Kia ora whānau

What a week last week turned out to be! Thank you to everyone for your support and cooperation as we moved so quickly into Alert Level 3, then Level 2 and now as we have returned to Level 1. I'd also like to say thank you to all of our staff who worked so hard to get online learning up and going at a time of year when they are still getting to know their students. Thank you also to the staff who were at school for the bubble class of essential workers' children.

Contact details: A number of teachers did find when emailing parents in Level 3 that emails in our system are out of date. To help update these for future communication we ask that you please do two things - 1) email the school office with your contact details so we can check these are up to date and 2) email your class teachers so that they too have an up to date email for you.

Welcome to our two new staff members. Mrs Marie Woodard who is the class teacher in St Anne, and Warren Hibbert who is working 2 days as caretaker as Steve is cutting back to 3 days a week.

As we missed Ash Wednesday last week the Ashes will be distributed at the Sunday Masses this weekend at St John's and St Francis, all are welcome to attend. Everyone is also invited to morning tea after the 10:30am Mass at St John's this Sunday at which time we will welcome our new priest Fr Raphael Lobo.

We are looking forward to seeing you all tomorrow afternoon from 3:30pm at the Welcome Picnic and Meet the Teacher. The Meet the Teacher times: Matikao Team (Yr 0-2) 4:00-4:30pm, Mokehu Team (Yr 3-4) 4:30-5:00pm, Huruhuru Team (Yr 5-6) 5:00-5:30pm







Matikao Team: Well, last week was quite a week! However, we have been there before and managed to get safely through our mini Lockdown. We are all so happy to be back at school! This week we are looking forward to really getting our routines established and throwing ourselves into learning! Hope to see you all at the Welcome Picnic on Friday afternoon.

Mokehu Team: Ni Hao, Gong Xi Fa Cai! Happy Chinese New Year. One of our focuses this term is Self Management and we are noticing those children who are able to do things independently and those who are developing these skills. Thank you for encouraging this learning growth! Spelling homework has gone home this week and word lists will be tested each Friday. A big thank you to everyone who joined and participated in our online google classroom during the 3 days of lockdown. It was great to have so many children stay involved with their learning.

Huruhuru Team: This week the students have participated in Hauora workshops within the team. Hauora refers to our health and well-being. Students had 2 x 60 minute sessions with each teacher looking at Physical, Emotional/Mental, Spiritual and Social well-being. These ideas will now be explored further by the students. Next Tuesday is our Swim Carnival at Northern Arena. Please ensure that you have received the notice about this event and have helped your child register on the appropriate Google Classroom. If you need any support with this please see your child's teacher.

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki May God bless you.

Catherine Cyprian Principal



One of the areas we try to focus on during Lent is improving our Prayer life. We are told "Your Father knows what you need before you ask him." Praise God! How often do you find yourself wondering what to pray for or to ask for? This line gives us a strong reassurance that while it's good to bring everything before the Lord as prayer, it's equally okay to say, 'God, I don't even know what I need, but I do know that I just need you'.

The beauty of the Our Father is that when we are at a loss for words, Jesus has already supplied the perfect prayer for us. This prayer puts everything into perspective, reminding us who God is, who we are, and our deep reliance on God to provide for our physical and spiritual well-being. How often do we rush through this prayer without really thinking anything about it? Perhaps we might take time this week to listen closely to the prayer and explore it with our Whanau.

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as
we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
Amene.

Karl Hobman DRS

SCHOOL NEWS

School Accounts: Attendance Dues And Donations

These have been posted out to all families this week. If you have any queries at all please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Helen Mackereth E: helen@stellamaris.school.nz. For the benefit of new families, the account is for the entire year and families can pay either term by term or one annual payment, which is ever the best way for your family. If you are wanting to set up a fortnightly automatic payment, can you please ensure that the amount of each payment will cover the total amount due and be paid on or before the 3rd December 2021. Thank you.

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.



Yummy Stickers

Collect the Yummy cut-out labels from bags (each cut-out label is worth 10 stickers) and individual Yummy apple stickers for our school so that we can participate in a share of the \$200,000 free DG Sport, sports gear prize pool. The more you collect, the more sports gear we will get, so get going and start collecting Yummy cut-out labels and stickers now! All stickers/cut-outs along with your school's Total Tally Sheet must be posted in to us by Friday 01 October 2021 (end of Term 3). Please find a yummy sticker sheet in this week's newsletter.

Orewa Beach Kindergarten Ducky Derby

Sunday 21st March 12.30-3.30pm, Western Reserve, Orewa. A much-loved event where 100's of spectators gather to watch 750 rubber ducks race down the Orewa Estuary. The first 3 ducks to cross the line win some great prizes. Plus food, entertainment and raffles while you wait for the race. See www.facebook.com/OrewaDuckyDerby for more info and tickets.

St Mary's College Open Day

Thursday 4th March 2021 commencing at 2.30pm and 6.30pm. Enrolments are now open for year 7 students 2022. Closing date for enrolment applications is Thursday 18th March 2021. For more information www.stmaryak.school.nz

Sacred Heart College Open Day

Open Day Wednesday 10th March, 10am and 1pm. Application for day boys and boarders for 2022 will close Friday 1st April 2021.

Sacred Heart College Scholarship

Endeavour Scholarship for students of Maori and Pasifika descent, Year 7 and 9 2022, Applications close 1st April 2021. For more information contact Nicolas Thomas 09 529 3660 ext714.

CARMEL COLLEGE



Pre-Enrolment Evening – Years 7 to 9, 2022

Families of prospective students for Year 7 to 9 in 2022 are invited to attend the evening, to look around the school and receive information on the enrolment process.

The evening will be held on Thursday 25th February, in the College Hall starting at 4:00 pm, (please see our website www.carmel.school.nz for more detail).

Enrolments should be received by Monday 15th March

If you are unable to attend or would like further information, please read the enrolment information posted on the website, call 486 1132 ext 704 or email admin@carmel.school.nz



Junior Rugby Player Registration 2021

For all new and existing players. J1 – J6 Tackle Rugby for boys and girls Rippa Rugby (17 & 4.8) for girls and boys 5-7 years Girls & Boys Rippa Rugby - U9 Girls & Boys Rip Rugby – U11 and U13 Girls Rip Rugby - U15

REGISTER ONLINE NOW at

All players MUST attend a registration evening to weigh in and make payment

Players must be turning 5 by 30th June 2021 (born 2016) to be eligible to play

Fees: \$105 per player, \$175 for 2 players or \$205 for 3 players from the same family.

A NHRU lovy of \$30 pp will also apply.

(For families suffering hardship due to Covid 19 – we are offering a 20% discount on the single child player sub only)

For more junior rugby information please visit our website www.silverdalerugby.co.nz

Please contact Mike Wilson (09) 426 5605 or juniorrugby@silverdalerugby.co.nz

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Mark Your Diaries

26 Feb Welcome Picnic 3.30pm

Matikao - Meet the teacher 4.00pm Mokehu - 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. St John Class

02 Mar Year 5 and 6 Swim Carnival - Northern Arena 10.30am-12.20pm

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 Day22 Mar Mokehu Assembly 11.20am

24 Mar Goal Setting Interviews - school ends at 12.20pm

25 Mar Goal Setting Interviews continue - school ends of 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 Priest –Father Raphael09 426 5599 ext 2

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 Theresa Fouché
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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

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– Website –

www.stellamaris.school.nz

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