

ST MARK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Seek and you shall find



Newsletter 27 May 2022

Kia Ora, Welcome, Hello, Ni hāo, 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
Tuesday 31 May	Feast of The Visitation Rooms 2, 6 and 11 Buddy-class Mass	Parish Church at 9am
Tuesday 31 May	BOT meeting	7pm in staffroom
Thursday 2 June	PARENT PARTNERSHIP Structured Literacy (Years 0-2) The CODE (Years 2-4)	5pm and 6pm in Room 4 5pm and 6pm in Room 11
Thursday 2 June	Yr 5 and 6 Camp Information meeting	Library at 2.30pm
Friday 3 June	Staff Only Day	School is closed
Monday 6 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	School is closed
Tuesday 7 June	Staff Only Day	School is closed
Wednesday 8 June	Yr 5 and 6 Camp Information meeting	Via zoom at 6.30pm
Tuesday 14 June	Soccer Field day	Venue TBC
Friday 17 June	COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT 'Love languages for children' parent seminar Winter onesies/PJ Movie Night for children	Parish Centre/ School from 6.15-7.45pm
Thursday 23 June	JESTER'S PIE DAY	orders through KINDO
Friday 24 June	Matariki Public Holiday	School is closed
Tuesday 28 June	Hockey Field day (savings day Wed 29 June)	HPHC Lloyd Elsmore
4-8 July	Life Education on-site (Health Curriculum)	
Friday 8 July	PJ Mufti day/ Last day of Term 2	

Please note: There are 2 staff only days on either side of this year's Queen's Birthday weekend.
Our first staff only day, Friday 4 June, is allocated to school reporting, planning and assessment.
The second staff only day, Tuesday 8 June, is a Professional Development day.
SKIDS will be available on Friday 3 June and Tuesday 7 June.

Special Catholic Character - message from our school's DRS, Mrs Beverley Dias-McAllum



The new term began with students learning about our patron, Saint Mark, whose special feast day is celebrated on 25th April which is ANZAC day. However, as a school we had an honorary feast day on 12th May. St. Mark is one of the Gospel writers and he is known as a great evangelist. It is believed that Mark and his Father (who was an unbeliever) encountered two lions on their travels. Mark assured his father that Christ would save them and began to pray. As a result, the beasts died and his father started to believe in Christ. Hence, the reason for a lion in artistic images of St Mark.

The months of May and October are a special time to honour our Blessed Mother Mary. Each Wednesday during May, the student-led liturgy committee invited our school children to join together to pray a decade of the Rosary at lunchtimes.

In his 1951 encyclical *Ingruentium malorum*, Pope Pius XI wrote:

"The custom of the family recitation of the Holy Rosary is a most efficacious means. What a sweet sight - most pleasing to God - when, at eventide, the Christian home resounds with the frequent repetition of praises in honour of the High Queen of Heaven!"

The month of May concludes with the beautiful feast day of 'The Visitation'. This is when Mary, who was pregnant with Jesus, visits her cousin Elizabeth, who was pregnant with John the Baptist.

Religious Education

Our tamariki are now learning about Hehu Karaiti - Jesus Christ, His life on earth and understanding the context in which He lived and the structure and stories of the New Testament. Thank you for taking the time to affirm your child's learning in RE.

Karakia

Glorious St. Mark thought the grace of God our Father you became a great Evangelist, preaching the Good News of Christ. May you help us to know Him well, so that we may faithfully live our lives as followers of Christ. Amen.

Message from the Principal

Kia ora St Mark's Catholic school whānau

We have enjoyed a fabulous couple of weeks of learning at school with lots of events to complement classroom programmes like the Honorary St Mark's feast day; Motat trip; Pink Day; Netball field day and Dangerous Decibels. Our recent School/Family interviews were very well attended too and teachers appreciated the opportunity to connect face2face to discuss your child's learning goals, effort and progress across the curriculum.

We are noticing some resurgence of Covid currently and we are likely to be impacted by further winter illnesses as we move through this term. This week, our average attendance rate was at 80% with many children, and staff, absent from school with cold and flu symptoms. Please remember to stay home if sick and seek appropriate medical advice if need be. In these colder months, a school jumper is encouraged to provide an additional layer for warmth. Please ensure all uniform items are clearly labelled.

