

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

Last week was our first full week for the term and it was a busy one. It was lovely to begin our Lenten journey by joining the Parish for Ash Wednesday for Mass. This day was special for a number of reasons – it was a reminder of how we can follow Jesus through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, it helped us to reconnect with the Parish after the Covid years and it provided us with an opportunity to come together as a whole school community for the first time this year. Thank you to all of the families who were able to join us last Friday afternoon for the Meet the Teacher sessions – thank you for braving the weather to be here and connecting with your child's teacher, team and other families in your team and class.

A few reminders as we reach the halfway point of the term:

Teacher Only Day - Monday 24th April: Please make sure you have this day locked into your calendar. On this day the staff will be participating in professional development around the new NZ Curriculum and development of our Local Curriculum, therefore school will be closed. The school term will start on Wednesday 26th April.

Sports teams: Throughout the year there are a number of opportunities for students to join sports teams for after school sports. It is important that you look out for notices and send in registration forms by the required dates. Late registrations cannot be accepted and changes to teams cannot happen once the teams have been registered. There is a lot of work that goes into registering the teams and tight timeframes around this. If you miss the close off date your child will need to wait until the next round. It is also important that if your child is registered for a sport that they see the season out – if they pull out it can mean that the team do not have enough players to continue. Please note that once the fees have been paid forward to the sports organization we are not able to refund if a child withdraws. Thank you for your support of our sports teams and the information above.

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

Catherine Cyprian
Principal

TEAM NEWS

Matikao Team

Thank you to all those parents who braved the rain and thunderstorm on Friday to attend our 'Meet the Teachers' session. It is always useful for us to be able to put faces to names and to be able to explain a little more about how we work in our team. The children did so well at our school Mass to celebrate Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent and we were very proud of them. Through the weeks of Lent we hope to explore ways we can follow Jesus more closely as we journey towards Easter. It would be wonderful if you could discuss this with them at home, too.

Mokehu Team

Kia ora whānau, it was lovely to meet many of you on Friday night, thank you for coming along. Homework has now started, with reading and spelling going home. The teachers are still currently assessing children and their groups may change once this has finished. We have enjoyed hearing the journey that your families have made to Stella Maris and Aotearoa and now will begin to explore migratory animals.

Huruhuru Team

Last week we handed out certificates for our team philosophy #respect #whakaute. Congratulations to the following students - Campbell Molloy, Charles Cate, Peyton Bell, Matilda Tang, Rennie Leach, Patrick Hammond. This week we held our Swim Carnival at Northern Arena. We would like to congratulate all swimmers who competed in either the competitive or non-competitive events. We hope you are all proud of your achievements.



DRS Message

As we finish week one and begin week two of Lent it is timely to revisit the Achievement Objectives within our Liturgical Year RE curriculum lessons. You can see through these Objectives the progressions from Year one to Year 6. Jesus reminds us that to enter the Kingdom of Heaven we should view the world as children do. May we take stock of our lives this Lent and perhaps in some way work towards an understanding of these Objectives ourselves and in doing so actively seek to improve our relationship with our Saviour, Jesus.

- + Recognise Lent as a season for getting ready for Easter.
- + Identify Lent as a season when Christians try to live more like Jesus.
- + Identify the signs and symbols that show Lent as a season of change.
- + Recognise Lent as a season for turning back to God through prayer.
- + Recognise Lent as a time when Christians are reminded to repent, pray and do penance as they make a forty day journey to Easter.
- + Recognise Lent as a time of spiritual growth and renewal in the risen life of Christ for individuals and the Church community.

*Lord, Teach me a new freedom this Lent.
Freedom to reject comparison and to embrace uniqueness.
Freedom to cut ties with greed and feast on love.
Freedom to abstain from over indulgence and feast on self-control.
Freedom to leave behind selfish thoughts
and to focus on the needs of others.
Freedom to fend off insecurity and to embrace grace.
Lord, at this time of Lent, Thank you for the freedom you bring.
Amen.*

AWARDS

Term 1, 2023 - Week 3		
	Special Character Award	Principal's Award
St Lucy	Georgia Ramsey	Elijah Heinrich
St Benedict	Genoveva Martin Buitron	Kaley O'Keefe
St Leo	Lily Verdonkschot	Jordan Alapatt
St Nicholas	Levi Cheval	Mary Wasef
St Francis	Aoife Hogg	Rocco-Gummer
St Joachim	Emma Guirguis	Randil Ekanayake
St Anthony	Daniel Pratt	Darby Purvis
St John	Thomas Richard	Summer Tobias
St Peter	Joy Nakhla	Vienna Mainwaring
St Augustine	Connell Holm	Elise Shun
St Dominic	Caitlin Finch	Lockie Pearson
St Joseph	Daisy Ashman	Elise Madrazo
St Patrick	Isabella Reid	Mia Child

SCHOOL NEWS

School Accounts 2023

School accounts for the year were posted out last week. Thank you to those of you who have already paid or set up an online automatic payment. You can choose to make payments weekly, monthly, termly or yearly. You will find the school bank details on the statement. Payments can also be made at the school office.

