



St Mark's School

Te Kura o Hato Māka

Kia ora St Mark's Whānau,

Term 3 Week 8
3 September 2025

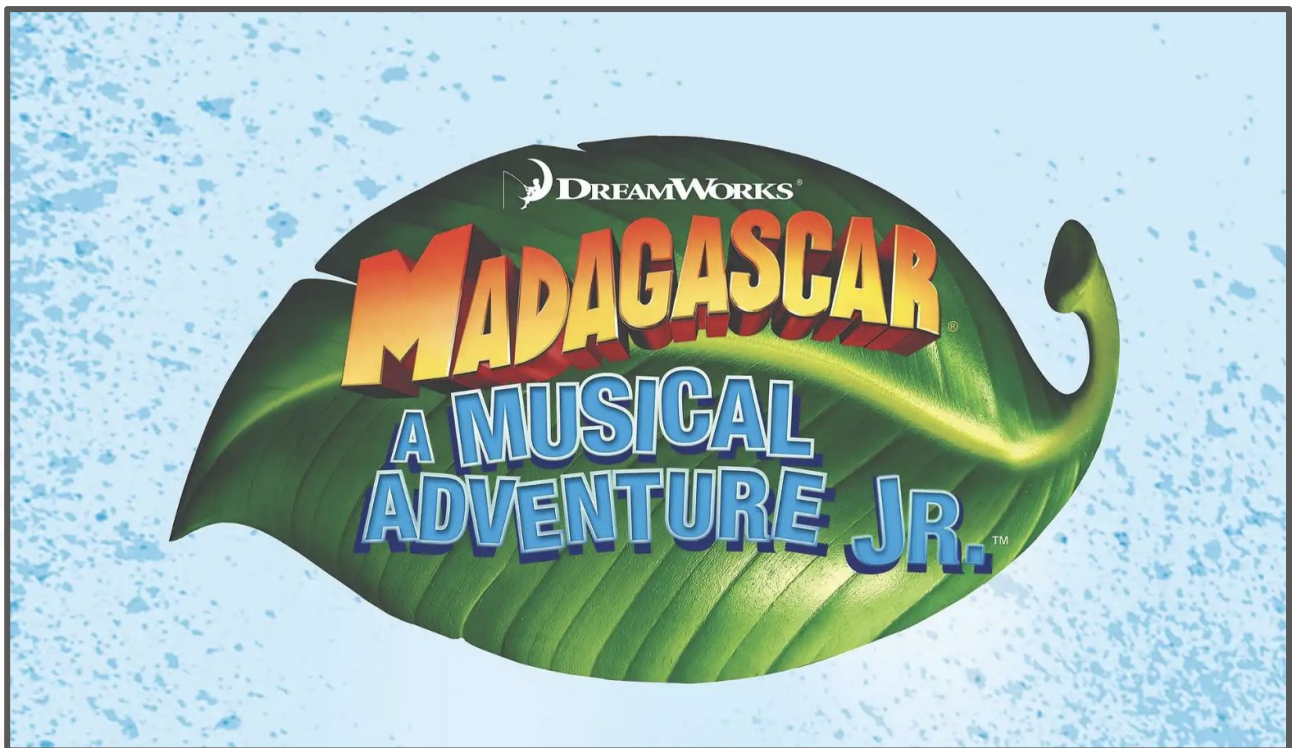
The production is here!

It is dress rehearsal day and we are hosting groups of students from other local schools including Mrs Coster and her students from St Michael's School.

There is great excitement in our senior school areas and a quiet determination to really show the results of weeks of hard work and persistence. So many people have contributed to the success of the show. It is now time to have fun and enjoy the performances.

If you still need to purchase tickets to one (or more) of the four shows next week you can by visiting the Humanitix website and search for Madagascar. Tickets are \$15. There are no door sales.

Remember to bring cash or cards on the night as the PA have a range of items on sale to enhance the experience!



Warning

Over the coming weeks if you choose to park on yellow lines or across driveways at pick up time, there is a good chance you will experience a negative financial consequence as we are expecting a visit from a parking warden.



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Year 6 Cycle Safety

One of our most practical, skill based programmes, Year 6 cycle safety, kicked off this week. The programme is delivered by a big group of Christchurch City Council instructors who are expert at upskilling our students in riding safely and skillfully.

It has been wonderful to see every year 6 achieving success so far. Their on road challenges are today!



