

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

Over the last couple of days I have had the privilege to be the accompanying principal at Marist School in Herne Bay during their Special Character evaluation carried out by the Catholic Education Office. This was a chance for me to gain an understanding of the evaluation process in preparation for our own Special Character evaluation in October. I got to meet and talk with staff, students and parents, and tour the school to see the Special Character and our Catholic faith in action in another school environment. It was lovely to see all that we share, talk about how we do things differently and get some new ideas. Like us here at Stella Maris, they are preparing for Holy Week and Easter and I witnessed learning and activities about Palm Sunday, The Last Supper and The Stations of the Cross.

I encourage you and your family to join the parish in the Holy Week and Easter services. Holy Week begins this weekend with Palm Sunday and we hear the Passion of the Lord for the first time this season. Holy Thursday is when we hear the story of the last supper and Jesus washing the feet of the disciples. Good Friday is the veneration of the Cross and we hear the Passion of the Lord for a second time, Easter Saturday is the Vigil Mass when we anticipate Jesus' resurrection, and finally the joy of Easter Sunday as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus.



I extend a huge congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 interschool swimming team who won the trophy for small schools for the 5th time in a row. The team returned very excited and shared stories of great individual races and exciting relays. Our tamariki represented our school with pride not only in the way they competed but also in their sportsmanship and support of one another. Ka mau te wehi – fantastic!

Recladding project: At this stage the work on the hall and St Patrick and St Joseph is tracking along on time and when you return in the new term we should have moved back into these spaces and gotten ready for the next stage. The next stage involves the Admin block and St Lucy and St Mary classes. Please note that the Office and senior leadership will be set up in the library, St Lucy will be in St Anne class and St Mary will be starting in St Clare class. There will be safety fencing set up around the second stage and we ask that you continue to stay out of the work areas. I will send out full details towards the end of the holidays in preparation for the start of the term. Thank you for your continued patience as the work is carried out.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Splash and Dash tomorrow afternoon, our first chance this term to come together as a community to mix and mingle and have some fun. With the cold snap please make sure you pack warm clothing to change into after getting wet.

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

Catherine Cyprian
Principal

Team News

Matikao: It was a pleasure to be able to meet last week for our triadic goal-setting meetings. Thank you to all who came to find out how things are going for your child and where we hope them to journey to next. Hopefully you are now all Hero experts! St Lucy parents will have their turn next term! We would like to publicly thank Derek Molloy for his generous service in building our new "Mud Kitchen" that is proving a very popular addition to the junior playground. Thank you Derek. You truly do "Shine for God".

Mokeyhu: Kia ora parents, it was lovely to have so many of you attend our goal setting interviews last week. The children were all excited to show off their classroom spaces. Thank you to St Peter who led us in Liturgy this morning with a Charism theme, please ask your child about this. We are looking forward to seeing you at the Splash n Dash picnic tomorrow night.

Huruhuru: This Friday, 9 Huruhuru students will be attending Te Kotahitanga Day at Dairy Flat School along with other local schools. They will be participating in a range of workshops including poi, waiata, art and rakau. We look forward to you sharing all that you learn with the team. We thank Ms Hunt for enrolling us in this event. Next Thursday St Patrick class will lead the Stations of the Cross Liturgy for the school over Zoom. All going to plan, St Patrick and St Joseph will move back to their classrooms in the Huruhuru atrium over the holiday break. We look forward to all 4 classes being back together next term.



Holy Week is pivotal to our understanding of the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ; the foundation of our faith. Millions of Christians around the globe will mark the dramatic, history-changing events of Holy Week by pausing to remember and reflect. I have added a resource for families you may want to use throughout Holy Week so you might journey alongside Jesus this week. I encourage families to read the reading for the day and perhaps talk about how Jesus may have felt, how His disciples felt.

