Kia ora e te Whānau

Welcome back to school for the new term, with a special welcome to all of our new students and families who have joined us in classes across the school. Monday's storm certainly made for an interesting first day back for us all didn't it.

Yesterday we began the Parent/Teacher Conferences, and continue today. These are an important part of the students' learning journey as we work together and discuss the progress and achievement of the students and set new goals for the remainder of the term. It has been great to see so many parents able to come along to these conferences.

Mask wearing: a reminder that there is a very strong recommendation from the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education that students from Year 4-6 should wear masks while inside at school for at least the first four weeks of the term. We strongly encourage mask wearing as well and thank you for your support of this as it goes a long way towards keeping everyone well, and staff and families able to continue working.

Carpark Safety: Thank you to those of you who read the Beacon over the weekend and are doing what you can to keep the carpark safe for all users. A particular reminder of the following:

- \*No parking or stopping in the pick up area unless you see your child/ren there
- \*No parking on yellow lines
- No parking on footpaths
- •No double parking between the roundabout and the main gate.

After all the rain that we have had our grass areas, including the field, are very soggy. All grass areas are currently closed while we allow them to dry out a bit. Once we do open them again we ask that children bring a change of clothes to wear when playing on the field. It is also a good idea to provide a towel and waterproof bag for wet items to go into.

Parish Sausage Sizzle and Soup Lunch – St Johns Orewa: Everyone is invited to the Parish Sausage Sizzle and Soup Lunch after the 10:30am Mass at St Johns this Sunday, 31 July. Everyone is welcome to attend, there is no charge as the lunch has been kindly sponsored by Harvey Zhang, Barfoot and Thompson Whangaparaoa. Why not come along to the 10:30 Mass and then join everyone in the hall for a warm, winter lunch afterwards.

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

Catherine Cyprian Principal

Term 2 - Week 10					
	Special Character Award	Principal's Award			
St Mary	Sebastian Mills de Matos	Naill Dragicevich			
St Lucy	Flori Elliman	Carter Still			
St Benedict	Charlie Schmidt	Kieran Gibson			
St Anne	Izaak Griffiths	Leo Wakelin			
St Leo	Ada Shimwell	Anna Maria Mills de Matos			
St Nicholas	Ruhaan Panjwani	Gia Gomes			
St Joachim	Matthew Dizon	Mila Henderson			
St Anthony	Aoife Hogg	Ollie Baxter-Mackay			
St John	Stevie Whittaker	Christer Juntilla			
St Peter	Luca Boric	Maxim Teterin			
St Augustine	Rhaedyn Wood	Kian Dolendo			
St Dominic	Nuala Cuff	Chris O'Neill			
St Joseph	Rennie Leach	River Thompson			



We start this term exploring Imaginative prayer. St Ignatius recognised God can speak to us just as clearly through our imaginations as through our thoughts and memories. In class we may explore a Gospel story and encourage our students to contemplate being there. To put themselves into the experience and see, hear, feel what the Disciples may have felt. This imaginative detail can bring us closer to understanding His teachings and how much we are loved. We also explore creation using our imaginations, the gifts God has given us and the love of God that is in Creation. This imaginative exploration and contemplation on the wonders of God allows for a closer relationship with our Creator. Many techniques are used and these can be applied to other meditations and also used as self management strategies when we are feeling overwhelmed. I would encourage you to discuss what your child's class have been exploring through their Imaginative Prayer sessions and see if they might be able to lead your whanau in one themselves. I have attached a link for some ideas that you may be interested in exploring.

https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/seven-ways-to-use-the-imagination-in-prayer/

God of Imagination,
Through exploring imaginative prayer,
May we feel the presence of Jesus, Your Son more fully.
May we in some way come closer to recognising you in all those we meet,
in all we see, hear and feel.
May we recognise Your love in Creation.
Amen.

#### **SCHOOL NEWS**

Matikao: We welcome all our families back to school for Term 3! The holidays, as ever, passed in the blink of an eye but with hopefully many new happy family memories created. Despite the unfavourable weather, the children have reported many exciting adventures and happy times. And that is what we now look forward to this term as we begin to explore our new concept - Innovation. We will look at innovations from the past and perhaps even use some of our own innovative ideas to create things. Exciting times ahead! We would also like to thank you for joining us for the parent meetings this week. These are always interesting and important to us as we move your children's learning and achievement forward for the next half year.

Mokehu: Kia ora koutou. In Mokehu we welcome Randil Ekanayake, Oscar Baldwin, Samantha Aviles and Agnes Gibson and their whanau to our team. Thank you to the parents who have attended our interviews this week, this is a beneficial time for us to get together and reflect on the progress made this year and discuss the next steps on your child's learning journey. This term our school wide focus is Innovation and we look forward to seeing where our learning takes us. A reminder that with wet weather the children find it beneficial to have a activity/colouring book in their book bags as an option for wet day play.

Huruhuru: Welcome back to a new term. In week 6 we have our school cross country and the inter-school event in week 9. We will be training regularly for this event. Students will need to bring their PE gear daily and they can bring sneakers to wear on days their training is on concrete. Permission slips and Health forms for camp will be coming home this week. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to attend camp with us. We apologise for the delay in replying to you, but we have been inundated with parent volunteers. We will let you know asap whether we will need you to attend camp with us or not. Please remember that masks are encouraged for students in the Huruhuru team.