Winter Sport Uniforms

With the end of our Year 5-8 winter sport programme, it is time to get all school owned pieces of uniform back to us. Our Year 8 sport leaders will be visiting each class every day to collect in playing tops and netball skirts etc.

School Uniform

For the rest of this term and into term 4, staff will be closely monitoring the uniform students are wearing for accuracy and adherence to correct standards. Your child may bring home a notice highlighting a part of their uniform which needs to be fixed up. We would appreciate your attention to this and your support in maintaining high standards.



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Science Badge

Congratulations to Sofia S who has completed 10 science badges so she was presented with her silver badge. Success in science badge work is a direct reflection of self management and self motivation. Well done, Sofia on this outstanding achievement.

Canterbury Duathlon

On Monday 1st September the Canterbury Duathlon was held at the Ruapuna Raceway.

Hudson W - Year 5

Zabian O - Year 5

Eli N - Year 7

represented St Mark's School.

Well done boys for going out there and giving your best!



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Church Certificates

Kererū	Gabriel B
Pūtakitaki	Olivia G
Harakeke	Emma P
Kawau	Kiara L
Pātiki	Julius C-T
Aua	Rosie Q
Wheke	Eleanor P
Mako	Willa H
Toroa	Amelia N
Kahawai	Judah C



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.

ST MARK'S SCHOOL (CHRISTCHURCH)

PARENT BOARD ELECTION CANDIDATE

PROFILES

AMAN, Amira



Kia ora koutou, My name is Amira Aman, and I'm standing for election to the school board. I've worked in the education sector for over 30 years; 20 of those as a secondary teacher and the past 10 as a facilitator and mentor for principals and leaders in schools. This experience has given me a strong understanding of what factors are needed for successful, inclusive schools where learners can thrive. I hold a Master of Education (First Class Hons), a Bachelor of Arts in English and Classics, and a secondary school teaching qualification. I bring a strategic mindset, empathy, and a collaborative approach to leadership, and I'm confident in supporting governance teams as they plan for the future. I'm a proud mum of three boys—Zach Ormandy, who has just graduated from St Mark's, Zaia (Year 7), and Zabian (Year 5), who are currently at the school. I've enjoyed being part of the school community and value the relationships I've built with staff and whānau over the years. I'm standing for the board because I believe in the power of a clear, community-informed vision for our kura. I would be honoured to offer my support and educational expertise as the board embarks on developing a new strategic plan to ensure all tamariki at St Mark's feels supported, inspired, and confident in their learning. Ngā mihi nui, Amira Aman

BOURNE, Claire



Claire, mum to Minnie (9) and Quinn (4), is deeply committed to seeing tamariki thrive. With a Bachelor's degree including a minor in Education, she brings strong HR, governance, and leadership experience and a heart for service to the Board of Trustees. Claire is the People & Capability Lead at Intepeople | Brannigans, supporting schools and organisations across Aotearoa. Most recently, she led Investigation Workshops for multiple Christchurch schools. She's a board member of the Graeme Dingle Foundation Canterbury, sits on the Chartered Governance Institute's Women on Boards Executive Committee, and previously chaired The Period Place. She's also a proud bonus mum to Irihapiti (16), who she has mentored through Big Brothers Big Sisters since 2015. Claire has served on the St Mark's Board of Trustees for the past four years and is currently the Chairperson. In this role, she leads the Board and works closely with the Principal, Board of Proprietors, and the Anglican Diocese. She also leads the People sub-committee, bringing her governance experience, HR skills, and strategic thinking to every decision. She is passionate about maintaining St Mark's special character, ensuring we attract and retain excellent teachers, provide the right support and resources for every child to thrive and transition confidently to high school, and reflect the voice of our community in all we do.

DALY, Paul



After a decade working in Marketing positions across the Finance and Events industries in Melbourne and London. In 2013, Paul returned to Christchurch with his wife Julia and daughter, Sofia. Soon adding two more children in son Henry and youngest Harper. Paul is currently the Director of a Biotech business in Christchurch focused on developing products for sustainable living in the New Zealand Agriculture, Viticulture, and Waste industries. Paul joined the Board of Trustees in 2022 as a Parent Representative and member of the Property sub-committee. Paul is passionate about ensuring we deliver strong outcomes that align with the school's vision and strategy and support all St Mark's students.

