

ST MARK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Seek and you shall find



TUESDAY 23 JULY 2024

Kia Ora, Welcome, Hello, Nǐ hǎo, Talofa Lava, Hallo, Salut, Namaste, Bonjour, Bula Vinaka, Guten Tag, Shalom, Cìào, おはよう (Ohayou), 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
Thursday 25 July	Whakatere Cross Country/ Fun run event (saving date 26/7)
Wed 31 July/ Thurs 1 Aug	Education Review Office (ERO): Carol Bashford, evaluator, on-site
Friday 2 August	Olympics 2024 Tabloid games
Thursday 8 August	Footsteps dance programme commences for Rms 1,2,3,10, 11 and 12
Tuesday 13 August	HPPA Cross Country (savings day 15 August)
Friday 16 August	Feast of the Assumption liturgy
Tuesday 20 August	BOT meeting in the staffroom
Friday 23 August	Kitea team weekly music lessons with Mrs Carter commence today
Tuesday 27 August	HPPA Rehu Tai Speech finals
Wednesday 28 August	HPPA Dance Festival at Somerville Intermediate School
Friday 30 August	STAFF ONLY DAY (school is closed for instruction)
Tuesday 17 Sept	Kitea Cross Country/ fun run event
Tuesday 17 Sept	BOT meeting in the staffroom
Wednesday 18 Sept	SECKA Kapa Haka festival at Sancta Maria College
Tues 24 and Wed 25 Sept	Farm Cove Choir Festival
Friday 27 Sept	Last day of Term 3: Superhero mufti

Whakatere Cross Country/ Fun Run event - Rooms 1, 10, 11 and 12

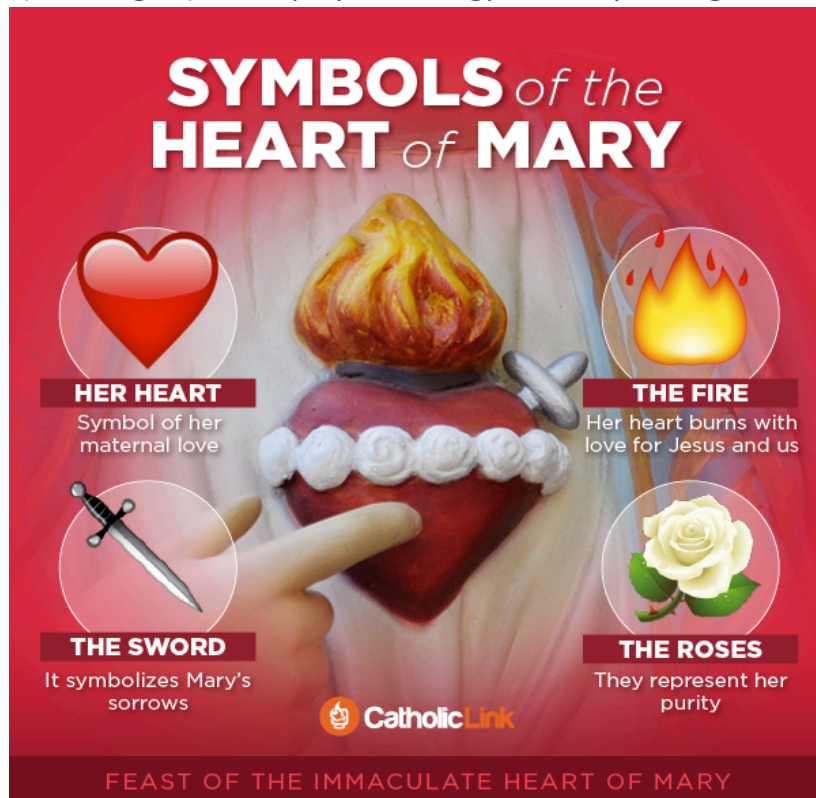
All Yr 4-6 students are expected to participate in this event unless they are unwell. Students have the opportunity to opt into a competitive course or a non-competitive course. From the competitive course, and through the timed runs, a school team will be identified to proceed to the HPPA field day. Non-competitive participants will complete a shortened course with the aim to give Cross Country a go and give it their personal best. Sideline support is welcome. Event will begin at 11.40am.

OLYMPICS TABLOIDS - Friday 2 August

We are looking forward to getting into the Olympic spirit and supporting all the athletes competing in this year's Paris games. Next Friday, we will host our own version of the Olympic games. Children will be divided into 20 countries that best represent our school's rich diversity. Children should try to dress in comfortable sports clothing in the colours of their allocated country for a day of Olympic fun. Your child's classroom teacher can provide further details about the country your child will represent.

Special Catholic Character

The month of August is dedicated to the *Immaculate Heart of Mary*. The entire month falls within the liturgical season of Ordinary time, which is represented by the liturgical colour green. Green is a symbol of hope and is the colour of the sprouting seed that arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. We will observe the Feast of Mary's Assumption to Heaven (15th August) with a prayerful liturgy on Friday 16 August.



The heart of Mary, more than any other, is a humble heart, capable of accepting God's gifts. In order to become man, God chose precisely her, a simple young woman of Nazareth, who did not dwell in the palaces of power and wealth, who did not do extraordinary things. Let us ask ourselves - it will do us good - if we are prepared to accept God's gifts, or prefer instead to shut ourselves up within our forms of material security, intellectual security, the security of our plans. Pope Francis

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST LEARNERS

We extend a very warm St Mark's welcome to our newest learners:

Room 4: Hugo, Connor, Shashwati, Kiyara, Aiden, Samiuela, Maureen and Noah

Room 6: Olivia

Room 3: Maikhuen

Room 1: Elsa

School Camp - Year 5-6: Lakewood Lodge 2-4 November

If you have not yet completed the on-line consent and info form, please do so asap by following this link:

<https://forms.gle/rVuS2urTQE7GBR8KA>

Payment is due through KINDO or bank transfer by Friday 18 October.

If you prefer hard copies of forms to complete, these can be requested from the school office.

2025 PLANNING

- NOT RETURNING - We are in the early stages of planning classrooms and staffing for next year. If for any reason your child/family will not be returning to St Mark's (with the exception of Year 6 school leavers), we would appreciate you letting the school know asap.
- FUTURE ENROLMENTS - If you have a child turning 5 before the end of 2025, please complete an enrolment asap. You may know of other families hoping to enrol their child/children at St Mark's. If this is the case, please encourage them to arrange a visit to the school and a meeting with the Principal.
- YEAR 6 LEAVERS - It is wonderful to hear that the majority of our Year 6 learners are continuing their educational journey into Catholic secondary schools. If you have not yet enrolled your Year 6 child in a school for 2025, you are encouraged to do so asap. Many local schools have zones and closing dates for applications. If you need any support with your enrolment, please let us know. We are only happy to help.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



The Marian Centre, CATHOLIC KINDERGARTEN

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 the centre 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

MAKING MAGICAL MEMORIES AT ST MARK'S



"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.' " Matthew 19:14