

## **Stella Maris BOARD Newsletter – Term 2 – July 2022**

**KĀRORE TE KUMARA  
E KŌRERO MŌ TŌNA  
AKE REKA**

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**THE KUMARA DOES  
NOT SAY HOW SWEET  
HE IS**

This Whakataukī (proverb) talks about how those who truly serve for the betterment of the community, or in our case the school, will never trumpet their own strengths or achievements to those around them. They are not there for that purpose. These are people who give for the sake of giving, not for something in return. People who “serve” for others. This is a common trait of so many of the wonderful folks who work at Stella Maris, or volunteer around the school for a multitude of reasons, from the Board, the PTFA, sports coaching or class help. So many people, doing so many jobs – none undertaken for medals or accolades.

One person who fits this “kumara” title is our wonderful Helen, or “Mrs Mac” to most. We said farewell to Helen last week at school, in a lovely Liturgy, complete with Kapa Haka, followed by a shared morning tea. True to form, as we all spoke of the wonderful things Helen has done in her 16+ years of service at Stella Maris, or her huge heart and compassion for those around her, she would always reply in such a humble way and would return praise back in bucket loads to those who were speaking. Bless you Helen and thank you, thank you, thank you.

Welcome to all new families in 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 secondhand uniform sales etc. But as one parent, involved in the Pasifika group replied to me once, on my saying thanks for the efforts with Pasifika Cultural group – “we don’t do this for the thanks; we do it for the smiles on the kids faces”.

Our Stella Maris School Board is currently in the process of undertaking our periodic Education Review Office school review. The process is a lot more collaborative and forward thinking, with a good deal of strategic planning, rather than the older ERO reports you may have been familiar with from previous reviews. It is more of a constructive assurance & mentoring, assistance role, undertaken over a longer period, rather than the older “review/report” style. We will keep you up to date of any developments.

Please also be aware we are approaching our next Triennial Board elections, taking place in August/September 2022. This is the process of selecting our Board members for the next 3 year term. The call for nominations will be within the few weeks, so keep an eye out for the notices if you are interested, or by all means if you see me around the school please yell out for any information, or alternatively email the school Board email below.

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

**Leadership is not an affair of the head.  
Leadership is an affair of the heart.**

STELLA MARIS PTFA



# we will be back next term....

the Stella Maris PTFA have been MIA!! we would love for you to join us in planning out the rest of 2022 with events to get some fundraising and social activities happening again!

## PTFA FUNDRAISING GOAL

To provide sun shelter over both junior and senior playgrounds  
target \$80k

AGM and 1st meeting to follow will be held in the staffroom (zoom will be available too)  
@ 7pm, 3rd August

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