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Newsletter 17th May 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.

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

Tuesday 18th May Torotoro Team (Year 3-4) Museum Trip, HPPA Soccer Field Day at Meadowlands Reserve (5 teams attending), BOT meeting in staffroom at 7:30pm

Thursday 20th May Kitea team (Yr0-2) Zoo trip, St Mark's Saints V PMPS Slam at 6:50 – Pak College Old Gym, St Mark's Stars V Elim Legends at 7:25pm Farm Cove Intermediate

Friday 21st May – PINK MUFTI-DAY (Bullying-Free NZ)

Sunday 23rd May – PENTECOST Sunday

Monday 24th May – Cultural Mufti Day (to celebrate Feast of Pentecost)

SPECIAL CATHOLIC CHARACTER

Bereavement

Please keep Joselyn Laird, Trish Hodgson, Ingrid Manickum and their families, in your thoughts and prayers as they mourn the recent loss of loved ones:

Ms Laird's grandmother, Mrs Hodgson's mother-in-law and Mrs Manickum's aunt.

Congratulations

We extend heartfelt congratulations to Fr Thomas Park who received the blessed sacraments of Holy Orders at his ordination on Saturday. What a joyous celebration for Fr Thomas and his family.



All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages,

as the Spirit gave them the ability (Acts 2:4)

This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and other disciples following the Crucifixion,

Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ (Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 2) and it marks the beginning of the Christian church's mission to the world.

As a Christian community, we have collective ownership in sharing and witnessing the Gospel through loving acts of care and service. At St Mark's Catholic School we encourage active discipleship in following Christ's footsteps through the ABCs and 3Rs.

A Prayer for Pentecost

Beautiful Lord,

may we say "yes" to you

so that the Spirit in our hearts

will once again be set ablaze.

Spirit of Wisdom,

guide our actions so they tell of God's love.

Spirit of Truth,

open our eyes to see the world as it really is.

Spirit of Power,

enthuse us to work for justice throughout the world.

Spirit of Love,

inspire us to respect the dignity of each person.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Come.

FEAST OF PENTECOST – CULTURAL MUFTI DAY

The feast of Pentecost marks the beginning of the apostolic church and the mission to spread the good news to all corners of the globe. St Mark's is a richly diverse school reflecting the spread of Christianity and Catholicism. We would like to invite children to wear cultural clothing on Monday 24 May to celebrate this special feast day.

SCHOOL POLICIES

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.

BOT NEWS

Welcome to our newest trustees: Maureen Mafi and Abigail Tigley who have been appointed to our school BOT via selection process.

Members of our BOT are:

Tracey Kopua Principal

Jose Gutierrez Chair/ Proprietor’s representative

Fr Sherwin Proprietor’s representative

Nazley Ernstzen Proprietor’s representative

Martin Ryan Proprietor’s representative

James Townsend Parent representative

Gavin Coad Parent representative

Winidu Kannangara Parent representative

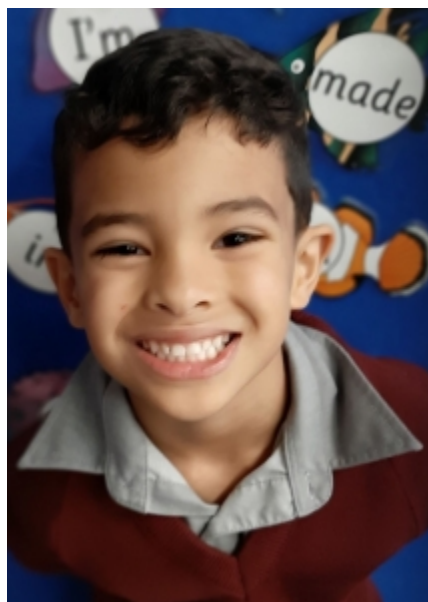
Maureen Mafi Parent representative

Abigail Tigley Parent representative

Ingrid Manickum Staff Trustee

NEW STUDENTS

An especially warm St Mark’s welcome to Tyson who has joined Room 4 last week.



KEY DATES

Date	What	Details
Mon 17th – Fri 21th May	BULLY FREE WEEK NZ	Class programmes to raise awareness
Tuesday 18th May	Torotoro Team Museum Trip	Rooms 10, 11 and 12 trip to the Museum
Tuesday 18th May	Year 5 & 6 Soccer Field Day	Meadowlands Reserve
Tuesday 18th May	BOT Meeting	Staffroom from 7:30pm
Thursday 20th May	Kitea Team Zoo Trip	Rooms 4, 6 and 7 trip to Auckland Zoo
Sunday 23rd May	Pentecost Sunday	Usual Sunday Mass times
Monday 24th May	Cultural Dress Mufti-Day	School Pentecost observations
Tuesday 25th May	Year 5 & 6 Netball Field Day	Pakuranga Netball Centre
Tuesday 1st June	Rooms 3, 4 and 11 Class Mass	Parish Church at 9am
Thursday 3rd June	Jester's Pie Day	Orders through KINDO
Friday 4th June	Staff Only Day	School is closed – SKIDS IS AVAILABLE
Monday 7th June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	School is closed
Tuesday 8th June	Kahui Ako Staff Only Day	School is closed – SKIDS IS AVAILABLE
Wednesday 9th June	Choir Rehearsal #2 at Elm Park School	Bus leaving at 8:50am

