

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

Here we are nearly finished week 3 of the first term and we are only just welcoming everyone back to school for the new school year in our first newsletter. Despite the rocky start to the year the children are settling well into their new classes. It has been great to see everyone back at school and I thank all families for your support and patience through last week's interruptions to school due to the impact of Cyclone Gabrielle. We have much to be grateful for but there are so many in our community, and throughout Auckland and the North Island, that continue to need our prayers and support.

This year we welcome two new teachers to our staff. Mrs Rebecca (Bec) Dragicevich in St Joachim and Mr Matt Walker in St Joseph (St Mary for term 1 during the recladding work).

School Board: Derek Molloy has resigned from the School Board after seven years' service in this role, four of them as Presiding Member. We thank Derek for his commitment to both the role as a Board member and to the school. He is a true Stella Star who Shines for God.

Our current Presiding Member is Richard Bayly, the deputy is Carl Mainwaring. Other members of the Board are Liz Hansen, Nicole Lawson, Leanne Cate, Fr Raphael Lobo, Theresa Harvey, Trish Hammond, Olwyn Hobman (Staff Rep). Any communications for the Board to please be sent through email: bot@stellamaris.school.nz

Teacher Only Day (TOD) - Monday 24th April: This year the Ministry of Education have provided all schools with two teacher only days for professional development in relation to the NZ Curriculum Refresh. The first of these days is to be held in term 2. Stella Maris TOD will be on Monday 24th April, this is in line with the Catholic schools on the North Shore. As Tuesday 25th April is ANZAC Day, term 2 will begin on Wednesday 26th April. We will receive information from the MOE at a later date as to when the second TOD is to be held.

Communication with staff: All discussions about your child and their learning and behaviour should be held in the first instance with your child's classroom teacher. If you need more than a quick catch up with the teacher, it is best to arrange a meeting with them. The time immediately before and after school is usually very busy with lots of students and families around, so this time is best for a quick hello and catch up. Please keep in mind that teachers have meetings after school on Mondays and Wednesdays so will not be available at these times. See the staff list for email details, which are also available on the School App.

Concerns or complaints: If you have any concerns that you wish to raise we ask that you follow the concerns and complaints process.

1st Speak with your classroom teacher

2nd If the issue continues then speak with the Team Leader

3rd The Associate Principal for the team is the next person to speak to if required.

4th If the issue is not resolved then contact the principal.

5th If the issue continues after this you may lay a formal complaint with the school Board.

Please refer to our Complaints policy on the school website for full details.

Pause, Breathe, Smile: This week you may have heard your child talking about mindful breathing, mindful eating or mindful movement, or maybe red and green zones. This year we are taking part in the Pause, Breathe, Smile programme which is a mindfulness programme that teaches staff and students mindful skills and strategies to improve focus and attention, increase care for self and others, develop emotion regulation skills, and help with making wise choices and boost resilience. The programme is run over 8 weeks, each week building on previously learnt skills. We will provide a bit of information each week in the newsletter so that you are able to share in this learning. We also intend to hold a parent session later in the term. In the meantime check out the notice board in the main atrium for information.

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

Catherine Cyprian

Principal



DRS Message

This week Stella Maris joined with our Parish in celebrating Ash Wednesday. The children were told as the Ashes were sprinkled over their heads, "We all make mistakes but God loves us so much". This is our Faith. We as humans will make mistakes but it is through the love Jesus has for us that we are forgiven if we simply ask. Jesus laid down his life so we would be forgiven. There is tremendous comfort in knowing that our God recognises our humanity and loves us no matter what. This message is the most important message we want our students to hear at this time. We have a God that sees us completely, knows our wants and needs and is right there with us in our tough times as well as those amazing moments life brings.

"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy." Pope Francis.

"Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may go to heaven." St Rose of Lima.

"Unless there is Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday." Fulton J Sheen.

"Have patience with all things but first of all with yourself." St Francis de Sales.

As we journey through Lent may we seek opportunities to grow closer to Jesus through prayer, repenting and almsgiving.

TEAM NEWS

Matikao

Well, here we are again - having survived another major event! We are getting very good at this! We are glad the weather event of last week has left us all largely unscathed and are very grateful that Cyclone Gabrielle has now left our shores. Our thoughts and prayers go to all those whose lives have been so severely impacted by the storm. We are happy to be set up in our classrooms and ready to provide quality teaching and learning for all our tamariki. We welcome all who are to be part of our team this year - including all our wonderful parents - and look forward to a great year ahead.

Mohehu

Kia ora Mohehu Whānau, welcome to the new school year, after a few stop-start weeks it is good to be together. Recently we have enjoyed both a Team Liturgy and Assembly. It was also great to participate in Ash Wednesday Mass at St John's. Homework has started, please keep an eye out for reading books and spelling lists. Spelling will be tested on a Friday and we ask that the Reading Journal is completed each day. We look forward to seeing you all at the picnic and Meet the Teacher tomorrow afternoon.

Huruhuru

Tomorrow evening at 5pm parents will have an opportunity to meet the teachers in the Huruhuru team including their child's teacher. This will begin in the library and we look forward to seeing you all then. Next Tuesday we are holding our Swim Carnival at Northern Arena. We will be leaving the school at 10am for those walking up with us. Students will need their togs, towel, swimming cap and goggles. If your child is unable to participate, please send an email to your child's teacher. Parents are welcome to attend this event to support the children. Parents, if your child brings their own device to school, it is important that their device is charged and ready for the day. Could you please support them to do this so that it becomes routine for them. Many thanks.

SCHOOL NEWS

Remember: Mufti Day tomorrow, Friday 24th February, to raise funds to support those impacted by the recent weather events (gold coin donation). Then we look forward to seeing you all at the Welcome Picnic/Meet the Teacher after school.

