

Stella Maris 2017 PTFA Term 2 Reflection

Another fast paced and energetic term. So many things to be thankful for starting with a huge thank you to all the hands of service to help facilitate our activities through the term. With all your support we can create fun and be of service in so many ways. I feel excited to lead such a great team and give back to such a wonderful school. Bring on Term 3!

Your PTFA Chair
Renee Beckett

Under the Sea- School Disco

Thank you to Alana McDougal and Sandra Cowley for all your efforts pulling together this annual fun-filled and magical event for our children. There were mermaids, pirates, surfers, sharks and jelly fish and of course, Moana too! The place looked amazing and the children had a wonderful time. Thank you to all those who gave us their time to shop, decorate and help sell the treats on the night. A Special thank you to Steve for all your support throughout the day hanging curtains, lights, lanterns and so much more; to Mr Watts for being our pizza delivery man; and to our Skids team who stepped in and did the amazing face painting – a great new edition to the night.



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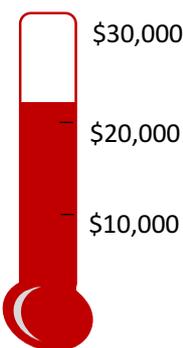
Our children are so clever! I am seriously impressed with all our children answering all facts and trivia about New Zealand. I was seriously challenged to answer most of the questions 😊 So to learn that our students achieved massive results and loads of 100%, I see how we were all equally impressed as a community. We raised the most for this a-thon **EVER** in the history of a-thons, which have been going for 10 years! An impressive \$7,300 was donated to support our little brain boxes. Thank you to Catherine Cyprian and Sarah Quinlan for facilitating this wonderful event.



A big shout out to our consistently fabulous Market and Fun Lunch teams

Every term our children can take the advantage of fun lunches, whether it's sushi, pies or pizza, the fun lunch team brings a change to the normal lunch box. Thank you to Tina Mckee-Wright for being our lead on this and your distribution helpers and support crew that make it all happen. A special thanks to Sarah Porter for running it while Tina was away on holiday.

Our uniforms are a necessity and the wonderful 2nd hand team provide an option for all of us to recycle uniforms which are still in good nick. Thank you to Sarah Jamieson who oversees the market and to her helpers who are there twice a term to serve our community.



How are we tracking towards our goal?

We are on track to achieve phase 2 of our playground project by the end of the year. We will be looking for DIY parents to help us to get 'stuck in' this summer to dig the holes and build the new retaining for our new and improved playgrounds. So please keep an eye on the newsletter and let the office know you'd be willing to give us a hand. Thank you for all your support!

Term 3 – SAVE THE DATE – Friday 15 September 'Fun-raiser' = Parents Quiz Night!

It's a party New Orleans style.

Organise a Babysitter.

Tickets limited to only 15 tables!!

Buy a ticket or a whole table of 10 and get your teams sorted.

Tickets will go fast so make sure you're ready to book your seats.

Tickets go on sale, 28th August.



It's going to be an awesome Term 3 – Have a lovely mid winter break and see you in Aug!

“Board of Trustees Term 2 Tattler”

The end of another term rolls around and I think, what can I put in the newsletter? I then look back through Board of Trustee meetings and notes, and glance at the Friends of Stella Maris facebook page and now think I could write a novel! What a busy, fun, active, successful and enjoyable term we've had!

Your Board of Trustees continues to meet regularly, with full Board meetings as well as various sub committees (Special Character, Finance, Property, Policy and the like). We certainly feel like we work really well as a team, and I am so grateful for the various skills, ideas, concerns and commitment the individuals on the Board offer. A lot of what the Board does goes on 'in the background', but endless hours go into making things tick along – and progress. We certainly couldn't do it without the incredible Senior Management Team (and wider staff) support and commitment. Everyone has such a vital part to play, and so much 'heart' as well as 'head' goes into our school from so many different people. Thank you all.

I am loving how often Stella Maris pops up within community newspapers and magazines – and I think we've now had at least two covers on the *All Things Local* magazine. Having positive PR in the community is always a great thing, and do remember we are all walking/talking billboards for Stella Maris. If you know of families looking at schooling for their children do make sure you spread the good word. Alan and Helen always take the time to show new families around and answer any questions, but it all starts with a good word and a bit of encouragement from you! We have room on our roll to grow, and with all the development in the local area many families may just need a nudge in the right direction. Hopefully you've also noticed our 'little people' now on the fence line – there are more to come, completing the full set of Marian Values. This is a just another way we are trying to stand out and communicate what we're all about, and a huge thanks go to the many hands that helped create and erect our little people.

Enjoy the school holidays, and let's hope Mother Nature gives us a few more of the lovely sunny winter days we've enjoyed so far. Stay safe if you're travelling, and rest up – as no doubt Term 3 will be just as busy, fun, active, successful and enjoyable!!

***“Teaching children to count is fine,
but teaching them what counts in best.”***

Bob Talbert

God Bless,
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