



St Mark's School

Te Kura o Hato Māka

Kia ora St Mark's Whānau,

Term 4 Week 6
12 November 2025

It must be that time of year for infectious diseases! Measles is currently having an impact across the country and we are now being challenged by a number of chickenpox cases across the school. Please see the school app message from Monday this week for all of the relevant information.

Zone Athletic Sports

It was wonderful to see a strong team of St Mark's students competing at the Zone Athletic Sports yesterday. There were some outstanding personal bests and placings.



I was so proud to see our students competing fairly and representing St Mark's School beautifully. We hope to be able to publish official results as they become available and to name St Mark's students who will progress to compete at the Canterbury event.



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Ko Taku Reo

Van Asch Deaf Education Centre (now called Ko Taku Reo; formerly Sumner School for the Deaf then van Asch School for the Deaf) is a school with a long and illustrious history, with its services covering a huge geographical spread.

A big congratulations to one of our parents, Adrian Easton, who has been elected to the board of trustees of Ko Taku Reo for the next three years.



Kapa Haka

Our kapa haka group are rehearsing well for the Tūhono Festival on Sunday 30 November. Their singing power is really impressive this year. They are set to do St Mark's proud in this significant competition.

Raising children who are hopeful and who have the courage to be vulnerable means stepping back and letting them experience disappointment, deal with conflict, learn how to assert themselves, and have the opportunity to fail. If we're always following our children into the arena, hushing the critics, and assuring their victory, they'll never learn that they have the ability to dare greatly on their own.

Brene Brown

I hope this piece will serve as a good conversation starter for our parent community.

One of the things we love to see in our students is people having a go and failing. If young people never make mistakes then they are not learning.

The idea that mistakes are essential to the learning process is strongly supported by decades of cognitive science and educational psychology. It's a key ingredient for developing resilience and genuine cognitive growth in young people.



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MEASLES INFORMATION

Information to share with parents, caregivers and your communities

- Measles is circulating and is very contagious. There is now measles in Northland, Auckland, Manawatu, Nelson and Wellington, and we expect further cases across New Zealand.
- Watch out for symptoms – fever, cough, runny nose, sore eyes, and a blotchy rash: [Measles – Health New Zealand](#)
- Anyone with measles symptoms must stay at home and should seek urgent advice by ringing their doctor or Healthline on 0800 611 116.
- Anyone who is closely exposed to a measles case must stay at home. Health New Zealand will provide individuals with advice on a case-by-case basis (including when they can leave quarantine at home).
- Health New Zealand is actively working with the schools that currently have measles cases.
- People are considered immune to measles after having 2 doses of a measles vaccine from 12 months or older, or if you have had measles before. For more information on measles immunity visit the Health NZ website. [Measles immunity – Health New Zealand](#)
- Encourage families and whānau to check their own and their child/children's immunisation status through My Health Record: [My Health Record – Health New Zealand](#)
- Anyone born between 1969-2004 may have only received one vaccine dose and might not be fully protected. It's safe to get extra doses. A free vaccine can be booked online or via the vaccination helpline on 0800 28 29 26. [Book my vaccine – Health New Zealand](#)





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Positive Popcorn is back with \$2 popcorn on Wednesdays. If you'd like to buy some yummy popcorn at lunchtime, please bring a \$2 coin. Funds raised support enrichment programmes at St Mark's School.



Positive Popcorn! \$2 on Wednesdays



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2026 Places On Our School Roll

Work on filling our roll for 2026 is 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 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 1:30pm in the school hall
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	Harry R
Pūtakitaki	Edward T
Harakeke	Lottie P
Kawau	Hannah O'C
Pātiki	Bowie S
Aua	Claire G
Mako	Arlo B
Toroa	Ciaran M
Kahawai	Sonya T

