

Te Kura o Hato Māka St Mark's School Handbook



St Mark's
School

A booklet containing all the information
new families to St Mark's might need to
know.

Hiranga Excellence

to achieve
excellence,
using the potential
of our God given
talents and gifts.

Huatau Grace

Through grace,
we act with
compassion
and humility

Piriponotanga Faithfulness

as we show
faithfulness to God
and others.

Māiatanga Courage

This gives us the
courage to act to
bring about change,

Welcome



We welcome your whole family and whānau to the St Mark's School Family. We hope you find a tūrangawaewae here, a place to stand and belong where you will feel connected to others and to God.

Our school prayer:

Grant O Lord that our School may be a Christian School, not in name only but in deed and truth; for the sake of Him whose name we bear, even Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

Amen.

**E te Atua
Tuia i runga, tuia i raro,
Tuia i roto, tuia i waho,
Kia mau, kia ū ki ngā ūara
O Te Kura o Hato Māka
Ko te huatau,
Ko te hiranga
Ko te māiatanga
Ko te piriponotanga
Āmine**

Church and Assembly

Every Monday at 9.00am we have a student led service and assembly held in the school hall.

Every Friday at 9.00am we have a formal church service led by Chaplin Teresa at St Mark's Church, 101 Opawa Road.

You are welcome at both services.

Anglican Special Character



We believe as the students progress, these early years of school are critical in developing the social, emotional, academic, cultural, sporting and spiritual foundations for your child's future. A child's wellbeing is intimately tied to the nurturing relationships of significant adults around them. We look forward to working in partnership with you to nurture your child's God given gifts and talents.

St Mark's School is the only Anglican state-integrated full primary school in the South Island. The special character of our school is expressed through the Five Marks of Anglican Mission:

- Proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.
- Baptise and nurture new believers.
- Respond to human need by loving service.
- Change society's unjust structures.
- Safeguard the integrity of creation.

These Five Marks of Mission are authentically infused throughout our day and across all school programmes. This ensures all children have opportunities to develop their faith in developmentally appropriate activities, across a range of learning opportunities.

Our four school values underpin the everyday work of these marks of mission:

- Huatau – Grace
- Hiranga – Excellence
- Māiatanga – Courage
- Piriponotanga – Faithfulness

Through Grace, we act with compassion and humility to achieve Excellence, using the potential of our God given talents and gifts. This gives us the Courage to bring about change, as we show Faithfulness to God and others.

General Information



Bell Times

- 8.55 am – Beginning of School
- 10.30 am – 10.50 am – Morning Break
- 12.30 pm – 1.25 pm – Lunchtime
- 3.00 pm – End of School
- 3.15 pm - Clearing bell

Sickness/Absence

There is a first aid room in the main administration block, close to the offices of the principal and office manager. In the case of illness or accident a child is assessed in the first aid room by staff who are all trained with first aid certificates. If there is a need for concern, a parent will be contacted as soon as possible. When students injure their heads, parents are automatically informed and given the option of taking the child to seek further medical care.

If your child is unwell or unable to attend school, please notify the school office by 9.00am on the morning of their absence using the School App.

Stationery

Stationery is able to be purchased through Qizzle online where class lists are available. Alternatively, the class stationery lists are available on our website.

Uniform/PE Gear

In addition to their school uniform, all children require a St Mark's sunhat. The sunhat must be worn outside during Terms 1 and 4.

PE gear should always be brought to school on Mondays in a suitable PE bag and left at school until Friday.

In order for us to return found property, we require all items of uniform, PE gear and personal belongings to be clearly named. There is a lost property table located in the school office foyer. Lost property boxes are also located in the shared learning spaces in Waka Pūhara and Waka Hourua.

Lunches

We ask that there are no nut products in your child's lunches/morning teas.

WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

Music and Arts



Drama

St Mark's proudly celebrates a strong legacy of performing arts.

