# Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

# N E W S L E T T E R

Kia ora e te Whānau

WOW! What a great community we have in our school. As I type this our Wheel-a-thon fundraiser has just tipped over \$35, 000. We are well on the way to having the funds needed for our sun shades. However yesterday's Wheel-a-thon wasn't just about the fundraising, it was also a day for having fun and giving it your absolute best. The perseverance and resilience that all participants showed was amazing – there were a few accidents but the students bounced back up and carried on, or when they said their legs were just too tired they kept on pedalling, scootering or running. There was a real sense of joy and community in the way the students supported one another. A huge thank you goes to our PTFA and Mr Hobman for their organisation of the day, to our senior students who acted as marshalls, to the staff for supporting their students, to all of the students who participated, to all the parents who helped get the wheels to school, and of course to everyone who has made donations towards the fundraising. What a great team we all make as we all "Shine for God".









A reminder that when we return in the new term it's time for the summer uniform – short sleeved tops, plain black sandals and, don't forget - school hats are compulsory term 4 and term 1.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and will look forward to hearing all of the holiday stories when you return on Monday 17th October.

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

Catherine Cyprian Principal

# **Stella Maris Catholic Primary School**



# **DRS Message**

Christ's joy was in abundance on Wednesday as our school celebrated the the finale of our fundraising venture for the year, our Wheelathon. It is truly Christian to find joy in all things. Our students, staff and whanau displayed this after all the hard work surrounding the event. Through our amazing PTFA, our staff, and whanau community we saw service in action. After the last few years and being unable to have events like this, we saw the pendulum swing back in a big way where records of fundraising levels were broken. The giving spirit of our Stella Whanau is difficult to put into words, but we are truly blessed. Learning how to make a difference to others is at the core of our Catholic Education and our Parent community, wider whanau and staff embody these values. The incredible Mahi shown on the day, and weeks leading up to it, proves we are surrounded by Stella Stars who "Shine for God". Special thanks to all those who gave time on the day in service to our community as well as our student leaders from the Huruhuru team for their support during the Wheelathon of our students in Mokehu and Matikao.

Lord, thank you for letting us work with you to share your joy with the world.

Help us not take for granted the gift it is to share your gospel to the nations, and to our neighbours.

Help us have eyes to see the needs around us and to respond to those needs in joy and hope.

Thank you so much Lord for your love and care over us.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

# **TEAM NEWS**

#### Matikao

The end of another term! My, how time is flying! Matikao Team wishes to thank you all for your continued support and commitment to our tamariki this term. The Wheel-a-thon was a wonderful experience for us all and your support was much appreciated. The children made us all proud – and themselves, too! We hope that you all have a wonderful holiday break and come back ready, refreshed and renewed for Term 4 - with swimming, athletics and Christmas ahead of us! God bless.

## Mokehu

Kia ora whānau, it's hard to believe we are already at the end of term 3. The children have had such a busy and successful term full of wonderful activities. A big thank you to the PTFA who organised the successful Wheel-a-thon event yesterday, this was a highlight of the term. Thank you to everyone's fantastic fundraising efforts. The Mokehu team also enjoyed getting up close to a Morris 1100 car 'Betsy' from 1952 and comparing this to a Tesla 3 as a culmination to our Innovation topic. We wish you a happy and relaxing holiday and will see you again in term 4.

## Huruhuru

Another term has been completed. Congratulations to all students in Huruhuru team for their hard work this term. Events we have participated in include the Wheel-a-thon, Interschool Cross Country and Interschool Hockey. We are now preparing for our Camp which is in week 4 of next term. Last week we sent home the minutes from the parent meeting and an equipment list for students. If you require a digital copy of any of these notices please email Tracey Law: tracey@stellamaris.school.nz

# SCHOOL NEWS

## **School Accounts 2022**

These have been posted out. Any payments made up to the 19th September have been credited to your account. A BIG thank you to all the families who have their account up to date. A reminder that your account should now be paid for Terms 1, 2 and 3 of 2022. If for some reason your account is not up to date, please contact Mrs Craig at the office, katherine@stellamaris.school.nz or 427 9189 extn 215, to make an appointment to come in to discuss your situation. Your account for the year should be paid on or before the 1st of December. This will allow for the reporting to the Catholic Diocese of Auckland to be done in a timely manner before the end of the school year. Thank you.

