

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

Watching the coronation of King Charles III over the weekend I was struck by the King's call to us all to serve in our communities, and that one of the bank holidays was especially for this purpose. During his coronation the King stated "I am not here to be served but to serve". I couldn't help thinking that this is our call as Catholics as well, and one of our values at Stella Maris. It is a good time for us to think about how we serve our Lord, our communities and one another. Our students have opportunities to serve at school in taking on roles of responsibility in class and in the wider school for example: lead class prayers, school liturgies, Librarians, PE shed monitors, being a member of the Kapa Haka, environment team... For our families there are many opportunities for you to serve in our school community. Currently our PTFA and Board are both looking for members to serve on these committees. Maybe you could consider becoming a member of the PTFA or you could help out at an event or provide meals for the pastoral team to distribute when needed. The Board is calling for nominations to fill a parent trustee role on the Board. If you are thinking about this please make sure you have your nomination in by next Friday 19th May – refer to the email you received from our Returning Officer (CES) in the first week of the term for more information or speak to Colleen Smith in the school office.

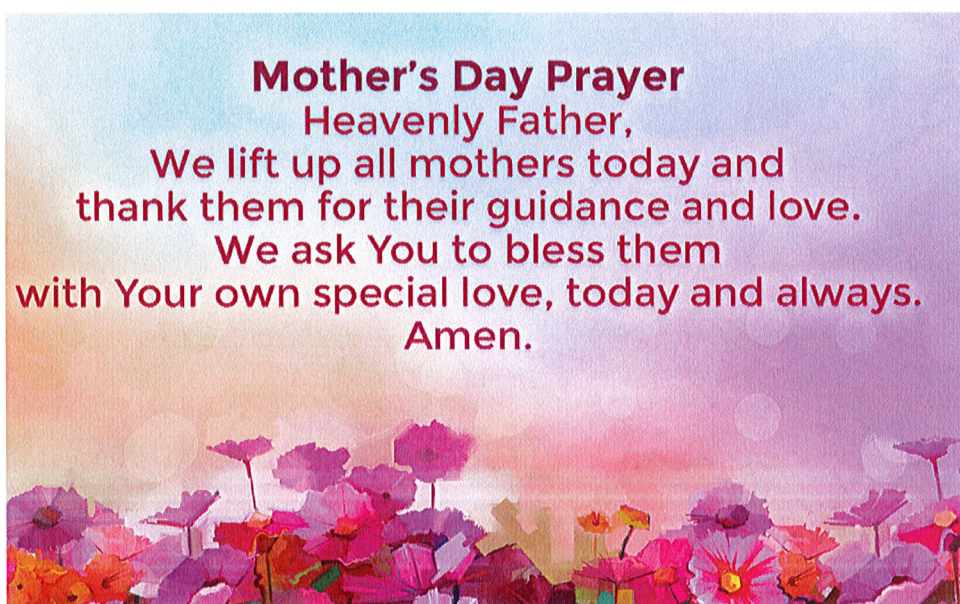
Community Survey – thank you to those who have completed the survey that was emailed to you on Monday. Please note that your responses to the survey are anonymous. If you are unable to complete the Google Form for the survey please let me know and I can email you a word document to complete – you can email me on principal@stellamaris.school.nz

The weather this week has presented our community and the wider city with many challenges once again as we deal with floods and slips. If your family has been impacted please don't hesitate to reach out to us if there is anything we can do to help.

Book Week this week has been great. The book fair in the hall has been busy before and after school, the students have been busy making bookmarks, posters and dust jackets and teachers and support staff have been reading stories to classes. We are looking forward to the Book Character Parade and Mums' Day tomorrow.

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

Catherine Cyprian
Principal





The gospel stories we have explored lately are from John who describes the Holy Spirit as an Advocate/Helper. Jesus explains to His disciples that He will shortly be leaving them but God will send them this Helper to guide them, help them to understand all that Jesus taught them, comfort them and to bring them gifts to go and do as they have been taught. Jesus recognises we still need help to know God and to follow Him. We explore with the children how the Holy Spirit may speak to us in our minds by giving us a thought or an idea. Or will lead us by making an impression upon our hearts to say something, do something, or think something according to God's will. We celebrate the "Birthday of the Church", Pentecost, on Sunday May 28th at Mass and we have a school celebration of this day on Monday 29th May.

*Come, Holy Spirit.
Fill the hearts of Your faithful.
Kindle in them the fire of Your love.*

Amen.

