

# Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

By all accounts I missed a fabulous Book Character Parade and Mums' Day last Friday. After the weather earlier in the week how lucky were we to have the sun shine on the day. I have seen some great photos and heard stories of awesome costumes and a great turn out of mum's to share the day with their children at school. Thank you to everyone who made the Book Week such a great week, particularly Jenny Bentley and Nicky Jordan for organising the book fair and activities, and our PTFA for the fun lunch, parents for helping the students with their costumes and all the mums who came along on Friday helping to make the day a special one. At the end of the day the question remained... who was Geronimo Stilton?

I was unable to be there on Friday as I was attending the Auckland Catholic Primary Principals' Conference in Waitangi. The theme for the conference was 'Take a Breath' – a theme that ties very nicely with Pause, Breathe, Smile. Part of the conference was a retreat in which we reflected on breathing, connecting, being conscious of other views, seeing things differently with new eyes, and the value of prayer through all of this, of handing our worries over to God and trusting in Him. It was a valuable few days that finished with the prayer of St Teresa of Avila:

*"Christ has no body but yours,  
no hands, no feet on Earth but yours..."*

A good reminder to us all as we returned to our schools that we are called through our baptism to continue Jesus' work of love.

This term our concept for inquiry is 'Structure' and our students are learning about all forms of structure – structure in nature, manmade structures, structures in society... Next week Auckland Museum are running workshops at Stella Maris about volcanoes and each of the classes will participate in one of these sessions on either Monday, Thursday or Friday. This is a free service the Museum offers to schools and we are looking forward to learning about the structure of volcanoes and how they impact the structure of the earth.

Have you completed the school survey yet? Please look for the email which was sent on 8<sup>th</sup> May from [principal@stellamaris.school.nz](mailto:principal@stellamaris.school.nz) and has the link to the survey. The more responses we get the more information we have to work with as we develop our Local Curriculum and Strategic Plan.

Earlier this week we did a trial to see if the whole school could fit into the smaller space in the hall, to see if we would be able to return to whole school liturgies and assemblies. Unfortunately there is not a enough space for this just yet so we will continue a roster of team liturgies and assemblies until the recladding project has finished.

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

Catherine Cyprian

Principal





As we continue to explore the Church strand in our RE sessions our senior students will explore this achievement objective... "The Church consists of all the baptised, and its mission is to continue Jesus' mission of service to others and to teach and proclaim the gospel to all, and that children and young people have an active role in this as disciples of Jesus." This is how we encourage our students to "Shine for God". To learn about the teachings of Jesus, to explore ways we might put these into action within our school, homes and community, and to go out and spread the word of God through our lives. One service we can all add to is our Care and Share collections. It is through this that we provide our Parish Care and Share group and Love Soup with much needed non perishable items. It is astonishing the generosity of those in our community. We begin our collection week on the 29th May and know our community will take this opportunity to help others.

*God of Courage,  
Give us the sight to see those in need,  
the opportunity to be able to assist,  
the strength to carry out Your mission,  
the grace to do it with absolute love.  
Amen*

## TEAM NEWS

### Matikao:

What a fabulous day we had on Friday to celebrate our mums and the end of Book Week! The sun shone upon our wonderful book characters as they paraded on the court and brought smiles to the many mums who were able to join us. Thank you for giving your time to be with us and for allowing us the chance to let you know how much you are appreciated. We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful and justly deserved Mother's Day.

