Have regular dental check-ups

The Community Dental Service will be closed for the upcoming school holidays

Closed from: Friday 27th June,
Reopening on: Monday 14th July.

Five of our community dental clinics will be open during this School Holiday period:

[Aranui \(240 Breezes Road\)](#)
[Woolston \(11 Hopkins Street\)](#)
[Kaiapoi \(65 Raven Quay\)](#)
[Ashburton \(38 Elizabeth Street\)](#)
[Timaru \(18 Woollcombe Street\)](#)

If your child is experiencing any dental pain/discomfort, you can call us on **0800 846 983** and/or email: comm dental@cdhb.health.nz and one of our clinicians will contact you.

Health New Zealand
 Te Whatu Ora