

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Naumai e te whanau o te Hata Maria Whetu Moana.

Welcome, our family of Stella Maris, Star of the Sea.

Last week our staff were in school for a retreat, professional development and admin, and while we had a great week together the school was a very quiet place and we have enjoyed welcoming our students and their families back for the new year this week. A very special welcome to all of the new families who are starting the year with us, we look forward to getting to know you more during your time at Stella Maris.

By now many of you will have met your child/ren's new teachers and visited the classrooms. There will be further opportunity for finding out about class routines and expectations at the Welcome picnic and Meet the Teacher afternoon on Friday 26th February. In the meantime if you have any queries please pop in and see your child's teacher or send them an email. It would also be very helpful if you could email your class teachers to ensure that they have your latest contact details should we have to return to a lockdown situation. See below for the teacher emails.

Our teams are named after the different stages of a ferns growth, showing the different stages of learning the students go through in their learning journey at Stella Maris.

MATIKAO TEAM – YEAR 0-2. TEAM LEADER - AMANDA BATES		
Matikao is the tight, new bud of the fern – like a student at the beginning of their learning journey		
St Lucy	Mrs Amanda Bates	amanda@stellamaris.school.nz
St Mary	Mrs Pam Pyatt	pam@stellamaris.school.nz
St Anne	Mrs Marie Woodard	marie@stellamaris.school.nz
	Mrs Jillian Aguas (Thursdays)	jillian@stellamaris.school.nz
St Leo	Mr Karl Hobman	karl@stellamaris.school.nz
St Nicholas	Mrs Jenny Bentley	jenny@stellamaris.school.nz
Reading Recovery	Mrs Sharon Deeks	sharon@stellamaris.school.nz
MOKEHU TEAM – YEAR 3-4. TEAM LEADER - DIANA PEARSON		
Mokehu is the slowly unfurling frond of the fern – like a student gaining independence in the next stages of learning		
St Anthony	Mrs Diana Pearson	diana@stellamaris.school.nz
St Joachim	Mrs Monica Manning	monica@stellamaris.school.nz
	Mrs Nada Boric (Fridays)	nada@stellamaris.school.nz
St Peter	Mrs Michelle Kleingeld	michelle@stellamaris.school.nz
HURUHURU TEAM, YEAR 5-6. TEAM LEADER – TRACEY LAW		
Huruhuru is the fully unfurled frond of the fern – a student “fully grown” and ready for the next steps on their learning journey		
St Joseph	Mrs Tracey Law	tracey@stellamaris.school.nz
St Augustine	Ms Tina Hunt	tina@stellamaris.school.nz
St Dominic	Ms Natasha Kain	natasha@stellamaris.school.nz
St Patrick	Mrs Kathie Bodle	kathie@stellamaris.school.nz
	Mrs Brenda Neville (Mondays and Fridays)	brenda@stellamaris.school.nz
Mrs Sue Brading	Associate Principal – oversees Matikao Team.	sue@stellamaris.school.nz
Mrs Olwyn Hobman	Associate Principal – oversees Mokehu and Huruhuru Teams	olwyn@stellamaris.school.nz
Mr Karl Hobman	Director of Religious Studies (DRS)	karl@stellamaris.school.nz
Miss Catherine Cyprian	Principal	principal@stellamaris.school.nz

Please note that Natasha Kain (St Dominic) is now our Sports Co-ordinator, all queries about sport are to be directed to her – natasha@stellamaris.school.nz

Next Wednesday, 17th February, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten Season. You are welcome to join the school for the student led liturgy at which time the ashes will be distributed along with the message reminding us to “turn away from sin and turn back to God” as Lent is the season for us to repent, and change our ways to be more like Jesus. The liturgy is at 11.20am in the school hall, all are welcome.

We trust that you are all looking forward to the year as much as we are.

