

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Kia ora e te Whānau

I usually attend the Vigil Mass at St John's on Saturday evenings, last weekend I went along on Sunday morning instead and what a celebration of Pentecost it was! There was a great sense of joy, the Pentecost banners were up, there were people wearing traditional costumes of red, orange and yellow, and we sang hymns about the Holy Spirit. For the Prayers of the Faithful children read prayers in their own language, and many of the children who did this were students from Stella Maris. I was so very proud of them as they spoke so confidently in the different languages. Then at the end of the Mass all of the leaders, children and parents participating in the Sacramental Programme were presented to the congregation and received blessings. I think it must have been the Holy Spirit that took me to Mass on Sunday instead of my usual Saturday evening to be able to join in the celebrations with so many from school and our parish.

The celebrations continued on Tuesday at school with the students wearing red, yellow or orange, taking part in Pentecost activities in class, discos and enjoying ice blocks. The Holy Spirit has certainly been present at Stella Maris school throughout the last few days as we celebrated the Church's birthday - Pentecost.

We have just had a long weekend for Queen's Birthday weekend but I'd like to remind you that we have another long weekend coming up shortly. Friday 24th June is a public holiday, as Aotearoa New Zealand celebrates Matariki, the Māori New Year. School will be closed on this date. Note the public holiday is a Friday not the usual Monday.

Ma te Atua koutou e manaaki – May God bless you all

Catherine Cyprian

Principal

Team News

Matikao:

The celebration of Pentecost has reigned in Matikao this week! Who doesn't like a birthday celebration? We had balloons, dance, prayer, song - and ice blocks!!! Some even had cake! The children enjoyed learning more about the birth of our Church and of how they can take this forward and share the peace, joy and happiness that Te Wairua Tapu brought to us all on the first Pentecost. We can take our learning about the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit and share it with our whānau and friends. A total win-win opportunity! Happy Birthday to our Church - aka Us!

Mokehu:

Kia ora parents, we had a great start to this short week celebrating the Church's birthday on Tuesday with mufti and a disco, the children all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. As part of our term study of Kaitiakitanga we have investigated World Ocean's Day and learnt ways to use less plastic to help save our oceans. We are noticing many of the tamariki are tired (ngenge) Currently, please can you ensure they are following good bedtime routines and getting to bed at an earlier time.

Huruhuru:

As we are writing this the team is preparing for two events on Thursday. Firstly, St Dominic are leading a school-wide liturgy and secondly, the football teams are representing the school at the inter-school tournament. The team has sport on Wednesdays, so please ensure that your children have their PE gear at school for this session.

Huruhuru Certificates: These students demonstrated the Huruhuru Team Philosophy of #respect #whakaute in the past two weeks: Lily Tracey, Leon Bell, Kiera Donnelly, Matteo Austria, Josephine Anders



DRS Message

The Holy Spirit is a Spirit of Joy. This joy is a grace from God. The disciples were filled with joy from the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and took this joy out to the world as they shared the Good News. Jesus, too, “rejoiced in the Holy Spirit” (Luke 10:21). He wanted us to share in his joy. “These things I have spoken to you,” Jesus told his disciples, “that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full” (John 15:11). Twice again Jesus speaks in these terms: “Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full” (John 16:24), and, “These things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves” (John 17:13).

His joy was abundant at our Pentecost celebrations yesterday at Stella Maris. While it is the Holy Spirit that enables this joy to come to fruition it is the work of Gods disciples that multiplies it. It is because of the work of so many in our school that our Pentecost celebrations, the birthday of the church, will be remembered as a special day. The Holy Spirit was at work as parents helped their children find red, yellow, orange clothing, in Mr Flemwell and Mrs Mackereth who organised, collected and delivered the special treats, in the Teachers and Teacher Aides who gave so much energy to the day, (showing some outstanding dance moves along the way), and in the children who embraced the opportunity to be led by the joy of the Spirit. May this joy stay with us and multiply through all those who consistently work to follow our Marian Values and fulfil our Special Character.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

