



St Mark's School

Te Kura o Hato Māka

Kia ora St Mark's Whānau,

Term 1 Week 6
5 March 2025

It is hard to believe that we already past half way through term 1!

Colour Run

The whole school is excited to take part in the Colour Run on Friday. Students can come to school in old clothes ready for the run starting at 1:30pm. More details have been shared via the school app. All are welcome to come and watch the fun.

Shrove Tuesday

It was great to see our students having loads of fun celebrating Shrove Tuesday with the traditional pancake races. Reverend Simon and Mōkihi big buddies in Year 6 came to cheer all the younger students on. This year the pancakes were amazingly resilient and tough. They survived the battering of being dropped on the ground numerous times! Well done to Mrs Wells for organising a great event.



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A SPLASH OF THURSDAY



THE RACERS AS THEY PREPARE TO DIVE IN!



Each child performed exceptionally as well as swimming their hardest and trying their bests!

We started off the day bright and early by walking down to Waltham Pool around 9 am. The sun was out and you could feel the adrenaline in the air. As soon as we got to the pool, the swimmers involved in the best style cup kicked off all the races for the day. After that each year group rotated through freestyle, breaststroke and backstroke. Everybody was extremely encouraging towards their friends and were also having lots of fun. We later had butterfly and the Annand cup. Coming to the end of our swimming day, we had a house relay! The crowd went WILD!! as the racers closed in for their final race of the day, it was extremely close.... though only one house could come on top...

Cholmondeley House!

HAVING FUN WITH FRIENDS!



We also had some fun activities in the water with some great teacher helpers running them.



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Showing great leadership, Year 8 people have started running mini ball training sessions for Year 4 students. Thanks to James D, Tyree DA and Aaish P.



Amazing self portraits by Millie H and Kaya R.



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Colour Run!

Things to know!

- It is on THIS Friday
- Starting roughly after 1:30pm
- Families welcome!

Students running must bring:

- Old clothing to wear for the run (wear this to school).
- A towel (two would be even better!)
- A change of clothes.
- A warm layer.

Coming Events

5 March

7 March

11 April

28 April

2 May

30 May

Ash Wednesday Service 1:45pm

Swimming Sports Certificates in church from 9am

Colour Run 1:30pm

Last day of Term 1

First day of Term 2

Teacher Only Day

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Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV)



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Church Certificates

Kererū	Oliver S
Pūtakitaki	Josephine A
Harakeke	Ella W
Kawau	Toby S
Pātiki	Wynn F
Aua	Alexandra K
Wheke	Alfie M
Toroa	Henry D
Kahawai	Aroha S



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Prayer Meeting

Every Tuesday morning teachers and staff hold a prayer meeting for our St Mark's school and school family.

If you have any prayer requests please feel free to place these in the pink wooden prayer box that is located in the office.

Alternatively, please ask a staff member to pass on a prayer request to the prayer group.
Matthew 18:20 "For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

Take care
Liz Coster

Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV)

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

Blessings to all,
Adrian



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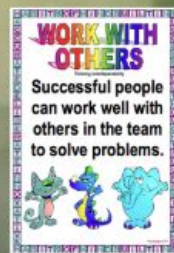
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Things we know about leadership



Leadership is based on our "Work With Others" Habit of Mind. The pathway to learning in this key area includes these skills and attitudes:

- Is keen to help others in the classroom.
- Interacts confidently with others.
- Manages and solves conflicts using strategies.
- Is supportive and encouraging towards others.
- Cooperates with others.
- Beginning to display leadership in a range of situations.



Sometimes you can contribute strongly to the team by knowing when to be quiet. Often a lot of unnecessary noise just distracts people from doing a good job.

A facilitator is a nominated person in the team whose job it is to make sure the challenge is completed.

They are aware of the strengths of each team member and they thoughtfully delegate jobs to group members.

A facilitator does not give orders. Instead they ask group members if they can please contribute by taking responsibility for an aspect of the job.

We know that when working in a team, we need to put aside our own selfish wants in favour of valuing the completion of the task. That means I might end up doing something I don't enjoy, but we enjoy the satisfaction of a good job more.

