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## Newsletter 15th June 2021

Kerrie Hunt

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.

### KEY DATES

Date	What	Details
Tuesday 15 June	Rooms 2, 10 and 6 Class Mass	Parish Church at 9am
Tuesday 15 June	PTFA meeting	Staffroom at 7pm
Sunday 20 June	School Family Mass	Parish Church at 10.30am
Tuesday 22 June	BOT Meeting	Staffroom from 7.30pm
Sunday 27 June	Confirmation and Communion	Parish Church at 12.30pm
Tuesday 29 June	HPPA HOCKEY FIELD DAY (S/D Thurs 1st July)	Lloyd Elsmore Hockey Stadium
Wednesday 30 June	School interviews/ Mid-year reports	3.30-5.30pm
Wednesday 30 June	Yr 5 and 6 Camp meeting (for those who didn't attend previous meeting)	Library from 6pm
Thursday 1 July	School interviews/ Mid-year reports	1-7pm (school closes at noon)
Friday 2 July	School Disco	Pigeon Mountain School Hall from 6.15-8.15pm
Wednesday 7 July	Choir Rehearsal#3 at Elm Park School	Bus leaving at 8.50am
Friday 9 July	Last Day of Term 2/ PJ mufti-day	Wear PJs to school

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

### **WINTER WELLNESS**

We are well and truly past the mid-term mark and signs of winter are appearing. Days are definitely shorter and colder and we are noticing lots of coughs, colds and an increase in absenteeism through genuine sickness. To ensure winter wellness, please focus on the little things that can make a big difference: warmer clothing; earlier nights; good nutrition; lots of vitamin C and plenty of exercise.

### **TERM 2**

In an earlier newsletter I mentioned terms 2 and 3 are the 'grunt terms' and I am especially proud of the hard work, focus and diligence of our students and staff. Teachers have been taking time to write progress reports in preparation for the upcoming school interviews and I know they are very much looking forward to sharing your child's learning journey and successes to date.

### **STUDENT LEADERSHIP**

I am also proud of the 2021 Student Leadership Council. The 12 leaders (Sherene, Eva, Mikhayla, Kiera, Amelie, Elenor, Mateo, Tyler, Jehan, Princeton, Alvin and Joseph) have been working quietly behind the scenes to plan and oversee initiatives and projects that will further enhance our school and provide opportunities for our younger learners. Already, the student leaders have facilitated lunch-time games for Kitea team (Yr 0-2s) and have presented the PB4L focus at weekly assemblies as well as capably assisting in tidying the school grounds and PE shed. The leaders have been meeting weekly for training, inspiration and guidance. The next step in this revised student leadership model is to include and involve the members of the leadership support team (the ambassador group). I look forward to sharing more in the coming weeks.

### **IMPORTANT STAFFING NEWS**

Mrs Bruna Bannister recently tendered her resignation (effective from the end of Term 2) as she has made the decision to retire from full time teaching. Mrs Bannister and her husband are relocating to Christchurch and will enjoy a different pace of life. We will be sad to farewell Bruna who is a well-respected, caring, creative and fun teacher and friend of our school.

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Deanne Williams to our teaching team from the start of Term 3. Deanne will teach in the Totoro team and will replace Bruna as classroom teacher of Room 12. Deanne is an experienced teacher who was the Yr 3 and 4 team leader at Pakuranga Heights for some time. Deanne is a local resident who worships at St Mark's Parish with her husband and two young boys.

### **ST MARK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL – A FAMILY OF FAITH**

This Sunday, the school will gather with the Parish community for the School Family Mass at 10.30am. Thanks to Mrs Dias-McAllum and Mrs Furivai for preparing children to lead the Liturgy of the word, the music ministry and the Liturgical movement. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Your friend in Christ

## SPECIAL CATHOLIC CHARACTER



On Sunday 27th June, 23 students from our school will receive the blessed sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation at St Mark's Parish Church.

We keep the children and their families in our thoughts and prayers.



July from 1-7pm (Whole school).

School interviews are scheduled for **Wednesday 30 June** from 3.30-5.30pm (Whakatere and Torotoro Teams – Rms 1,2,3,10,11 and 12) and **Thursday 1**

Mid-year progress reports will be distributed and discussed at the school interview.

