



**SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**  
**25<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023**

Kia ora e te Whānau

This weekend the church celebrates Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost is the end of the Easter season and is when we celebrate the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples. Before He ascended into Heaven Jesus had told the disciples that He would send them an advocate to be with them forever – this advocate came on Pentecost Sunday in the form of the Holy Spirit. Jesus appeared one last time to the disciples saying “Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you... Receive the Holy Spirit.” (John 20:19-23). Pentecost is an annual celebration of the birth of the Church and an opportunity to call upon the Holy Spirit as we renew our own commitment to the mission of the Church – to be disciples and spread the Good News. This weekend when you attend Mass don’t forget to wear red or orange, the colours of Pentecost. Next Monday at school we will have a red, orange or yellow mufti day as part of our school celebrations for Pentecost.

**Charism Award:** Twice a term we present a Charism Award to a student in each team who has stood out in the way in which they display the Marian Values and “Shine for God”. This week we congratulate Leo Doyle (Matikao Team), Charlie Lambert (Mokehu Team) and Charles Cate (Huruhuru Team) as very deserving recipients of the Charism Award. We thank you all for all that you do to support you peers and teachers and model the Marian Values.

**Congratulations** to our Year 5-6 Rippa Rugby teams who represented Stella Maris at the Hibiscus Coast Inter-School tournament last Thursday. There were some great results and feedback is that you represented our school showing Marian Values while having a fun day. Thank you to Natasha Kain for preparing the teams and supporting them on the day. Thank you too to all of the parents who helped out with transport and team management – your support is greatly appreciated.

**School security:** Please note that the school is locked up at 4:00pm each day. This includes the door from the main atrium that leads out to the field side of the school. We ask that this door remains locked after 4pm. If you need to access or leave the field side of the school after 4:00pm you will need to go around the outside of the school and the fenced off area. This term the front door is open for access to sKids in the hall. The school needs to be locked up at this time as there have been people who are not members of our school community try and access the buildings after this time. We thank you for your help in keeping our school secure.

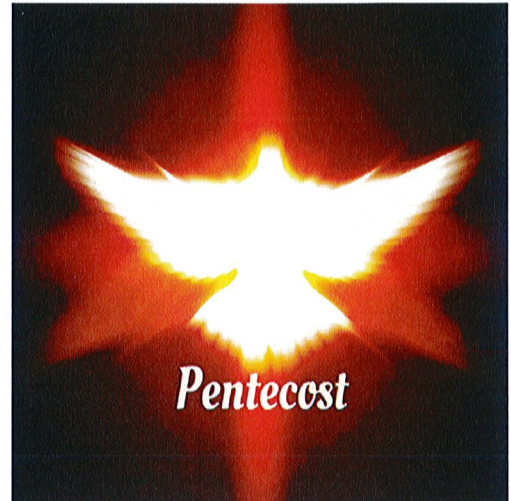
**Strategic Planning and Local Curriculum Consultation:** We invite you to attend one of the sessions next Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> May to participate in further consultation and discussion around the future direction of the school. There are two sessions, the first at 9:00am and we will repeat the session at 7:00pm – hopefully you’ll be able to join us at one of the sessions for a chat over a cuppa and a biscuit.

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



## DRS MESSAGE

The birthday of our Church is celebrated in style at Stella Maris. On Monday, 29th May, a red and yellow mufti day sees the students, staff and the school brightly shining in flame colours. The main atrium is decked out in celebratory style with balloons, signs and multiple languages on display reminding us of the disciples Spirit given gift of speaking different languages. "He is Risen" is shared in over 20 languages from Braille to Te Reo. St Patrick class will lead the school in liturgy. A special disco for each team throughout the day adds a special touch to the celebrations with a treat provided by the school giving our students the feeling that this day is special for us as Catholics. We explore the events that happened over 2000 years ago. The wonder of the Spirit coming to the disciples, the amazement that those around them would have felt and the tremendous beginnings of our church with over 3000 people baptised on this day are all explored by our students. We hope the fire of the Holy Spirit inspires our students to share their experiences, share their learning and demonstrate their love for others and that they remember this very special day, the birthday of the Church.