Tuesday 15th June	Rooms 2, 10 and 6 Class Mass	Parish Church at 9am
Wednesday 30th June	School interviews/Mid-Year reports	3:30pm to 5:30pm
Thursday 1st July	School interviews/Mid-Year reports	1pm to 7pm (School closes at noon)

STAFF ONLY DAYS

We can confirm that SKIDS is available on Friday 4th June and Tuesday 8th June for these staff only days. If you require a SKIDS booking, please book through SKIDS directly.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term 2 is off to a settled start and it has been wonderful spending time in classrooms and on the playground connecting with our happy learners. The past two weeks have been a hive of activity at school: lots of new families have been welcomed; Easter has been celebrated; our student council has been named; two basketball teams have been selected and are playing in a local tournament on Thursday evenings; five soccer teams have been preparing for the HPPA tournament; netball teams are in training; the choir has joined other local schools to prepare for next term's festival; trips for the Kitea team and Torotoro team have been planned; hundreds of Anzac cookies have been baked and we have had a successful initial camp meeting.

I often talk about Terms 2 and 3 being the 'grunt' terms as these are the times in the school schedule when we dig deeper into our teaching, learning and assessment programmes. Term 1 on the other hand is usually the term of establishing routines and getting to know one another well as we settle into new classrooms with different peers and teachers. And, Term 4 is a short term that sees swimming programmes, Mission Day, prize givings and Christmas events and consolidation activities.

With this in mind, regular school attendance is important for your child to experience educational success. Indeed, every minute matters and children should arrive at school and to class on time, prepared with what they need (including a good night's sleep the night before, a healthy breakfast in their tummy and a nutritious lunch/morning tea packed).

The only time your child should be away from school is for medical reasons (genuinely sick/ dentist appointments etc) or for important/ urgent family reasons.

Please try to avoid booking trips and excursions outside of term time wherever possible.

The picture below highlights why attendance matters:

DOES ATTENDANCE REALLY MATTER?

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of school that's...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

If you want your child to be successful at school then
YES, attendance does matter!

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

On a final note, this Friday is PINK SHIRT DAY. We encourage children to wear something pink in support of a BULLYING- FREE NZ. As always, if you have any concerns over your child's wellbeing and/or learning at school, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's teacher in the first instance, or a member of the school's senior leadership team.

Your friend in Christ

Tracey Kopua



JESTER'S PIE LUNCH DAY – ORDERS THROUGH KINDO

JESTER'S pies can only be ordered through KINDO. Our pie lunch-time fundraiser (to help with this year's camp costs) is scheduled for Thursday 3 June. Orders close at 11am on 2 June if paying via Poli or Credit/ Debit card (these 3 methods are instant). If paying via Internet Banking Transfer, the cut off date is Sunday 30th May. Please see the promotional material at the end of this newsletter.

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 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. 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

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: Juane D, Paige E, Lewis F, Liam D, Elenor V, Quinn H, Lara A, Ava O, Mia L, Lilly M, Mikhayla T, Jason S, Princeton C, Videle K, Eliana C, Amelia L, Alvino S, Quinn P, Fletcher S, Bernice S, Amelia P, Max M, Amelia C, Noah K, Sarah E, Alice P, Krishav N, Sherene R, Valentina W, Hannah D, Latai L, Chloe L, Olive C, Ekueni H, Kattelaya S, Luke S, Vincent W, Emjay R, Nicholas JP, Louisa S, Lauren A, Jehan S, Eva G, Samantha U, Liam A, Ben M, Samara K, Tyler M, Leo R, Samya T, Samantha S, Alvin C, Paige S, Ceana F, Mateo E, Rita S, Indumini W, Rushal M, Ricci G, Oliver K, Kate H, Ethan H, Bea U, Brynner V, Conaghan L, Michael M, Chloe L, Harper D, Lucas JP, Fletcher H, Christian T, Joshua S, Chloe T, John T, Elenor V, Ava O, Leigh F, Jaden S, Johan S and Ruhi A.

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

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St Mark's Catholic School Uniform
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October 10th 2018

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Lean beef mince, gravy and melted cheddar cheese.

Spud Delux
Beef mince, lean bacon, creamy potato top and melted cheddar cheese.

Stockmans*
Lean steak and gravy.

Southern Man
Lean steak, gravy and melted cheddar cheese.

Morning Glory
Lean bacon, fresh whole egg with melted tasty cheese.

Kentucky Delight*
Apples, blueberries and vanilla custard.

William Tell
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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.



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](#)

“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

https://www.facebook.com/HansanGoldenViet/menu/?ref=page_internal

Here is a link for Sancta Maria's production of 'Footloose'. Starting this week! https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2021/sancta-maria-college-presents-footloose/auckland/manukau-city?_ga=2.165578239.1768628291.1616985786-519249044.1579210500





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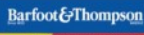

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