In the next fortnight, there are opportunities to find out more about Literacy Learning at St Mark's. Teachers will run two identical workshops at 5pm and 6pm on Thursday 2nd June, to allow those interested to attend both sessions. Mrs Hodgson and the Kitea team will present Structured Literacy (Yr 0-2) in Room 4 and Miss Robinson and Torotoro team will present The Code (Yr 2-4) in Room 12. Each session is about 45 - 50 minutes in duration. We do hope to see you there!

For families of our Year 5 and 6 students, we are hosting two camp information sessions and we hope you will be able to attend one to find out more about this November's camp to Lakewood Lodge. One of these meetings is via zoom (Wednesday 8th June at 6.30pm) and one is in the library (Thursday 2nd June at 2.30pm) just before end of day pick-up. Please note, for families who attended camp meetings last year, there is no need for you to attend.

You will also note in the key dates above that the PTFA has organised guest speakers to deliver a presentation for parents to explore the 'Love languages for Children'. If we know our child's particular love language (and indeed our own, and that of our spouse), we are better equipped to meet their emotional needs for safety, security and wellbeing. I attended a similar presentation when my own children were little and it made so much sense and helped me change the way I responded to their individual needs (Josh = words of affirmation; Tiana = gift giving and Charlee = quality time). I also realised my own love language = acts of service.

Childcare is also sorted for this evening as we will have movie night for the kids running simultaneously in the school whilst the parents enjoy an evening in the Parish centre. To assist with planning, a short survey to RSVP will be distributed next week.

BOT elections take place later in the year. Our BOT composition is: 4 elected parent representatives; 3 proprietor's representatives; 1 staff trustee and the Principal. We will be seeking nominations from prospective candidates before voting commences. It is important our electoral roll is up-to-date. If your contact information has changed recently, please let us know by contacting the school office. If you are interested in joining the BOT by standing for election, you are encouraged to come along to a future BOT meeting. The BOT meets this coming Tuesday 31st May at 7pm in the staffroom.

On a final note I want to thank you all for your continued support of St Mark's Catholic School and for promoting our school to your extended families and friends. A real highlight of my job as Principal is showing prospective families around and having the opportunity to share the many fabulous things that are happening. Visitors always comment on the warm welcome they receive and notice how happy and inclusive our school is. Thank you for entrusting your beautiful children to our care. It really is a privilege to serve the St Mark's community.

Your friend in Christ,
Tracey Kopua

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WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST LEARNERS

An especially warm welcome to Ana, Scarlett, Stella and Matilda who have recently started 'BIG' school and have joined the Room 4 learning community.



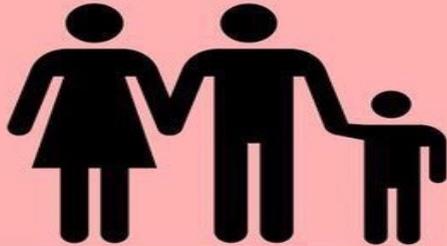
Following in the footsteps of Jesus
At St Mark's Catholic School

Learners at St Mark's are reminded to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. To encourage learners to do this, we reference our school's ABCs and 3Rs.

ABCs: A - Attitude; B - Behaviour; C - Care

3Rs: Respect for self; Respects for Others; Respect for the environment

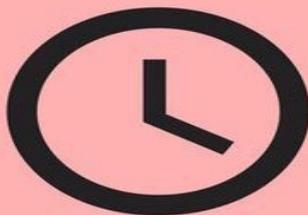
5 LOVE LANGUAGES FOR KIDS



Each child has their own way to feel loved and give it to others. Identify the love language of your child and “speak” it to strengthen the bond with your kid.

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

If this is their love language, they feed off spoken or written encouragement and appreciation.



QUALITY TIME

For kids whose love language is quality time, their love “tanks” are filled by the moments they share with you.

PHYSICAL TOUCH

If this is their love language, they thrive on physical touch and proximity.



GIVING GIFTS

For children who feel loved by gifts, it is more the thought behind the gifts than the actual gifts themselves.

ACTS OF SERVICE

Little ones who feel loved by acts of service find helping others to be fulfilling.



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