

ST MARK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Seek and you shall find



FRIDAY 31 MAY 2024

Kia Ora, Welcome, Hello, Ni hāo, 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
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 - Room 12 to Brookby Rd Farm	
Monday 10 June	Trees for Survival savings day (if rained off on Friday)	
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	Movie Night - more information next week	
Friday 28 June	Matariki public holiday - school is closed	
Friday 5 July	Mid-year reports emailed home Last day of Term 3 - PJ mufti-day	

STAFF ONLY DAY - MOE CURRICULUM REFRESH PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Ministry of Education is currently working with the primary and secondary school sector to review and refresh the NZ Curriculum. Our staff will be engaging in a curriculum refresh professional learning day on **Tuesday 4 June** when we will be focusing more on our localised curriculum and essence statements for literacy and numeracy. **Please note: school is closed for instruction on this day and there is no SKIDS programme operating.**

DISCO IS POSTPONED UNTIL TERM 3 - MOVIE NIGHT INSTEAD

Due to difficulties securing a convenient venue for the Disco (originally scheduled for Thursday 27th June), the PTFA has decided to postpone this event until next term however a movie night is being planned instead. Please look out for more information about the Movie Night in the next few days when the choices of movie and classroom venues are confirmed. \$10 tickets will include popcorn, an ice-block and a drink. All profits from this event will go towards our Year 5 and 6 camp.

Special Catholic Character

Solemnity of Corpus Christi



Corpus Christi is Latin for the “Body of Christ.” In the Catholic Church in the West, *Corpus Christi* is celebrated as a solemnity on the Sunday following the Most Holy Trinity Sunday since the liturgical reforms of Vatican II. At its core the solemnity is a celebration of the Tradition and belief in the Eucharist as the Real Presence of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. For millennia, such a theme was part of the celebration of Holy Thursday, but then there are other important themes that are part of that celebration. And, all this occurs in the shadow of Good Friday. The placement of the celebration is not one that necessarily lends itself to a joyful celebration. But looked at from another perspective, every Sunday is a feast of the Eucharist, because by participating in the Mass, and in receiving Communion, we are honoring and celebrating the Eucharist. Still, the Feast of Corpus Christi has its own history.

God our Father, for Your glory and our salvation You appointed Jesus Christ eternal High Priest. May the people He gained for You by His Blood come to share in the power of His Cross and Resurrection by celebrating His Memorial in this Eucharist, for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever.

BEFORE SCHOOL DROP-OFF/ AFTER SCHOOL PICK-UP

Children should not be dropped at school before 8.20am. If children arrive at school before this time they will be sent to SKIDS and this will incur a financial charge.

The end of day bell rings at 2.45pm. Please ensure your child is collected before 3pm. If you are running late, please ensure a message is left at the office.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST LEARNERS

We extend a warm St Mark’s welcome to Gouri who has joined Mrs Leaver’s class (Rm 12)

HEALTH MESSAGE

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.

MAKING MAGICAL MEMORIES AT ST MARK'S



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 - AROHA; B - BELIEF; C - COURAGE 3Rs: RESPECT; RESPONSIBILITY; RESILIENCE