

ST MARK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Newsletter 12 September 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
Mon 12 - Fri 16 Sept	Maori Language Week	
Tuesday 13 Sept	Rms 3, 7 and 8 Buddy class Mass	9am in Parish Church
Thursday 15 Sept	Kitea Team shared veggie lunch	Rms 4, 6 and 7 lunch
Friday 16 Sept	Rooms 4,6,7 and 8 Fun Run	from 11.30am
Friday 16 Sept	SCHOOL DISCO	Tickets and coupons through KINDO
Tuesday 27 Sept	BOT meeting	7pm in staffroom
Week 10	ASB Financial Literacy	Educators on site
Friday 30 Sept	Last day of term/ Wheel's Day	
Mon 3 - Fri 14 Oct	Term break	
Monday 17 Oct	First day of Term 4	
Tuesday 18 Oct	PTFA meeting	7pm in staffroom
Friday 21 Oct	Mission Day/ Lunchtime stalls and games	Yr 5 and 6 leadership event
Monday 24 Oct	Labour Day	School is closed
Tuesday 25 Oct	BOT meeting	7pm in staffroom
Mon 31 Oct/ Tues 1 Nov	External Catholic Character Review	

Please note updates to the Fun Run (Junior school Cross Country), this month's BOT meeting and PTFA meeting dates since the last newsletter.

A WEEK IN HISTORY



Last week, the United Kingdom announced a new Prime Minister (Liz Truss) and a new monarch (King Charles III). Many around the world were deeply saddened by news of Queen Elizabeth's passing. Whether a royalist or not, it cannot be denied that Queen Elizabeth provided an example of grace, humility, loyalty and service. The longest-serving monarch in British history, Elizabeth served as Queen for over 7 decades.

Pope Francis wrote,

"I willingly join all who mourn her loss in praying for the late Queen's eternal rest, and in paying tribute to her life of unstinting service to the good of the Nation and the Commonwealth, her example of devotion to duty, her steadfast witness of faith in Jesus Christ and her firm hope in his promises".

As a school community we pray,

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.



Te Wiki o te Reo Maori

Tena koutou nga whanau o te Kura o Hato Mark, NZ is commemorating the 50th anniversary of te Petihana Reo Māori. This year is extra special as 14 September marks the 50th anniversary of the Māori Language Petition, an event that led to many of the kaupapa we have today, including Te Wiki o te Reo Māori. This week, we will be seeking ways to deliberately integrate as much Te Reo into school life.

FRIDAY'S FUN RUN

Our littlest learners in the Junior school have been preparing for their 'cross country'/ fun run event. Sideline support is welcome and encouraged. We anticipate a start time of 11.30am.

WELCOME TO ST MARK'S

An especially warm St Mark's Catholic School welcome to our newest learners: Ripley (Room 4); Haran (Room 6) and Damien (Room 10).



SCHOOL DISCO

We are really looking forward to Friday's Disco. Please ensure you have purchased tickets through KINDO. In an effort to be cash-free on the night, the PTFA is trialling the use of coupons for the purchase of kiosk items like pizza slices, juice boxes and glo-sticks. Each coupon is equal to \$1 in value. Please ensure you make your ticket and coupon purchases through KINDO by 10pm on Wednesday 14 September. Coupons will be distributed via classrooms on Friday.

Please note:

You have the option to drop your child/children off at the disco. This requires an adult to sign in upon entry and be back by 7.45pm for pick-up. Please note, if you have pre-schoolers they will need to be accompanied and actively supervised.

There is limited parking available at the Pakuranga Community Hall, so you may wish to park at the Parish and walk safely to the venue.



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