

# Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

Well the inevitable has happened. We are now registering positive cases within our school community. At time of going to print we have 10 cases across the school. Compared to many other schools in Auckland this is very low numbers. Thank you for letting us know promptly of positive cases and household contacts, enabling us to act quickly. I will continue to inform families if there is a case in your child's class, but it is important that we all monitor closely for symptoms. If your child shows any symptoms please keep them home and get them tested. We continue to have our health measures in place in school and we revise these regularly to ensure we are doing our best to keep everyone as safe as possible. There are a few things you as a family can do to help with this:

**Masks:** Please ensure your child has a fresh, clean mask everyday, and that it is fitted correctly. Loose masks make it hard for the children to keep them on properly. We have noticed that some of the children are not always wearing their masks correctly, sometimes wearing them below the nose or taking them off inside. Could you please take sometime to talk with your children about how to wear a mask to best protect themselves and those around them. We will continue to reiterate this in class.

**Children showing symptoms at school:** If your child shows symptoms when at school we will contact you to pick them up. While we realise this can cause an inconvenience it is important that they are picked up as quickly as possible to help keep everyone safe and well.

We would appreciate it if you could please avoid early pickups in the afternoon except in the case of an appointment. This time just before pick up is a very busy time in the office and this week the office staff have spent a lot of time getting children from classes early – sometimes from way down on the other side of the field.

On Tuesday afternoon our teachers joined others across the Auckland Diocese in an online Dedication Mass for Catholic Schools lead by our newly appointed Bishop, Bishop Steve Lowe. In this Mass he spoke of "Christ our Light", how His light rises in our darkness and assures us of His presence among us. This was a reminder to us all that, in the times such as we find ourselves in, we can place our problems into the hands of God by taking a few moments to silently unload our worries and regather our strength. With this in mind I offer the following prayer for those in our community who are sick, and for those who are caring for them.

*Christ our Light,  
You are the everlasting salvation of those who believe.  
Hear us on behalf of those who are sick.  
We ask that You restore Your servants to health again.  
We ask that you bless the carers with patience and kindness,  
May they be Your compassionate presence as they care for their loved  
ones. We thank You and praise You through Jesus Christ,  
our Lord, our light.  
Amen.*

Ma te Atua koutou – May God bless you all

Catherine Cyprian  
Principal





## DRS Message

Yesterday the school joined with our Parish in celebrating Ash Wednesday. The children were told as the Ashes were sprinkled over their heads, "We all make mistakes but God loves us so much". This is our Faith. We as humans will make mistakes but it is through the love Jesus has for us that we are forgiven if we simply ask. Jesus laid down his life so we would be forgiven. There is tremendous comfort in knowing that our God recognises our humanity and loves us no matter what. This message is the most important message we want our students to hear at this time. We have a God that sees us completely, knows our wants and needs and is right there with us in our tough times as well as those amazing moments life brings.

*God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy. Pope Francis.*

~ ~ ~

*Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may go to heaven. St Rose of Lima.*

~ ~ ~

*Unless there is Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday. Fulton J Sheen.*

~ ~ ~

*Have patience with all things but first of all with yourself. St Francis de Sales.*

## TEAM NEWS

**Matikao:** The link to the Ash Wednesday parish Mass was a great way to introduce the children to Lent - the preparation time for Easter. We have been talking about how we can get ready by showing care and love and kindness to each other. Perhaps you might like to follow this up at home as we walk the 40 day journey to Easter together.

**Mohehu:** Kia ora parents. We are making the most of the sun and getting outside while it is shining bright! We ask that hats and drink bottles are at school each day. This week the children have begun learning their group spelling words and these will be tested on Friday. Thank you for completing their reading logs in their diaries.

**Huruhuru:** This week we have revisited the Covid health and safety rules with our classes. We reminded our students about the need for sanitising and the correct wearing of masks. It may be timely for families to check that their child has suitably sized masks and are wearing these correctly. Please remember if your child is working from home they need to access the Huruhuru At Home Learners website and Google Classroom.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### School Accounts

These were posted out earlier this week. Thank you to all those who have already set up their AP or paid directly online. The school has changed to a new SMS (Student Management System) which will be rolling out new functions throughout the year giving families greater access to their student's information.

**Attendance Dues and Donations for 2022** are \$1198 per child, per year, reduced for families with 3 or more students in the school. A cost of \$299.50 per term. These can be paid online directly, or by automatic payment. If you are setting up an AP please ensure you work out your payments so your

account is cleared by 8th December 2022. You will find the school's bank details on your school statement. There is no longer a 4 digit code for your family, so please refrain from using this from now on. Instead, please can you use your family name and the reference code that relates to the item you are paying, this is found in the fourth column on your statement. It is imperative that this information is included, as we have a number of families with the same surname. For new families to the school, your account can be paid term by term, or many pay in full for the year. If you wish to discuss any special circumstances please contact Mrs Helen Mackereth Email: [helen@stellamaris.school.nz](mailto:helen@stellamaris.school.nz) Tax Donation Receipts are issued after the 31st March please email [achieve@stellamaris.school.nz](mailto:achieve@stellamaris.school.nz) if you would like a copy for your tax return.