To book your a time to meet your child's teacher go to:

[www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and enter the event code: **q2bd9**

If your child is in **Room 4**, please use this event code: **f4gse**

**PLEASE NOTE – School will close at 12.00 noon on Thursday 1st July** – A limited amount of spaces will be available with SKIDS, please call 027 2308846 if you wish to book or email: [stmarks@skids.co.nz](mailto:stmarks@skids.co.nz)

## PTFA MEETING

Our small but dedicated PTFA will meet this Tuesday at 7pm in the staffroom. The PTFA is always seeking new members to join. There is no obligation to attend all meetings or events – any offering, no matter how small, is greatly appreciated. Being involved in the PTFA is a great way to meet other families and friends of our school.

## PTFA DISCO – SAVE THE DATE

Our PTFA is hosting a School Disco on Friday 2nd July from 6.15 – 8.15pm. More information about this event will be available following this week's meeting.

## SHARED FOOD / BIRTHDAY TREATS

We would like to kindly request that parents/caregivers refrain from sending in birthday treats to be shared with children. Many children at the school have allergies and the school has to be conscious of this as well as food safety standards. We are increasingly mindful of the pressure and expense caused if there is a perception that birthday packs/birthday treats are expected.

## YEAR 5 AND 6 CAMP

Another meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday 30 June at 6pm in the library. Those who were unable to attend the previous meeting are invited to come along to learn more about this year's camp.

Camp permission forms will be distributed via email next week.

## 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>

## SCHOOL POLICY REVIEW



We are using SchoolDocs to manage our policies. This is a web-based system that allows us to maintain, update and review our policies. SchoolDocs provides us with a comprehensive core set of policies, which have been well researched and follow the Ministry of Education National Administration Guidelines.

Parents can logon to the site and view policies and provide feedback. In Term 2, parents are invited to give feedback on the "Reporting to Parents on Student Progress" policy.

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**"

Search for " Reporting to Parents on Student Progress " using the search box and use the green comment button to submit your feedback.

## 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: Wear correct uniform (including correct winter shoes) and Bring/wear PE uniform everyday Year 4 up (including footwear)

## GOOD NEWS/PB4L AWARDEES

Acknowledging learners who always see a need and respond. Congratulations: Ava O, Mia L, Rushal M, Elenor V, Ivan S, Tyler M, Princeton C, Leo R, Sean O, Annika J, Lilly M, Sherene R, Valentina W, Mateo E, Michael M, Olivia Y, Alvin C, Nicholas JP, Jason S, Annelise B, Samara K, Amelia P, Fletcher H, Theo R, Todaishe C, Sarah G, Jack S, Laura JP, Austin N, Olivia T, Christian VW, Isabelle L, Arcy P, Eva G, Conaghan L, Wesley C, Olive C, Ferila V, Ruhi A, Quinn H, Jacob L, Max M, Amelie C, Kiera L, Rita S, Krishav N, Amy N, Yonah P, Olivia T, Alan L, Ellie L, Team Whakatere, Jacob F, Joseph M, Bernice S, Mikhayla T, Jehan S, Jacob L, Brent P, Charlie C, Abigail F, Liam A, Orlando P, Liam D, Oliver K, Louisa S, Liam D, Isla H, Elenor V, Ezra G, Fletcher S, Carlos T, Errol T, Minna H, Dante A, Joshua S, Alice P, Sarah E, Devan P, Adrienne L and Johan S.

## 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. 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](http://www.entbook.co.nz/998v85)

## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

New school uniform can be purchased from NZ Uniforms, Bishop Dunn Place, Botany South. [www.nzuniforms.com](http://www.nzuniforms.com)



## COMMUNITY NOTICES



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](mailto: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](#)

An advertisement for the Marian Early Childhood Centre. It features a hand with colorful clay-like finger puppets. The text reads: "Start your kids on the right path with faith-based pre-school education." Below this, it says: "Parents move mountains to get their children into Catholic schools, but why about pre-school, where initial foundation is laid?" It then describes the center's faith-based environment and location next to St. Patrick's Church. Contact information includes: "MONDAY - FRIDAY Extended Hours! 7:30AM - 5:30PM Full-day enrollment accepted for ages 2-5". It also has a Facebook link and a phone number: "09 270 5690 - marianec@princ.org.nz". The bottom of the ad says "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!

We deliver a fun varied and structured curriculum. Students learn songs in styles ranging from traditional to contemporary. For more information please contact Jordan Morrison on 021 132 7024 or at [jordan.morrison@musiqhub.co.nz](mailto:jordan.morrison@musiqhub.co.nz)

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