



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 7
4 September 2024

Kia ora St Mark's whānau,

We are fast approaching the end of the term and the mid way point of the school year.

Angel S has received her bronze and silver award for her first season of netball umpiring through the Christchurch Netball Center. She was committed each week to a lesson and a game that gave her the opportunity to achieve these awards. Next season she can work towards gold and platinum.



Last week I visited Mōkihi and was honoured to receive a "Mr Rennie" paper hat lovingly made by the students in Harakeke.

Of course, we had to have a photo!



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Keeping Ourselves Safe Health Programme

Keeping Ourselves Safe is an important part of the Health Curriculum and is being taught school wide this term in conjunction with the community police constable. If You would like to know more, all whānau are welcome to attend a half hour information session on:

Wednesday 11 September at 3pm in Ōmoho/library.

Canterbury Winter Tournament

Our amazing Year 5/6 football team are competing tomorrow at this event. Good luck, team! We know you will represent St Mark's with pride and honour.

Matteo L
Troy M
Jake H
Miller J
Henry D
Louis B
Cristian D
Liam B
Zaia O

Lottie P. in Īnaka has made an awesome robot with lots of detail.

Well done, Lottie!



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Winter Sport

Our Thursday winter sport programmes have come to an end. It has been wonderful to see every student in Years 5-8 competing and enjoying contributing to a team. The focus for our sport teams in this competition has always been about the Habit of Mind, Have A Go. The levels of commitment and sportsmanship from our students have been high and very pleasing to observe. We have to thank Paul Daly, Caitlin Nolan, Barb Rennie, Erica Salazar, Gina Dymand, Jess Devereux, Scott Tree, Alan Hyndman, Kate Hastings and Julia Daly for giving up their time to supervise and support our teams. Winter sport would not be possible without generous parental support. We want to congratulate and thank Mrs Hastings for her work in coordinating draws and transport for all of our St Mark's teams. **Please return any school uniform items to the office.**

I love it when students come to my office to share the great work they are completing. Harry S. in Year 8 has crafted some excellent writing full of expression, language features.

An excerpt:

The Iron Man had reached the summit of the cliff. He was standing under the dimly lit sky, awaiting the morning. It was a peaceful sunrise, and he was ready to fight evil, and entertain people. With some good intentions, usually something bad happens, and this was no exception. Something sinister was coming, and Iron Man knew nothing of it.

WHACK! The dark and twisted being had hacked at Iron Man's ankles, causing him to slide off the cliff, into the curve of rocks below. He had been beaten, with one swing. Something... impossible! He had to get his way out of this, but he was too late with his thrusters, and crashed into jagged rocks, which acted like saws, ripping off his arms, and his legs soon followed. Eventually his head had succumbed to the sharpness of the rubble, which had loosened out his eyes, hurling them into the seashore, in which a seagull picked up. Having watched his body dismantle, Iron Man had to shut off, to avoid any more pain.

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Blessings to all,
Adrian



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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

Church Certificates

Īnaka	Aria D/Leo W
Pūtakitaki	Wolf P/George McC
Harakeke	Archer C
Kawau	Veronica R/George T
Kāmana	Beau W/Minnie B
Pīngao	Max C-B/Alfie M
Wheke	Isabella M/Louis B
Mako	Jake H/Faith L
Toroa	Aurelia C-T/Jackson O'D
Hāpuka	Isabella S/Lola F



**\$2
EACH**



SAUSAGE SIZZLE THIS FRIDAY!

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



THANK YOU ST MARK'S SCHOOL COMMUNITY

There were over 222 students, siblings, parents, grandparents, friends, teachers and supporters who got up early on Friday the 16th of August to walk to St Mark's School for the annual 'Fountain of Peace NZ - Walk with a Purpose' event.

Students started walking as early as 6 am in the morning, with four students walking from their homes in Lyttelton over the Port Hills to St Mark's School. Many participants joined one of the four official walking routes from Westmorland, Barrington and East City. The fourth group started with a prayer from Reverend Ben in the Transitional Cathedral, Central City. What an incredible community event.

A huge thank you to the St Mark's School students, St Mark's School community, Mr Rennie, school teachers, student ambassadors, event coordinators - Sarah, Eve, Roz and Reverend Ben, the parents association who provided delicious treats when walkers arrived to school and to all who got in behind this 2024 event!

On behalf of Fountain of Peace NZ, I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who sponsored the St Mark's students walking to school. Together these supporters raised over \$3,000. An incredible achievement. What a huge difference this will make in bringing hope and transformation to the babies and children in the care of Fountain of Peace in Uganda and in providing mama kits to vulnerable pregnant mothers. (Pictured above is one of the babies the funds you have raised will help to support).

Thank you all so very much for your incredible community spirit, love, kindness and generosity.



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Opawa School October 2024

30 Ford Road, Opawa, Christchurch

Oct Holiday Programme

Full Day 7:30-6:00	07:30 a.m.-06:00 p.m.	\$69.00 (All Inclusive - No Extra Fees)
Full Day 8:30-6:00	08:30 a.m.-06:00 p.m.	\$59.00 (All Inclusive - No Extra Fees)
Half Day 7:30-3:00	07:30 a.m.-03:00 p.m.	\$59.00 (All Inclusive - No Extra Fees)
Half Day 8:30-3:00	08:30 a.m.-03:00 p.m.	\$49.00 (All Inclusive - No Extra Fees)

Kidsbase Oktoberfest Mon 30 Sep <p>We will celebrate all the great games, tastes and sounds of Oktoberfest, without the adult stuff of course.</p>	TRIP: Phat Sk8 Tue 01 Oct <p>Phat Sk8 return with their awesome Roller Disco, lets boogie to the latest sounds whilst zooming on rollerskates. Held at Kidsbase Spreydon.</p>	Amazing Mazes Wed 02 Oct <p>Make your own puzzle game and marble maze and see if you can beat the maze challenges today. Don't get lost!</p>	TRIP: Movies Thu 03 Oct <p>From the makers of How Train Your Dragon, Dreamworks presents "The Wild Robot" family movie - Private screening @ Hoyts Northlands.</p>	Bollywood Fri 04 Oct <p>Famous Actors, cool movies and amazing activities - we will turn you into a Bollywood superstar.</p>
Planes, Trains & Aut Mon 07 Oct <p>We have a load of cool activities today all about flying, cruising and zooming, plus some amazing treats to enjoy.</p>	TRIP Round The World Tue 08 Oct <p>Let's celebrate some of the amazing tastes, traditional games and fun from around the world. Held at Kidsbase Spreydon</p>	Ghost Busting Wed 09 Oct <p>Who You Gonna Call? what ghostly games and crafts do we have planned for today, don't worry we are busting ghosts at Kidsbase.</p>	TRIP: Market Day Thu 10 Oct <p>Our famous Kids Market Day is the perfect way to swap out any unwanted games & toys for something new. Always a favourite, Held at Kidsbase Spreydon.</p>	Robotics Fri 11 Oct <p>Super Cool robotics activities and games will make sure you finish off our Holiday Programme with a huge smile.</p>

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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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