# Rosary During The Month Of October

Starting next term the children will be praying a decade of the rosary each day in their classrooms and as a whole school on Thursdays. Rosary beads are available to purchase from the school office \$1.00.



# **Swimming**

These sessions will start next term with the year 1–4 swimming daily from Monday 7th to Friday 18th November. Year 5-6 students will start their sessions on Monday 21st November to Monday 28th November. Permission forms and information regarding times and the cost of these sessions to follow.

# **School Sprints Day Thursday 3rd November**

Field events for year 5-6 will be in the morning with whole school sprints year 0-6 in the afternoon starting at 1.00pm. Supporters are welcome to come and cheer the students on.

Matikao field activities will be held on **Thursday 8th December** and Mokehu field events will be held on **Wednesday 7th December**.



# **Stella Maris Cross Country**

The cross country runners had a wonderful time at the interschool cross country event held at Shakespeare Park on Thursday. Everyone completed the course, which was a rigorous 3km run that involved a very steep hill. A number of our team got into the top 10 and in the team event, we achieved two second places and a third place - an outstanding achievement considering we are a relatively small school. As always our students displayed the Marian Values and demonstrated commitment and loyalty to each other.



## Wheel-A-Thon

A big thank you to everyone that has supported our wheel-a-thon and to Hellers Sausages for schools for their donation of sausages for the sausage sizzle

# **Basketball**

Stella Celtics played Kingsway Fortress in basketball yesterday. They lost 9-1 but the score doesn't really reflect the game as it was really competitive between the two teams and a great game to watch as a spectator. The player of the day was George Hammond.







# **Stella Maris Catholic Primary School**

### Mark Your Diaries

30 Sep	TERM THREE ENDS 2.45pm
17 Oct	TERM FOUR STARTS 8.45am
17 Oct	Daily Rosary during the month of October in the classrooms
24 Oct	Labour Day - Public Holiday school closed
03 Nov	Huruhuru School Athletics Day
03 Nov	School Sprints from 1pm
07 Nov	Year 0-4 swimming starts - daily for two weeks
14 Nov	Care and Share Week
21 Nov	Year 5/6 Swimming starts
12 Dec	Service and SHINE Awards Assembly 9am
13 Dec	Reports go Home
13 Dec	Reports go Home
15 Dec	End Of Year Thanksgiving Liturgy 11am St John's Church
16 Dec	Children's Picnic and class swap
20 Dec	TERM FOUR ENDS 12.20pm

# 2022 School Term Dates

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

# 2022 Public Holidays

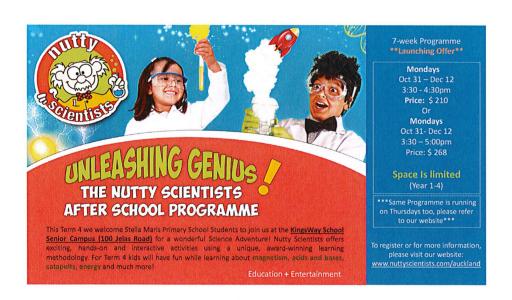
**Labour Day** 24 Oct

#### 2023 School Term Dates

TERM	1	Tuesday	07 F	eb –	Thursday	06 Apr
TERM	2	Monday	24 A	pr –	Friday	30 Jun
TERM	3	Monday	17 Jı	ul –	Friday	22 Sep
TERM	4	Monday	09 O	ct -	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 -

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 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

# Stella Maris PTFA Newsletter Term 3 2022

Term 3 saw the start of 2022 events for the PTFA, here's what's been happening!

We have held our AGM, welcomed new members to the committee and started the ball rolling for 2022 for the already held and up and coming events!

