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Newsletter 12th March 2021

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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, Fakatalofa Atu, Salam, Welkom.

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

Tuesday 16th March HPPA SWIMMING CARNIVAL – Swim team out with Mrs Kippen

Wednesday 17th March St Patrick's Day – Green-themed mufti and caritas collection

Thursday 18th March School closes at noon (SCHOOL INTERVIEWS)

Friday 19th March Feastday of St Joseph

SPECIAL CATHOLIC CHARACTER



Pope Francis, to mark the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, has dedicated 2021 to St Joseph, whose feast day is 19 March.

Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. St Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all.

Pope Francis

CARITAS LENTEN APPEAL

During Lent, New Zealand's Catholic Bishops invite us to provide for the needs of the poor through the work of Caritas. Money raised through the Bishops' Lent Appeal helps Caritas to fund both development and emergency relief work around the world.

Next Wednesday on the feastday of St Patrick, children are encouraged to wear green mufti and to bring a small monetary donation for this year's CARITAS lenten collection.

KEY DATES

Date	What	Details
Tues 16 March	HPPA Swimming Carnival	School swim team at Lloyd Elsmore pools
Wed 17 March	St Patrick's Day	Green-themed mufti and Lenten collection
Wed 17 March	School/Family Interviews	3.30-5.30pm
Thurs 18 March	School/Family Interviews	1.00 – 7.00pm (SCHOOL CLOSSES AT NOON)
		SKIDS WILL BE OPEN FROM NOON. BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
Tuesday 23 March	BOT Meeting	
Fri 26 March	ROTARY Tip Top Fun Day	Group of 30 Year 5 and 6 students at Elm Park
29 March – 2 April	HOLY WEEK	Liturgies and Stations of the Cross TBC
Thurs 1 April	Staff Only Day	School is closed for instruction
Fri 2 April – Tuesday 7 April	EASTER BREAK	School is closed for instruction
Thursday 15 April	HPPA CULTURAL FESTIVAL	Details to be confirmed
Friday 16 April	Wheel's day	Last day of Term 1
Sunday 18 April	Parish 50th Jubilee Mass	Details to be confirmed
Monday 3rd May	1st day of Term 2	

SCHOOL/ FAMILY INTERVIEWS

The purpose of these initial meetings between home and school is to share start of year learning insights and to provide an opportunity for families and teachers to meet.

DATES OF SCHOOL/FAMILY INTERVIEWS:

Wednesday 17th March from 3.30-5.30pm

Thursday 18th March from 1.00-7.00pm (school closes at noon)



If you cannot make any of these dates and times, an alternative time may be arranged upon request.

Please also note, Miss Morgan is not available on Wednesday 17th March as this is the same date as her graduation. Parents of children in Miss Morgan's class should book in for Thursday or request an alternative meeting time.

Please book your interview time by accessing this link:

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz CODE: nmxs4

If you require your child to be looked after at SKIDS they will open at noon on 18 March (Thurs) to accommodate the families

who won't be able to come and pick their children up by noon finish. You will need to register by clicking this link <https://skids.aimy.co.nz> Once registered you can book your child for that day.

BOT NEWS

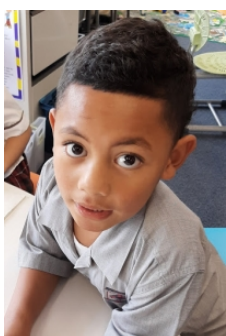
Casual vacancies have occurred on the school board for 2 parent representatives.

The board has decided to fill these vacancies by selection. If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy then a by-election will be held.

Any requests for a by-election should be sent via email to the BOT before noon on Friday 19th March: bot@stmarks.school.nz

NEW STUDENTS

An especially warm St Mark's welcome to Emilie and John-Boy who have joined Room 4.



BASKETBALL

Basketball – Terms 2 and 3

The school is looking to enter one or two teams into a local, weekly Basketball tournament but this largely depends on volunteer support. Games are typically played at Pakuranga College or Farm Cove Intermediate on Thursday nights. If you are interested in coaching/managing a team please contact Tracey Kopua asap – tkopua@stmarks.school.nz or via text 027 576 5296

We would like to establish school teams before the end of this term if possible.

FOLLOW THE SCHOOL ON FACEBOOK

Please remember to follow our school on Facebook. We use this platform to share quick news and to celebrate learning: <https://www.facebook.com/st.marks.catholic>

KINDO ONLINE SHOP – COMING SOON!

We are excited to let you know about our online Kindo school shop, which will be opening soon!



In an effort to digitise systems and reduce paper use, we will utilise the Kindo shop to pay for things like: Athletics, trips, school activities, PTFA events, pie days, cookie sales and to support school fundraising efforts.

Our Kindo School shop will be open 24/7 and available on our school website, making it easy for you to complete payments and purchases when it suits you!

More information will be coming soon – so watch this space.

SAVE TIME – PAY ONLINE

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DUES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of Attendance Dues for preference students attending Catholic Schools in Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary.

