



St Mark's School

Te Kura o Hato Māka

Kia ora St Mark's Whānau,

Term 4 Week 3
22 October 2025

Reminder:

SCHOOL CLOSED TOMORROW

We have had a big and exciting week so far. Yesterday was book character dress up day and the array of costumes was AMAZING!

Students and families did a wonderful job of creating some outstanding costumes and there was a lot of fun had throughout the day. Many whānau attended the 10am parade where some winners were picked.



In RE, senior students have completed some "covenants with God". They are scrolls of private prayers, promises and hope that they generated themselves. This is another rather gorgeous example of our school special character in action.



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Acknowledging the Contributions of Brad Flavall

We would like to take a moment to acknowledge the incredible contributions of Brad Flavall, who has served on the Board of Trustees for an impressive 9 years, making him one of, if not the longest-serving board member in our history.

Originally from Tokoroa, Brad was drawn to St Mark's for its strong sense of community, and he has exemplified this commitment throughout his tenure. His dedication, leadership, and passion for the school have had a lasting impact on the Board. Brad, along with his wife Vicki, has been an invaluable part of our school community, and they have supported St Mark's in many ways.

Their children, Thomas (15) and Genevieve (12), have also been a part of the St Mark's journey, growing alongside the school. Brad shared a few of his favourite memories from his time on the Board:

- *"It might sound a little cheesy, but honestly, some of my favourite memories have been the time spent with fellow Board members, especially during brainstorming, and planning sessions. Those moments really helped us connect and build strong relationships within the school community. It's been great to see so many parents getting involved and joining the Board over the years. Serving has been such a meaningful way to give back, and I've really enjoyed being part of a group that brings different ideas together to create a shared vision for our school's future."*

When reflecting on his favourite thing about St Mark's, Brad said:

- *"I love seeing the potential in our students, from the new entrants in their oversized uniforms and school bags, full of excitement and possibility, to the Year 8 students at the other end of their journey, leaving with strong friendships and deep connections that reflect their growth over the years."*

A massive thank you to Brad for your unwavering support and for the time and energy you have generously shared with St Mark's. We are truly blessed for all you have contributed over the years.

Claire Bourne, Presiding Member of the St Mark's School Board of Trustees



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2026 Places On Our School Roll

Work on filling our roll for 2026 is almost complete. We are happy to advise that there are places still available in the following year levels for next year:

Year 8
Year 7
Year 4

Families wishing to apply can access the application information on the school website.

Term 4 Events

Thursday 23 October	Teacher Strike Day - School Closed
Friday 24 October	Eucharist Service at St Mark's Church 9am - all are welcome
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

“He taonga rongonui te aroha ki te tangata”

Goodwill towards others is a precious treasure.

Blessings to all,
Adrian



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Church Certificates

Kererū	Ollie R/Ollie S
Pūtakitaki	Arlo W/Oscar B
Harakeke	Ben H
Kawau	Gifty B/Aaron W
Pātiki	Alex H/Henry W
Aua	Rosario M
Wheke	Imogen B/Quinn R
Mako	Miller J/Poppy C
Toroa	Zaia O/Matteo L
Kahawai	Millie H/Pippa F-D



Dyspraxia
Support
Group

The Dyspraxia Support Group is a charitable, non-profit organisation, committed to providing support, practical advice, and educational programmes for those who support and care for children, youth and adults affected with Developmental Dyspraxia/DCD. This neurological disorder affects at least 6% of the population.

If you wish to learn more regarding our child and youth programmes we hold in Christchurch or just learn about dyspraxia/DCD, please feel free to contact us.

Email: dyspraxai.centre@xtra.co.nz

Website: www.dyspraxia.org.nz



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A Road Safety Story

In my ten years working at St Mark's as deputy principal and now as principal, an area of real worry for me has always been that slightly chaotic time every day from 2:50 - 3:10pm, as students and parents meet up and head home. Locarno Street has been my biggest worry.

Over the years I can count five different incidents where I have had to grab a student to stop them running into the path of oncoming cars. I don't know how many times other staff members have done the same. I think we can all agree that a serious road accident involving our children would be one of the worst things a school can experience. I ask multiple staff members to do extra duty out there every day as an added layer of safety for students.

Last year one of our concerned parents, Mr Adrian Easton, worked alongside the council to have a new safety plan implemented which included a bus park, yellow lines and a three minute pick up zone. These changes have vastly improved the situation at our unofficial crossing area, for which I am forever grateful.

The majority of parents are gracious and thoughtful. They follow the rules even if it means some inconvenience. Thank you! There are also some people who continue to ignore the rules, park illegally, block driveways and put others at risk.

I have reached out to Christchurch City Council for assistance in clarifying the parking rules so that everyone understands their responsibilities. The following page comes straight from the council.

The parking enforcement team have put St Mark's on their list of schools to visit in the coming weeks.

Nobody ever wants the hassle and expense of a parking fine. I'd like to pre warn everyone. If we all park legally, we will have no problems.

Thanks so much.



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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



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Anglican Parish of Opawa St Martins St Mark's Church



26 October 2025
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What's on this week?

Sunday 26 October – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday 27 October – Labour Day

Tuesday 28 October

8.30–9.30am	Pastoral Support	St Mark's School Boardroom
12.45–2.45pm	Private Booking	Chapman Lounge
7pm	Holy Communion	St Anne's Chapel

Wednesday 29 October

10am	Holy Communion	St Anne's Chapel
1pm	Remembering Parihaka	Chapman Lounge

Thursday 30 October

8.15am	Morning Prayer Online via Zoom	Meeting ID: 878 542 1911 Password: 100100
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Friday 31 October

8.15am	Morning Prayer Online via Zoom	Meeting ID: 878 542 1911 Password: 100100
9.15am	School Service	St Mark's Church
2pm	Holy Communion	St Anne's Chapel

Sunday 2 November – All Saints' Day

8.30am	Holy Communion	St Anne's Chapel
10am	Sung Eucharist	St Mark's Church
7pm	All Souls'	St Mark's Church



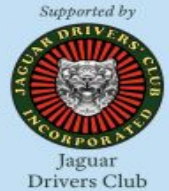
Priest-in-Charge: Rev Simon Green 027 642 1987 osmvicar@gmail.com



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FREE EVENT

Public Display of CLASSIC & MODERN JAGUAR CARS



SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2025

10AM-2PM RISINGHOLME PARK, 22 CHOLMONDELEY AVE, OPAWA



75th Anniversary of the Jaguar Mark VII
One of the world's fastest and best
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COFFEE TRUCK • NEW JAGUAR BOOK LAUNCH

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Here's how it works:

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.

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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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