

Stella Maris BOT Newsletter

Term 3 September 2020

“Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.” Hebrews 13:7

In this day and age it is a rare and precious occurrence to find someone who truly devotes their spirit and a good portion of their life to their faith or is truly passionate about a career which serves people. When it does happen, in many cases that dedication will often go unseen or unrewarded. In the case of Stella Maris Catholic Primary School we find a good number of people who would comfortably fit into this category. Good souls, who are passionate about service or education, and who have a drive to get the best out of the school students, no matter what their abilities may be. This could be the dedicated teaching or support staff, the administration team, or our passionate PTFA team, who all devote so much of their time to the service of the school, or promoting the schools Catholic Spirit and Marian values, such as service, courage or empathy.

One person, that has been a servant of the school, from the days when it was just a muddy paddock, tucked away in the back corner of Silverdale, is Catherine Cyprian. She started at the school at the VERY beginning. The spirit of the school and the overall caring nature that pervades the environment has kept her here in the pursuit of giving a quality education to the stream of students that move through the school. Catherine’s dedication to the school has been deservedly rewarded with her recently being appointed as the school’s new Principal, to take over from the retiring principal, Alan Watts, who will finish up his time as the school’s educational and Catholic Spirit leader in January next

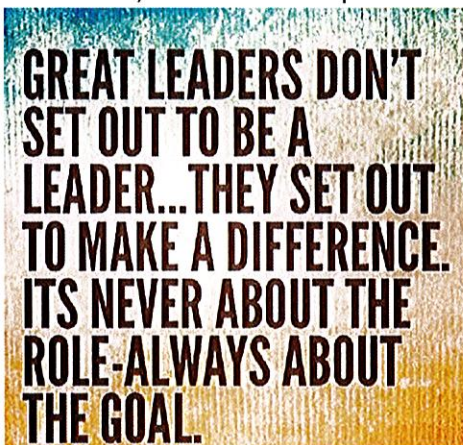
year. The appointment has been met with warm and emotional support from all concerned and the school Board of Trustees were completely overwhelmed by the level of respect and praise of Catherine’s character that has been openly expressed. Congratulations.

Helen Mackereth, another of our Stella stars, is recovering well from her surgery and has sent me the following words to pass on to the school community. *“I would like to thank the school community for the love, support, care, prayers, delicious meals and baking during my time recovering. Stella Maris is a very*

unique caring environment and I want to pass on my sincere thanks to everybody and wish you all a happy holiday”. We can’t wait to see you back Helen.

I encourage all parents and guardians of our students to take an active role in the school community. It makes the children’s journey more valuable and varied. Be assured the BOT appreciates all of the effort that goes on around the school. Your support is valued immensely.

Kind Regards - Derek Molloy – Stella Maris BOT Chairperson Email bot@stellamaris.school.nz



News from the PTFA

At the end of June, the Stella Maris PTFA held their rescheduled AGM, with this we have had new people join the committee team and have seen some new faces along at our meetings. The elected Members for this year are:

Chairperson	Kelly McColl	Teacher Rep	Diana Pearson
Deputy Chair	Sheena Lu	Fundraising	Roslind O'Neill
Treasurer	Michelle Arnott	Pastoral care	Lara Molley
Secretary	Roxy Pringle	Playgroup	Trish Hammond

I would like to thank all those that held positions, volunteered their time, helped us with fundraising events, made donations and were supportive of our end goal of the Bike track which has been an amazing asset to the school. We set our fundraising goals projects at the end of last year, but (along with the rest of the nation) have had Covid-19 hinder our fundraising efforts to reach these goals. We have had to cancel or reschedule many of our events so with bringing events online this has helped to still have events run and also bring in the much-needed funds so the below projects can be achieved.

Our projects include....

Portable scaffold system – Purchased in March	\$750
Secure bike and scooter storage	estimated \$10,000
Portable sound system PA unit	estimated \$4,000
Sunshade over junior adventure playground and sandpit	estimated \$35,000

The wheel a thon has had a phenomenal result! We have managed to raise enough for the bike storage, the portable sound system PA unit and will be allocation remaining funds to the library after the cancellation of book week and the book fair sale. We do have a number of events that that been rescheduled happening between now until the end of the year so please have a read and mark them in your calendar:

- The Glow disco has been rescheduled to the 30th October; tickets have been transferred to this date
- The Hot dog fun lunch has also been pushed out to term 4 and will now be held on the 6th Nov, orders will be reopened closer to the time.

During this term classes have been working on Calendar art with their teachers, these will be going out for purchase next term. The PTFA run the secondhand uniform sale a couple of times a term, this is a huge service and we are very fortunate to have Helen Searanke volunteer her time for us to be able to offer this service.. All donated uniforms go home to Helen, to be vetted, washed, repaired where needed, then folded and sorted into sizes ready for the sale, she then spends many hours following up on payments. We appreciate all donations of outgrown uniforms and this has been our main source of income for our projects this year. We will be introducing payment before receiving the items to help cutdown Helens workload, which we are sure you understand.

I know there is a lot of info in this notice and it seems we are always asking for help with fundraisers but we are doing it for the kids. We want them to have the best facilities available and the school just doesn't receive the funds to be able to achieve these extra items. Over the years the PTFA have fundraised to provide wonderful assets around the school, these have included both the adventure playgrounds, PE sport shed, extensive school field drainage, iPads in classrooms, TV's in the entry atrium, Sound fields in classes plus many more items have been sure to be missed. We would love for you to come along to a meeting held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Or if you ever have any ideas please contact me 021 500 786.

Take care and safe Holidays
Kelly McColl