HEALEY, Nadia



My name is Nadia Healey, currently I am part of St. Mark's PA and was part of the school fair committee and volunteers over the last years. I am very passionate about the investment in education as a precursor to the formation of a personality and predictor for future success – both professional and personal. I have three boys at the school, one of them is neurodiverse and is benefiting from teacher's aide support. I appreciate the Christian values and the holistic education, that St. Mark's school provides through a variety of extra-curricular activities. I would be an advocate for maintaining the fine balance for the decision-making of the school between supporting the extra development of gifted students and supporting the extra needs and inclusion of special needs students as I understand this through the experience in my own family. St. Mark's school feels like a small, supportive family and I am profoundly grateful for the safe, nurturing and enriching environment the school is providing for my children. I am eager to give back to the school from my time and expertise. My education and experience would be an asset for board of trustees: I am a chartered procurement and supply chain professional, and with 16 years of experience in tenders, negotiations, contracts and service level agreements, ensuring the best value for money, strategic sourcing, lease or buy decisions, total cost of ownership assessment, etc. I would be able to help with the school's suppliers, purchases and contracts. I hold an executive MBA degree, and I can assist in assessing the organization's strategy and priorities as aligned to its vision, values, goals and differentiation. My broad network within the business community can be useful to support the school's fundraising efforts. My analytical skills and diverse ethnical and cultural background can contribute a different perspective, out-of-the-box thinking and fresh ideas. I really enjoy working alongside the very energetic and dedicated parents and school community. I find the enthusiasm contagious and inspirational, and I would love to be part of it and contribute to the best of my abilities. Thank you for considering my application. Nadia Healey

LALLU, Kavita



Kavita Lallu (ACA) Finance Manager, Venues Ōtautahi | CAANZ Member | Parent & Community Advocate As a dedicated member of CAANZ and current Finance Manager at Venues Ōtautahi, I bring over a decade of experience as both an Accountant and Business Advisor across Canterbury's diverse sectors. My deep understanding of financial management and strategic planning ensures I can make a real difference to our school's future. Since joining the St Mark's School Board of Trustees in 2020, I've been honoured to serve as Parent Representative, and member of the Finance Sub-Committee. I have championed robust governance, promoted accountability, and ensured that every dollar entrusted to our school is managed with transparency and integrity. My aim is to safeguard the school's resources so they can directly benefit our children's learning and wellbeing. St Mark's is more than just a school—it's a community that my husband Prashil and I are proud to call home. With our three children, Ahri, Khelan, and Kiara, currently attending the school, we have a personal stake in its continued success and are actively involved in school life. I believe that every family deserves to feel valued and every child should have the opportunity to excel. If re-elected, I will continue to advocate for educational excellence, inclusivity, and open communication, ensuring all voices are heard and respected. I would be honoured to have your support and trust to continue this work.

WALKER, Jake



Jake graduated university in 2004 with a Bachelor of Business Management and has since had a long career in the construction industry leading national Sales and Marketing teams and large manufacturing facilities both in New Zealand and the United Kingdom. He currently is the Director of an ITM building merchant and a Scaffolding Business. Jake is a father to Hudson and Audrey and joined the Board of Trustees in 2022 as a Parent Representative and member of the Property sub-committee

WILSON, Kate



My name is Kate Wilson, and I am applying for the role of board member at St Marks. Our family has been part of the St Marks community for four years. My eldest son, Henry, is in Year 4, Arlo is in Year 2, and my daughter Emilia will start in the new entrant class next year. My husband, Mike, also attended St Marks with his brother Andy, and both have fond memories of their time at the school. Their experiences made it an easy decision for us to send our children here. I come from a family of educators – my mother and four of my sisters are trained primary school teachers. This background has given me a deep appreciation for the dedication and impact of teachers, both in and out of the classroom. What first drew me to St Marks was its special character. From my first interaction, I felt a strong sense of belonging and care for each child and their family. I often describe the school as the "best kept secret" – once you discover it, you want to be part of its unique and nurturing community. Professionally, I work in Human Resources and Employment Relations and have experience across both public and private sectors. I'm currently part of the People Team at a large international organisation, where people and culture are central to everything we do. My role has equipped me with strong communication skills, the ability to mediate and resolve complex issues, and a deep understanding of policy, compliance, and inclusion – an area I'm particularly passionate about. I believe these skills align well with board responsibilities such as strategic planning, policy oversight, and fostering a positive school culture. I also understand the importance of governance – supporting school leadership while maintaining a strategic and future-focused lens. A quote that guides me is: "Leave everyone better than you found them." I believe this mindset reflects the values of St Marks and the role of a board member. I'm confident that my experience as a parent, combined with my professional background, will allow me to contribute meaningfully to the board. I am ready to commit the time and energy required to support the school's continued success. Thank you for your consideration.



