



St Mark's School

Te Kura o Hato Māka

Kia ora St Mark's Whānau,

Term 4 Week 1
8 October 2025

A big welcome back to everyone to Term 4!

We are looking forward to a term of fantastic progress and hard work for students. There are always stacks of events happening in term 4 every year. Keep a close eye on the alerts from the school app for all of the information parents need.

Deputy Principal Update

The Board of Trustees has put in place a recruitment process for appointing our new deputy principal that is thorough and professional. The board is confident that an appointment will be made in the coming weeks and our new deputy announced to the community well before the end of the school year. Our DP will commence their duties in the new year.

Coffee Machine

The strength of any community can often be measured by the response of members in times of adversity. While many would not see the permanent break down of our coffee machine as particularly devastating, it has served as a focal point for connection and relationship building for many years. The response from the community has been amazing.

The PA would like to thank all families who have contributed to a brand new machine, especially one major contributor, the Burnett family.

Other valuable contributions were also made - Mel and George Wall

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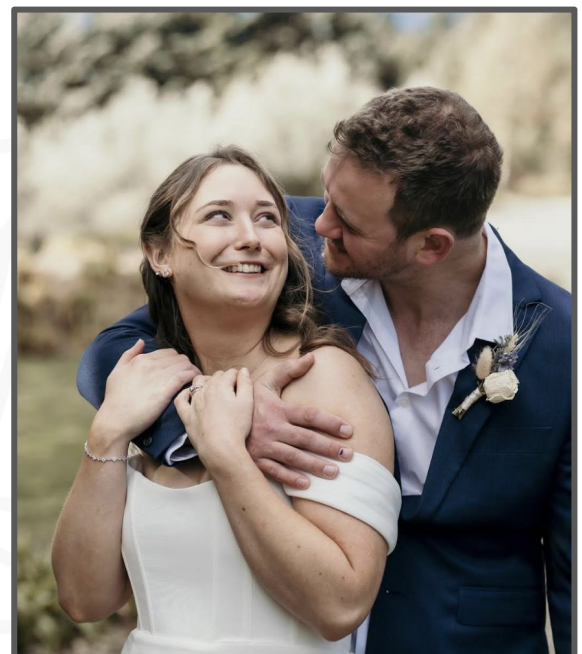
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We are so happy to announce to the school community that Mr Gordon and his long time partner, Krystal were married in a private ceremony at Hanmer Springs over the school holidays.

Please join the whole school community in congratulating Tom and Krystal on this wonderful event.

We all wish them both a happy and loving marriage!



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Holiday Success

Bram and Bastien spent part of their holidays in Auckland for the biggest dancing event of the year- the National Championships for Irish Dance.

Bastien has just won New Zealand National Champion for his Under 8 mixed age group which is a massive achievement.

Bram was in a much smaller category as they split into boys and girls once in his age, so got 2nd in 9-11 years boys. He did a really solid performance after a challenging year.

What great achievements!



The new school term has kicked off with our senior, Year 8 leaders generously giving up their lunch time to run a fun trampoline jump mat activity for our junior people.

Service to the school community is such a strong element of our culture of caring for others and it is great to see our seniors contributing so willingly.



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Term 4 Events

Sunday 12 October	Waka Puhara church at St Mark's Church 10am
Tuesday 14 October	Class photos
Thursday 16 October	Year 4 trip to Travis Wetland
Thursday 23 October	Teacher Strike Day - School Closed
Friday 24 October	Eucharist Service at St Mark's Church 9am
Monday 27 October	Labour Day
Thursday 30 October	School Athletics - Years 4-8 - Hansen Park
Wednesday 5 November	Music Festival Choir Performance - 6.30pm
Tuesday 11 November	Zone Athletics
Thursday 13 November	Junior Athletic Sports Event - Years 0-3 at school -11am-3pm
Friday 14 November	Canterbury Anniversary Day
Tuesday 18 November	Year 0-2 trip to Ferrymead
Thursday 20 November	Singing Cup - 11am
Tuesday 25 November	Year 8 Leavers Dinner
Thursday 27 November	Year 7 Leadership Camp
Tuesday 2 December	Itinerant Music Night 6.00pm
Thursday 4 December	Advent Service - Transitional Cathedral - 7pm
Thursday 11 December	Prize Giving
Friday 12 December	End of Year Service - 1.45pm

There is a giant pile of lost property left over in the office area from last term. Please have a look to see if any items belong to your family.



2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith.

Blessings to all,
Adrian



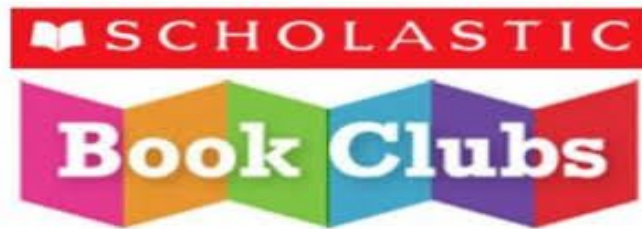
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School Lunches on the move

As from the start of Term 4, the day for you to order a school lunch for your child is changing to a Thursday.

Orders must be ordered **before 9am** on the day they are required.



Order forms for Scholastic Books have been sent home. Orders may be placed direct with Scholastic at www.mybookclub.scholastic.nz. An easy way to order online yourself and will be delivered direct to school.

Orders close on **Friday 17 October**.

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

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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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