

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

During this time of Lent, as we prepare for Easter, our classes are discussing the three pillars of Lent – fasting, prayer and almsgiving. Almsgiving is the act of giving to others, with the knowledge that when we give to others we are giving to God. Next week our students and whanau will have the opportunity to give to others as on Friday 17th March, St Patrick's Day, we will have a green mufti day (non-uniform day), and we ask that students bring a can or non-perishable food item such as a packet of rice, pasta or cereal. These donations will be passed on to Love Soup on behalf of the Parish Care and Share team to support people in our community who need extra help in this time. This is also a time for us to show our Marian Values of Compassion, Empathy and Service.

Local History: We are looking to build our school's knowledge of the history of Silverdale and the Hibiscus Coast, 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

Pause, Breathe, Smile: We are a few weeks into the Pause, Breathe, Smile programme at school now and the students have been practising daily mindful breathing, mindful eating and mindful movement, and discussing red and green zones. When we talk of red and green zones we are talking of the different emotions we feel and notice what is happening and how we feel as we experience these emotions. The strategies of mindful breathing, mindful eating and mindful movement are helpful when we find ourselves in the red zone, and can help to bring us back to the green zone. Ask your children to share with you the learning they have done and how they might be able to use this at home as well.

Possible Strike Action: You will have heard in the media that primary teachers and principals have been negotiating our new Collective Agreement. Last week at Paid Union Meetings the latest offer was rejected and over the last few days there has been a ballot regarding possible strike action next Thursday 16th March. The ballot closed last night and we will hear later today if the strike is going ahead – as soon as we know we will let you know either way.

While the negotiations include pay rises, there are also wider concerns raised by principals and teachers about the need to increase support for students with extra needs in their learning, and easier access to this, for increased staffing which would enable smaller class sizes, and increased overall funding for schools to support student learning and achievement.

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO AWARD RECIPIENTS

Term 1, 2023 - Week 4		
	Special Character Award	Principal's Award
St Lucy	Isha Phansekar	Arthur Turner
St Benedict	Aqua Wooldridge	Niall Dragicevich
St Leo	Leo Wakelin	Remi O'Connor
St Nicholas	Thomas Hammond	Max Richards
St Francis	Suriya Armstrong	Zeya Pereira
St Joachim	Latham Drake	Alfonzo Abuyabor
St Anthony	Anna Maria Mills de Matos	Taylor West
St John	Daniel Coetzee	Maxim Teterin
St Peter	Georgia Morton-Jones	Ava Macken
St Augustine	Braxton O'Connor	Zoe Johanson
St Dominic	Maddie McColl	Eva Di Muro
St Joseph	Tenuli Tissera	Portia Boric
St Patrick	Izzy Reid	Hailey Lafaialli



DRS Message

Each year all Catholic schools undergo an internal review where we report to the Bishop through the Catholic Education Office. Last year we focussed on Evangelisation. The questions that guided us were:

How does the school, through its practices and communications, facilitate encounter with Christ and spread the Good News to the community? What is the effect of this?

Although it is ongoing and will continue to be worked on this year we received tremendous feedback from the Diocese regarding our focus. I thought it would be interesting to share some of this feedback with our community as it identifies some of the ways we as a school worked to combat the challenging times over the last few years.

One section reads:

"The impact of the Covid Protection framework made you realise that 2022 needed to be all about connection - connection with your school community, connection with your Special Character, connection with the parish and through each of these, connection with Jesus. The limits imposed on gatherings meant you had to come up with creative ways to connect for liturgy and prayer. The online Masses with the parish each week that some parents joined online and seeing the parishioners helped to rebuild your sense of community, and kept your children connected with the Mass. In your own school liturgies, each group or class who led a Zoom liturgy took great care to ensure they spread the message of the Gospel clearly and gave everyone an opportunity to participate in different ways. This has also seen a revitalising of your liturgies now that you are able to come together face to face."