All our acting is underpinned by the four drama techniques: Voice, Body, Movement and Space. All our students know to 'project' their voices and not 'shout!' All students quickly build skills such as problem solving, teamwork, flexible thinking, storytelling and embracing mistakes.

Our school productions are one of the most popular aspects of St Mark's School student life. Over the past eight years, Years 3-8 students have performed The Lion King, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat, Mary Poppins and most recently Moana. Our Year 0-2 students participate in a junior school production biennially. The next production is... well you will just have to wait and see.

Festival Choir

Every alternate year, students from Years 6-8 learn and practise the Christchurch Primary Schools' Music Festival repertoire as part of the school's music programme. They have the opportunity to take part in the massed choir for one night of the festival. Confident vocalists and instrumentalists often represent the school in the representative groups at the festival.

Junior Choir

This choir is for any Year 4 or 5 student who enjoys singing. Participation is voluntary. Mrs Morgan rehearses with the choir one day each week before school.

Performance Choir

The Performance Choir, Years 6-8 students, lead the singing in our church services every Friday at St Mark's Church. Mrs Morgan extends on their choral singing skills, tackling a more challenging repertoire, often singing in harmony or different parts. Participation in this group is also voluntary, rehearsing before school one morning each week.

Music and Arts



Itinerant Music Programme

As well as curriculum music lessons, the school offers the opportunity for private music lessons through an itinerant music programme, run by experienced tutors.

Tuition is currently available in: Piano (Yrs 0-8), Violin (Yrs 0-8), Singing (Yrs 0-8), Ukulele (Yrs 0-3), Guitar (Yrs 3-8) and Drums (Yrs 3-8).

CSM Outreach Programme

This year, we are delighted to become part of the CSM Outreach Band Programme. This gives our Years 5-8 students, (Yr 4 by arrangement), have the the opportunity to learn flute, clarinet, oboe, trumpet, trombone, electric bass guitar, percussion, saxophone or french horn at school.

Students receive a lesson at school each week, either individually or in a group of two. After four lessons they are then able to play in a band. The band at St Mark's is on Tuesday mornings.

Fees for the Band Programme are \$164 per term, or \$656 per year.

The school has some flutes and 1 clarinet is able to be used. Other instruments would need to be hired.

During our weekly Monday morning assemblies, students learning an instrument are encouraged to share their talent with the school by performing. Our Friday weekly Church services often have one of the two choirs performing. Please feel welcome to join us at one of these services.

Performance Evening

Every year we invite students to share their God given talents and gifts at a special performing arts evening. Students who learn dance or play an instrument get an opportunity to share a performance with the school community.

Mōkihi

Year 0-2



Nau mai, haere mai. Welcome to Mōkihi, the Junior syndicate. Our whakatauki is Aukaha, kia kaha - strengthen the bindings. Like the bindings holding the Mōkihi together, your child will develop friendships with classmates, church buddies and students from throughout the school.

We are committed to providing an environment where your child can feel valued, safe and happy as they begin their learning journey at St Mark's.



Organisation of classes

Year 0 - 1 - Kererū

Year 1 and 2 – Pūtakitaki

Year 1 and 2 – Harakeke

Communication

Creating a partnership with parents/whānau is vital. As well as talking to you at morning drop off, or afternoon pick up time, we use a home communication book as a means of communication between home and school.

It will be in your child's reading bag every day. We hope you will use this as a means of informal communication with your teacher. We also post communications on Seesaw, an app for your phone.

Mōkihi students are to wear their PE gear for the whole day on Wednesday. That way, they are in suitable clothing for their PE lesson, and also to scooter around easily during "Wednesday Wheels Day" at lunchtime.

Waka Pūhara



Special Character

In our team we strive to follow our school values of Huatau-Grace, Hiranga-Excellence, Māiatanga-Courage and Piriponotanga-Faithfulness, each day. This also reflects our Christian beliefs in treating people with kindness and love, and demonstrating gratitude.

Leadership

Our Year 5 students take up the responsibility of becoming middle school leaders as they nurture the Year 1 and 2 students when they attend church each Friday and as class buddies. The Year 5's also manage the leadership of our sustainable environmental systems of recycling and composting.

