

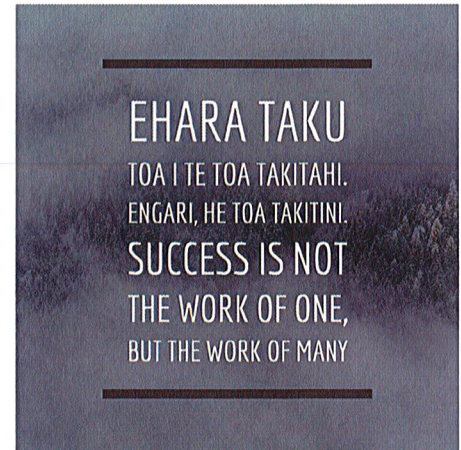
## Stella Maris BOT Newsletter – Term 2 – July 2021

*Nau te rourou, naku te rourou, ka ora ait e iwi*

*With your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive.*

This Whakatauki (proverb) talks to community and about a community spirit and a strength and collaborative approach along the lines of “many hands”. It acknowledges that everyone, potentially, has something to offer, no matter how small a piece of the puzzle it may be, but by working together the community will flourish.

This is the same for our school community. Whether it be our PTFA team running the likes of the school disco, or the pastoral care team making meals for those in need or even the work that gets done by our school Board. The collaborative and cooperative spirit we see at school is echoed in this Whakatauki. I was recently at a volunteer planting day at Shakespeare Park with our 2 boys and looked at the huge volume of seedlings and small shrubs that the team organising the event expected the volunteers to get comfortably tucked into the ground to regenerate native bush at the Park. I did think it was looking like a mammoth and impossible task, but as more and more volunteer families arrived and the pile of shrubs grew less, I realised it was going to be a doddle.



Welcome to any new families to the school, Parish or the area. For those new to the Stella Maris school environment, you will quickly have realised that we are blessed with a good number of what I call “stand up” people. When there is a job that needs to be done there is always someone who stands up to help out in some way. To ensure we have that “many hands make light work” strategy going well I do encourage all parents and families to be more involved in and around the school. I thank all those who provide meals, run our sports teams, keep the PTFA running, the second hand uniform sales etc. Those who put huge efforts into our Pasifika and Kapa Haka cultural groups and all of our sports coaches deserve special mention. But as one parent, involved in the Pasifika group replied to me, on my saying thanks for the efforts with Pasifika at the recent Catholic Schools Cultural performance – “we don’t do this for the thanks; we do it for the smiles on the kids faces”. These events, activities and groups don’t run themselves and we are all better off from the enhanced community spirit that Stella Maris receives.



If you are not sure where to put your efforts, a great, and fun but also very important and rewarding role, is to assist with the students who need a bit of extra help with their reading. All you need to do is speak to your child’s teacher and ask what day you may be of use for an hour or so on a roster basis. The students love it. This is where I started out helping in the school years ago, on the days when it was a bit too wet to play around in the green house or garden. Do not feel any effort is too small, or simply not worth it. I assure you every ounce of effort makes a difference and it makes the children’s journey more valuable and varied. Also be assured the Board appreciates all of the effort that goes on around the school. Your support is valued immensely. Our Stella Maris Board is an awesome team of folks, who

between us attend around 120 meetings, around 250-300 subcommittee meetings, deal with 1000’s of emails, dozens of letters, attend courses, workshops and plenty of what I call “carpark Board meetings” on an annual basis. They are the perfect illustration of the Stella Maris spirit and are all approachable and give the utmost care and attention to delivering the best governance we can for the entire school.

Kind Regards - Derek Molloy – Stella Maris Board Chairperson Email [bot@stellamaris.school.nz](mailto:bot@stellamaris.school.nz)

## Term 2 PTFA Newsletter

It's seems crazy to be typing this as we come to the end of another term.

This term we have celebrated our wonderful Mums Day with a popular sushi fun lunch, the kids enjoyed the annual disco and last week we had the American hot dog and cupcake fun lunch. We have also had our Second hand uniform sales with a trial of a Friday afternoon option too! Each of these events raised funds for the sun shelters to go over the Adventure playgrounds. Thank you to all our helpers for these events.

I would like to acknowledge and thank **Real Estate Agent - Harvey Zhang from Barfoot & Thompson** for his sponsorship. This year he is very generously sponsored all our events. This makes achieving our goal of \$80,000 for both playground sun shelters a lot quicker. It is fabulous to know we have your support. If you are thinking about selling, please reach out to him! Harvey 022 166 5225 [h.zhang5@barfoot.co.nz](mailto:h.zhang5@barfoot.co.nz)

We have reached a total of about \$34,000 to go towards the sun shelters so far, so we are very close to being able to order stage 1 - the junior playground! I have attached a couple concept drawing for this project, these are yet to be finalized, but it is always a good way to see what we are fundraising for!

**Dates for the Calendar**, next term we look forward to with more details to come

PTFA monthly meeting, staffroom - all welcome  
Second hand uniform sale – school foyer  
PJ/onsie mufti Day and kids movie night and mums night  
PTFA monthly meeting, staffroom - all welcome  
parent quiz night – school hall  
Dads Day Fun Lunch  
Second hand uniform  
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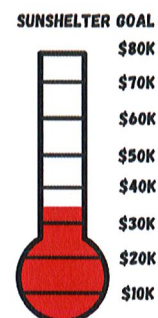
28<sup>th</sup> July @ 7.15pm  
6<sup>th</sup> August @ 8.15am  
6<sup>th</sup> August time TBA  
18<sup>th</sup> August @ 7.15pm  
21<sup>st</sup> August time TBA  
3<sup>rd</sup> September @ 12.20pm  
24<sup>th</sup> September @ 2.30pm  
29<sup>th</sup> September

Its going to be a busy term, with lots of helpers needed, please keep an eye out for calls for help, it is all appricated! Whether it be a donation of outgrown uniforms to your helping hands and the events it all helps! Remember this all comes back to the kids and these sunshelters are going to be amazing over the summer months!

Have a happy and safe Holiday and we will see you all next term!

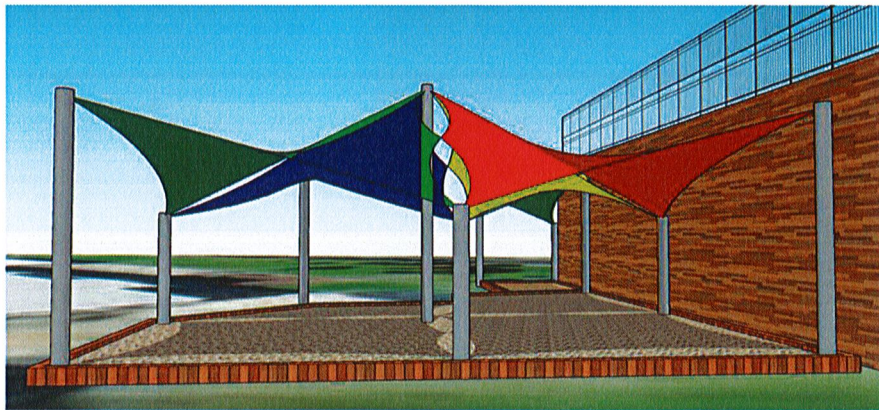
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Junior playground – Estimate - \$35,000 +GST



Senior Playground – Estimate \$45,000 + GST

