



# St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 5  
21 August 2024

Kia ora St Mark's Whanau,

Here we are halfway through Term 3. I hope everyone is coping with the cold weather. We have had many students absent with sickness in the last couple of weeks. Just a reminder to use the school app to communicate with us if your child is away for any reason.

## Whānau Day

What a fantastic community event. It was wonderful to see so many extended family members in the school and finding out all about school at St Mark's. This year we made the day more informal and allowed lots of time for family to spend time in classes with students and we have received overwhelming positive feedback.

## Playground

Last week, in the rain, we blessed and opened our new junior playground. Dean Ben prayed a special prayer for fun and adventure for students and our oldest student, Lucy, and our youngest student, Lottie, cut the danger tape to officially open this wonderful resource. We deliberately cut danger tape and not a ribbon because it was in Term 4 last year that I made the hard decision to close the old playground because of health and safety issues.

Our thanks go to the BOP for the amazing hard work that was done to build this fantastic new playground.



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## Scholarship

Congratulations to Zach O who has been awarded a leadership scholarship to Cashmere High School for 2025. Zach has been named as a year 9 student leader, a great honour, one that reflects the outstanding leadership he has shown this year in our St Mark's School Family.

## Special Character Review

As you know, the BOP has commissioned a review of our Anglican Special Character and how that looks in our school on a day to day basis. The reviewers are scheduled to be onsite Wednesday to Friday this week. Many thanks to everyone who has responded to the survey shared earlier via the school app.

## Traffic and parking

CCC have shared with me that a round of consultation is due to start on a proposed plan to improve our Locarno Street entrance road markings. We have often been challenged by drivers making questionable choices about speed, u-turns and other behaviours that ultimately put students at risk.

Long term we can expect to see changes on Locarno Street that may include three minute drop off and pick up spaces, yellow no parking lines across driveways and perhaps a bus parking space.

## Park smarter around schools

Help us create a safer environment around your kura – for all ākonga (students), mātua (parents) and kaimahi (staff).

### Common parking restrictions

Parking restrictions are in place to help keep everyone safe and reduce congestion.



This will be at the safest drop-off and pick-up place. You can stop here for three minutes only – enough time for children to say goodbye and leave the car.



This means parking is restricted to the number of minutes on the sign. P120 means you can only stop there for 120 minutes.



Broken yellow lines along the edge of the road mean you can't stop, pull over, or park there at any time.



You must leave a one metre gap between your car and any driveway.



You must not park your car on the footpath or in a way that blocks the footpath.



You must not stop or park within six metres of any crossing or intersection.

Breaking these rules can result in a fine.

For more tips, head to

[ccc.govt.nz/schooltravel](https://ccc.govt.nz/schooltravel)



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## 2024 Fountain Of Peace Walk With A Purpose

Last week we held our annual Walk With A Purpose event where students show empathy for children in Uganda who walk many kilometers every day just to attend school. Their sponsorship efforts have raised \$3,000 in support of orphaned babies. Many thanks to our student ambassadors, PA for the hot drinks at school and Mrs Tania Sharr, our event coordinator.



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# Our new school website is live!

Search St Mark's School and you will find our new site. Many thanks to Mrs Elliott for her impressive work on this project.

## 2024 Term 3 School Events

05 September	Canterbury Primary Winter Tournament
19 September	Singing Cup
23-26 September	Year 6 Cycle Safety
27 September	End of Term Service - 2pm

## 2025 Term Dates

### Term 1

11 weeks.

Monday 27 January - Friday 11 April.

Includes: Learning Conferences 27 - 28 January  
Regular classes start on Wednesday 29 January  
Waitangi Day Thursday 6 February

### Term 2

9 weeks.

Monday 28 April - Friday 27 June.

Includes: Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day Friday 30 May  
King's Birthday Monday 2 June  
Matariki Friday 20 June

### Term 3

10 weeks.

Monday 14 July - Friday 19 September

### Term 4

10 weeks.

Monday 6 October - Friday 12 December

Includes: Labour Day 27 October  
Canterbury Anniversary 14 November

## Ki te kotahi te kākaho, ka whati; ki te kūpuia, e kore e whati

When we stand alone we are vulnerable, but together we are unbreakable.

Blessings to all,  
Adrian

## Church Certificates

Īnaka	Oscar B
Pūtakitaki	Josephine A/Kirah-Jewel D
Harakeke	Alex P/Theresa J
Kawau	Sarah F de F/Maisie M
Kāmana	Sophie M/Monty P
Pīngao	Trinni F/Emily T
Wheke	Nathan H/Troy M
Mako	Henry D/Felix A
Toroa	Amoni M/Max B
Hāpuka	Maybelle H/Jahdiel N/Charlie B





## AQUABOTS



## Te Mana Raupō Maths Champs 2024



## Fountain of Peace - Walk with a Purpose



## Strum Strike Blow

A huge congratulations to Angel S, Joseph M, Theo T, Charlotte P and Sonya I who took part in the Strum Strike Blow concert last night. What an exciting musical party it was!!! From the Pandemonium drum troop with water spraying from the drums every time they played, Voices Co Acapella group, Kapa Haka group, Michal, pirates, band and soloists to the massed items with over 1500 students playing and singing, the whole night was a celebration of music.

