

ST MARK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Seek and you shall find



Newsletter

29 April 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	Details
Wednesday 1 May	Yr 5 and 6 Positive Puberty	- NEST Education Programme
Thursday 2 May	Choir Festival practice	from 9 - 10.30am at Farm Cove Intermediate
Friday 3 May	Slices/ cookies for Sunday's bake sale	to be dropped off today
Sunday 5 May	SCHOOL FAMILY MASS AND BAKE SALE	
Monday 20 May	PENTECOST LITURGY	- Dress in cultural clothing or wear something red
Tuesday 21 May	HPPA Netball Field day	
Thursday 30 May	Choir Festival practice	from 9 - 10.30am at Farm Cove Intermediate
Monday 3 June	King's Birthday - school is closed	
Tuesday 4 June	Staff Only Professional Development day - school is closed	
Thursday 6 June	HPPA Soccer Field day	
Friday 7 June	Trees for Survival planting day - details TBC	
Wednesday 12 June	Museum Trip	- Rooms 2, 3, 4,6 and 7
Friday 14 June	Museum Trip	- Rooms 1, 10, 11 and 12
Tuesday 18 June	HPPA Hockey Field day	
24 - 27 June	KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE with Constable Matt Green - details TBC	
Thursday 27 June	School Disco - details TBC	
Friday 28 June	Matariki public holiday - school is closed	
Friday 5 July	Last day of Term 3 - PJ mufti-day	

SCHOOL FAMILY MASS - We encourage all families of the school to come along to Sunday's **10.30am** Mass. Children are welcome to wear uniform and should sit with the school staff in the reserved seating area. There will be a bake sale after Mass with all items priced at \$1 or \$2. Proceeds will go towards the Year 5 and 6 camp. We are seeking home baked cookies and slices to be dropped off to school this Friday 3rd May. Freshly baked items can be dropped off at the Parish Centre before Mass.

Year 5 and 6 Positive Puberty programme

NEST Consultancy - Positive Puberty Plus©

As part of the NZ Health & Physical Education Curriculum we have engaged Nest Consulting to provide their '**Positive Puberty Plus©**' programme. Nest are experts in delivering Positive Puberty programmes and facilitate in many Catholic Schools across New Zealand. The Nest team will be in school on **Wednesday 1 May**. All topics will be covered age appropriately in a way that relates to male and female puberty, the changing body, sense of self, decision making, media influences, celebrating diversity and body confidence.

Some of the sessions will be girls and boys together and some will be girls only and boys only. **This is NOT sex education**, rather learning about health and body changes through puberty. If you have concerns about your child attending, we encourage you to talk to the teacher, or to Mrs Kopua for more information before deciding whether to include your child. If you decide to withdraw your child from the Programme, please let Mrs Kopua know as soon as possible so alternative plans can be made for your child on the day. The school expects all Year 5 and 6 children to participate in the programme as learning about changes through puberty is an integral part of the NZ Curriculum and very important learning given your child's age and stage of development.

Special Catholic Character

St Mark's Feast Day (observed on 25 April)



Go into all the world, and proclaim the Gospel to every creature, alleluia. Mark 16:15

St. Mark, the Evangelist, the author of the second Gospel, was the son of Mary whose house at Jerusalem was the meeting place of Christians. He was baptised and instructed by St. Peter. In about the year 42 A.D. he came to Rome with the Prince of the Apostles. There at the request of the faithful he wrote his Gospel about the year 50 A.D. His Gospel is a record of St. Peter's preaching about Our Lord and pays special attention to the head of the Apostles. The Gospel was written for Roman Gentile converts. It rarely quotes the Old Testament, and is careful to explain Jewish customs, rites and words. It excels in portraying the emotions and affections of both Christ and His hearers. St. Mark preached in Egypt, especially in Alexandria and was martyred there. (www.catholicculture.org)

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST LEARNERS

Room 4 - Audrie, Scarlett and Nicolas

Room 2 - Angel

Room 3 - Sloane

Room 10 - Angela

Room 11 - Holly

General reminders

Winter Uniform

Winter uniform items can be worn from the start of Term 2. Please ensure all uniform items, especially jackets and jumpers are clearly labelled. We would appreciate all children being in winter uniform from **Monday 13 May**.

School Drop Off

Many children are being dropped off far too early in the morning with the waiting area at the front of the school packed by 8.15am. There is no supervision on-site until 8.30am, however a member of the leadership team is usually out front from 8.25am. Please note: school officially starts at 8.50am. Dropping your child between 8.30 and 8.45am allows plenty of time to prepare for the day ahead. If you require early morning supervision, SKIDS is available.

Thanks for your awesome support of wacky hair day and for the generous donations for the Parish food bank



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