Local Curriculum Development: this year our staff are participating in professional development that will enable us to work with you, our community, to develop a local curriculum that works alongside the NZ Curriculum to ensure that we provide opportunities for OUR students to learn and progress through a curriculum that values their identity, language and culture, their strengths and aspirations and those of their whanau. Throughout the year we will consult with the school community in a variety of ways and we encourage you to participate in these to ensure all needs are met.

The first part of developing our local curriculum is knowing and understanding the history of our local area. We are looking to build our school's knowledge of the history of Silverdale, in particular the land on which Stella Maris stands, and the pre-European history. If you have any stories about the history of our community, or you know someone who could help us with this please contact me principal@stellamaris.school.nz

Sports News

The Stellar Hornets won their game against RBS Satellites 37 - 4. The boys showed amazing sportsmanship and team work. We are very excited to see them play this season.

Summer Football Vacancy: We have a year 3 - 4 Summer football team and there is a couple of spots to fill if your child is interested. If your child would like to be part of the team please contact Nicole on: 027 231 0780.

The season runs from 20th February to 4th April and games are on Mondays 3.30pm - 5pm. Cost \$40.

MATIKAO TEAM – YEAR 0-2. TEAM LEADER - AMANDA BATES

Matikao is the tight, new bud of the fern – like a student at the beginning of their learning journey

St Lucy	Mrs Amanda Bates	amanda@stellamaris.school.nz
St Benedict	Mrs Erica Mainwaring	erica@stellamaris.school.nz
St Leo	Mr Karl Hobman Mrs Kathie Bodle (Wednesdays)	karl@stellamaris.school.nz kathie@stellamaris.school.nz
St Nicholas	Mrs Jenny Bentley	jenny@stellamaris.school.nz
Reading Recovery	Ms Monica Allemann	monica@stellamaris.school.nz

MOKEHU TEAM – YEAR 3-4. TEAM LEADER - DIANA PEARSON

Mohehu is the slowly unfurling frond of the fern – like a student gaining independence in the next stages of learning

St Anthony	Mrs Diana Pearson	diana@stellamaris.school.nz
St Joachim	Mrs Bec Dragicevich Mrs Nada Boric (Fridays)	becd@stellamaris.school.nz nada@stellamaris.school.nz
St Peter	Mrs Michelle Kleingeld	michelle@stellamaris.school.nz
St John	Mrs Brenda Neville (Wed-Fri) Mrs Phoebe Cunningham Tyler	brenda@stellamaris.school.nz phoebe@stellamaris.school.nz
St Francis	Mrs Marie Woodard	marie@stellamaris.school.nz

HURUHURU TEAM, YEAR 5-6. TEAM LEADER – TRACEY LAW

Huruhuru is the fully unfurled frond of the fern – a student “fully grown” and ready for the next steps on their learning journey

St Patrick (in St Anne for Term 1)	Mrs Tracey Law	tracey@stellamaris.school.nz
St Augustine	Ms Tina Hunt	tina@stellamaris.school.nz
St Dominic	Ms Natasha Kain	natasha@stellamaris.school.nz
St Joseph (in St Mary for Term 1)	Mr Matt Walker	matt@stellamaris.school.nz

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Mrs Mel Hogg	Associate Principal – oversees Matikao Team. SENCo	melh@stellamaris.school.nz
Mrs Olwyn Hobman	Associate Principal – oversees Mohehu and Huruhuru Teams	olwyn@stellamaris.school.nz
Mr Karl Hobman	Director of Religious Studies (DRS)	karl@stellamaris.school.nz
Mrs Katherine Craig	School Administrator	achieve@stellamaris.school.nz
Mrs Colleen Smith	Office Administrator	colleen@stellamaris.school.nz
Mrs Nicky Jordan	Office Administrator (Fridays)	nicky@stellamaris.school.nz
Miss Catherine Cyprian	Principal	principal@stellamaris.school.nz

Mark Your Diaries

24 Feb	Mufti Day - Gold Coin Donation
24 Feb	Children's Picnic and class swap
28 Feb	Years 5 and 6 Swim Carnival
01 Mar	PTFA Meeting 7.15pm
17 Mar	St Patrick's Day - Green Mufti Day
22 Mar	Goal Setting Interviews - School Closes at 12.20pm
23 Mar	Goal Setting Interviews Continue
06 Apr	TERM ONE ENDS 12.20pm
24 Apr	Teacher Only Day

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>

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

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All other Payments

12 3046 0362238 00

PTFA Bank Details

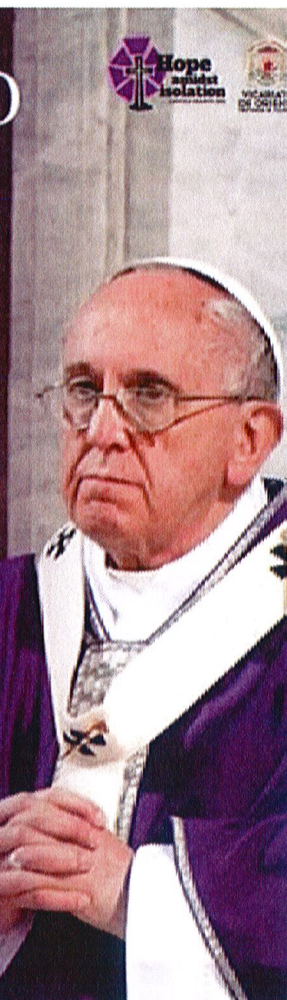
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Waitemata Health

www.webhealth.co.nz

Auckland Youth

www.akyouth.org.nz



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.

“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