

# Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

As we have started the new term we have been celebrating the joy of Easter and the Resurrection of Jesus and with this our Christian hope of eternal life. At Sunday Mass and in the classroom we have been hearing through the Gospels of the times people encountered the Risen Lord after His resurrection and how this impacted their lives, and we are encouraged to take time to think about the ways in which we encounter Christ in our lives today.

Over the holidays Mrs Kathie Bodle made the big decision to officially retire. For the last couple of years Kathie has worked as the release teacher for Mr Hobman and St Leo class, however Kathie has taught at Stella Maris for seventeen years. In her time here she taught across different levels and held the role of Director of Religious Studies. While we will miss her around the school we thank her for her service to Stella Maris and wish her all the very best in her well earned retirement.

This term we welcome Mrs Pam Pyatt back to Stella Maris as she opens St Mary class (in St Clare) with our Year 0 students.

Relieving Teacher Aides: we are looking for some people who would be able to help us out as relieving teacher aides when our TAs are on leave or involved in professional development. If you are interested in this, or know someone who may be interested, please contact Mel Hogg for more information: [melh@stellamaris.school.nz](mailto:melh@stellamaris.school.nz)

**PTFA:** Last week the PTFA held their AGM and at this meeting Kelly McColl, Sarah Oliver, Jacqui Pratt and Helen Searancke stepped down from their respective roles. We say a huge thank you to these women for their service to Stella Maris through the PTFA. A particular thank you to Kelly who has been the Chairperson and led the PTFA with enthusiasm and energy through the last few years and helped us to reach fundraising goals that saw us get our bike track laid and sun shades installed. Thank you to also to the PTFA members who are continuing on. You are all Stella Stars who truly 'Shine for God'.

**Uniform:** As we move into the winter terms it is okay that the children wear plain long black pants if they are feeling the cold. Please ensure that any long trousers are plain black and have no writing on them. Please note that footwear in term 2-3 is plain black school shoes – there are a number of children who are wearing coloured footwear. We ask that you all follow the uniform guidelines to help students show pride in our school.

**Community Survey:** At the beginning of next week we will be sending out a survey asking for feedback that will help us in the development of our school's local curriculum and strategic plan. We ask that you look out for this survey through your emails and that you take some time to complete it. Once we have analysed the data we will hold some follow up face to face consultation sessions.

**Enrolments:** Do you, or any friends or family, have a pre-schooler that you need to enrol for school? If so, please make contact with the school office for enrolment information as this will help us with our planning and preparation for classes for remainder of the year and into next year.

We are holding our annual Book Fair next week which will culminate in the Book Character Parade and Mums' Day on Friday – put your thinking caps on for those book character costumes (mums don't have to dress up).

A reminder that this is our last hard copy newsletter. From next week the newsletter will be sent electronically through the School App and Hero App. Please make sure you have downloaded these Apps. You do need both Apps, as each App has a different purpose.

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

Catherine Cyprian  
Principal





As we celebrate the joy and excitement of the Risen Lord we also plan for our next strand of learning, The Church. We prepare for the birthday of our church at Pentecost and recognise the people and places involved in the early church. We also explore our own Parish and encourage our students to share their experiences and knowledge of the people within our Hibiscus Coast Parish. Being blessed with two Churches, St Francis in Manly and St John's in Orewa, along with our two Priests, Fr Raphael and Fr Pio we have a large Parish with many opportunities for socialising, pastoral care, support for those in need, Liturgical celebrations and spiritual growth. I draw your attention to the Parish website that you may wish to explore to find out more about our Parish. <https://hbcparish.org.nz/>

As part of our developing Local curriculum over the next few years we will also learn about the History of our Parish that goes all the way back to 1865. Bishop Pompallier could not send the settling Bohemian community in Puhoi a priest immediately but in 1865 Father D'Acherman was appointed priest and his parish extended from Auckland's North Shore to Whangarei. More information about our history is also available on the Parish website. We draw our students attention to the workings of the Holy Spirit, sent at Pentecost, fuelling the works of Jesus' Disciples and continuing throughout the ages as God's church spread across the world.

*Loving God,  
Bless our Church, that it may be a sign of  
your presence in the world.  
May your presence among us  
be a cause for daily celebration.  
Amen*

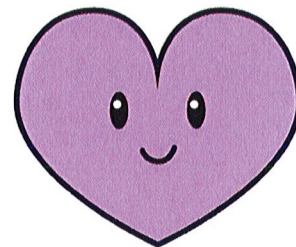
## TEAM NEWS

**Matikao:** It's great to be back and to see all the eager smiling faces of the children as they come in each morning. Self-management skills are improving steadily - thank you to those parents who actively encourage their children to become more independent. This will, of course, stand them in good stead for the future.

**Mokehu:** Kia Ora Parents, welcome back to term 2. Our focus this term is Structure and a highlight of the term will be the Auckland Museum Volcano Van visit, we also look forward to investigating structure of our bodies, in buildings and in nature. This week, the children have been reflecting on the importance of ANZAC Day and learning of the sacrifices that were made by brave New Zealand Soldiers. We also have been celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus and christian hope, concluding our Easter focus.

**Huruhuru:** The team is pleased to be back in the atrium together again. Last week we had our Discovery Hour introductory session, which we will continue this Friday. The students are excited about learning through their interests and passions. Letters went home with the students who will represent the school in the Interschool Rippa Rugby Tournament, please look out for these and return the slip to school, if your child is participating in this event. Next Thursday St Augustine will be leading a liturgy for the school.