Specialist Teaching Model

In Waka Pūhara we run a specialised learning programme where each staff member teaches across multiple groups on specific subjects. Science, Social Science, the Arts and Technology are some of the subjects that are part of the specialist teaching model. Programmes vary from term to term.

Sport

The Year 5 students participate in the Schools Winters Sports with the Waka Hourua students. This programme is run in Terms 2 and 3. Each student has the opportunity to be in either a hockey, netball or football team that will play against teams from schools in our local area. The Year 4 and 3 students participate in a specialised sport programme at school.

Habits of Mind

Waka Pūhara follows the school-wide Habits of Mind thinking skills programme that encourages the development and establishment of achieving success through specific thought processes.

Education Outside the Classroom

The children in Waka Pūhara have different opportunities to participate in Education Outside the Classroom. This may involve activities such as a day trip to Living Springs, beach safety or an environmental study.



Waka Hourua



Leadership

Our Year 8 students take great pride in being outstanding leaders and facilitators within our school family. At St Mark's every Year 8 is assigned a specific and special role. Every person is nurtured and trained. Guidance starts in Year 6 and is intensified in Year 7, culminating in the Year 7 Leadership Camp in Term 4. We see our senior students as mentors, facilitators and leaders.

Specialist Teaching Model

In preparation for high school we run a specialised teaching timetable where teachers grow their passions by teaching multiple year groups specific subjects. For example, currently one teacher teaches art to all Year 6-8 students. We are finding that students benefit from the depth able to be achieved by specialist teachers and students enjoy learning alongside different teachers. Currently Year 6-8 students are taught Social Science, Science, Art, PE and Health with a specialist teacher every week.

Technology

We utilize an outside provider and send our Year 7 and 8 students to technology classes one afternoon a week.

Sport

Our winter sport programme runs in Term 2 and 3 and sees every student in Year 5-8 be part of a hockey, netball or football team and engage in competition with teams from other schools.

Languages

We utilize an outside provider and have specialist teachers from our local high school come to teach French, Japanese, Spanish and Te Reo to our Year 7 and 8 students.

Habits of Mind

Students study thinking skills using Habits of Mind, a series of ideas that teach us to strive for success in thoughtful ways. A great description of the Habits is available online or from school management.

Special Character

In our senior school we strive to achieve a learning culture based on care, respect, love, kindness and forgiveness. Every person is cherished and programmes are often adapted according to the God given talents and gifts of individual students.

Parents' Association



The Parents' Association (PA) at St Mark's School plays a vital role in developing effective partnerships and fundraising efforts for the benefit of the children and the School has enjoyed the active support of its parents through the Association for many years.

In a time where our city has experienced significant trauma, the PA facilitates events that bring the community together and strengthen connections and relationships. This work is instrumental in bonding us all together as a St Mark's Family.

We welcome Parents and Caregivers who are interested in joining the committee or attending our meetings to contact pa@saintmarks.school.nz.

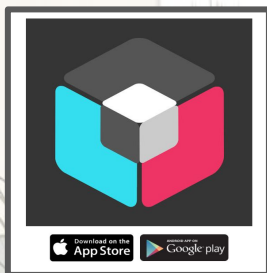
All new uniform items are available at Mainland Uniforms and are available either in-store at 189 Peterborough Street or online at www.mainlanduniforms.nz

The PA also run the second-hand Uniform Shop which is located in the foyer of the school off Cholmondeley Ave.

Email: uniformshop@saintmarks.school.nz for further information.

Coffee Cart: The PA also run the coffee cart which operates before school on Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Contact Us



All school wide communication (newsletters, cancellations etc) comes through the School App. Please be sure to download this. Class teachers may use Seesaw or email to share information with families.



At the beginning of the school year your child's teacher will give you instructions on how to get on Seesaw. This is an app we use to send the wonderful work your children do to you and communicate any class/team messages.

Before/After School Care



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