

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

I have had several opportunities to walk through the classrooms this week and have seen our students well settled in their classrooms, truly focused on their learning and enjoying sharing in learning and play with their peers. It seems that the resilience and enthusiasm for school that we witnessed as we came out of the lockdowns has really flourished in our children – something that is a credit to our families and staff, and the students themselves, as we have all worked hard to support them in their learning as we enjoy another uninterrupted term at school.

A couple of special events that occurred this week show that we are slowly returning to “normal” at school. On Tuesday evening a number of our new families joined staff, Board and PTFA in the hall for a relaxed Pizza and Chips evening as a welcome to Stella Maris and a chance to connect with one another. Yesterday we welcomed a number of perspective families for a tour of our school during the Open Day. A huge thank you goes to our Year 6 students who acted as guides and shared their pride, knowledge and love of Stella Maris with those they showed around. Next week we look forward to the school cross country starting at 1pm on Thursday, 1 September. Parents are welcome to come along and join us.

The pride and love our students have for Stella Maris was also reflected in the following prayer written by Mia Child, Year 4.

Dear God,

Bless my school. I have lots of friends in my class and there is much to learn from my teachers. Make our school a place where everyone is respected, truth is upheld, discovery is encouraged and where we celebrate the achievements of all.

So dear God, bless my school today.

Amen

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

Catherine Cyprian
Principal

Team News

Matikao: We are steadily moving through the term - and towards the spring! It has been wonderful to see the sun again and to be reminded that there is promise of warmer, more settled weather ahead. We are continuing our on-going assessments and are noticing steady and continued progress for your children. The pizza and chip evening on Tuesday was a lovely time to meet all our new families and begin to build our Stella community relationship with them. Thank you to all those who came along for a snack and a chat. Also continuing - our fitness training for the Cross Country event on 1st September!

Mokehu: Kia ora Whanau, the children are working conscientiously on their devices at the moment using a variety of learning Apps, and are now starting to work on Google Docs. Can you please help your child to learn their Stella Maris email address and login, as by being able to do this independently will save time in class. We have also been training hard as a team for the upcoming Cross Country and are training daily for this. If your child wants to bring sports shoes for training on the concrete, then they are able to do so.

Huruhuru: Kapa Haka is moving along at a healthy rate with students across the school enjoying the sessions each Friday afternoon. As we are writing this blurb our interschool hockey team are ready to leave for their tournament. We hope they all enjoy their day. Next week the school will be holding our school Cross Country event. Our students have trained very hard over the last 5 weeks and are well prepared for this day.



DRS Message

"Listen to the Voice of Creation" is the invitation from Pope Francis as the ecumenical phase of the Season of Creation begins on 1st September with the World day of Prayer for Creation, through to the Feast of Saint Francis on the 4th October. Pope Francis encourages us to practise an ecological spirituality through recognising God's presence in our natural world. One of the Achievement Objectives in our Year 1 Re Sacrament strand looks at developing an understanding about how God can be discovered in the world which God created and gifted to people as well as how we might care for and enjoy this gift. Our students at Stella Maris are encouraged to listen to this voice in creation, appreciate it's beauty, diversity and explore sacramental moments and encounters with God through creation. We also encourage our students to become Kaitiaki, caretakers of creation. It is through learning about this gift given to us and learning ways each individual can make a small difference that we might truly praise God in creation. Let us follow Pope Francis' lead and listen accurately with open hearts to God's voice in creation. May we respond to God's call for us in creation.

*We pray in thanksgiving for Mother earth in whom all life is rooted,
Brother Sun whose energy radiates life,
Sister Water who nurtures and revives us, and co-creatures with whom
we live, and for whom we are called to till and keep this garden.
"All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.*

(National Liturgy office Liturgy resource for Season of Creation 2022)

SCHOOL NEWS



School Cross Country

This will be held on 1st September at 1pm. Families are welcome to come along to support the children.

