

ST MARK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Seek and you shall find



8 April 2025

Kia Ora, Welcome, Hello, Nǐ hǎo, Talofa Lava, Hallo, Salut, Namaste, Bonjour, Bula Vinaka, Guten Tag, Shalom, Ciao, おはよう (Ohayou), 안녕하세요 (Annyeong), 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
Wednesday 9 April	PTFA planning meeting	7pm in staffroom
Friday 11 April	Holy Week Liturgy "dress in the times of Jesus"	10am in Parish Church
Friday 11 April	LAST DAY OF TERM 1	School closes at 2.45pm
Friday 18 April	Good Friday	
Sunday 20 April	Easter Sunday	
Friday 25 April	ANZAC DAY/ St Mark's Feast day	
Monday 28 April	FIRST DAY OF TERM 2	School open from 8.30am
Mon 28 Apr - Fri 2 May	LIFE EDUCATION (MOBILE CLASSROOM) on-site	
Tuesday 20 May	BOT meeting	7pm in staffroom
Friday 30 May	Curriculum Development day - school is closed	
Monday 2 June	King's Birthday - school is closed	
Tuesday 3 June	Kahui Ako Staff Only Professional Development day - school is closed	
Tuesday 3 June	HPPA HOCKEY FIELD DAY (savings day 4 June) 2 teams will meet Mrs Powell and Mrs McKenzie at Lloyd Elsmore	
Friday 6 June	PENTECOST MASS at 9am - Dress in cultural clothing or wear something red	
Friday 20 June	MATARIKI PUBLIC HOLIDAY - school is closed	
Friday 27 June	Last day of Term 2 PJ day Mid-year progress reports emailed home	

Special Catholic Character



Friday 11 April - Holy Week Liturgy at 10am in the Parish Church

We are looking forward to seeing our school children "dress in the times of Jesus" on Friday for our special Holy week liturgy. You are most welcome to join us for a time of lenten prayer and reflection. Please ensure your child wears some comfortable clothing under their dress up clothing for their recreational and play activities.

Celebrating those who received their first Holy Communion on Sunday 6 April

We congratulate students currently enrolled at St Mark's: Devan, Ethan D, Janella, Lara, Samara, Emerald, Jasmine, Madison, Finley, Tyson, Amarah, Freddie, Lorenzo, Yuan, Ryan, Annelise, Estelle and Jacob

As well as past pupils: Ina and PJ

St Mark's Parish Schedule

Sunday 13 April	Palm Sunday Procession	10.30am
Thursday 17 April	Holy Thursday – Evening of the Lord's Supper Washing of the feet Vigil/Adoration	7.00pm
Friday 18 April	Good Friday Tenebrae Stations of the Cross – outdoors Communion and Veneration of the Cross	9.00am 10.00am 3.00pm
Saturday 19 April	Easter Vigil Tenebrae Easter Vigil Mass	9.00am 7.00pm
Sunday 20 April	Easter Sunday Mass NB: There is no 6.30pm Mass	8.30am 10.30am



ST MARK'S FEAST DAY (observed on 25 April)

Go into all the world, and proclaim the Gospel to every creature, alleluia. Mark 16:15

St. Mark, the Evangelist, the author of the second Gospel, was the son of Mary whose house at Jerusalem was the meeting place of Christians. He was baptised and instructed by St. Peter. In about the year 42 A.D. he came to Rome with the Prince of the Apostles. There at the request of the faithful he wrote his Gospel about the year 50 A.D. His Gospel is a record of St. Peter's preaching about Our Lord and pays special attention to the head of the Apostles. The Gospel was written for Roman Gentile converts. It rarely quotes the Old Testament, and is careful to explain Jewish customs, rites and words. It excels in portraying the emotions and affections of both Christ and His hearers. St. Mark preached in Egypt, especially in Alexandria and was martyred there. (www.catholicculture.org)

General reminders

Winter Uniform

Winter uniform items can be worn from the start of Term 2. Please ensure all uniform items, especially jackets and jumpers are clearly labelled. We would appreciate all children being in winter uniform from **Monday 12 May**.

Before 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.

TERM 1 ATTENDANCE

Letters have gone to families of children who have had less than 80% attendance this term. You may be aware of the Prime Minister's attendance target as too many children in NZ are not attending school regularly. There are always genuine reasons to keep your child at home such as medical appointments, illness, or bereavement, however, the minister is keen to see all travel and holidays (unless of an urgent nature) taken during term breaks. Children should be at school every day - there is a direct connection between school attendance, academic achievement, and pro-social behaviour. We do not want any child to miss out on important learning opportunities and experiences.

REPORTING AN ABSENCE

Please report absences to the school office through the school app or website:

<https://www.stmarks.school.nz/absences.html>

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