Families facing financial difficulties can contact their school office, their Parish Priest or the Revenue Manager on 09-360-3069 at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland for further information.

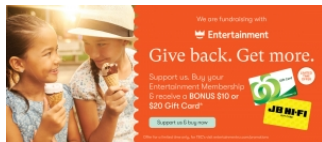
Application forms for this assistance are available from school and parish offices, or can be downloaded from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland Website:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/acfl-attendance-dues-financial-assistance/>

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK FUNDRAISER

Would you like to see more Lego and Construction equipment in our classrooms? St Marks is once again offering the 'Entertainment Book' as a fundraiser for the purpose of purchasing Lego and Construction equipment. Please support our school with this fundraiser. The limited time offer for

Countdown/JB Hi Fi vouchers expires 15th April 2021, however you can order your digital book at anytime. The digital book lasts for 12 months from the date of purchase. Order your memberships online today at: www.entbook.co.nz/998v85 or scan the QR code below.



Why Your Child Can't Skip Their 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight



OUR VALUE FOCUS – RESPECT

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

ABCs: A – Attitude; B – Behaviour; C – Care

3Rs: Respect for self; Respects for Others; Respect for the Environment

Our PB4L focus this week is: **Respect for self/ others & Environment – Take care of our belongings (manage self), zipping up bags etc. Keeping corridors and cloakrooms tidy.**

GOOD NEWS/PB4L AWARDEES

Acknowledging learners who always see a need and respond. Congratulations: Eva G, Rithika L, Finau L, Alex B, Sophia Z, Layton K, Mateo E, Michael M, Cooper F, Ivan S, Oliver K, Nicholas JP and Eliana C.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

New school uniform can be purchased from NZ Uniforms, Bishop Dunn Place, Botany South.
www.nzuniforms.com

NZ UNIFORMS
St Mark's Catholic School Uniforms will be available from **New Zealand Uniforms Retailer** October 15th 2020.
We look forward to seeing you in 2020/2021.
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TERM DATES 2021

Term 1 2021 – Wednesday 3rd February – Friday 16th April (8th February Waitangi Day, 1st April Teacher Only Day, 2nd April Good Friday, 5th April Easter Monday, 6th April Easter Tuesday)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Please click here to see the flyer. [Spanish Classes Flyer](#)

HPHC Registrations are Now Open

Howick Pakuranga Hockey Club caters for all levels of skill in the Junior divisions. We welcome new players and are looking for Year 1 - 8 children to join our junior teams.

Register your interest at <https://hphockey.org.nz/Play> before 22 March 2021.

For more information please email:

ministicks@hphockey.org.nz (Year 1 - 4)
kwisticks@hphockey.org.nz (Year 5 & 6)
kwiksticks@hphockey.org.nz (Year 7 & 8)



Victoria Fisher (our very talented parent helper) is available for clothing repairs and alterations at a very reasonable price. Trousers, skirts, dresses, zips, curtains, school uniforms, repairs etc. Please contact Victoria for your repairs and alterations on 027 836 1812.



Keyboard lessons are available from Ruth Leafberg. Please contact Ruth directly on 027 208 7395 or email on ruthleafberg@gmail.com.

ASB

Supporting Success in your School \$500.00 – If you're a parent, staff member or a member of the school community and draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate \$500 to your chosen participating school. [Click here for information on supporting your school](#)

Start your kids on the right path with faith-based pre-school education.

Parents move mountains to get their children into Catholic schools, but what about pre-school, where initial foundation is laid?

Marian Early Childhood offers faith-based early learning environment. It is committed to providing a place where they can develop good character traits and values that will help them later in life.

The Centre is located right next to St. Patrick's Church. For more information or to set an appointment with the centre supervisor, please call 09.570.5690.

MONDAY - FRIDAY
Extended Hours! 7:30AM - 5:30PM
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MARIAN EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE

“The Marian Centre, CATHOLIC KINDERGARTEN” – This Kindy is situated in the heart of the Eastern Region of the Diocese of Auckland. It opened in 1999, on St. Luke’s Day and it was blessed by our Bishop Patrick Dunn D.D. in the year 2000. The Marian Early Childhood Centre is an Apostolate of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland and it is located in Panmure beside St. Patrick’s Church. We cater to children from 2 to 5 years of age.

The Kindy was created for and has been faithfully serving, the young children in the **Catholic parishes** of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland in the East.. We are a Catholic Early Childhood Centre and we follow the **Catholic Early Childhood Religious Education Curriculum Statement**. Our programme is guided by the **Catholic Liturgical Calendar and focuses on Catholic values and virtues**. Please phone: **5705690** or visit Cyril at 19A Sunset View Road, Panmure.

GUITAR LESSONS AFTER SCHOOL: Suitable for 6 years and older only. Would you like lessons with a music tutor with many years of teaching experience? You can enroll your child in guitar or ukulele lessons at St Mark’s School!

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