#### **SCHOOL NEWS**

#### Communication

The Stella Beacon is a weekly electronic email that will send out reminders of events and happenings coming up in the next week or so. To register to receive this invaluable "ecopy" simply visit the Stella Maris Website, and on the bottom of the homepage enter your name and email address and submit. You will then be registered to start receiving the 'Beacon'. Please note that is does not replace the weekly newsletter, which goes home on a Thursday and is also sent electronically to those who have registered for the 'Beacon'.

**The School App** can be downloaded at the App store of Google play for non apple users.

- · Search SchoolAppsNZ
- Download the App
- · Open the App
- · When asked to send notifications click allow
- When asked to search your school type Stella Maris in the search bar
- Lastly, Subscribe to the Alert Groups you would like to receive alerts for
- · You are now all set

**Newsletters** are published weekly as a means of communicating with families about what is happening at school and upcoming events. Please look out for the newsletter in your child's bag each Thursday. It is also available to be downloaded from the school web site.

#### **Photolife**

Individual and Class photos will be taken on Tuesday 3rd August. If you would like to have a sibling photo taken you will need to compete a request form. These are available from the school office.

#### **Congratulations**

Charles Cate recently competed at the 2022 Auckland Swimming Championships at West Wave in Henderson. Charles won a silver medal in the 200mtr breaststroke. What a fabulous achievement.

#### Congratulations

Rieleigh Ongcoy, Marco Cardeno, Lockie West participated at the recent Rowan Brown Jelly Belly Water Polo Tournament.

Rieleigh and Marco's Red team came in at a very respectable 4th place in the highly competitive C Grade. While Lockie's Black team managed to get into the podium taking in 2nd place in the Newbie Grade. Well done, wonderful achievement.



## PTFA Meeting Wednesday 3rd August 7pm in the staffroom

#### Drama, Speech, And Self-Confidence Classes

Marrzipan Drama is now accepting new enrolments for term 3! They will be running awesome classes after school on Tuesday focusing on using drama skills to teach self-confidence. Marrzipan plays fun and engaging games, and the students perform a play at the end of the term to parents and friends. Get in touch with Manon to come along for a trial class, sign up for the term, or chat about how Marrzipan classes can benefit your child's development. Contact Manon email <a href="mailto:auckland@marrzipandrama.co.nz">auckland@marrzipandrama.co.nz</a> 027 3673334

#### **PTFA Secondhand Uniform Sale**

Friday 5th August. It will be held outside, behind the foyer, or in the hall if wet. If you'd like to know what we have please come along and have a look at the sale. The PTFA are needing more uniform donations as we've currently got very little in the larger sizes of a few things. If you 'd like to donate your outgrown uniforms, please leave them in the box under the table at the foyer entrance. Many thanks for your continued support.





#### Mark Your Diaries

28 Jul	Parent Interviews - School will finish normal time
02 Aug	Individual and Class Photos
03 Aug	Team Photos
03 Aug	PTFA Meeting 7pm - staffroom
08 Aug	Parish Care and Share Week
09 Aug	Scholastic Book Orders close
24 Aug	Open Day for 2023 Enrolments 9am to 12pm
29 Aug	Emperors New Clothes Performance for all Students
01 Sep	School Cross Country
22 Sep	Interschool Cross Country
23 Sep	BOT Elections
30 Sep	TERM THREE ENDS 2.45pm

#### 2022 School Term Dates

25 Jul - Friday TERM 3 Monday 30 Sep TERM 4 Monday 17 Oct - Tuesday 20 Dec

#### 2022 Public Holidays

**Labour Day** 24 Oct

#### 2023 School Term Dates

TERM	1	Tuesday	07 Feb –	Thursday	06 April
TERM	2	Monday	24 Apr -	Friday	30 June
TERM	3	Monday	17 Jul -	Friday	22 Sep
<b>TERM</b>	4	Monday	09 Oct -	Wednesday	20 Dec

#### **Family Whanau Book Resource Link**

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



#### 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

#### **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

#### **School Bank Details**

Attendance Dues & **Donations** 12 3046 0362238 **01** All other Payments 12 3046 0362238 00

#### **PTFA Bank Details**

12 3046 0376269 00

#### Waitemata Health

www.webhealth.co.nz Auckland Youth www.akyouth.org.nz

"Ki te ingoa o te Matua, O te Tamaiti O te Wairua Tapu, Amene" In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit Amen

# "Quality Education in a Catholic Environment"

# Stella Maris School Open Day 24th August 2022

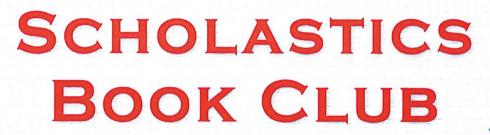
9am – 12pm Years 1 – 6 Enrolments

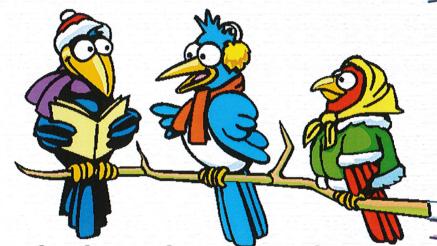


We invite you to our school's open day to have a guided tour, meet staff and students, and experience first hand the very special learning environment that Stella Maris has on offer. We look forward to meeting you.

50 Silverdale Street (opposite Silverdale Centre) Enquiries please phone 09 427 9189 or

**Email:** <u>achieve@stellamaris.school.nz</u> **Website:** www.stellamaris.school.nz





Order formshave gone home this week - orders will close on

### Tuesday 9th August

This is a wonderful way of supporting your child's reading and raising bonus points for the school to purchase curriculum items. Please hand your orders into the school office.

Your support is appreciated.