*May we grow closer to Jesus as we attempt to
journey with Him this Holy Week.
Amen.*

Congratulations to award recipients

Term 1, 2023 - Week 7		
	Special Character Award	Principal's Award
St Lucy	Sophia Randall	Jake Madsen
St Benedict	Lyla Alder	Arth Suvarna
St Leo	Piper Humphreys	Sam Van Blerk
St Nicholas	Harlan Paton	Jaxon Howe
St Francis	Indi Davies	Joshua Oliver
St Joachim	Agnes Gibson	Ollie Baxter-Mackay
St Anthony	Mollie Heneghan	George Hammond
St John	Olivia Grant	Raven Marshall
St Peter	Tonina Tomlinson	Ruhaan Panjwani
St Augustine	Mirabella Garcia	Logan Ung
St Dominic	Zara Granich	Emalyn Harvey
St Joseph	Filipe Tauva	Rhys Habeck
St Patrick	Zachary Dizon	Arden Lu

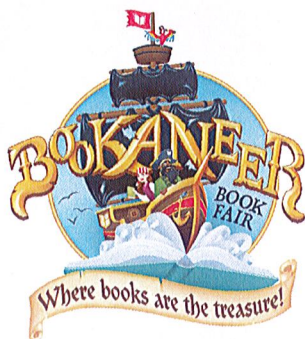
STELLA MARIS PTFA PRESENTS

SPLASH AND DASH

Family Fun Event

31ST MARCH - 3 PM
STELLA MARIS SCHOOL FIELD
\$10 A TICKET

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO PURCHASE
YOUR TICKETS - HEAD TO KINDO NOW**



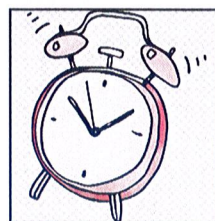
Book Fair Week Monday 8th – Friday 12th May

The school Library will be open for book sales 8am – 8:45am each morning at lunchtimes and after school 2:45 – 3:15pm. Friday 12th May

Book Character dress-up 11.30am. Children come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

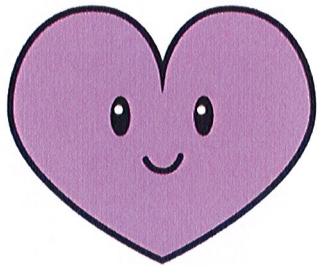
Second Hand Uniform Sale

Friday 31st from 2.30pm at the Splash and Dash.



**Daylight Saving Ends
Sunday 2nd April Clocks
Back One Hour**

Mum's Day Friday 12th May



Come and join your child at school
starting at 11.30am with

"Book Character Parade"

PTFA Fun Lunch TBA

Our school community look forward to you
joining us for the afternoon



OUR HAPPY YEAR 5 AND 6 INTER-SCHOOL SWIM TEAM
CAME HOME WITH THE CUP



Basketball

Stella Lakers have developed their confidence and skills over the last five weeks. A big thank you to Cassandra Candy former Stella Maris student for taking on the coaching role. Cassandra also represents Carmel College in

Basketball. Also thank you to the year six boys who coached them at lunchtime. Stella Lakers have shown great team spirit and sportsmanship leading to a win against RBS Galaxy 10-1

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April 2023 LEGO® STEAM Holiday Programme

\$75 per day
Full week special available
6 Hibiscus Coast Highway, Silverdale
11 - 21 April, 9:00am - 4:00pm

Monday - 17 April	Tuesday - 18 April	Wednesday - 19 April	Thursday - 20 April	Friday - 21 April
Galaxy Far Away	Jungle Adventure	Blox	Way of Water	Jurassic Journey
Buddy Special	Mystery Hunt	A Pirates Quest	Speedy Sonic	Superhero Academy

Come along for an epic holiday programme filled with mystery fun! Every day we will take a new adventure filled with our favourite games and characters to discover hands on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths. We will solve mysteries, puzzles, and unlock our creativity to explore the mysterious world around us! It's the perfect way for your children aged 5 to 12 to spend their school holidays!