Tiaho mo te Atua - Shine for God

Catherine Cyprian
Principal

Hibiscus Coast Parish Priest: Father Raphael – P: 09 426 5599 ext 2 – E: loboraphael@gmail.com



DRS Message

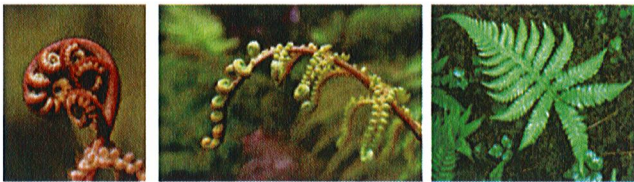
We start our year off in class RE sessions exploring our school Charism, prayers and very quickly we move into Lent with Ash Wednesday arriving early this year on the 17th February. At our staff retreat Staff explored our school prayer and song and discussed how they are used in classes. It was interesting to see the way the same prayer can be used in so many creative ways. Our school prayer is our way of recognising Mary as our guide and our heavenly Mother. Perhaps you might want to explore our school prayer and song in your family prayer time and discuss what they mean to you and how your children use them in different classes. It is through this variety in ways of praying that we can find our own personal preference for prayer times and build our relationships with Jesus.

"Prayer should not be regarded as a duty which must be performed but rather as a privilege to be enjoyed, a rare delight that is always revealing some new beauty." E.M Bounds.

*O Mary Star of the Sea,
We entrust this day to you,
look upon us with a mothers love,
keep us in your heart,
protect us from all harm and be our guide on life's journey. Amen*

Karl Hobman
DRS

TEAM NEWS



Matikao Team is delighted to be back and is looking forward to an exciting year of learning ahead. We trust you all had an amazing summer holiday and feel rested and ready to go. We welcome you all and especially our families who are new to the school. Together we will do great things! Our team has sadly farewelled Diana Pearson and Nada Boric who have moved to Mokehu team, but we happily welcome Jenny Bentley and Marie Woodard to Matikao. We look forward to seeing you all at our "Meet the Teacher", welcome picnic on Friday 26th February. Full steam ahead into 2021!

Mokehu Team Haere mai, welcome back to the 2021 school year. We extend our welcome to all the new families and students to Stella Maris and to the children joining our Mokehu team. The teachers are all well rested and looking forward to beginning this new journey together. There will be a lot of notices sent home over the next couple of weeks so please keep an eye out in book bags for important information and dates.

Huruhuru Team Welcome to all our students and whanau for 2021. This year our year 5 and 6 students will have opportunities to develop their leadership skills, participate in academic, cultural, artistic and sporting activities and become more self-reliant and independent learners. We have a busy term ahead, so please refer to our school and team newsletters or visit our Huruhuru Team Website: <https://sites.google.com/stellamaris.school.nz/huruhuruteam/home> for information. We look forward to sharing in your child's learning journey this year.

SCHOOL NEWS

Covid 19 Reminders

A reminder to scan the Covid QR code whenever you enter the school and sanitise your hands.

NB: All visitors are still required to sign in at the school office even if you have scanned the Covid QR code – these are two separate systems and we require visitors to sign in for Health and Safety purposes. Please stay home if you are unwell. And if your child is unwell please keep them at home until they are well.

The Beacon And School App

Make sure you are signed up to The Beacon (this can be done at the bottom of the homepage on the school website) and download the School App ("SchoolAppsNZ" – once downloaded search for Stella Maris, then sign up for the Alert Groups you would like to receive alerts from). If we go into lockdown again we will communicate with the school community through these formats. However in normal times we also send out a weekly Beacon with reminders and updates and use the App for reminders.

Uniform

A reminder that school hats are compulsory in Terms 1 and 4. It is important that every item of uniform is clearly named with your child's name. If you have second hand items please ensure they are renamed.

Carpark

We ask that you do not park in the Pick Up/Drop Off area or on any yellow lines. This will help to ensure everyone is safe and also keep traffic moving. You might like to consider parking across the road in the underground parking and walk across the crossing to meet your child if you cannot find a park in the school carpark.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

Friday 19th February 8.15am in the school foyer. If you have any second hand uniform to donate. This can be left in the box under the community table in Mokehu atrium. Thank you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Music And Drama Tuition 2021

At the Welcome picnic on 26th February, piano, wood wind, brass, snare drum, singing, drama, keyboard and guitar tutors will be available from 3.30pm to discuss your child's tuition for 2021. You can meet the tutors in St John classroom.