Other skills:

Taking turns.

Know that you don't always get what you want.

Actively contribute, don't sit back and do nothing.

Being willing to change your thinking.

Don't be bossy or take over.

Listen to others with empathy and understanding.

Understand that being part of a group achieves more.

Recognize the strengths of group members.

Take on roles of responsibility.

Value other people and what they bring to the group.

Care about being successful.

Speak clearly and communicate well.

Choose to be happy and positive.

Show persistence when working with others.

Smile and make eye contact with others.

Be able to keep the task as central in your thinking.

Avoid language that could put down the efforts of others.

Help others within the group.

Be able to assess progress and modify an approach.

Trust that your team members will do the right thing.

Choose to do the right thing for your team.

Negotiate and argue constructively.

Accept criticism of your work and stay resilient.

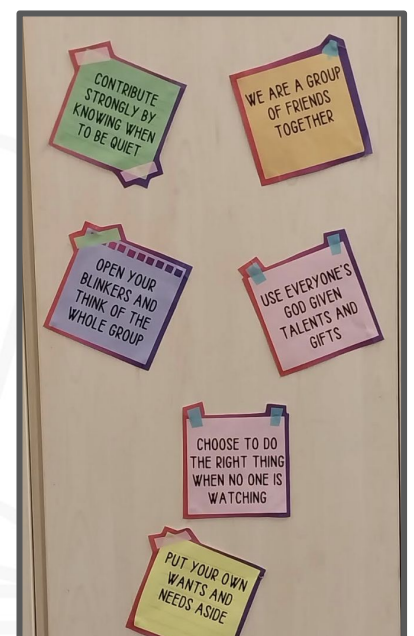
Year 7 and 8 Leadership

We love the work our Year 8's do in loving service and the amazing example they set for the rest of the school. Our leadership programmes build skills and capabilities in our Year 6 and 7 students.

Ultimately, we send our Year 7 students on a special camp to bring them together as a team and to focus their thinking on the coming year as leaders.

This page helps to define our approach, something that many whānau will not even be aware of.

If you'd like to know more, there is a section on the school website that provides more detail.



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COLOUR RUN 2025

Our Colour Run fundraiser has launched. Please see the letter we have sent home or just head to <https://stmarkscolourrun.raiseit.co.nz/> to sign up for a fundraising profile for your child(ren). We are raising funds for Performing Arts Resources for our wonderful school.

This year we have partnered with Go Raise It to run our fundraising platform and we have some great fundraising spot prizes and incentives up for grabs – further details are on the fundraising website. Thanks for your support!

St Mark's Parent's Association



**Friday 7th
March
1.30pm**

1st Fridays morning tea THIS WEEK Come along for a cuppa & chat after school service in the Church Lounge

Playtime for toddlers & preschoolers -
and a chance for a cuppa and
company for caregivers

Hosted by Pastoral Care Team
email opawa.stmartins@gmail.com for
details

All are welcome



Walk or Wheel to School Week

Monday 3 March – Friday 7 March 2025

Join us for Walk or Wheel to School Week 2025, by getting to school in any active way you can! We'll be celebrating by having a different theme each day, with competitions and prizes to reward children who actively travel to school.

Check out our cool themes below.

Fill out your
Walk or Wheel to School
passport each day that you
actively travel to school.

Join the Facebook event
for daily prizes:



facebook.com/events/1560602051253719

Move it Monday



Encourage tamariki to
get moving. Start off your
Walk or Wheel week by
getting out and actively
commuting to school.

Travel together Tuesday



Celebrate walking and
wheeling to school with your
friends and whānau.

Wacky Wednesday



Show off your wheels!
Bike, scoot, skate or rollerblade
to school!

Thoughtful Thursday



Walking and Wheeling helps
create a healthier planet!
How else can you help our
environment?

Funky feet Friday



Dress your feet – wear your
funkiest footwear (wheelies,
gumboots, football boots
etc.) or jazz up your trainers
with glitter, tinsel, feathers –
anything goes!