School Attendance Dues Financial Assistance

Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of Attendance Dues for preference students attending Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary. Families facing financial difficulties can contact their school office, their Parish Priest or the Revenue Manager on 09-360-3069 at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland for further information. Application forms for this assistance are available from school and parish offices, or can be down-loaded from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland Website:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/acfi-attendance-dues-financial-assistance/>

Triadic Goal Setting Interviews - Mark Your Diaries

Interviews with the teacher, child and parent will take place on Wednesday 22nd March and Thursday 23rd March. **Please note that school will finish at 12.20pm on 22nd March.** Information on when and how to book your interview will be coming home early next week.

SPORTS NEWS

Basketball

Stella Hornets won their game 26-5 against GHS United.

PARISH NEWS

Please keep the following in your prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on 14th March 2023.

Alfonzo Abuyabor, Jannik Anders, Isabella Ascensao, Daisy Ashman, Isla Ashman, Caspian Bates, Lucas Broomfield, Harry Campbell, Bayleigh Franich, Mirabella Garcia, Aoife Hogg, Hugo Masutti, Oliver Masutti, Raven Marshall, Georgia Morton-Jones, Olivia Negri-Vivar, Morgan O'Keefe, Isla O'Neill, Mieszko Pulawski, Aiden Perera, Emily Searancke, Elise Shun, Conor Snaith, Tenuli Tissera, Summer Tobias, Juliette Tomlinson, Tonina Tomlinson, Indiana Wakelin, Pippa Walker.

North Shore Dove Fellowship For Women

Wednesday 15th March 7:30p.m. at St Thomas More Catholic Church Hall. 336 Wairau Road Glenfield. Scripture: Ezekiel 36:25-26. For information please contact Sylvia 021 088 22990



COMMUNITY NEWS



ST MARY'S COLLEGE
Enrolments for
St Mary's College are now OPEN for 2024


Our St. Mary's College Open Day will be held on
Thursday 9 March 2023

We are holding two information & tour sessions - 2.30pm and 6.30pm
Both sessions contain the same information - No registration is required

Please visit our website www.stmarys.school.nz/enrolment/enrolments
for more information about the enrolment process
Enrolments close Friday 17 March 2023

St Mary's College is a Catholic Year 7-13 School for Girls - join our Mercy family
21st Century Woman of Mercy

St Mary's College has no zoning restrictions



CARMEL COLLEGE

Pre-Enrolment Evening – Year 7 to 9, 2024

Families of prospective students for Year 7 - 9 in 2024 are invited to attend the pre-enrolment evening. We highly encourage any prospective families to attend this evening as it is an excellent opportunity to learn about our school, look around the campus and receive information on the enrolment process.

Date: Tuesday 14th March
Venue: College Hall
Time: 4pm Presentation
4:30 – 5:30 pm Tours of the school

Enrolments close Friday 26 May

**Please note there are limited places available in Year 8 and 9 for 2024*

If you are unable to attend or would like further information please read the enrolment information posted on the website.
If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the college via phone, 486 1132 ext 704 or email admin@carmel.school.nz



PLAY FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 8 APRIL, 11am-4pm
Tuna Mau/Western Park, Freemans Bay



Waitematā
Local Board
Auckland Council



PLAYFULLY
consulting training events



AKTIVE



CONSCIOUS KIDS
Little Seeds for a Better Future

Mark Your Diaries

17 Mar	St Patrick's Day - Green Mufti Day Gold coin donation
22 Mar	Goal Setting Interviews - School Closes at 12.20pm
23 Mar	Goal Setting Interviews Continue 3.15pm
06 Apr	TERM ONE ENDS 2.45PM
24 Apr	Teacher Only Day
25 Apr	ANZAC Day - School Closed
26 Apr	TERM TWO COMMENCES

2023 School Term Dates

TERM 1	Tuesday	07 Feb - Thursday	06 Apr
TERM 2	Wednesday	26 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>

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words; be silent and listen.

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