

ST MARK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Seek and you shall find



Newsletter

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
Friday 30 June	Pyjama Day	Wear your PJs to school
Friday 30 June	Caritas Gold Coin Donation	Supporting a school in Timor Leste
Friday 30 June	Last Day of Term 2	School finishes 2:45pm
Friday 30 June	Mid year reports emailed home	
Monday 17 July	First day of Term 3	
Wednesday 19 July	Year '0' parent interviews	Book online
Tuesday 25 July	Year 3-6 School Cross Country	Torotoro & Whakatare teams
Wednesday 26 July	Year 3-6 School Cross Country	Saving Day
Thursday 3 August	Choir practice	Farm Cove Intermediate 9:15-10:30am

Please note:

Mrs Kopua is still on sabbatical until Friday 11th of August. Please contact Mrs Trish Hodgson (Acting Principal) in her absence. thodgson@stmarks.school.nz or Mrs Jenny McKenzie jmckenzie@stmarks.school.nz

Special Catholic Character

Week 10, Term 2 Special Character Newsletter

As Term 2 draws to a close, this Friday and students come to school in their PJ's, we will be collecting a small koha to support Oecusse School in Timor Leste. The school is in dire need of support to repair and replace all broken and unsanitary toilet bowls, repair handwashing stations in the toilet facilities, and to fix water pipes for transporting water to different areas in the school. Click [here](#) to listen to our bishops talk about this day.



Our learning:

Across the different levels students have learned about Jesus and the many invitations to know Him through the Sacraments and the Eucharist. Across the school we are now focussing on the different Sacraments and the ways we can encounter Jesus through these special moments.

Your feedback in the RE books after a Strand is complete is appreciated, as we support our students' journey in their faith.

Suggestions for parental feedback in the RE book:

- You showed forgiveness/kindness/ love- aroha when you
- Thank you for showing our family how you pray in school.
- We love you to lead our family in Grace before meals.
- I can see the Holy Spirit guiding you to make wise choices.
- I loved the retell of ... story from the bible.
- It is wonderful to see you respect others as this is what Jesus would want us to do.

Prayer by Euphrasie Barbier (our founder): Let us give Glory, Praise and Thanks to the God of Love and Peace. Let our whole life give Glory, Praise and Thanks to God who loves us and gives us peace. Amen.

Thank you for your partnership as we teach our tamariki to 'Walk in the ' footsteps of Jesus'.

Blessings to you and your whanau
Beverley Dias McAllum
Director of Religious Studies (DRS)

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST LEARNERS

A very warm St Mark's welcome to Ofeina Fiva and Elisse Montecillo (Room 4).

Message from the Principal/ Leadership Team

Kia Ora St Mark's Catholic School whānau. Thank you for all of your support this term. It has been a very busy few weeks with sporting events for Years 5 & 6. Thank you Mrs McKenzie for all your hard work preparing and training the students.

All students have enjoyed their five weeks of music lessons with Mrs Frances Carter.

A huge thanks to Mrs Shireen Monteiro for a very successful book week in week 9. Thank you to all parents for supporting this event.

We were very proud of our Year 3 & 4 dance group's performance on Thursday night at Somerville Intermediate. A big thank you to Mrs Beach for coordinating and choreographing our troupe.

Our mid-year reports will be emailed out on Friday for our Year 1 to 6 students. Our Year 0 students will have their interview with Mrs Laird at the beginning of Term 3.

We look forward to seeing everyone in their pyjamas on Friday to celebrate the end of term.

Wishing you all a safe and relaxing holiday.

Trish Hodgson (Acting Principal)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

This year St Mary's Avondale is 100 years old!

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL, AVONDALE

Calling all ex-students, staff and supporters of St Mary's Avondale. Momentum is gathering for our school's 100th birthday celebrations with lots of exciting events planned for Friday 8th - Sunday 10th September 2023.

Friday 8th September - early afternoon	Liturgy to open the weekend of celebrations, student led school tour and open classrooms, special assembly led by the current students and afternoon tea for the Adults/Guests. (Times TBC)
Saturday 9th September	Back to the Future Gala run by ex students 11am – 3pm Junior Rugby League Tournament on the field
Saturday 9th September	Mix n Mingle Social Event From 6pm – 11pm at Avondale RSA R16
Sunday 10th September	Mass of Thanksgiving 10am on the field followed by a potluck picnic

If you are interested in attending any of the events sign up [here](#) to ensure you are kept up to date, or email smcps23@gmail.com for further information.

Following in the footsteps of Jesus
At St Mark's Catholic School
By remembering . . .

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