Certificates Term 1 - Week 3		
	Special Character Award	Principal's Award
St Lucy	Harlan Paton	Flauren Rayen
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St Nicholas	Myra Rajgor	Tyler Giddy
St Joachim	Mia Child	Paige Human
St Anthony	Aoife Hogg	Rhys Habeck
St John	Matilda Tang	Elise Shun
St Peter	Chase Lloyd	Danita Spalletta
St Augustine	Nicholas Manalo	Coco Hakaraia
St Dominic	Lucas Reade	Jasmine Cate
St Joseph	Gabe Boveland	Michelle Arora



## St Patrick's Day - Mufti

On the 17th March. We will be celebrating St Patrick's Day by wearing something green. Please can you have your child bring in a non perishable item as we are collecting for our Parish Care and Share. Thank You



## Triadic Goal Setting Interviews

Wednesday 23rd March from at 1pm to 7pm  
Thursday 24th March from at 3.15 pm to 5.30pm

The School will Finish at 12.20pm  
on Wednesday 23rd March



Bookings are to be made online by visiting  
[www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)

Our School Access Number is **h7d34**

Please note that bookings for all year levels (1-6)  
are online this year.

Bookings open on Monday 28th February

## Bus Information For Wednesday 23 March

The Bayes 22 bus to Gulf Harbour will run at the earlier time of 12.20pm. All other buses will run at the regular time. If you want your child to catch the later buses they will need to be booked into sKids until the bus arrives in the afternoon. To book into sKids please see information following.

## Skids Information For Wednesday 23 March

With the school finishing at 12:20pm on Wednesday 23rd March, sKids Stella Maris is hosting a Special After School Care programme from 12:20pm. Registrations, enrolments, and bookings are made via EnrolMy, their online Booking System.

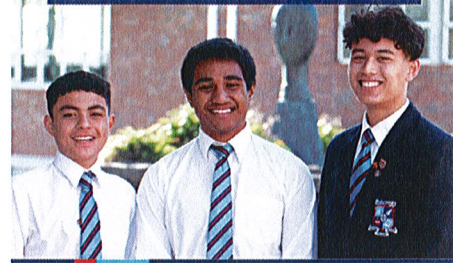
1. If not yet registered with EnrolMy, go to <https://enrolmy.com/login>
2. If you are already registered with EnrolMy, to book – go to <https://enrolmy.com/skids-cheery-kids-limited/book-now/34-sKids-Stella-Maris-Special-Day-23-March-1220-3pm>.

If you have any questions or require any assistance, please contact sKids at [stellamaris@skids.co.nz](mailto:stellamaris@skids.co.nz) or call 027 846 1725.

## A scholarship opportunity for Catholic students of Māori or Pasifika descent

Year 7 and 9, 2023

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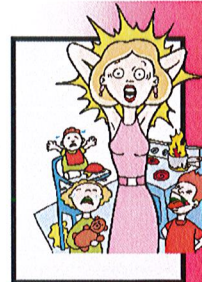


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### TOPICS COVERED

COMMUNICATION	CHOICES/CONSEQUENCES	COMPLIANCE
EMPATHY	SIBLING RIVALRY	TEENAGERS AND BOUNDARIES
SETTING LIMITS	PAUSE	TIME IN
PERSONALITY TYPES	PRaise VS ENCOURAGEMENT	QUALITY TIME



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NEWSLETTER 3 March 2022

## Mark Your Diaries

17 Mar	St Patrick's Day Green Mufti Day
23 Mar	Triadic Goal Setting Interviews - School Finishes at 12.20pm
24 Mar	Triadic Goal Settings Continue 3.15pm
14 Apr	Term One Ends 2.45pm
15 Apr	Good Friday
25 Apr	ANZAC Day
02 May	Term Two Begins 8.45am

## 2022 School Term Dates

TERM 1	Tuesday	08 Feb	Thursday	14 Apr
TERM 2	Monday	02 May	Friday	08 Jul
TERM 3	Monday	25 Jul	Friday	30 Sep
TERM 4	Monday	17 Oct	Wednesday	21 Dec

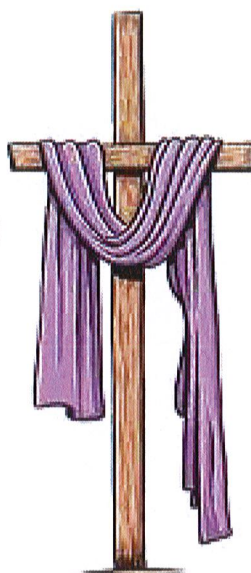
## 2022 Public Holidays

Good Friday	15 Apr
Easter Monday	18 Apr
ANZAC Day	25 Apr
Queen's Birthday	06 Jun
Matariki	24 Jun
Labour Day	24 Oct

## Family Whanau Book Resource Link

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

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Season  
of  
Lent



## Telephone

### Netball

– Cancellation Number –  
09 424 2318

### Parish Office

– Parish Priest –  
Father Raphael  
09 426 5599 ext 2

– Parish Secretary –  
Theresa Fouché  
09 426 5599

[theresa@hbcparish.org.nz](mailto: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](http://www.stellamaris.school.nz)

### School Bank Details

Attendance Dues &  
Donations

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All other Payments

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### PTFA Bank Details

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### Waitemata Health

[www.webhealth.co.nz](http://www.webhealth.co.nz)

Auckland Youth

[www.akyouth.org.nz](http://www.akyouth.org.nz)

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