

ST MARK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Newsletter 24 August 2023

Kia Ora, Welcome, Hello, Nǐ hǎo, Talofa Lava, Hallo, Salut, Namaste, Bonjour, Bula Vinaka, Guten Tag, Shalom, Cìào, おはよう (Ohayou), 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 28 August	Welcome Mrs Butcher to Room 5	
Tuesday 29 August	Buddy Class Mass at 9am	Rooms 1, 4 and 10
Thursday 31 August	HPPA Speech competition	Mrs Mckenzie and small group
2-3 September	First Holy Communion	Various Masses over weekend
4-8 September	Social Justice week	
Friday 8 September	'Sharing our learning' assembly	
Thursday 14 Sept	Koanga (kapa haka) festival	Sancta Maria College -6pm
Friday 16 Sept	SCHOOL DISCO	Pakuranga Community Centre - 6pm
Tuesday 20 Sept	BOT meeting	7pm in staffroom
Week 9	Maori Language Week	<i>Kia Kaha Te Reo Māori – making the language stronger</i>
Friday 22 Sept	Last day of term/ Superhero Mufti Day	
Monday 9 October	First day of Term 4	
Thursday 12 October	Swimming at Lloyd Elsmore	Whakatere and Totoro teams
Friday 13 October	WHEEL'S DAY/ Mufti day	

Other important dates and events to note:

- **Footsteps Dance Programme every Thursday for remainder of Term 3 - Whakatere Team (Rms 1-3)**
- **MISSION DAY - Friday 20th October**
- **Swimming in Term 4:**
Every Thursday at Lloyd Elsmore for Totoro and Whakatere Teams (rooms 8, 10, 11, 1, 2 and 3)
Every day at Lagoon pools from 30 Oct - 8 Nov (8 consecutive lessons) for Kitea Team (Rooms 4, 6 and 7)
- **MOE Curriculum Professional development day for staff: Friday 24th November (SCHOOL IS CLOSED)**
- **LAST DAY OF TERM 4: Friday 15th December - school closes at noon**
- **Dates for end of year celebratory events will be published in next newsletter**

PLANNING FOR 2024

ENROLLING NOW

We are accepting enrolments for children turning 5 in the next 18 months. If you have a 3 or 4 year old at home, please collect a pack from the office. Also, if you have family arriving from overseas with school aged children who require primary schooling in NZ, please arrange a time to meet with Tracey Kopua. Enrolment forms are also available at the office or through the school website.

NOT RETURNING IN 2024

If St Mark's is not in your family's plans for next year (moving house, going overseas etc.) please advise the school asap as this assists our planning. There is no need for families of our Year 6 school leavers to do so.

HEALTH, NUTRITION and WELLBEING

Covid and Cold/Flu bugs

You will be aware that the Government announced the removal of the mandatory COVID isolation rule, which took effect on 15 August 2023. This does not mean that Covid has disappeared and we would still encourage you to be vigilant and test if symptomatic. Over the past week or so we have experienced a wave of sickness/illness across our school. This particular nasty virus seems to be lasting anywhere between 1 and 2 weeks. If your child displays any cold/flu symptoms they should stay home and only return to school when well. If your child is coughing, sneezing and feeling generally unwell during the school day you will be called to pick up your child. As you can appreciate, colds and flus, like Covid, are highly contagious and we would like to keep as many of our students and staff well.

Vomiting - school policy

If your child has a tummy bug causing vomiting or diarrhea, there is a 48 stand down from school period.

Lunches and morning tea snacks

We are noticing an increase in the amount of pre-packaged, highly processed, sugary foods being packed in lunch boxes. These snacks, whilst appearing convenient, are very expensive and have little nutritional value. Children need healthier food options to sustain energy during the school day and to support healthy growth. We encourage fruit, veggies, sandwiches, wraps, cooked eggs, chicken, ham, salami etc.

General wellbeing

We strive to be an inclusive, safe and happy school, however we know that schools are not perfect largely due to the complexity and dynamics of relationships. If for any reason you are concerned about your child's safety or wellbeing at school, please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher or a member of the school's leadership team.

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WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST LEARNERS

Mrs Kopua extends a very warm welcome to the children who started their studies at St Mark's during her period of sabbatical leave:

Harper L, Armando, Beauden, Klyve, Elisse, Ariel, Aiden, Theo, Nihal, Jordan, Junrong, Yuan, Kaeden, Shadi, Eva, Eona, and Ady.

A warm welcome is also extended to Mrs Nazley Ernstzen, our new teacher of Room 7 to replace Miss Mackenzie Morgan who has sadly left us to embark on her "big OE".

STAFFING UPDATES

- We sadly farewelled Miss Morgan (who is off on her 'big OE') on Friday 11 August. Mrs Nazley Ernstzen is now teaching in Room 6.
- Mrs Williams has tendered her resignation as her family is moving overseas. Her last day will be Friday 15 September. Mrs Tracee McKenzie has accepted a position to teach in Room 7 for the remainder of the year.
- Mrs Tracey Kopua was warmly welcomed back to school on Monday 14th August following a period of sabbatical leave.
- Due to roll growth in our new entrant area, we have opened Room 5. We will welcome Mrs Angela Butcher to the school on Monday.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Pasifika fono - 2nd August

Mrs Furivai recently coordinated a Pasifika parents fono to discuss what the school is currently doing well to support our Pasifika learners and to seek suggestions for continuous improvement. We appreciate all the amazing ideas that were put forward and thank those who were able to attend. Please find a summary below:

Doing well	Future considerations/aspirations
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Faith based school/ School values● High expectations of learning and behaviour● Able to express faith through prayer, RE, liturgy and at Mass - this provides leadership opportunities too● Small school with a family feel● Safe, happy school● Respectful relations between children and their teachers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Celebrate the school's rich diversity - idea of an International Food Evening- T1/ T2 2024● Desire for Pasifika learners to be more confident and outspoken by being more involved in class/group discussion and asking questions● Hold cultural values in school - alignment with gospel values● Encourage Pasifika parents to be more actively involved in the learning journey● Meet more regularly in fono like this

BOT STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

Next term, the BOT *Community* sub-committee will be organising a series of face2face meetings with various representative groups as well as circulating a survey to the wider community. Your dreams and aspirations are important to us as we work in partnership to shape the future of our school.

POLICY and PROCEDURE



Our school uses SchoolDocs for our policies and procedures. We invite you to visit the site at: <https://stmarks.schooldocs.co.nz> (note that there's no "www.").

Our username is "stmarks" and password "seekfind"

This term the topics being reviewed by our school Board are: ***Inclusive Education, Maori Educational Success and Learning Support***

SPECIAL CATHOLIC CHARACTER

Religious Education

In Religious Education we are learning more about the Holy Spirit. Room 6 has been learning about the symbols of the Holy Spirit and the children know that God's Holy Spirit dwells within them to make their love for God and for one another stronger.



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The first gift of every Christian existence is the Holy Spirit. It is not one of many gifts, but rather the fundamental Gift. The Spirit is the gift that Jesus had promised to send us. Without the Spirit there is no relationship with Christ and with the Father, because the Spirit opens our heart to God's presence and draws it into that "vortex" of love that is the very heart of God. POPE FRANCIS

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