

ST MARK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Seek and you shall find



Newsletter

5th April 2023

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
Mon 3 - Fri 7 April	HOLY WEEK	
Mon 3- Fri 7 April	LIFE EDUCATION TRUST - MOBILE CLASSROOM ON-SITE	
Thursday 6 April	"Dress in the times of Jesus" HOLY THURSDAY MUFTI-DAY and LITURGY	
Thursday 6 April	BBAFC Soccer	
Thursday 6 April	Last day of Term 1 -School closes at 2.45pm	
Monday 24 April	MOE Staff Only Day -NZ Curriculum Refresh: School is closed	
Tuesday 25 April	ANZAC DAY/ St Mark's Feast Day: School is closed	
Wednesday 26 April	First day of Term 2	
Thursday 27 April	School/Family Interviews - School closes at 1pm	

School/Whānau Interviews

We are looking forward to the opportunity to meet face2face to discuss your child's learning goals and to share progress and achievement data from Term 1. Please make your bookings through:

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

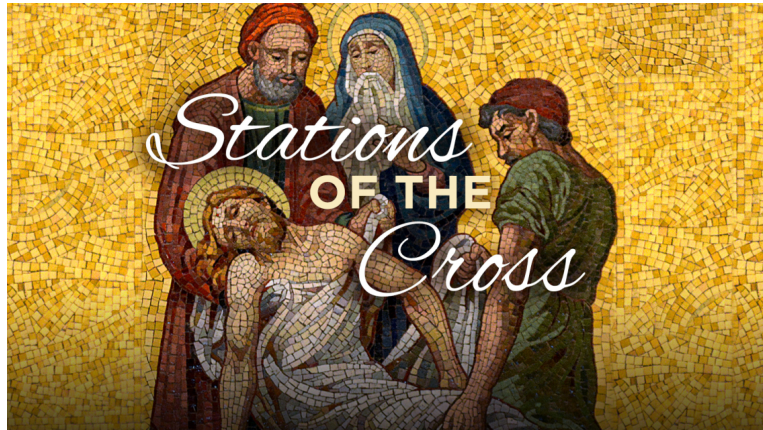
Code for Rooms 1, 2, 3: **mjaad**

Code for Rooms 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11: **f9ajr**

The smooth running of this event relies on all parents keeping to the timetable. If you require more time with a particular teacher, please arrange a separate meeting or phone call.

PLEASE NOTE - School **will close at noon** on Thursday 27th April - A limited number of spaces will be available for SKIDS between 12 -6pm. If you wish to book, please call 027 230 8846 or email stmarks@skids.co.nz

Special Catholic Character



PRAYING THE STATION OF THE CROSS DURING HOLY WEEK

The Stations of the Cross are a series of reflections that help us pray and remember the things that Jesus' did on his way to the cross on Good Friday. Please spend time as a family praying the Stations of the Cross during Holy Week: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H86KVT4rzP8>

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES AT ST MARK'S PARISH - *Your Parish, Your Home*

Holy Week and Easter Sunday Timetable			
DAY	DATE	TIME	
Wednesday	5th April	7pm	Lenten Retreat - no evening Mass
Holy Thursday	6th April	7pm after Mass until midnight	Holy Thursday - Last Supper Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose.
Good Friday	7th April	9am 10am 3pm	Morning Prayer Stations of the Cross -Parish and school grounds Veneration of the Cross and Communion
Holy Saturday	8th April	7.30pm	Easter Sunday vigil Mass
Easter Sunday	9th April	8.30am 10.30am	Easter Sunday Mass (no Evening Mass)

*We praise you in this Easter season. Change our lives, change our hearts to be messengers of Easter joy and hope. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord forever.
Amen.*

Messages from School Leadership

"Dress in the times of Jesus"

With one more day before term break we wish to thank you for your ongoing support of our school. We are looking forward to seeing the children "dress in the times of Jesus" tomorrow for our special Holy Thursday liturgy. Please ensure your child wears some comfortable clothing under their dress up clothing so they can be comfortable for their recreational and play activities.

Winter Uniform

We have definitely noticed a drop in temperature particularly in the early morning and late evening. Winter Uniform items can be worn from the start of Term 2. By Monday 8th May, winter uniform should be worn by all students - no summer dresses or sandals from this date please.

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.

Safety and Wellbeing

Your child's wellbeing, happiness and safety at school is always our number one priority. No school is perfect and from time to time your child may talk to you about not feeling happy or safe at school. We operate a zero-tolerance to bullying policy at St Mark's and pride ourselves on responding swiftly to any claims of harassment or mean behaviour. We help our students understand the difference between bullying (intentional, persistent and targeted negative acts to harm others) and mean, or insensitive behaviour (often reactionary and one-off). We ensure restorative practices are in place so those impacted can acknowledge any wrong-doing or conflict and work together to restore harmony. If you have any concerns whatsoever, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance. Urgent matters should be reported directly to a member of the school's Senior Leadership team Mrs Kopua (Principal), Mrs Hodgson (Yr 0-4) and Mrs McKenzie (Yr 5-6):

Tracey Kopua	Principal	tkopua@stmarks.school.nz
Trish Hodgson	Associate Principal (Yr 0-4)	thodgson@stmarks.school.nz
Jenny McKenzie	Associate Principal (Yr 5-6)	jmckenzie@stmarks.school.nz

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

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