TEAM NEWS

Matikao

Book week has been a big success this week - the children have been keen to check out the books on offer and to make their wish list. Thanks to all those parents who have supported their children in this. We are looking forward to welcoming our mothers to school tomorrow.

Mokehu

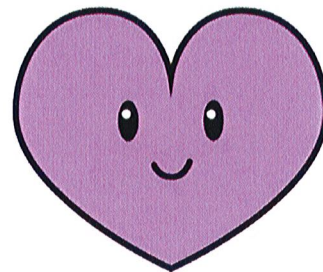
Kia Ora parents, last week we enjoyed getting into the Royal Spirit with the mufti day for the Kings' Coronation, a lot of fun was had by all! Tomorrow the fun continues with Book Character Day and of course welcoming our lovely Mums into class. Thank you to the parents who have organised the costumes for the parade tomorrow and to those of you who have supported the Book Fair. Thank you to St Francis who led the team in assembly on Monday, congratulations to those who received certificates.

Huruhuru

We have enjoyed Book Week and are looking forward to our Book Parade and Mums Day on Friday. We have had teachers from other rooms reading to us and created book jackets for our school competition. We have also enjoyed checking out all the books that are for sale in the hall. Next week the interschool rippa rugby teams will be competing in their tournament. We wish them well and hope they enjoy their day. We will be trialling students for the football interschool team soon.

SCHOOL NEWS

*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 Tomorrow 12th May
11.30am.**

Children come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

BOOK FAIR - Please Come And Support Our School Library!

Tomorrow is the last opportunity to purchase from the book fair. There are some awesome books, crafts, posters and more! A great chance to get organised for birthday and Christmas presents and at the same time helping our school library. 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

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.**

SPORTS NEWS

Hockey

Hockey started back this week, we have 6 Stella teams playing this season on a Monday in Millwater. Thank you to all the coaches and managers assisting teams this season. Congratulations to the following children who were awarded player of the day: Lockie Pearson, Eva Di Muro (Fair player), Mia Granich, Thomas Hammond

Sports Team Subs Are Due

A reminder that sports subs and Rippa Rugby Tournament fees 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.

PTFA NEWS

Quiz Night Postponement

Unfortunately we 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 - 25th 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 25th May @ 7pm in the Staffroom (Currently in the Hall) we will have drinks and nibbles and look forward to meeting you!

North Shore Dove Fellowship For Women

Will meet on Wednesday, 17th May, 2023 at 7:30 p.m in St. Thomas More Catholic Church hall, Glenfield. We will reflect on the Encounter with Jesus of the Samaritan woman at the well.

COMMUNITY NEWS



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

For more information, or to submit an application,
please visit our website

Mr G Pierce, Principal
www.orewacollege.nz

Mark Your Diaries

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	Mother's Day
18 May	Year 5/6 Rippa-Rugby Tournament
19 May	Board Of Trustee By-Election Nominations Close
23 May	PTFA Mix and Mingle 7pm (School hall - currently staffroom)
29 May	Care and Share Week - Bring a non perishable food item
05 Jun	KING'S BIRTHDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
30 Jun	TERM TWO ENDS

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

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

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PTFA Bank Details

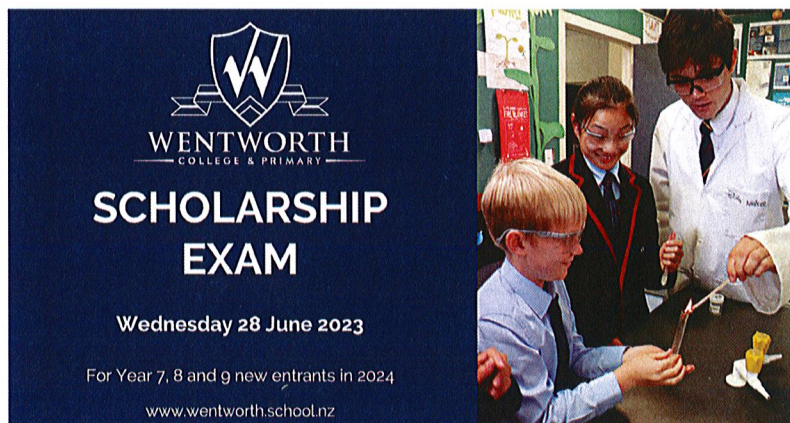
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Waitemata Health

www.webhealth.co.nz

Auckland Youth

www.akyouth.org.nz



WENTWORTH
COLLEGE & PRIMARY

**SCHOLARSHIP
EXAM**

Wednesday 28 June 2023

For Year 7, 8 and 9 new entrants in 2024

www.wentworth.school.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