

# ST MARK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Seek and you shall find



**Newsletter 9 May 2022**

Kia Ora, Welcome, Hello, Nǐ hǎo, 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
Thursday 12 May	Honorary St Mark's feast Day	Mass at 10.30am - All welcome
Thursday 12 May	School/ Whānau Interviews	School closes at noon
Tuesday 17 May	PTFA meeting (rescheduled)	7pm in staffroom
Wednesday 18 May	Motat Trip	Rooms 4,6,7 and 8
Friday 20 May	Dangerous Decibels	Years 4-6 (2 classes)
Tuesday 24 May	BOT meeting	7pm in staffroom
Tuesday 24 May	Yr 5/6 Netball Field day	Howick/Pakuranga Netball Savings day: 26 May
Wednesday 25 May	Dangerous Decibels	Years 4-6 (2 classes)
Thursday 2 June	Structured Literacy Parent information sessions	Times and venues TBC
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
Friday 24 June	Matariki Public Holiday	School is closed

**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

*This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.*

Psalm 118:24



## **Finding JOY this Easter Season**

It is not a coincidence that Lent is 40 days and Easter is 50 days. The message is clear — it is time to rejoice and be glad because this is the day the Lord has made! The world around us often prefers pessimism over joy, but joy is the light that we can allow to shine brightly before others. Easter is a time of renewal and hope. The word ‘joy’ can serve as a simple acronym, and useful prescription for life if we remember:

### **J is for Jesus (first)**

*But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you.*  
(Matthew 6:33)

### **O is for others (next)**

*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others. (Philippians 2:3–4)*

### **Y is for yourself (last)**

*Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your bodies.*  
(1 Corinthians 6:19–20)

## **LENTEN COLLECTION**

Thank you so much for your generous support during Lent. Just over \$500 was raised for

Caritas and it was just wonderful to donate so many canned goods and non-perishable food items to the Parish foodbank.

## School/Whānau Interviews - Bookings now open

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](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)

Code for Rooms 1, 2, 3: **qqt25**

Code for Rooms 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12: **qp4va**

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 this Thursday - 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](mailto:stmarks@skids.co.nz)

## COVID- related absence

It would appear St Mark's reached its OMICRON peak between Weeks 5-8 of Term 1. Currently, we have 6 students and 0 staff members in isolation. If your school interview time is impacted due to COVID, or for any other reason, an alternative time to meet your child's teacher can be arranged at your earliest convenience. Please email your child's classroom teacher directly to reschedule your appointment.

## St Mark's KINDO SHOP *(on-line platform for contactless and cashless payments)*

This term there are various school trips and sports trips planned. We will be using KINDO as our preferred platform to track permission and collect payment. Please ensure you have set up your KINDO account.

## PTFA MEETING

Next Tuesday evening, the PTFA will meet from 7pm in the staffroom. Light refreshments will be served. This is an amazing way to make connections and develop friendships with other members of our school family. We look forward to welcoming 'old' and 'new' members as we reconnect after the various COVID interruptions of Term 1.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST LEARNERS

An especially warm welcome to Shiloh (Room 6), Amara (Room 7), Victoria (Room 8) and Maggie (Room 10)



*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

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