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Below is the election timetable for your kura for the 2025 triennial school board elections

PARENT & STAFF ELECTION TIMETABLE

CLOSE MAIN ROLL Wednesday 16 July

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS Friday 18 July

CLOSE SUPPLEMENTARY ROLL Monday 4 August

NOMINATIONS CLOSE 12 noon Wednesday 6 August

VOTING PAPERS ISSUED Wednesday 13 August

ELECTION DAY **Wednesday 10 September**

CLOSE POLL 4pm on Wednesday 10 September

COUNT VOTES & DECLARE RESULTS Tuesday 16 September

BOARD TAKES OFFICE Wednesday 17 September

If you have any questions, please contact the Election Pilot Mission Control Team.

Board of Trustees Policy Review News



An Update from the Board of Trustees Review Committee



2025 Term 3 – Policy Reviews:

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

Police Vetting

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 3 policies	Review opens 30 June
• Child Protection	Board review
• Abuse Recognition and Reporting	Board review
• Food and Nutrition	
• Safety Checking	Board review
• Police Vetting	
• Missing Student Procedure	

Anglican Parish of Opawa St Martins St Mark's Church



7 September 2025
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

What's on this week?

Sunday 7 September – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10am	Sung Eucharist	St Mark's Church
2-4pm	Private Booking	Chapman Lounge

Monday 8 September

9.30am	Opawa Shells Elder Care	Chapman Lounge
6-7.30pm	Brownies	Wilson Room

Tuesday 9 September

8.30-9.30am	Pastoral Support	Boardroom St Mark's School
10am	U3A	St Mark's Church
11.45-12.45pm	Private Booking	Chapman Lounge
1.15-4pm	Private Booking	Wilson Room
7pm	Holy Communion	St Anne's Chapel

Wednesday 10 September

10am	Holy Communion	St Anne's Chapel
7pm	Global Voices	Wilson Room

Thursday 11 September

8.15am	Morning Prayer Online via Zoom	Meeting ID: 878 542 1911 Password: 100100
6pm	Alpha	Chapman Lounge

Friday 12 September

8.15am	Morning Prayer Online via Zoom	Meeting ID: 878 542 1911 Password: 100100
9.15am	St Mark's School Service	St Mark's School Hall

9am- 6pm FAIR PREP

Saturday 13 September

8.30-12noon	PARISH FAIR	St Mark's Church whole site
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Sunday 14 September – Holy Cross Day

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



ST MARK'S CHURCH FAIR

Bargains Galore!



**SATURDAY
13TH
SEPTEMBER**



**CASH AND
EFTPOS
SALES**



**8:30 am till
12pm**



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& VINCENT
PLACE**

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ST MARK'S CHURCH FAIR

SEPTEMBER 13

What can you donate to the Fair?

White Elephant:

Furniture, kitchenware, toys, CDs, DVDs, everything including the kitchen sink that doesn't fit anywhere else.

Books:

Books, jigsaws.

Gifts:

Things that are new, unopened, or high quality with no signs of use.

Linen and Craft:

Usable bedding towels, curtains, etc and craft kits, supplies, that are still good to start a new project with.

Jewellery:

Of any sort and quality- Any scarves and hats as well!

Clothing:

Any clean lightly loved outerwear in good condition. Please make sure it's washed.

Nosh:

Any homemade goods such as cupcakes, cakes, loaves, jams, etc. Ingredients must be listed.

Plants:

Potted succulents, vegetable seedlings, pots, garden gnomes, etc

China:

Any good condition plates, cups, cakestands, collectable figures.

Raffle Items:

We are collecting brand new items for our two raffles- "Night In", and "Brunch Basket". See church notice board for more details.

For more information speak to the Fair Committee- Nicola, Robyn, and Meredith

opawa.stmartins@gmail.com



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SUPPORTING ST MARK'S SCHOOL



Part of the St Mark's School Family

For every home referred and sold or listed and sold with us within the school family, we will donate \$1000 to St. Marks School.*

With Sonia being a past parent, now grandparent, and Sophie a current parent at St Mark's, we are proudly involved with the school community and look forward to giving back.

**Supporting St Mark's school,
now and for its future**

*Terms and conditions apply.

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