

ST MARK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Seek and you shall find



Newsletter

9 June 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
12 - 16 June	Scholastic Book Fair in the Library	
Wednesday 14 June	St John's Ambulance Service	Presentation to Kitea team
Tuesday 20 June	Yr 5 and 6 Hockey Field day	HPhC Lloyd Elsmore
Tuesday 20 June	BOT meeting	7pm in staffroom
Thursday 22 June	HPPA Dance Festival	Somerville Intermediate
Friday 30 June	Last Day of Term 2 PJ and Team movie day	School closes at 2.45pm
Friday 30 June	Mid-year reports emailed home	
3-14 July	Term break	School is closed
Monday 17 July	First day of Term 3	
Tuesday 25 July	Cross Country/Endurance Run	Torotoro and Whakatere Teams
Tuesday 8 August	HPPA Cross Country	Details TBC
Friday 11 August	PTFA Quiz Night	Details TBC
Friday 18 August	Grandparents Liturgy/Mass	Details TBC

Please note:

Mrs Kopua will be on sabbatical leave from Monday 12 June until Friday 11 August. Mrs Trish Hodgson is Acting Principal during this time and is supported by Mrs Jenny McKenzie, our school's long-serving Associate Principal (AP).

Trish Hodgson can be contacted via email: thodgson@stmarks.school.nz

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Book Week 2023 - Key dates and schedule

Theme: Be a Bookaneer

Mon 12 Jun	Walk through the Book Fair (set-up in the library) for children to view and make their wish list to take home.	
Tues 13 Jun Book Fair open from 2.45 to 3.45 for sales 	Author visit (Sally Sutton) 9.15 - 10 Kitea 10.15 - 11 Torotoro 11.30 - 12.15 Whakatere Mystery Teacher visit (after lunch 1.45 - 2 pm)	
Wed 14 Jun Book Fair open from 2.45 to 3.45 for sales 	Author visit (Anne Kayes) 9.30 - 10.30 Whakatere / Torotoro Mystery Teacher visit (after lunch 1.45 - 2 pm)	
Thurs 15 Jun Book Fair open from 2.45 to 3.45 for sales 	Stop, Drop and Read 12:50pm	
Fri 16 Jun Book Fair open from 9.45 - 10.15 (after parade) 	Book character Dress-up parade 9.00 - 9.30am approx Stop, Drop and Read 12:50pm	



A reminder that we use Schooldocs to manage our policies.. Parents can logon to the site and view policies and provide feedback.

This term, the BOT is reviewing the **Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC)** section.

You can visit the site at:

<https://stmarks.schooldocs.co.nz> (note that there's no "www.")

Our username is "**stmarks**" and password "**seekfind**"

Special Catholic Character

CORPUS CHRISTI FEAST DAY



On the Sunday after Trinity Sunday, the Church celebrates The Feast of Corpus Christi, also known as The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This Feast commemorates the immense gift of the Eucharist in our lives and in the Church. In Latin, Corpus Christi means Body of Christ. On Holy Thursday, we remember the institution of the priesthood and the Eucharist, the Last Supper, the Agony in the Garden, the betrayal of Judas and the beginning of the Passion of Christ. It is easy to become lost in so many beautiful things to remember. Corpus Christi Sunday allows us to focus solely on celebrating the real presence of Christ – Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity – in the bread and wine.

(source: mycatholickids.com)

Congratulations to our school children who received the blessed sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday in a lovely Mass officiated by Bishop Steve.



"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses to the end of the earth."
ACTS 1:8

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST LEARNERS

A very warm St Mark's welcome to Kevin (Room 2) and Steven (Room 4).

Message from the Principal

Kia Ora St Mark's Catholic School whānau

You may have heard that primary teachers have accepted the new terms of their Collective Agreement with the MOE which means there will be no further strike action this year - this is great news for our community! Our Secondary colleagues are still in negotiations with rolling strikes planned for the remainder of this term. As a mother of 3 high school students in Years 11-13, I know first-hand how this strike action is impacting learning and I can only pray that issues will soon be resolved, especially following a period of time compounded by the complexities of COVID.

St Mark's school is humming and our learners are certainly enjoying this finer weather. Teachers are in the process of completing mid-year reports. Assessment data and observations of learning progress and achievement has created a real buzz amongst our staff and children with the fruits of their hard labour paying dividends. Every child is to be commended for their progress across the curriculum and working hard to reach their learning goals.

We are experiencing an increase to our school roll and have recently welcomed many new migrant families to our community. Our rich cultural diversity is a real strength of our school as we can learn so much from one another. I loved our special Pentecost feast day liturgy and seeing our children in their cultural clothing. This was a wonderful way to celebrate, and witness how God's Holy Spirit reaches the ends of the earth and we are united in Christ.

Next week is Book Fair and I encourage you to come along during opening hours to browse the selection of material for sale. Mrs Monteiro has coordinated an amazing schedule of events for our children with visiting authors and other activities. I know this will be a fabulous week.

Well-done to our Whakatere students who have represented the school with pride at recent inter school sporting events. Again, thanks to all the families who offered their helping hands and cheered from the sidelines. We are now looking forward to Hockey and preparing for next term's Cross Country event.

You will notice from the key date section above that I am taking the second part of my sabbatical leave from Monday. During this longer period of time off-site, I will be visiting other schools, both locally and overseas, to assist my study into resilience in school-aged children. At Tuesday's SECKA Staff Only Day, Dr Lehan Stemmet in his keynote address, spoke about rest being crucial for resilience and he highlighted the differences between perseverance and endurance that can often become confused with resilience. I think in modern society we often keep going whilst cramming more and more into our already busy schedules that we forget to take mindful periods of rest to reflect and recharge. How can we give from an empty tank? One of my favourite hymns of all time reminds us to "be still and know that I am God" - how often do we still ourselves and find time for quiet meditation, contemplation and prayer in order to grow closer to God and deepen our relationship with ourselves and others? One of my personal goals is to do this more consciously. I will miss you all whilst I am gone, however I am looking forward to resting, recharging and reconnecting with family and friends during my trip back 'home' to Scotland in the next few weeks (with a new baby grand-niece to meet and my dad's 80th to celebrate!).

I thank Mrs Trish Hodgson for accepting the Acting Principal position to cover my period of absence and know the school is in very good hands.

Your friend in Christ

Tracey Kopua

COMMUNITY NOTICE

U6 Ripa Rugby on Saturdays! Marist Club are looking for more players.

Details are:

Saturday Mornings at 8am

LOCATION: Auckland Marist, 50 Dunkirk Rd, Panmure

GEAR: Mouthguard, Rugby/Football Boots

Email: juniors@aucklandmarist.co.nz

Phone : 027 627 4782 (Karl Bailey)

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