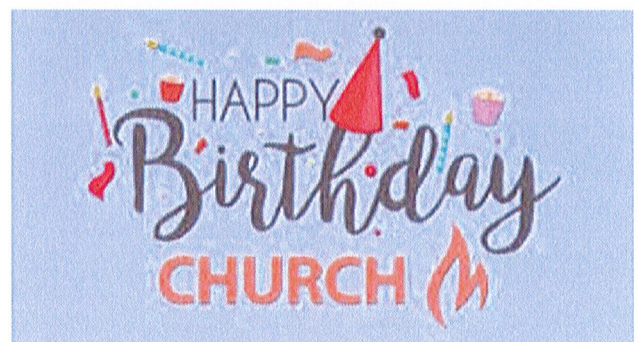
### Mokehu:

Kia Ora whānau, last week the children were so excited to both dress in book character and welcome their Mums along, we thank everyone who came and joined in on the fun on Friday. It was great to have the school full of excitement. Thank you to St Anthony students who led us in Liturgy this morning. Week 5 is another busy week with a visit from the Auckland Museum Volcano van on Thursday for Mokehu Team.

### Huruhuru:

At the time of writing this we have students from the team preparing for their rippa rugby tournament on Thursday 18th May and we hope the weather was fine enough for the tournament to go ahead. We were so excited to share our Discovery Hour learning with our mums last week on Mums' Day. We would like to thank all the mums that came and supported the students to get their driving questions written and research underway. We hope you all enjoyed the day as much as we did.

## SCHOOL NEWS



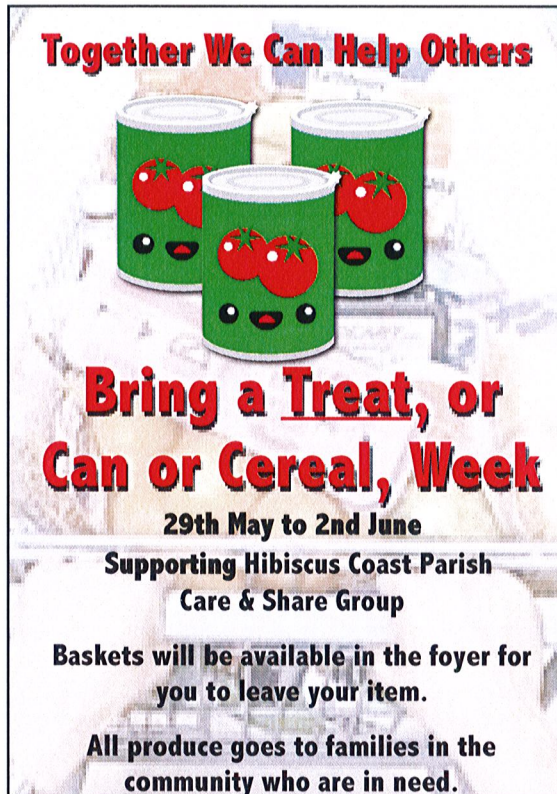
### Pentecost Celebration Monday 29th May

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



## Board Of Trustee Parent Rep By-Election

**Nominations Close Tomorrow  
19th May 12 Noon.**



## SPORTS NEWS

### Hockey

Great result for Stella Strikers this week.  
Won 6-1 against Silverdale.

**Players of the match:** Caitlin Finch & Portia Boric (Portia scored her first goal of the season)

### Netball Year 6

Netball Nutters had a 7 - 0 win against Stanmore Bay this week.

**Player of the Day:** Emalyn Harvey

### Sports Team 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.

## PTFA NEWS

### 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!

## 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](http://www.orewacollege.nz)

### Art Auction To Support Ukraine

1st July at Estuary Art Centre 1pm. For more information visit [www.creativeukrainians.org.nz](http://www.creativeukrainians.org.nz)



## Mark Your Diaries

18 May	Year 5/6 Ripa-Rugby Tournament
19 May	<b>Board Of Trustee By-Election Nominations Close</b>
22 May	Auckland Museum Volcano Van Visit Years 1 and 2
23 May	PTFA Mix and Mingle 7pm (School hall - currently staffroom)
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
05 Jun	<b>KING'S BIRTHDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
30 Jun	Mufti Mania Day Gold Coin for Caritas
30 Jun	<b>TERM TWO ENDS 2.45pm</b>
15 Jul	<b>MATARIKI - PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>
17 Jul	<b>TERM TWO 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

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)

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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**