Calendar Art

Your child's artwork is available for viewing in the main atrium. Order forms have been sent home with children this week and there is a link to an electronic copy on yesterdays beacon. Orders are made via the Kindo app. Your child's artwork can be turned into beautiful; calendars, cards, diaries, mouse mats or sketchpad. All make wonderful gifts for family and friends.

SPORTS NEWS

Basketball

Stella Celtics played the Hornets. The score was 6 - 1 to the Hornets. Well done to the Hornets.
Player of the day was Mikayla Tang for great dribbling and general play.

Netball

Year 6 Netball - Our girls will be having their last game for the season this week. So far this term our teams have had two wins.

Players of the day Team 6/1: Trisha Palande, Alyssa Coetzee, Jasmine Cate, and Sanvi Bhat.


Players of the day Team 6/2: Hannah Abiva, Erin Walker, Amaia Warren and River Thompson.

Hockey

On Tuesday two teams from year 5/6 represented Stella Maris at the inter-school hockey day. The children had a wonderful day and displayed some great hockey skills. The girls team came 5th overall and boys placed 6th. Thank you to the parents who helped us on the day.



PTFA NEWS



The Stella Maris PTFA present

MUFTI PYJAMA DAY

AUG 26 2022

Gold coin Donation
Come along dressed in your favourite Pj's or Onesie!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Orewa Surf Lifesaving Club – Junior Family Membership

Early Bird Registration now open. Make the most of Summer Sundays and join us at beautiful Ōrewa beach as a member of Ōrewa Surf Lifesaving Club. We offer a fun, safe and family-oriented environment, building life skills, fitness, and respect for the water for children aged 3-13. Our members come from all over Auckland to enjoy everything Ōrewa Surf Club has to offer. Go to our website for more information about our junior surf programme: <https://www.orewasurfclub.co.nz/sunday-sessions>. Final day to take advantage of our early bird family membership rate is Sunday 16th October 2022. First day on the beach, Sunday 30th October.

<https://www.orewasurfclub.co.nz/how-to-join>



Orewa College Enrolment 2023

Applications are now open.

Please visit our website www.orewacollege.nz under Information/Enrol.

Out of zone applications can be submitted the same way and close on 7 September, with a ballot taking place on 14 September 2022.

Y7 Information Evening is on Thursday, 25 August 2022 at 7.00pm in the Orewa College Arts & Events Centre.

Queries can be emailed to: enrolments@orewacollege.nz



STELLA MARIS PTFA PRESENTS

HOTDOG & ICE BLOCK FUN LUNCH

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Mark Your Diaries

26 Aug	Mufti Pyjama Day - Gold coin donation
29 Aug	Emperor New Clothes Performance for all students
01 Sep	School Cross Country 1pm
02 Sep	Hot Dog and Ice block fun lunch
22 Sep	Inter-school Cross Country - Shakespear Park
28 Sep	Wheel - a - thon
30 Sep	TERM THREE ENDS 2.45pm

2022 School Term Dates

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

2022 Public Holidays

Labour Day	24 Oct
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2023 School Term Dates

TERM 1	Tuesday	07 Feb	Thursday	06 Apr
TERM 2	Monday	24 Apr	Friday	30 Jun
TERM 3	Monday	17 Jul	Friday	22 Sep
TERM 4	Monday	09 Oct	Wednesday	20 Dec

Family Whanau Book Resource Link

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

All the students have been working on their Calendar Art
You can view and order your child's art work
in the main Foyer ordering closes on Tuesday 30th August

Below is a sample of St Joseph's Calendar Art



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Father Raphael
09 426 5599 ext 2

– Parish Secretary –
Theresa Fouché
09 426 5599

theresa@hbcparish.org.nz

SKIDS

– After School Care –
021 0829 7693

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

School Bank Details

Attendance Dues &
Donations

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All other Payments

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PTFA Bank Details

12 3046 0376269 00

Waitemata Health

www.webhealth.co.nz

Auckland Youth

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