SCHOOL NEWS



Certificates for Term 2, Week 5

	Special Character Award	Principal's Award
St Mary	Aqua Woolridge	Marco Tome
St Lucy	Harlan Paton	Aoife Byrne
St Benedict	Goldie West	Ethan Human
St Anne	Lily Verdonkschot	Sam Van Blerk
St Leo	Allegra Kinmond	Zeya Pereira
St Nicholas	James McColl	Talulah Cooper
St Joachim	Aarush Duvashi	Maci Campbell
St Anthony	Rafael Moura de Lima	Raven Marshall
St John	Patrick Hammond	April Shaw
St Peter	Indianna Wakelin	Georgia Morton-Jones
St Augustine	Chloe Hudson	Aiden Skinner
St Dominic	Easton Opperman	Vincent Straka
St Joseph	Avianna Broomfield	Matteo Austria

Mark Your Diaries

09 Jun	Year 5/6 Football Tournament
14 Jun	BOT Meeting 7.15pm
24 Jun	Matariki Celebration School Closed
08 Jul	Mufti Mania Gold Coin Donation
08 Jul	School Finishes for Term 2
25 Jul	Term 3 Commences
27 Jul	Parent Interviews - School will finish at 12.20pm
28 Jul	Parent Interviews - School will finish normal time
24 Aug	Open Day for 2023 Enrolments 9am to 12pm

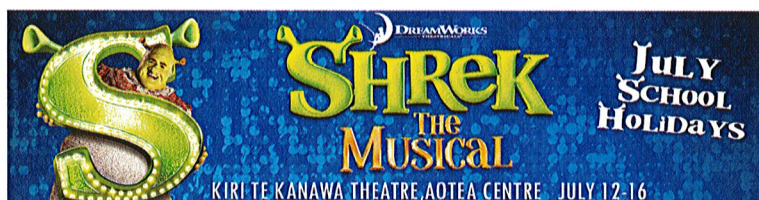
2022 School Term Dates

TERM 2	Monday	02 May – Friday	08 Jul
TERM 3	Monday	25 Jul – Friday	30 Sep
TERM 4	Monday	17 Oct – Tuesday	20 Dec

2022 Public Holidays

Matariki	24 Jun
Labour Day	24 Oct

COMMUNITY NEWS



The school has a double pass (2tickets) to give away, if you would like to go in to the draw to win these please email your name to achieve@stellamaris.school.nz by 10am tomorrow. The lucky winner will be drawn tomorrow morning and the winners will be notified. Good luck. The show is on during the term break in July.

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09 424 2318

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09 426 5599 ext 2
– Parish Secretary –
Theresa Fouché
09 426 5599 ext 1

theresa@hbcparish.org.nz

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027 846 1725

School Dental Clinic

09 426 8470

Bayes Buses

09 426 5504

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

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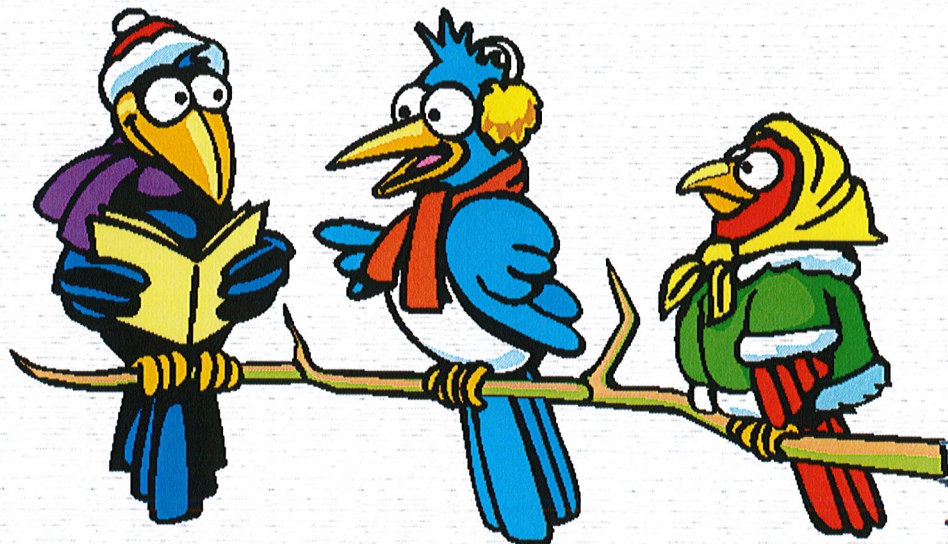
www.webhealth.co.nz

Auckland Youth

www.akyouth.org.nz

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In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit Amen**

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