



Kia Ora St Mark's Catholic School whānau

KEY DATES

Date	What	Details
Monday 26 July	First day of Term 3	School starts at 8.50am
Tuesday 27 July	Cross Country - timed training run	All Year 3-6 students
Wednesday 28 July	PHOTOLIFE	Class, group, individual and sibling photos
Friday 30 July	Cross Country - timed training run	All Year 3-6 students
Friday 30 July	Jellybeans Music	Kitea and Torotoro teams (Yr 0-4)
Wednesday 4 August	Choir Rehearsal at Elm Park School	Bus leaving at 8.50am
Friday 6 August	School Cross Country Event (weather permitting)	All Year 3-6 students Event starts at 11.30am
Friday 6 August	Jellybeans Music	Kitea and Torotoro teams (Yr 0-4)
Mon 16 August/ Tues 17 August	HPPA Dance Festival Event	Details to be confirmed

Cross Country preparation

During the first two weeks of Term 3, all students in Years 3-6 (Rooms 1,2,3,10,11 and 12) should bring comfortable PE training/running gear each day (preferably be the school PE uniform and comfortable running shoes).

Specialist Music programmes during Term 3

Students in the Kitea (Yr 0-2) and Torotoro Teams (Yr 3-4) will have music lessons, facilitated by specialist teachers from *Jellybeans Music*, on Fridays during weeks 1-5. The Kitea team will be learning to use percussion instruments. The Torotoro team will be learning more about music using the recorder (all children will be given a recorder of their own).

The Whakatere team (Yr 5-6) will enjoy dance and movement lessons, facilitated by *Footsteps Dance* instructors on Thursday afternoons during Week 6-10.

Lunches and morning tea snacks

We have recently noticed 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.

YEAR 5 and 6 CAMP

A reminder to families of Year 5 and 6 students to complete camp information forms by accessing this link: <https://forms.gle/Ab5gZy3j7cY418rK8>

If you require hard copies of camp forms, please make a request through the school office.

The parental contribution towards camp costs has been loaded onto KINDO with the option to make part payments. If you need to discuss anything in relation to camp, please arrange a time to meet with Tracey Kopua.

Yr 4-6 ICAS Assessments (opt-in)

The survey distributed in Term 2 reflected enough interest for the school to make the decision to offer ICAS assessments. Parents who have 'opted-in' will see ICAS payments loaded through the KINDO portal. An ICAS assessment schedule will be available when assessment dates are confirmed:

Week 3 - ICAS Writing

Week 4 - ICAS English

Week 5 - ICAS Science and Spelling

Week 6 - ICAS Mathematics

Term 3 Basketball

There are only 2 teams entered for the local tournament. These are the same teams who played during Term 2. Unfortunately, we did not secure volunteer support to enter a Year 4 team.

SICKNESS - Cold/Flu like symptoms

If your child is sick and /or displaying cold/flu symptoms please keep them at home until they are well enough to return to school. Towards the end of last term, many children and staff were hit hard by a nasty flu-like bug that saw extended periods of absence from school/work.