



ST MARK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Following in the footsteps of Jesus

Newsletter 17 December 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
Tues 28 Jan 2025	School office open from 10am - 1pm for general enquiries and enrollments	
Wed 29 Jan 2025	School office open from 10am - 1pm for general enquiries Second-hand uniform shop open from 10-11am	
Thurs 30 Jan	First day of the 2025 school year. School hours are: 8.45am - 2.45pm	

2025 TERM DATES

Term	Dates	Holidays/ Staff Only days
Term 1	Thurs 30 Jan - Fri 11 April	6 Feb: Waitangi Day
Term 2	Mon 28 April - Fri 27 June	Fri 30 May: Staff only day Mon 2 June: King's Birthday Tues 3 June: SECKA Kahui Ako staff only day Fri 20 June: Matariki
Term 3	Mon 14 July - Fri 19 September	
Term 4	Mon 6 Oct - Fri 12 December	Mon 27 Oct: Labour Day

Please note: The MOE has granted the equivalent of 2 additional Teacher Only Days (or 4 half days) for curriculum development in 2025. When these dates are confirmed, the above dates will be reshared and communicated in a timely manner.

SCHOOL STATIONERY 2025 - SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESS

Once again we will be using the services of **Paper Plus, Highland Park** for school stationery packs/items. Whilst Paper Plus is our preferred supplier, you are able to purchase items at your discretion by shopping around. Please note, if you buy your stationery on-line through the Paper plus portal, you are able to select the items you require (as you may not need every item on the list if you have items from previous years or at home). Full-packs can however be purchased on-line and in-store at Paper Plus, Highland Park, located in the shopping area behind the Burger King and Caltex Petrol station on the Highway close to our school. Please note: You cannot purchase the St Mark's Stationery pack in-store at any other Paper Plus branch.

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2025 AND BEYOND

NEW ENTRANTS: If you, or anyone you know, has a child and/or children turning 5 in the next year or so, please do connect directly with Kerrie Hunt in our school office to lodge an expression of interest and to collect an enrolment pack.

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE: We are also accepting enquiries and enrolments from families who may be seeking schooling for their child/children across different year levels. Limited spaces are available so register your interest quickly to avoid disappointment.

For all enrolment enquiries, please contact Kerrie Hunt: admin@stmarks.school.nz

SPECIAL AWARDS 2024

Congratulations to the following students who received recognition for their outstanding efforts this year at our recent Christmas celebration.

Classroom 'Footsteps' Awards

Awarded to children who consistently follow in the footsteps of Jesus and provide a positive example of authentic Christian living through loving acts of service, aroha and pastoral care.

Room 1	<i>Jude, Ryan and Barbie</i>
Room 2	<i>Kysan and Brooklyn P</i>
Room 3	<i>Tyson and Danarra</i>
Room 4	<i>Samiu and Shashwati</i>
Room 5	<i>Jae and Cora</i>
Room 6	<i>Elios and Brooklyn V</i>
Room 7	<i>Aiden and Makayla</i>
Room 10	<i>Ray and Emilie</i>
Room 11	<i>John and Annika</i>
Room 12	<i>Daniel and Harper D</i>

Special awards

In

recognition of Year 6 graduates who have done exceptionally well in different areas of school life.

<i>Most improved across the curriculum</i>	Jude and Sophie W
<i>Academic diligence and effort across the curriculum</i>	Kate H, Ethan H and Gabriella C
<i>Visual art award</i>	Maggie G and Laura J-P
<i>Public Speaking award</i>	Annika T
<i>Performing Arts award</i>	Ethan L
<i>Kaitiaki Award - care for the environment</i>	Martin C
<i>Joyful Spirit award for always giving of their best</i>	Chloe L
<i>Sportsperson of the year</i>	Fletcher O
<i>All round 'kiwi kid' award</i>	Jack S and Annika T
<i>Top academic scholar awards</i>	Martin C, Bridie R and Liam A
<i>FOOTSTEPS AWARD - Monsignor Green memorial award</i>	Lucas D-R

A FEW WORDS OF THANKS BEFORE THE YEAR'S END

- *To the school's dedicated and hard working Board of Trustees for their visionary, strategic leadership and constant support of the school management team, staff, students and wider community.*
- *To the school's staff - St Mark's is blessed with a high-calibre, talented, professional, caring team. Individually and collectively, team members are to be thanked for their great work in 2024*
- *To the PTFA for everything they do to build community and to raise funds for our school.*
- *To the parent and family community for choosing St Mark's as your partner in educating your tamariki in the Catholic faith. Thank you for entrusting your most precious children to our care.*
- *To Fr Sherwin and the Parish team for providing spiritual guidance and supporting our school*
- *To the amazing children of St Mark's for bringing so much joy, laughter, fun and innocence to each new day. We absolutely love and treasure each and every one of you - thank you for being YOU!*

Heavenly Father, Surround our Year 6 graduates with your grace. Bless them with hope so that they move into the future with eager and open hearts. Help them to put the knowledge, skills, and insights gained through their education at St Mark's for the good of all mankind. Inspire them to believe in the goodness of life even when faced with challenges and difficulties. As they commence the next phase of life's exciting journey, may they grow even more faith-filled, grateful and wise.

Amen

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

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