

Let's wrap up 2021 and bring on 2022

The PTFA calendar was cleared very quickly from mid August, meaning many of our major fundraising events for the year had to be cancelled or postponed. We were only 4 days off holding the Parents mid Winter Christmas quiz night. Traffic light dependent we are hoping for this to be able to go ahead in term 1 2022. Watch this space!

Let's look back at our year that did happen!

We had the bike storage container and new bike fleet delivered and has been put to good use by the kids. This was funded by a grant received from bike in school's trust.

The Disco was another awesome night! With record ticket sales it was enjoyed by all. Special thanks to Melissa Granich, Kelly Alder and Jaime Davies who were the chief organizers, this takes hours of organizing! Thank you ladies! The Event also wouldn't happen without a team of staff, parent helpers and DJ Mr Hobman helping on the night! A big thank you to all of you.

Fun lunches another event we try to hold a couple of time throughout the term, the kids love the excitement! Thank you again to all the parent helpers that put their hand to help out at these! They wouldn't happen without you.

The children enjoyed our first movie night! It was well received and will be on the 2022 calendar again! It was great to see the kids enjoying a quiet night watching a movie together. Special thanks to Niki D'Unienville and Roslind O'Neill for organizing this event.

I think everyone will join me in thanking Helen Searanke for the many hours she and all her helpers spend collecting, sorting, repairing and then selling the donated uniforms. The second hand uniform is a very utilised service that the PTFA offer, not only does it help raise funds, it also helps families not needing to fork out for new uniforms.

I also want to acknowledge the ongoing sponsorship of Harvey Zhang – every event we did hold, he covered the running costs meaning everything we made at the event was profit towards to Playground Shade covers. We are so close to being able to have stage one installed (junior playground) it is something we will definitely see installed in the new year.

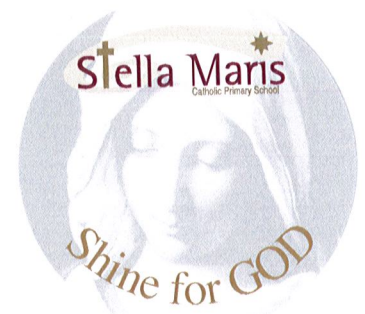
From all the PTFA we want to thank anyone that has helped throughout this crazy year. We appreciate you and acknowledge all the help.

From our families to yours we wish you all a very safe and happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

God Bless

Kelly McColl

PTFA Chairperson



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He Manawa tītī - A person with great endurance

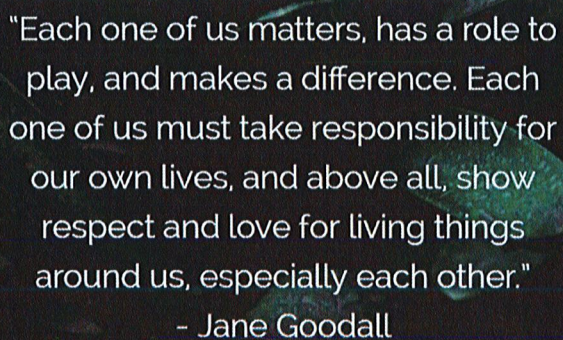
This whakatauki (proverb) celebrates a person/group with great endurance. It could be used to honour a person or group in the local community that has contributed greatly.

These are the perfect words for acknowledging, in its simplest form, the contributions to our school community and the Stella Maris co-operative spirit of a number of people who will farewell us at the end of this term. As our year 6 students prepare for their graduations, they will no doubt be wondering about what things will be different in their lives once they have moved on from our school. I am confident that they will find they are well prepared, adaptable and confident enough to throw themselves into new learning's, new passions, new adventures with skills gained while in our care. For those who joined us a year 0 or 1's it has been a long road and you have showed great endurance.

As we prepare for the end of the roller coaster that was 2021, we also have farewelled, and are about to farewell a number of folk who have been heavily involved throughout the school and school community. We have said goodbye to long serving staff members Sue Brading and Pam Pyatt, plus we have also been saddened by the passing of Stella Maris contributors Mary Zanzoterra and Deacon Murray.

On behalf of the Stella Maris School Board I would like to say farewell to Leizl Mowbray, Christine Shanks, Druh Kelay and Lianne Timlin. Leizl will finish at the end of the term and we thank you for your teaching contributions to those students you have worked with in your time here. To our beloved Christine – a long term servant of the Stella Maris family. Your special gift in the love and care that goes into your work with some of our most challenged learners has been exemplary. They will find it hard, as will we, without you here with your consistence compassion and solid structure and guidance. Thank you so much.

Our School Board also farewells Druh Kelay and Lianne Timlin. To give you some context, most of the team that makes up the Board are generally, mums and dads, who are active in the school in one form or another, be it sports or classroom assistance etc, then often because of this they will get approached to join us so as to contribute in another way. Druhand Lianne are both great examples of this. Druh has been heavily involved in so many ways, including various sports coaching and management. Chances are if your child has played in a Stella Maris touch team Druh or her family have been involved, and the same goes with Pasifika. Selfless time giving for the betterment of the sporting or cultural experiences for our children. We ALL thank you Druh. Lianne Timlin has also been heavily involved in the school, coaching hockey for many years, plus also a structured and valuable contributor to our Board, especially for our policy team. A precise insight on many occasions that I so appreciate, always done in a collaborative way.



"Each one of us matters, has a role to play, and makes a difference. Each one of us must take responsibility for our own lives, and above all, show respect and love for living things around us, especially each other."
- Jane Goodall

I also want to say a big welcome to any new families to the school, Parish or the area and I encourage you to join in with the Stella Maris school family and you will quickly see 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. 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.

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