Guitar And Singing Lessons

During the school day at Stella Maris with Maria O'Flaherty. Maria is a professional vocalist. Maria is well known and respected in the New Zealand Jazz scene. Please contact Maria for details. E: oflaherty.maria@gmail.com, Mobile: 021 032 5287 or 09 426 7986.

Ben Fernandez Group Music Lessons At Stella Maris

Ben Fernandez (MMus, B.Sc, DCS, PGDMM) - pianist, composer and arranger, offers keyboard, guitar, ukulele lessons at Stella Maris on Wednesdays. Spaces are limited so do get in touch quickly (preferably via email) for details and to reserve a space. Mobile 021 056 5506 fernandez.ben@gmail.com



The Music Academy can offer students the opportunity to get involved in Drama. In 2021 they will be performing Peter Pan the Musical. Drama will be held at school during

lunch time on a Monday. Their aim is to build confidence in our students during the year to enable them to produce the best production they can. Production day is December 5th at Centre Stage Theatre Orewa. They are now open for enrolments. Group lesson price is \$10.00 per lessons for all students. Come and give it a go. For more information please contact Susan Fraser on 09 410 1506 or 021 378 007 susanf@kidzcan.co.nz

Upcoming Mindfulness And Wellbeing Courses

I am facilitating a number of mindfulness courses this term at a local venue in Orewa. These courses are for adults who would like to learn some strategies and tools to help them manage their emotions, and to increase their self-esteem. I am a Mindfulness and Life Coach and also teach part-time at Stella Maris school. Please get in touch with me if you would like some more info - brenda@eqmatters.co.nz or tel: 021 905635

Mobile Library

The Mobile Library comes to Millwater every week! Hop onboard between 3.00 and 3.45 every Friday afternoon. Browse our great collection for kids and adults, place and pick up requests and chat to the mobile librarian. If you're not already an Auckland Libraries member we can help you sign up for your FREE library card too. You will find the mobile library parked on Millwater Parkway near Laura Jane Drive. Just keep an eye out for the big white bus with smiling children on the outside. Visit our website for more details including our timetable.

Catholic Charity NPH Fundraiser

Walk a day in their shoes! Join a 12-hour walk around Auckland on the 6th of March to raise funds for vulnerable families in Latin America through the Catholic charity - NPH New Zealand. Find out more or donate here: www.nph-nz.org/walk

Silverdale Rugby Football Club

Registrations are now open at www.silverdalerugby.co.nz For more information, dates, cost and the requirements for registration, please visit the website or contact Mike Wilson Ph: 09 426 5605 E: juniorrugby@silverdalerugby.co.nz

MUSIQHUB LESSONS

at Stella Maris Primary School

HAVE A GO DAY

Does your child want to learn an instrument but isn't sure which one?

Musiqhub is holding a Have-A-Go Day on Friday 26th February as part of the school welcome picnic. You are invited to bring your child along to try out the instruments and you can meet Musiqhub tutor Joanne Slagel.

Joanne will be offering music lessons in Trumpet, Clarinet, Flute, Saxophone, and Snare Drum. Lessons are suitable for children in years 3 to 6.

WHAT? Have-A-Go Day at Stella Maris Primary School
When? Friday 26th February 2021
Time? 3:30pm
Where? St John Class

For more information, contact Joanne Slagel
joanne.slagel@musiqhub.co.nz • 027 3408 398

Love the Whangaparāoa coast? Help us plan for the future

Auckland Council is piloting Auckland's first coastal management plan in Whangaparāoa. The process involves collaboration with mana whenua and coastal communities to understand key areas of value and develop coastal management strategies that take the needs of the community and the risks of coastal hazards and climate change into account.

