

ST MARK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Newsletter

23rd April 2023

Kia Ora, Welcome, Hello, Nǐ hǎo, Talofa Lava, Hallo, Salut, Namaste, Bonjour, Bula Vinaka, Guten Tag, Shalom, Cìào, おはよう (Ohayoou), 안녕 Ahn Nyeong, Olá, Privet!, Xin Chào, Kia Orana, Malo e Lelei, Fakaalofa Lahi Atu, Sat Shari Akal, Melo Ni, Halo Ola Keta, Mauri, Fakaalofa Atu, Salam, Welkom.

Key Dates

Date	What	Details
Monday 24 April	Curriculum Refresh TOD	School is Closed
Tuesday 25 April	ANZAC DAY/ St Mark's Feast Day	School is closed
Wednesday 26 April	First day of Term 2	St Mark's Feast day liturgy
Thursday 27 April	School/Family Interviews	School closes at 12 noon
Tuesday 2 May	Torotoro Team MOTAT trip	Rooms 8, 10 and 11
Friday 5 May	PHOTOLIFE on-site	Smart, tidy uniform to be worn
Thursday 11 May	Science Roadshow at OLSOS	Whakatere Team (Rms 1-3)
Friday 12 May	SMC's Production: Mamma Mia	Whakatere Tea (Rms 1-3)
Wk 3-Wk 8	Music Programme on Thursdays and Fridays with Mrs Carter	
Tuesday 23 May	BOT meeting	7pm in staffroom

School/Whānau Interviews - Thursday 27th April

We are looking forward to the opportunity to meet face2face to discuss your child's learning goals and to share progress and achievement data from Term 1. **PLEASE NOTE** - School will close at noon on this day. A limited number of spaces will be available for SKIDS between 12 -6pm. If you wish to book, please call 027 230 8846 or email stmarks@skids.co.nz

Other activities this term

The school will send representative teams into the HPPA interschool Netball, Soccer and Hockey field days this term (dates and venues TBC). We will also look forward to preparing groups to participate in the HPPA Dance Festival during Week 9 at Sommerville Intermediate School. The BOOK FAIR is back this year too and is scheduled for Week 8.

Special Catholic Character

St Mark's Feast Day (observed on 25 April)



Go into all the world, and proclaim the Gospel to every creature, alleluia. Mark 16:15

St. Mark, the Evangelist, the author of the second Gospel, was the son of Mary whose house at Jerusalem was the meeting place of Christians. He was baptised and instructed by St. Peter. In about the year 42 A.D. he came to Rome with the Prince of the Apostles. There at the request of the faithful he wrote his Gospel about the year 50 A.D. His Gospel is a record of St. Peter's preaching about Our Lord and pays special attention to the head of the Apostles. The Gospel was written for Roman Gentile converts. It rarely quotes the Old Testament, and is careful to explain Jewish customs, rites and words. It excels in portraying the emotions and affections of both Christ and His hearers. St. Mark preached in Egypt, especially in Alexandria and was martyred there. (www.catholicculture.org)

General reminders

Winter Uniform

Winter Uniform items should be worn from the start of Term 2. Please ensure items are clearly labelled. We would appreciate children in winter uniform for school photos on Friday 5th May.

School Drop Off

Many children are being dropped off far too early in the morning with the waiting area at the front of the school packed by 8.15am. There is no supervision on-site until 8.30am, however a member of the leadership team is usually out front from 8.25am. Please note: school officially starts at 8.50am. Dropping your child between 8.30 and 8.45am allows plenty of time to prepare for the day ahead. If you require early morning supervision, SKIDS is available.

Following in the footsteps of Jesus
At St Mark's Catholic School

Learners at St Mark's are reminded to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. To encourage learners to do this, we reference our school's ABCs and 3Rs.

ABCs: A - AROHA; B - BELIEF; C - COURAGE 3Rs: RESPECT; RESPONSIBILITY; RESILIENCE

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