The Teachers, Teacher Aides, SLT, Admin staff, Caretakers, Board and all our wonderful relievers demonstrates tremendous commitment to enhancing the Special Character of our school. We are truly blessed to be surrounded by people who even though a pandemic, took opportunities to guide our children in developing their relationships with Jesus.

*We thank you Lord for your strengthening Spirit in our school.
Amen.*

TEAM NEWS

Matikao: I can't believe we are halfway through Term 1 already! Thank you parents and Whanau for encouraging independence in the mornings. Your child can be responsible for carrying their own bag, putting their drink bottles and book bags in the correct places in the classroom. Thank you for ensuring that your child's hat is named too. On Friday afternoon the whole school comes together via Zoom to celebrate the successes of the week. Two tamariki from each class receive either a Special Character Award or a Principal's Award. These certificates are in recognition of those tamariki who display our Marian Values. I wonder who will get these certificates next?

Mokehū: Kia Ora Whānau. We are using iPads in class to enhance our learning, can you please ensure your child is able to login to Mathletics independently? Last week we gathered together as a team to share Liturgy, led beautifully by St Francis. We are all at present working hard on our Lenten goals and actioning our goals for this term.

Huruhuru: It's hard to believe we are already halfway through the term. Today we have a few reminders for the team.

- Huruhuru Sport is Wednesday at 10am. As we have limited changing facilities, students can come to school in their PE gear with their uniform in their bag. They will then be able to change into their uniform during the day.
- Students may bring running shoes in their bags for sport and fitness, but must wear school shoes to and from school.
- School hats are compulsory for outdoor activities.

- If your child is unable to do daily fitness or sport for medical reasons, please send a note or email your child's teacher.
- Students bringing their devices to school need to ensure it is fully charged and/or bring their charger.

SCHOOL NEWS

Payments Due

Stationery - This was distributed to students on the first day of school and an account was given to each child. This payment is now overdue. If you have not received an account please contact the school office and we can forward one to you.

Basketball/Miniball - Term one payment is now overdue. \$44.80 per child.

Year 5/6 Swimming Carnival - All year 5 and 6 students participated in this event. The cost of this was \$6.00 per child.

Payment for all of the above can be made at the school office or online:

Stella Maris School Account **12 3046 0362238 00**



**St Patricks Day Mufti Day
Friday 17th March.
Please Bring A Can Or Non-Perishable Food Item For
Parish Care And Share And
Love Soup**

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Triadic Goal Setting Interviews

Wednesday 22 March commencing at 1.15 – 7pm
or Thursday 23 March commencing at 3.15 – 5.30pm



Bookings are to be made online by visiting

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Our School Access Number is **4wwed**

Please ensure you have booked your child
in for this important process

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Credit Controller & Administration - Pompallier Centre

This full time role is to provide credit control and administration support to the Operations Manager for the collection of Attendance Dues for schools in the Auckland Diocese. Hours are flexible to incorporate some evening and Saturday morning work. Key Tasks include: Collection of compulsory school Attendance Dues; contact with school parents via outbound phone calls; follow up of unpaid accounts and Debtor ledger management. To view the full advert and to apply, please visit our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies.



MATHEMATICS ENGLISH



FOR A BRIGHT 2023!

To develop confidence, Kumon students start with worksheets that are easy for them. They progress at their own pace, not bound by age or school grade. Over time, they advance ahead of school grade level, equipped with skills for success in school and everyday life.

Contact Kumon Silverdale to hear how we can support your child's learning.

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SILVERDALE UNITED RUGBY & SPORTS CLUB INC


HOME TO THE MIGHTY
SILVERDALE SEAHAWKS

DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND EXTRA REGISTRATION NIGHT

THURSDAY 9TH MARCH

JUNIOR RUGBY 4-7PM

SILVERDALE UNITED RUGBY & SPORTS CLUB



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

Mark Your Diaries

17 Mar	St Patrick's Day - Green Mufti Day ~ Bring a food item
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>



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