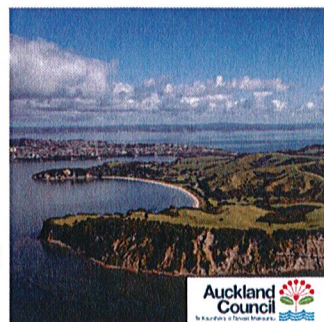
To participate:

- Come along to public presentations at the Whangaparāoa RSA (6:30-8:30pm, 18 February, 4 March, and 18 March)
- Chat with our experts at a public open day at the Whangaparāoa Library (10am-2pm, 27 March or 22 May)
- Join the conversation on our digital platform
- Listen in to the live stream or recordings of our public presentations

To find out more, visit our website:

<https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/whangaparaoa-coastal-management-plan>

Contact us at coastalmanagementplans@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz



Mark Your Diaries

12 Feb	Welcome Assembly 11.20am
15 Feb	Matikao Assembly 11.20am
17 Feb	Ash Wednesday 11.20am Liturgy in school hall
19 Feb	PTFA Market Day 8.15am school foyer
22 Feb	Mohehu Assembly 11.20am
26 Feb	Welcome Picnic 3.30pm
	Matikao - Meet the teacher 4.00pm
	Mohehu - Meet the teacher 4.30pm
	Huruhuru - Meet the teacher 5.00pm
	Meet the Music and Drama Teachers 3.30pm
	Piano, woodwind, brass, snare drum, singing, drama, keyboard and guitar tutors will be available from 3.30pm on this day for you to discuss your child's music tuition for 2021.
01 Mar	Huruhuru Assembly 11.20am
02 Mar	Year 5 and 6 Swim Carnival - Northern Arena 10.30am
04 Mar	Liturgy 8.55am - School hall
08 Mar	Whole School Assembly 9am - School Hall
08 Mar	Parish Care and Share Week - Please bring a food item
15 Mar	Matikao Assembly 11.20am
17 Mar	St Patricks Day - Green Mufti day and PTFA Fun lunch
18 Mar	Liturgy 9am
21 Mar	World Down Syndrome Day
22 Mar	Mohehu Assembly 11.20am
24 Mar	Goal Setting Interviews - school ends at 12.20pm
25 Mar	Goal Setting Interviews continue - school ends at 2.45pm
26 Mar	Sustainable Coastlines Presentation in hall 9am - 11.00am
26 Mar	Beach Clean-up Orewa Beach 11.30-2.00pm
29 Mar	Huruhuru Assembly 11.20am
01 Apr	Holy Thursday - Stations of the Cross 9am at Stella Maris
02 Apr	Good Friday - School Closed
02 Apr	Easter Monday - School Closed
03 Apr	Easter Tuesday - School Closed

2021 School Term Dates

TERM 1	Tuesday	09 Feb	Friday	16 Apr
TERM 2	Monday	03 May	Friday	09 Jul
TERM 3	Monday	26 Jul	Friday	01 Oct
TERM 4	Monday	18 Oct	Monday	20 Dec

2021 Public Holidays

Good Friday	02 Apr
Easter Monday - Tuesday	05 Apr - 06 Apr
ANZAC Day	26 Apr
Queen's Birthday	07 Jun
Labour Day	25 Oct

Family Whanau Book Resource Link

<http://www.faithalive.org.nz/assets/Resources/Family-whanau-book.pdf>

Telephone

Netball

- Cancellation Number -
09 424 2318

Parish Office

- Parish Secretary -
Theresa Fouché

theresa@hbcparish.org.nz

SKIDS

- After School Care -
027 846 1725

School Dental Clinic

09 426 8470

Bayes Buses

09 426 5504

Ritchies Buses

09 420 6091

Public Health Nurse

09 427 0300 ext 4339

Influenza A (H1N1)

- Advise Healthline -
0800 611 116

Coronavirus Healthline

0800 358 5453

Stella Maris School

- Website -

www.stellamaris.school.nz

School Bank Details

Attendance Dues &
Donations
12 3046 0362238 01
All other Payments
12 3046 0362238 00

PTFA Bank Details

12 3046 0376269 00

Waitemata Health

www.webhealth.co.nz

Auckland Youth

www.akyouth.org.nz

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In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit Amen**

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