The goal we are still working towards is Sun Shade for both Adventure playgrounds, like everything at the moment, the price to have these installed has increased by 25% over the last year, and so we are now working towards a target of \$100,000! I'm really hoping we can achieve this before we are hit with another price rise!

All classes have prepared their Calendar art, and gosh they look good! All orders have been sent away for production! Thank you to everyone who ordered, we have raised \$3000! We hope to have another ordering opportunity in term 4 for those that didn't get an order in.

We had our PJ mufti Day! Another fun day the kids really enjoy! All the gold coins added up and we raised \$420!

The American hotdog Fun lunch is another event the kids absolutely love! We raised around \$1200 for this day! Thank you again to all the parent helpers who put up their hand to help out, they wouldn't happen without you.

At the time of writing this we are holding our Wheel-a-thon tomorrow and have already been blown away with the support! We have reached a whopping \$31,000 and hope to see the figure increase in the coming days! The close off for donations is the 3<sup>rd</sup> October! Still time to get those last minute supporters!

A huge thank you to Helen Searancke for the many hours she and all her helpers spend collecting, sorting, repairing and then selling the donated uniforms, The second hand uniform sales is a well utilised service that the PTFA offers, not only does it help raise funds, it also helps families. This year has seen (approx.) 630 items of uniforms sold and it has raised a staggering \$10,500!!!!! With still 2 sales to go! If you have any uniforms your children have outgrown please consider donating these to this great initiative!

Term 4 is shaping up to be a goodie! Have a wonderful holiday.

God Bless

Kelly McColl

PTFA chairperson 021500786 stellaptfa@stellamaris.school.nz



# Stella Maris BOARD Newsletter - Term 3 - September 2022



This Whakatauki (proverb) talks about how new growth and development will always arise when the opportunity comes forth and presents itself. This is currently true as we go through change in our Stella Maris School Board. With the last Board terms now completed, we have had Nationwide Board elections to find candidates who will take over for the next 3 year term. I thank those Board members who have stood up & have offered their time, expertise and dedication to a job which is, not only

important for ensuring the continued character of the Stella Maris School community & all it stands for, but also meeting and completing all of the legislative and compliance requirements and setting our strategic direction. We welcome on to the Board, Trish Hammond, Theresa Harvey, Carl Mainwaring, plus also acknowledge Liz Hansen, who joined us just prior to the Board elections. We also welcome back Nicole Lawson, Richard Bayly, Leanne Cate plus of course Father Raphael and Olwyn Hobman returns as our staff representative.

Now I am not professing that we had to set fire to anything, as mentioned in the Whakatauki above, to get new people to join up, but I can already sense an enthusiastic drive to continue the high degree of integrity in our Board. It can be a tough job at times, with frequent meetings and planning sessions as well as dealing with Ministry requirements, but it has been encouraging to see our Board members & school senior leadership team constantly, and I mean constantly holding their integrity and professionalism, no matter what might be happening around them.

Now to those who are leaving the Board. I would like to personally thank John Walker, who has been a long term chairperson of our Special Character team. John and family have been heavily involved throughout the school, on Board business, helping with the Diocese required Special Character reports, pointing a speed radar at kids at many fundraisers etc. Thank you. We also farewell from Bronwyn Hudson, who was our Policy chairperson. I often called Bronwyn "back up Bronwyn" as she would always, at a drop of a hat, jump in to support or take over in whatever role the Board required. She has given so much to the school, so much to the Board plus helped massively in my ability to do my job. I thank you both – the school thanks you both – the Board thanks you both. These are people who give for the sake of giving, not for something in return. People who "serve" for others. So many tasks undertaken and none for any medals or accolades.



Welcome to all new families to the school. For those new to the Stella Maris environment, you will quickly have realised that we are blessed with a good number of what I call "stand up" people. To ensure we have that "many hands make light work"

strategy I encourage all parents and families to be more involved in and around the school. If you are interested in being more involved in the school (especially in regard to the PTFA and School Board) please do reach out & I can try to point you in the right direction.