

ST MARK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Seek and you shall find



Wednesday 25 June 2025

Kia Ora, Welcome, Hello, Nǐ hǎo, Talofa Lava, Hallo, Salut, Namaste, Bonjour, Bula Vinaka, Guten Tag, Shalom, C'iao, 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
Friday 27 June	Last day of Term 2 - PJ mufti-day Mid-year reports emailed home
Monday 14 July	First day of Term 3
Wednesday 16 July	PTFA meeting in the staffroom from 7pm
Thursday 17 July	Whakatere Team Cross Country/ Fun run event (saving date 23 July)
Thursday 24 July	Footsteps dance programme commences for Rms 1,2,3,10, 11 and 12
Friday 25 July	Trees4Survival Planting day - Year 6 out with Mrs Beach and Mrs Fisher
Monday 28 July	Whakatere Team Speech finals
Thursday 31 July	Pakuranga Schools Dance Festival at Pakuranga Intermediate school (2 groups)
Tuesday 5 August	HPPA Cross Country field day (saving date 7 Aug)
12 or 13 August	HPPA Netball Field days (draw to be confirmed to determine date)
Friday 15 August	Feast of the Assumption - Whole school Mass at 9am
Friday 5 Sept	Proclaiming the word speech final at St John's, Otara
Friday 5 Sept	SCHOOL DISCO from 6-7.30pm at the Bucklands Beach Memorial Hall
Wednesday 10 Sept	Kitea Team Fun Run (Rms 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7)
Friday 19 Sept	LAST DAY OF TERM 3 - Wacky hair day



QUIZ NIGHT IS COMING!

Get ready for a night of fun, laughter, and friendly competition! Our PTFA is in the early stages of planning an exciting Quiz Night for Saturday 4th October.

Save the date and look out for more details coming soon!

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST LEARNERS

We extend a warm St Mark's welcome to Anayra, Vianni, Julius, Ethan, Diego, Keyshia and Kehlani who have recently joined Mrs Moffat's Room 4 class.

Message from the Principal

It's been another successful term of learning and discovery.

We are grateful for the many rich experiences and opportunities that have shaped our term.

Some particular highlights include:

- The Life Education mobile classroom visit
- Joy-filled and prayerful Tuesday buddy-class Masses
- HPPA Field Day events - Hockey and Soccer
- Catholic Schools Day retreat at SMC for our Year 5 and 6 learners
- Brendan Malone's seminar on being digitally savvy
- Opportunities for whānau to meet with their child's Maths teacher
- Pentecost Mass and our vibrant Cultural Celebration
- Educational trips to Māngere Mountain and the Waitākere Refuse Centre
- A special Matariki liturgy marking this uniquely Aotearoa celebration

Our school's proud Catholic identity is the foundation of all we do here at St Mark's. It goes beyond the beautiful wall displays, liturgical celebrations and classroom prayer centres. It is most powerfully expressed through the respectful and caring relationships nurtured across our school whānau—relationships that are centred in Christ and reflect our shared commitment to living out the Gospel values each day. St Mark's is truly a place where we 'follow in the footsteps of Jesus'.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our staff, students, parents, caregivers and parish community for your continued support, encouragement and presence throughout the term. Your partnership makes a real difference and we are so grateful for the way you contribute to the life and spirit of our school.

Wishing you all a restful and refreshing holiday break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for an exciting and faith-filled Term 3.

Your friend in Christ

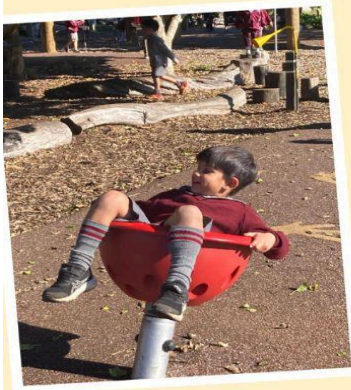
Tracey Kopua

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2026 AND BEYOND

Is your child turning 5 soon? If you, or someone you know, has a child turning 5 in the next year or so, we encourage you to connect directly with **Kerrie Hunt** in our school office to express your interest and collect an enrolment pack.

Limited Spaces Available We are also accepting enrolment enquiries for children across different year levels. Spaces are limited, so we encourage families to register their interest early to avoid disappointment. For all enrolment enquiries, please contact: **admin@stmarks.school.nz**

MAKING MAGICAL MEMORIES AT ST MARK'S



For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. JOHN 3:16