*Come Holy Spirit, Fill the hearts of your faithful,  
And kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Amen*

Certificates - Week 5		
	Special Character Award	Principal's Award
St Mary	Oscar Hogg	Jacob McHardy
St Lucy	Reyan Mukherjee	Nate Dalzell
St Benedict	Siara Patel	Alexander Liow
St Leo	Amelia Tamayo	Lola Davies
St Nicholas	Melanie Rugube	Charlie Corfield
St Francis	Rocco Gummer	Liam Kilolly-O'Kane
St Joachim	Raphael Wasef	Millie Pearson
St Anthony	Miguel Bugarin	Araya Armstrong
St John	Rob Perez	Mikiah McKenna
St Peter	Lucas Broomfield	Ruhaan Panjwani
St Augustine	Harry Thomas	Leo Lawson
St Dominic	Emily Serancke	Conor Snaith
St Joseph	Andres Abuyabor	Portia Boric
St Patrick	Kieran Edwards	Chloe Martinovich

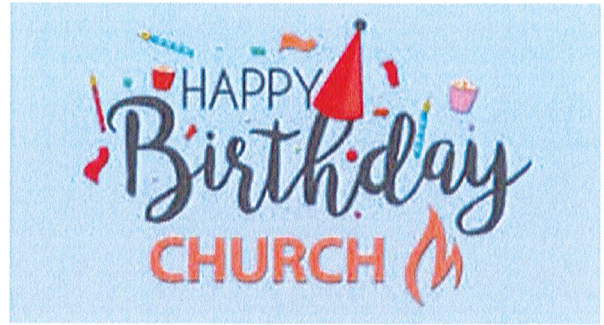


## TEAM NEWS

**Matikao:** We had an exciting learning experience with the Volcano Van visit - the children were fully engaged and have hopefully shared some of their learning with you. We are in the process of carrying out our assessments for this term - it is great to see the progress being made. Once again we thank you, our whanau, for supporting your child's learning at home - a few minutes reading with you each evening can have a great influence on developing fluency and confidence.

**Mokehu:** Kia ora whānau, congratulations to Charlie Lambert who was selected as our Mokehu Charism Award recipient for the first half of this term. Charlie displays many of the Marian Values and is always ready to help others, or offer a word of encouragement. Also, congratulations to Rose Tauva who received this award last term. Both Charlie and Rose are fantastic role models and remind us how to Shine for God. On Tuesday, Bunnings Warehouse came into school and together with the help of 10 Mokehu students constructed a Friendship Chair for the junior playground. This is a great new addition to our school. The Volcano Van brought an eruption of excitement this morning and we are sure many of the children will share their new learnings with you. Thank you to Mrs Dragicevich for organising this.

**Huruhuru:** Congratulations to the interschool rippa rugby teams that competed last week. Thank you to Ms Kain who organised the teams and also to the parents who coached and supported the teams on the day. Our next interschool sport is football and teams are currently being organised for this event. Next Monday St Patrick will be leading a liturgy for Pentecost. The school will be celebrating Pentecost with a number of activities over the day.



## SPORTS NEWS

### Netball And Hockey Sports Subs are Due

A reminder that sports team subs are due to be paid. These can be paid at the school office or via internet payment. ASB 12 3046 0362230 00. Please add the child's name and sports name as references Thank you.

### Well Done To This Week's Hockey Teams Players Of Day

Olivia Negri-Vivar

Marco Tome

Zara Grinch

George Hammond

Isla O'Neill

Aoife Byrne

Matthew Coetzee

### Stella Stars Hockey

Congratulations to the Stella Stars on their impressive victory against Kingsway Legacy with a score of 16-0! Matt Coetzee showcased excellent skills in the centre position earning the title of player of the game. Last week, Ruby Nakhla scored her very first goal! Both Ruby and Zoe Johanson are new to the sport, and contributing to the team's success. In the previous week, Kaia Mant displayed great commitment and perseverance, leading her to be recognised as the player of the day. Keep up the excellent work Stella Stars and continue to support and inspire each other on and off the field.

### Stella Strikers Hockey

Great comeback last night for the Stella strikers. After going 3 nil down early on the team rallied and almost pulled off a great come-back, narrowly losing 4-5.

**Stella Nutters Netball** had a win against the Orewa Mystics last week, 14-5. Player of the Day was Zoe Johanson.



## SCHOOL NEWS

### Pentecost Celebration Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May MUFTI DAY

Come to school in RED or YELLOW mufti to celebrate the birthday of the church. We will celebrate with a special Pentecost liturgy and discos for each term throughout the day and a special treat. Don't forget to bring a can if you are able for the parish Care and Share collection.