*Mum's Day  
Friday 12th May*



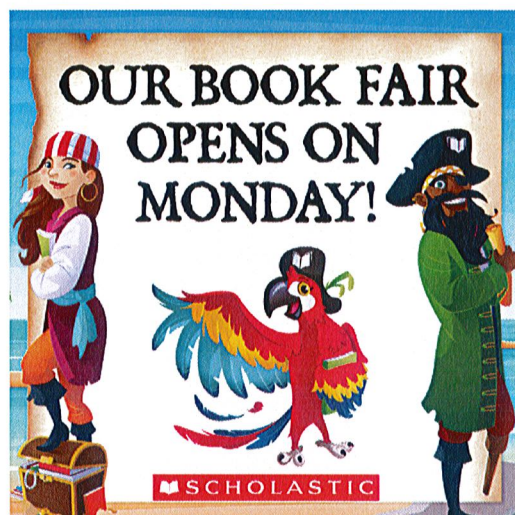
Come and join your child at school  
starting at 11.30am with

**"Book Character Parade"**  
PTFA SUSHI Fun Lunch

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

**Book Character dress-up Friday 12th May 11.30am.**  
Children come to school dressed as their favourite book character.





### Please Come And Support Our School Library!

The book fair starts next week on Monday 8th through to Friday 12th May (Mum's Day) closing after lunch. Students will get to visit the school hall and have a browse of the books, posters and other goodies to make their "wish list" prior to sales opening.

We will be open for purchases before school from 8:15 to 8:45am, at lunchtime, and at the end of the day from 2:45 to 3:15pm

**Mufti Day To Celebrate King Charles'  
Coronation Tomorrow 5th May  
Gold Coin Donation To PTFA**

## PTFA NEWS

### Start Of Term Update.

Last Wednesday we held our Annual AGM meeting and our monthly meeting. We had a few members stand down from their positions and have vacancies available.

I would like to thank Sarah Oliver, Jacqui Pratt and Helen Searancke as they stand down from the Secretary, Second hand uniform and Fundraising Positions. Thank you for volunteering your time to help better our school environment! I have also stood down as the Chairperson to offer someone else to have a turn.

### Our New Committee For 2023/24 Is

Chair	Acting for term 2 - Kelly McColl
Deputy	
Secretary	Brittany Baynes
Treasurer	Michelle Arnott
Fundraising	Kelly Alder and Jaime Davies
Teachers Rep	Diana Pearson
Pastoral care Co-ordinator	
Fun Lunch Co-ordinator	
Secondhand Uniform Sale co-ordinator	

If any of the vacant positions are of interest please reach out to me for more information! Dads are welcome to be apart of it too!!!

### Free

The Stella Stars playgroup has a Wendy house (playhouse) that is free for collection. If you would like to see this please see Steve and he can show you this. It will require some TLC!

### Mums Day Fun Lunch - Sushi

Ordering is now open on Kindo to Order your sushi Fun Lunch, Mums are invited to join their children after the book parade to enjoy delicious sushi. Please add you order to your kids classroom (please also check their class is correct) they will be delivered to their class ready for lunchtime. Unfortunately we are unable to take manual/cash orders and will need to strictly close ordering on Wednesday 10th at Midnight - if you require help with setting up Kindo, help with doing a bank transfer onto your kindo account (no fee's attached) please reach out ASAP for me to help you - Kelly 021500786

[https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/q2.shtml?shop=Stella%20Maris%20Primary%20School&service=mums\\_day\\_fun\\_lunch\\_12th\\_may](https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/q2.shtml?shop=Stella%20Maris%20Primary%20School&service=mums_day_fun_lunch_12th_may)

### Quiz Night Postponement

Unfortunately we are will need to reschedule this for term 3, when the hall will be functional for events again. Please keep an eye out with the new date for later this year.

### Pastoral Care Meal Request

Unfortunately we needed to dispose of all the frozen meals last term due to the long power outage that the school had. We are putting a call out For Family friendly frozen meals and baking that goes to families within the school community. They go to families that are going through a hard time, loss of a family member, sickness and celebrating a new baby . If you know a family that could use this service please reach out to myself or Katherine Craig in the office.

### Mix And Mingle Evening

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 23rd May @ 7pm in the Staffroom (Currently in the Hall) we will have drinks and nibbles and look forward to meeting you!

Many thanks

Kelly McColl

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Piano Tuition At Stella

### Music Senz Margini (Music Without Boundaries)

If you are interested in having your child learn Piano, Dr Paul du Plessis is offering lesson here at Stella Maris. If you would like more information please contact Dr Paul directly 027 602 7556 E: [dr.paulduplessis@extra.co.nz](mailto:dr.paulduplessis@extra.co.nz).

### Orewa College Enrolments For 2024

Applications are now open for 2024. Out of zone applications are balloted. Closing date: 6 September 2023, Ballot date: 13 September 2023.



## Mark Your Diaries

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	Sushi Fun lunch Orders via Kindo
14 May	<b>Mother's Day</b>
18 May	Year 5/6 Rippa-Rugby Tournament
29 May	Care and Share Week - Bring a non perishable food item
05 Jun	<b>KING'S BIRTHDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
30 Jun	<b>TERM TWO ENDS</b>

## 2023 School Term Dates

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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.webhealth.co.nz)  
Auckland Youth  
[www.akyouth.org.nz](http://www.akyouth.org.nz)

## Brotherhood & Opportunity Boarding at Sacred Heart College



Sacred Heart College Hostel excels in providing:

- Academic opportunities
- Authentic spirituality for young men
- Sporting opportunities
- Music performance
- Leadership for the community

Underpinned by traditional values.

**HOSTEL  
OPEN DAY**  
Friday 12 May,  
from 11.30am.

You are invited to our talk and tours on Friday 12 May, beginning at 11.30am.  
Please register your attendance by visiting:  
[www.sacredheart.school.nz/hostelopenbay](http://www.sacredheart.school.nz/hostelopenbay) by Wednesday 10 May, 2023.



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**“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**