

ST MARK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Seek and you shall find



Newsletter

25th March 2024

Kia Ora, Welcome, Hello, Ni hāo, 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
Mon 25 - Fri 29 March	HOLY WEEK	
Tuesday 26 March	Rugby coaching clinic for Rooms 1, 10, 11 and 12 (PE gear to be worn)	
Thursday 28 March	"Dress in the times of Jesus" HOLY THURSDAY MUFTI-DAY and LITURGY	
Friday 29 March	Good Friday - school is closed	
Monday 1 April	Easter Monday - school is closed	
Tuesday 2 April	Easter Tuesday - school is closed	
Thursday 4 April	SCHOOL INTERVIEWS - school closes at noon	
Friday 5 April	WHEELS DAY/ MUFTI-DAY	
Monday 8 April	Rugby coaching clinic for Rooms 2, 3, 6 and 7	
Friday 12 April	Wacky hair day/ mufti-day Last day of Term 1 - school closes at 2.45pm	
Thursday 25 April	ANZAC DAY/ St Mark's feast day	
Monday 29 April	First day of Term 2 - school starts at 8.50am	
Sunday 5 May	SCHOOL MASS (details TBC)	

Mufti-days (Non-uniform days)

Thursday 28 March: "Dress in the times of Jesus" - Please ensure your child wears some comfortable clothing under their dress up clothing so they can be comfortable for their recreational and play activities.

Friday 5th April: WHEELS DAY - Wear comfortable clothing and remember helmets for bikes/scooters.

Friday 12th April: WACKY HAIR DAY/ MUFTI-DAY - crazy hairstyles will be the rage today. Please bring a non-perishable item for the Parish foodbank ahead of the winter months.

School/Whānau Interviews - Thursday 4th 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 make your bookings through: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Room 4 Booking code: **yxjnj**
Rooms 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 and 11 Booking code: **mb9jd**

The smooth running of this event relies on all parents keeping to the timetable. If you require more time with a particular teacher, please arrange a separate meeting or phone call.

PLEASE NOTE - School will close at noon on Thursday 4th April - 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

Special Catholic Character

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES AT ST MARK'S PARISH - *Your Parish, Your Home*

Holy Week and Easter Sunday Timetable			
DAY	DATE	TIME	
Tuesday	26 March	7pm	Lenten Retreat - the Liturgy of the Easter Triduum
Wednesday	27 March	7pm	Evening Mass
Holy Thursday	28 March	7pm	Holy Thursday - Last Supper Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose (after Mass until 10.30pm).
Good Friday	29 March	9am	Morning Prayer
		10am	Stations of the Cross -Parish and school grounds
		3pm	Veneration of the Cross and Communion
Holy Saturday	30 March	7pm	Easter Sunday vigil Mass
Easter Sunday	31 March	8.30am	Easter Sunday Mass (no Evening Mass)
		10am	

We praise you in this Easter season. Change our lives, change our hearts to be messengers of Easter joy and hope. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord forever. Amen.

Messages from School Leadership

"Dress in the times of Jesus"



We are looking forward to seeing the children "dress in the times of Jesus" this week for our special Holy Thursday liturgy. Please ensure your child wears some comfortable clothing under their dress up clothing for their recreational and play activities.

Winter Uniform

We have definitely noticed a drop in temperature particularly in the early morning and late evening. Winter uniform items can now be worn. By Monday 13th May, winter uniform should be worn by all students - no summer dresses or sandals from this date please.

School Drop Off

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.

Safety and Wellbeing

Your child's wellbeing, happiness and safety at school is always our number one priority. No school is perfect and from time to time your child may talk to you about not feeling happy or safe at school. We operate a zero-tolerance to bullying policy at St Mark's and pride ourselves on responding swiftly to any claims of harassment or mean behaviour. We help our students understand the difference between bullying (intentional, persistent and targeted negative acts to harm others) and mean, or insensitive behaviour (often reactionary and one-off). We ensure restorative practices are in place so those impacted can acknowledge any wrong-doing or conflict and work together to restore harmony. If you have any concerns whatsoever, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance. Urgent matters should be reported directly to a member of the school's Senior Leadership team Mrs Kopua (Principal), Mrs Hodgson (Yr 0-3) and Mrs McKenzie (Yr 4-6):

Tracey Kopua	Principal
Trish Hodgson	Associate Principal (Yr 0-4)
Jenny McKenzie	Associate Principal (Yr 5-6)

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