**Together We Can Help Others**

**Bring a Treat, or  
Can or Cereal, Week**

**29th May to 2nd June**

**Supporting Hibiscus Coast Parish  
Care & Share Group**

**Baskets will be available in the foyer for  
you to leave your item.**

**All produce goes to families in the  
community who are in need.**

## PTFA NEWS

### Mix and Mingle Evening – TONIGHT 25<sup>th</sup> May

Would you like to know more about what the PTFA is? What we do? All the different ways that you can help our school? Come and find out on the 25<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in the staffroom (in the hall) - we will have drinks and nibbles and look forward to meeting you.

Stella Maris PTFA presents a

# MOVIE NIGHT

June 9th in the School Hall


**Year 0-2**  
drop off 4.30pm/6.15pm pick up

**Year 3-6**  
drop off 6.30pm/8.30pm pick up

PLEASE VOTE ON THE MOVIE POLL OPTIONS ON PARENTS  
AND FRIENDS OF STELLA MARIS GROUP - VOTING CLOSES  
26TH MAY

BRING ALONG YOUR WATER BOTTLE AND A BEAN BAG  
BLANKET OR CUSHION TO MAKE YOURSELF COMFY

\$10 PER MOVIE  
\$12 MOVIE AND POPCORN COMBO  
SLICE OF PIZZA \$2  
AMERICAN HOTDOG \$5  
(BOTH PREORDER ON KINDO WITH TICKET)  
\$2 LOLLY MIX WILL BE AVAILABLE TO BUY ON THE NIGHT



## COMMUNITY NEWS



# skids

## We're hiring

We are currently seeking passionate and energetic Programme Assistants and Programme staff to join our team!

If this sounds like you, please send your CV to [marielle@skids.co.nz](mailto:marielle@skids.co.nz)  
or call 021 08297693 for more information

*skids Stella Maris, Wainui & Waitoki*

Before, After School and School Holiday shifts available



# ART AUCTION

1 July at Estuary Art Center at 13:00  
214 Hibiscus Coast Highway, Orewa 0931

Come and pick up some beautiful art, and support Ukraine!  
All proceeds will be sent to Ukraine.



CREATIVE  
UKRAINIANS

Visit [www.creativeukrainians.org.nz](http://www.creativeukrainians.org.nz)  
for more information

## Mark Your Diaries

25 May	Auckland Museum Volcano Van Visit Years 3 and 4
26 May	Auckland Museum Volcano Van Visit Years 5 and 6
29 May	Care and Share Week - Bring a non perishable food item
29 May	Pentecost Celebration ~ Red and Yellow Mufti Day
<b>05 Jun</b>	<b>KING'S BIRTHDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
09 Jun	PTFA Movie Night - Purchase tickets on Kindo
13 Jun	ICAS Science Exam
14 Jun	ICAS Mathematics Exam
14 Jun	ICAS English Exam
30 Jun	Mufti Mania Day Gold Coin for Caritas
<b>30 Jun</b>	<b>TERM TWO ENDS 2.45pm</b>
<b>15 Jul</b>	<b>MATARIKI - PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>
<b>17 Jul</b>	<b>TERM THREE COMMENCES 8.45pm</b>
19 Jul	Parent teacher Interviews <b>SCHOOL FINISHES 12.30PM</b>
20 Jul	Parent teacher Interviews Continue school finishes 2.45pm

## 2023 School Term Dates

<b>TERM 2</b>	<b>Wednesday 26 Apr - Friday 30 Jun</b>
<b>TERM 3</b>	<b>Monday 17 Jul - Friday 22 Sep</b>
<b>TERM 4</b>	<b>Monday 09 Oct - Wednesday 20 Dec</b>

**Ki te ingoa o te Matua, O te Tamaiti, O te Wairua Tapu, - Amene**  
**In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit - Amen**



Canterbury Education Services

May 19th, 2023

The Principal  
Stella Maris Primary School

### **Board Parent By Election 2023**

At the close of nominations at **12 noon Friday, May 19th**, the following nominations were received for 1 parent vacancy on the School Board

- \* Sheree Buchanan
- \* Tara Fisher
- \* Rebecca Josephine Pereira

We will now be proceeding to election. Papers on how you vote electronically will be distributed by email **Friday 26th May 2023**. Your school can download candidate profiles from your election portal. For those without valid email addresses- they will be mailed voting papers for a paper vote.

**Voting closes on 4:00 PM Friday, June 23rd.**

Results will on your school portal for candidates and school at 1:00 PM Thursday, June 29th and then email.