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Mark Your Diaries

30 Mar	Year 5/6 Inter school Cricket Tournament
31 Mar	PTFA Splash and Dash 3pm - School fields
31 Mar	PTFA Second Hand Uniform Sale at Splash and Dash
02 Apr	Daylight Saving Ends - Clocks back
06 Apr	TERM ONE ENDS 2.45PM
24 Apr	Teacher Only Day
25 Apr	ANZAC Day - School Closed
26 Apr	TERM TWO COMMENCES
08 May	Book Fair Week
12 May	Mums Day at Stella Maris 11.30am - 2.45pm
12 May	Book Character Parade 11.30
12 May	Fun lunch TBA - Orders via Kindo

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>

EASTER SCHEDULE



Holy Thursday

Mass of the Last Supper,
St Francis, Manly - 7.30pm
(Adoration after Mass at the
Altar of Repose until 9.30pm)

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross
St Francis, Manly - 10.00am
Celebration of the Lords' Passion
St John's, Orewa - 3.00pm

Easter Vigil

Vigil Mass - 7.00pm
St John's, Orewa

Easter Sunday

St Francis, Manly : Mass - 8.30am
St John's, Orewa : Mass - 10.30am

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**



We begin Holy Week with Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem where the streets were lined with supporters of Jesus. At school we journey through the week with Jesus attempting to give our students an insight into this formative week for Our Church. I encourage families to perhaps journey through this week alongside Jesus. Look at the readings together, search for child friendly YouTube cartoons exploring each day. It is through journeying with Jesus that we may come to understand just a little of how much He truly loves us.

Palm Sunday Luke 19:28-40

"Then they led the donkey to Jesus. They put some of their clothes on its back and helped Jesus get on. And as he rode along, the people spread clothes on the road in front of him. When Jesus started down the Mount of Olives, his large crowd of disciples were happy and praised God because of all the miracles they had seen. They shouted,

*"Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord!"*

*Peace in heaven
and glory to God."*

Monday of Holy Week: Jesus clears the temple and is anointed in Bethany with oil. *John 2:13-17*

Jesus is upset to see the House of His Father being used as a "Den of thieves" rather than a "House of prayer". A timely reminder to us that genuine prayer and faith is not always about the outward signs or displays of religion but about our inward relationship with God and how this bears fruit in our lives. Jesus is also anointed by Mary with oil and he recognises this as preparation for His suffering to come.

Tuesday of Holy Week: Jesus returns to Jerusalem and visit the Mount of Olives. *John 12:20-38*.

Jesus answers attempted traps from religious leaders in the temple and shares a prophesy through parables about Jerusalem's fate while visiting the Mount of Olives.

Wednesday of Holy Week: A day Jesus possibly rested with His Disciples in Bethany. A town where he had performed many miracles including raising Lazarus from the dead.

Maunday Thursday of Holy Week: The Passover and Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. John 13:1-38.

Jesus establishes the Lord's Supper. The feast in which we all share.

Jesus encourages His Disciples to continually remember His sacrifice.

To find strength in His body, given for us and His blood, shed for us.

Jesus also despairingly prays in the Garden of Gethsemane. His human fear is offered to God through prayer and He finds strength to face what is to come.

Good Friday: Jesus' crucifixion, death and burial. John 18:28-19:37.

The 14 Stations of the Cross occurred on this day. Jesus sacrificed Himself for US. Those with faith can endure the nature of this day as we know the great glory that is to come on Easter Sunday.

The link below is a Stations of the cross video appropriate for our children with prayers. You may want to watch this with your families on Good Friday.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IY2hcqxh7IA>

**Jesus, in the darkness of the tomb,
you were surrounded by love,
by grief and by fear,
as your body was prepared for burial.**

Walk with us

**May we feel the comfort
of your love for us.**

**And may we turn outwards
to share that love with others,
with the same generosity and gentle loving kindness
that you showed to all.**

Walk with us Jesus, Amen.

**May God bless you all this Holy week. May the hope and faith we
have in the Resurrection help us to walk alongside Jesus.**

Karl Hobman-

Director of Religious Studies.