Principal's Awards

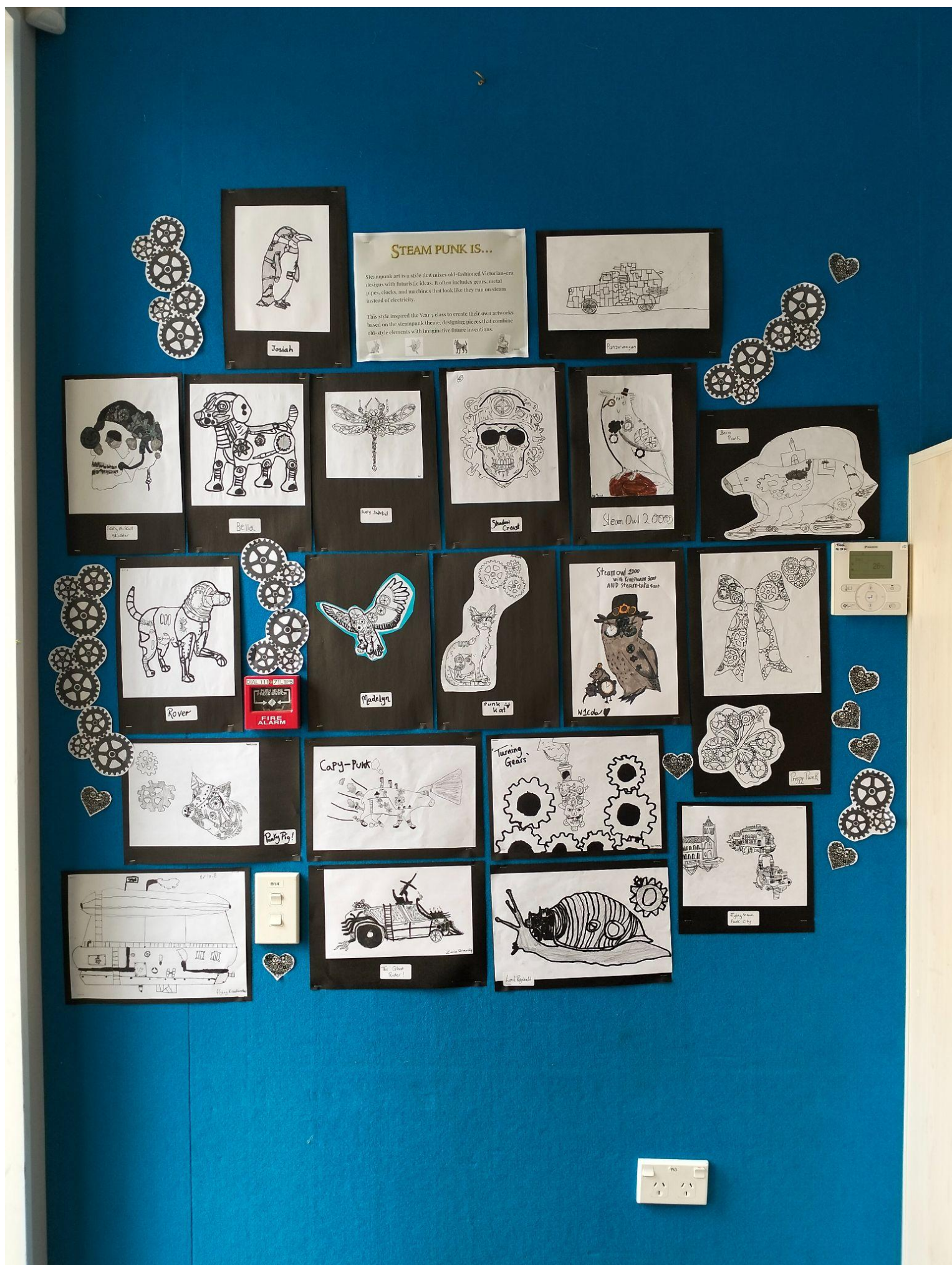


Congratulations to Max B who sat his Trinity College Rock and Pop Drum Exam (achieving Grade 4 with Distinction), and Ella B sat her first Trinity College Exam (achieving Grade 2 with Merit). It was no small feat and your determination and dedication really paid off, well done!



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While the children were away at Athletics, the Year 7's had a Steampunk themed day and produced this lovely artwork.



**Free Dental Care for Children -
including special information regarding Year 8 students**

One of our Community Dental Service vans will be making a visit to your school soon.

- **Only the children who currently require a check-up will be seen at this visit.**
Please do not be concerned if your child is not called for a check-up this time.
- The dental therapist will provide a regular check-up and preventative care which may include:
 - Cleaning/Scaling (to remove plaque from teeth)
 - Dental x-rays (to check for decay in teeth, or presence and position of teeth)
 - Fluoride Varnish (painted on teeth to help prevent decay)
 - Fissure Sealants (coating put on teeth to prevent decay) if required.
- If your child requires any other dental care, they will bring home a 'Care Plan' which will explain what dental care and appointment times are required.
- When you receive the 'Care Plan' please contact our **Call Centre as soon as possible** as you will need to arrange a time to bring your child to one of our Community Clinics for this dental care.
- Please contact our Call Centre if you want further information on the Community Dental Service, to enrol your child or if you have any specific questions about your child's dental care (a dental therapist will call you back)
- **Year 8 students:** all year 8 students enrolled with the Community Dental Service are transferred from the Community Dental Service to a FREE private dentist from year 9 until their 18th birthday. To help with this transition please ensure you have informed your child of their family dentist (not orthodontist). This will enable us to transfer your child onto the correct dentist for year 9 onwards. More information will be sent home after their year 8 check-up.

To contact our Call Centre: phone 0800 846 983 / email commdental@cdhb.health.nz

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Anglican Parish of Opawa St Martins St Mark's Church



16 November 2025
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

What's on this week?

Sunday 16 November – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday 17 November

9.30am	Opawa Shells Elder Care	Chapman Lounge
2–4pm	Private Booking	Chapman Lounge
2.15–2.45pm	Private Booking	St Mark's Church
6–7.30pm	Brownies	Wilson Room

Tuesday 18 November

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
7.30pm	Vestry Meeting	Chapman Lounge

Wednesday 19 November

10am	Holy Communion	St Anne's Chapel
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Thursday 20 November

8.15am	Morning Prayer <u>Online via Zoom</u>	Meeting ID: 878 542 1911 Password: 100100
11am	Chatswood Rest Home Service	
7.30pm	Board of Proprietors Meeting	Chapman Lounge

Friday 21 November

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

Saturday 22 November

10am–3pm	Quiet Day for Advent	Chapman Lounge
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Sunday 23 November – Christ the King

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

HOLY COMMUNION

2PM EVERY FRIDAY



**COME AND BE STILL IN
GOD'S PRESENCE BEFORE
THE BUSY WEEKEND**

30-40 MINS LONG

ST MARK'S CHURCH



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STIR UP SUNDAY

ST MARK'S CHURCH 10AM
23 NOVEMBER 2025

JOIN US FOR "STIR UP SUNDAY"
MAKING A CHRISTMAS CAKE.
IT'S FUN, AND MESSY, AND
EVERYONE GETS TO HAVE A GO
AT STIRRING THE BATTER.

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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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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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