New Board takes office Friday 30th June 2023.

Kind Regards,  
Wayne Jamieson



## BUCHANAN, Sheree



My name is Sheree Buchanan and I am standing for the Stella Maris School Board. I have a Bachelor of Business Studies degree from Massey University and have also studied leadership at the Harvard Business School. I have worked at Les Mills International over the last 15 years in a variety of leadership roles including as Chief Digital Officer and as Chief Executive Officer of the Les Mills Music business. I was part of the Les Mills senior leadership team for 7 years. I was on the YWCA Aotearoa board for three years and most recently I have been heavily involved in Whangaparaoa Playcentre and fundraising for the enhancement of the facility there. My husband and I live in Red Beach with our two sons. Our eldest son has started at Stella Maris this year and I am keen to contribute to the school's progress. I am passionate about our children having a great school environment to attend and gaining a quality education. I think we are incredibly lucky to have a great school like Stella Maris available to us locally.

## FISHER, Tara

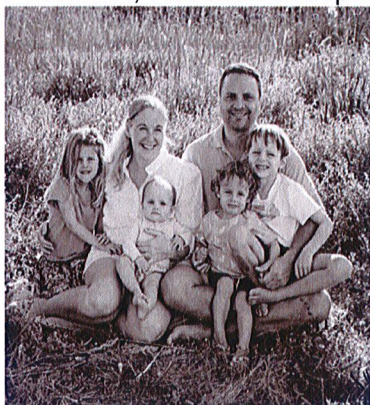


My name is Tara Fisher and I am standing for the Stella Maris School Board. After enrolling our children, a year ago with Stella Maris, I have come to cherish our special place; the place we call our school! Where our children learn, play and grow I feel privileged to be here surrounded by amazing teachers and families enriching each other's lives and building trusted friendships. If there is an opportunity where I am able to serve and add value to ensure our school remains a special place for our families, I am only too happy to raise my hand and represent the parent body on the school board. A mother of three (two enrolled with Stella Maris; Cruz 9 and Kyla 5; Tait 11 now with Rosmini), Scottish by birth and raised in South Africa until the age of 16. Residing in NZ since my teenage years blissfully married to a Kiwi who I met on my OE in the UK, well settled in Millwater after initially raising our family in Te Atatu Peninsula. Catholic through my Father's side I am proud to pass on my faith – from my Papa to my Dad, through me to our children. With the support of Stella Maris and the values instilled in our children; there is no better foundation. Love our school! As a business owner within the field of human resources my passion involving positive culture; my experience working with people to build effective and engaging teams is where I feel I would be able to add value. Happy Teachers make happy classrooms; happy classrooms make happy children.

As an involved parent my efforts will remain constant, and I will ensure I remain informed and committed. I also see the best in every situation. A positive solution focused mindset; happy to make informed decisions and support wherever needed. Happy to share my voice all with the focus on the wellbeing of our children.

Thank you for this opportunity.  
Tara Fisher

## PEREIRA, Rebecca Josephine



Kia Ora, my name is Rebecca Pereira, and I am standing for parent representative for the Board at Stella Maris Primary School.

I am married to Daniel (an IT Project Manager), and we have four energetic children. Zeya is eight, Sofia is six, and they are in years three and two at Stella Maris. We also have Ezekiel who is almost four and will be attending Stella Maris next year. Lydia, our baby, is two.

I regularly attend PTFA meetings and have helped at their fundraising events. I also participate in the Stella Stars play group and had a small part to play to obtain their licence from the Ministry of Education. I enjoy going to school events, and I coordinate the netball teams at Stella Maris.

I have been on a career break since we had Ezekiel, prior to this I was working for a finance company as a Business Development Manager and have experience in account management, sales, customer relationship management, commercial management, and teaching. Through my work and life experience I have the skill set of being able to communicate effectively, be an active listener, show empathy, warmth and be a good problem solver. I have a Diploma of Teaching (ECE), Diploma of Nursery Nursing (NNEB), New Zealand National Nanny Certificate and working towards (part time) a Bachelor of Business Studies in Finance and Accounting at Massey University.

During my time as a parent at Stella Maris, I have been welcomed into the community and have loved the special character of the school. We have many wonderful families in our community. This has motivated me to support Stella Maris however I can. I would like every parent and family at Stella Maris to feel welcome and included in our community and for all the children who attend Stella Maris to be supported and have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

It would be a privilege to represent you, your children, and the school community as a Board member of Stella Maris Primary School.