Angel, Theo and Joseph took part from our Marimba group. Joseph was also singing in the Voices Co Acapella. Sonya was playing in the recorder ensemble and Charlotte was a brass soloist group accompanying the Black Eyed Peas song.

Ngā mihi, it was a wonderful night to be part of.

Emily Wells

Lead Teacher, Music.





**\$2  
EACH**



# **SAUSAGE SIZZLE THIS FRIDAY!**

- **Cash orders due Thursday.**
- **Hand into teachers.**
- **Raising money for Year 8  
EOY activities!**



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**For the families of Year 6, 7 and 8 students.**

Dear whanau,

Our school has the opportunity to compete at the Theatre Sports Tournament hosted in term four this year.

Auditions to join the teams will be held late Term 3, early Term 4. The actual competition heats are held on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th November. The finals will be held on 1st December, 6:30pm.

I have sent a notice home with students who have already expressed interest. I have more notices for any students I may have missed. **These notices need to be returned to me ASAP, due before Friday 30th September.**

Feel free to get in touch if you would like a notice, or have any questions.

Kind regards,

Tom Gordon

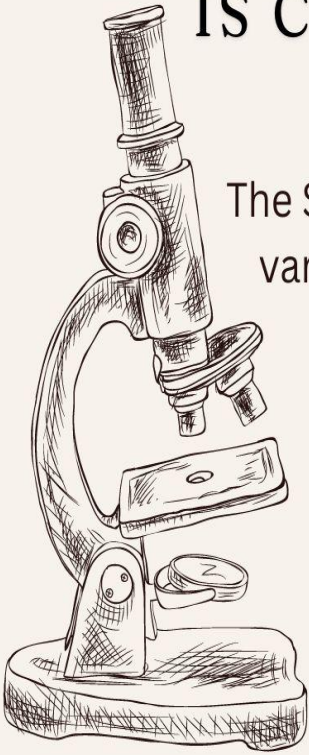
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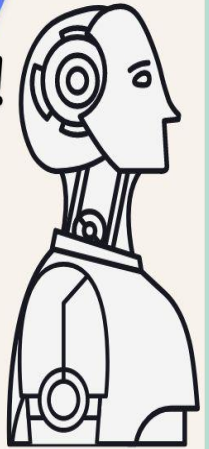
# Science Roadshow

IS COMING TO ST MARK'S SCHOOL!



## What:

The Science Roadshow offers the opportunity to explore various sciences and technology by "touch and feel".



## Who

Waka Puhara and Waka Hourua.  
*Families will be invoiced*

## When:

Friday 20th September



# THEATRE SPORTS!

For the first time ever, Saint Mark's School will be competing in Theatre Sports!

This is traditionally a Year 7 to Year 20 inter-school competition, however, the adjudicators have allowed our Year 6 students to participate as well. I know we have incredible performers at our school and I was quick to advocate for them!

Notices have gone home with interested students. If your student is keen to try out, they need to collect a notice from me. If you have any questions, feel free to email me at [t.gordon@saintmarks.school.nz](mailto:t.gordon@saintmarks.school.nz).

IMPROV!





1st Friday each month  
starting 2 August  
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

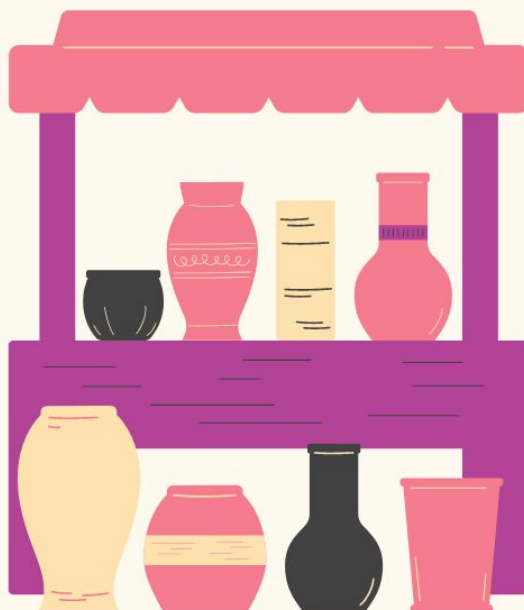
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details

All are welcome



# ST MARK'S CHURCH FAIR

Bargains Galore!



**SATURDAY  
14TH  
SEPTEMBER**



**CASH AND  
EFTPOS  
SALES**



**8:30 am till  
12pm**



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& VINCENT  
PLACE**

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1. Refer a property listing to Julia.
2. When the property is successfully sold, Julia will donate \$1000 to St Marks School.

Your referral not only helps someone find the perfect home it also directly benefits the children at our school.

Spread the word and make a difference today!

For more information, contact

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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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