Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

Below are some reminders from Mrs Bates, our school Environment Leader, on how we can all play our part to care for our Common Home. "In our current situation we are finding it difficult to recycle appropriately at school, but I thought it might be a good time to remind families of the ways each of us can carry on our good practices of caring for our world even under school bubble restrictions.

At the moment children are encouraged to take their lunch litter home with them (where they can hopefully see that recycling still happens).

So a few reminders:

- Food scraps to the garden for compost or worm farm (or your pigs if you have them)
- *Soft plastics are able to be recycled easily at Countdown, Silverdale, across the road from school just make sure they are clean and dry before collecting in a bag and delivering when you next visit the supermarket. The collection point is just inside the exit door, opposite the self-service checkouts. This can also be done at The Warehouse.
- •We are still collecting the following items in the main foyer here at school:
- oWine bottle tops these go towards research for Kids Kidney disorders.
- oUsed felt pens and biros
- oPlastic bread tags
- oToothbrushes and toothpaste tubes these can also be recycled at The Warehouse (just inside the main doors, on the right), along with empty shampoo and beauty product bottles.

And of course, you have your curb side collection for paper, cardboard and hard plastics each fortnight. At my place we also collect used batteries and take a job lot to a collection point in Constellation Drive. So next time you are tempted to discard something in your weekly landfill collection please stop and think – is there a better, more sustainable way to dispose of this item?"

Amanda Bates Environment Leader

This week as numbers for outdoor activities were lifted we changed our playground protocols to allow the children to play with others from across their team, enabling the children to play with friends from other classes – something they have really enjoyed. The wheels' days have also provided some different, fun activities for the students. We are hopeful there will be further changes when we come back in Term 2.

Next week the Wheels' days are as follows: **Matikao** – Monday, **Huruhuru** – Tuesday, and **Mokehu** – Wednesday.

Ma te Atua koutou e manaaki - may God bless you all

Catherine Cyprian Principal

TEAM NEWS

Matikao

In our RE sessions over the last weeks we have been learning more about the life of Jesus and of how his life had similarities and differences to our own. We have been thinking about the ways we can be more like Jesus as we move closer to the death and resurrection of Our Lord. We will send the children's RE books home next week. Please take some time to share these and add a comment before ensuring it is returned to school at the beginning of Term 2.

Mokehu

Kia ora Parents, the Mokehu children have thoroughly enjoyed participating in the Dance Curriculum sessions with Omar this week. It has been great getting outside for vitamin D, moving our bodies and learning new moves! It is our turn to bring our wheels for the track tomorrow (Friday) and next Wednesday. Please make sure that children remember to bring a correctly fitted helmet.

Huruhuru

Last Friday we were presented with an opportunity to hold a 3 day camp in November at Carey Park in Henderson Valley. Thank you to all the parents who responded to our newsletter last Friday with their opinions about whether we should go ahead with this camp. The result was an overwhelming "YES." We have therefore booked this and will begin planning for it shortly. More information will be sent home in term 2. While we fully understand students wish to celebrate their birthday here at school, if you wish to you may provide a sealed packet of food item for each child until we are given the all clear in regard to the traffic light settings.

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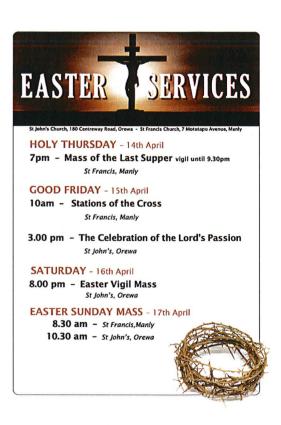
DRS Message

As we close in on a very important week in the Church calendar we are reminded by Pope Francis of how we might express our faith and hope. He says..."Love, following in the footsteps of Christ, in concern and compassion for all, is the highest expression of our faith and hope." For our students at Stella Maris this means we explore the events of Holy Week in an age appropriate manner while recognising that although there are some terrible things that happened to Jesus this week there is the hope in the resurrection where light overcomes darkness. We work through many of the Gospel stories of Holy Week where Jesus challenges people to love above all else. He displays his ultimate love for us through his sacrifice on the cross which is a truth we don't avoid but again we explore this in an age appropriate manner. The light we continue to seek out though, is the light of the tomb opening, of Jesus revealed in all His glory to His followers.

God of love, who sent your only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sin, show us how we can honour you and bring glory to your name, by walking in the way of Jesus. Give us grace and mercy as we try and fail, guidance when we are not sure which way to go, and wisdom to trust you in all things.

Amen

Certificates - Term 1, Week 8		
	Special Character Award	Principal's Award
St Lucy	Leo Doyle	Aroha Vidoto
St Benedict	Makenna Campbell	Goldie West
St Anne	Lola Davies	Amelia Tamayo
St Leo	Mikayla Tang	Renzo Petersen
St Nicholas	Alex Arnott	Ava Reade
St Joachim	Filipe Tauva	Sofia Flores- Jochmann
St Anthony	Bayleigh Franich	Rhys Habeck
St John	Harrison Shaw	Hailey Lafaialii
St Peter	Cooper Hanlon	Khalum Wood
St Augustine	Aiden Skinner	Eden Snaith
St Dominic	Alexis Bonilla	Aaron Craig
St Joseph	Devin Harkness	Marco Cardeno



Mum's Day 2022

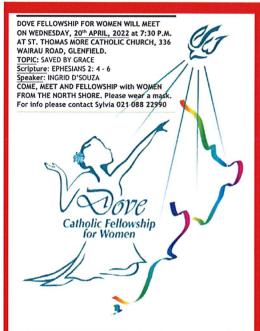
As we are unsure what the new covid traffic light setting will look like until after the term ends on the 14th April, it has been decided to postpone the annual mum's day till later in term 2. The book fair will still be held from Monday 2nd to Friday 6th May. There is a poster to advise parents of the plan for this very special week in the school calendar.

PTFA Second Hand Sale

Due to the current covid restrictions Helen Searancke has once again kindly offered to hold the sale at her home. 18 Ascot Way, Orewa on Friday 8th April 9am - 12pm and Sunday 10th April 9am - 12pm. Please note that she can no longer take requests/holds prior. Please go along to the sale to view. If you have any uniform donations please either drop these into the box by the door in the foyer at school, or you can drop items to Helen at her home address. The PTFA is so grateful for the wonderful uniform donations that have already been made this year. All proceeds from the uniform sales go directly to the PTFA for school fundraising.

New Mindfulness Online For Stress And Anxiety

Are you feeling stressed and anxious? Would you like some practical and affordable online information and strategies to empower you to cope better? I am offering a 45-minute mindfulness online class weekly next term. In this class I will share scientifically proven techniques and skills that will help you to be calmer, to sleep better and to stop you feeling overwhelmed. I teach part-time at Stella Maris Primary and I am also a wellbeing coach. I am facilitating a FREE online introductory session on Thursday, April 21st. If you would like to attend this, please email me for the link. If you would like more info on this course, please check out my website - www.eqmatters.co.nz or email me: Brenda@eqmatters.co.nz



















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Mark Your Diaries

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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Netball

Cancellation Number –09 424 2318

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SKIDS

After School Care –027 846 1725

School Dental Clinic

09 426 8470

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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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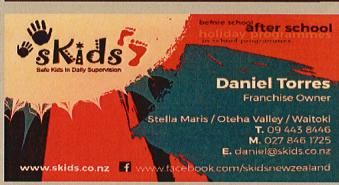
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