

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau



Monday was an exciting day at Stella Maris as we celebrated Pentecost, the birth of the Church, with mufti day, liturgy led by St Patrick, RE lessons focused on Pentecost, discos, treats... all to remind us that we are the Church today and we are sent out to love one another, to spread the Good News and to serve our Lord. Thank you to Mr Hobman for organising the day for us and ensuring the true message of Pentecost was part of the celebrations.

Thank you: to everyone for your generous donations of non-perishable food items for the Parish Care and Share. Your donations will go a long way to supporting those in need.

Strategic Planning and Local Curriculum Consultation: Thank you to those who came along to the consultation sessions yesterday. There was some good discussion that has provided us with some great ideas that will help in the next stages of the review of our school vision and values as we develop our Strategic Plan. In today's newsletter we have included a summary of the responses from the survey that was sent home earlier this term – lots of positive feedback and some food for thought to help us in our planning. There will be more opportunities to participate in consultation next term.

School Board By Election: Last Friday voting papers for our By Election were emailed to parents (hard copies are posted to those we don't have a valid email addresses for). Candidate statements were included in last week's newsletter. Please make sure you take the time to vote – voting closes 23 June.

King's Birthday Weekend: a reminder that this weekend is the long weekend for King's Birthday. School is closed on Monday 5th June for the Public Holiday.

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

Catherine Cyprian
Principal

TEAM NEWS

Matikao had an absolutely awesome day celebrating Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, on Monday - and as **we** are the Church, it was effectively the birthday of us all! The children were excited and so colourful in their Pentecostal colours – there was red, yellow and orange everywhere and at the end of the disco we had lots of hot and happy children! Thank you, Whanau, for helping us to celebrate in style. And a huge thank you to our very own Mr Hobman for decorating the atrium, running the disco and providing treats for us all. Can't wait to celebrate Te Wairua Tapu at Pentecost again next year!

Mokehu: Kia ora parents, Monday was a wonderful day, sharing the Church's birthday celebration. It was wonderful to see so much excitement and happiness around the school. A reminder that all children should be reading for at least 10 minutes a night and their homework diaries need to be completed. They also have 10 spelling words to learn during the week, which will be tested on Friday- tomorrow! *Children should also be checking their Mathematics work and be able to log in independently.*

Huruhuru: Last Friday we had a session with educators from the Auckland Museum about Volcanoes. This fitted in with our concept this term on Structure. On Monday we celebrated Pentecost. We thank St Patrick for leading the school in our liturgy to celebrate the birthday of the church. In mathematics, the team is learning about Shape for Geometry or multiplication and division. We encourage our students to learn their times tables to assist them when solving multiplication and division number problems. This practice should be part of our students daily home learning programme.



DRS Message

Pentecost

The birthday of our Church. What gifts has God given you?

Fruits of the Spirit- Galatians 5:22

Love: *is the foundation of the Christian's faith. Modelled by Jesus. Love as Jesus loved.*

Joy: *Joy is like being very, very happy, it's being happy inside even when things aren't going great. Again, we can try to be joyful but only God can give us the kind of happiness that makes us joyful, we can't just be joyful on our own.*

Peace: *Peace is a result of resting in a relationship with God. If we have this peace we will feel a calmness inside and know that all our sins are confessed and that God forgives us.*

Patience: *The ability to wait, even in challenging times. It means to be patient for answers to prayer that might take years to be answered.*

Kindness: *When God gives us this gift, its more than just being kind to others. He might help us be kind to someone who really needs it and we're not even aware of it.*

Goodness: *Having the gift of goodness means God can depend on me to be honest, say sorry when I have done wrong, and turn away from bad things.*

Faithfulness: *Being faithful is keeping your promises, being a loyal friend even when times get tough, being trustworthy and doing the things you said you would do.*

Gentleness: *Gentleness is being humble and considering others. No matter what situation comes up we are supposed to be gentle.*

Self-control: *the word used here means making the right choice even when tempted . To be able to live the way God wants we have to be in control of the things we do.*

SPORTS NEWS

Hockey

Stella strikers won 4:1 against Waitoki Sweepers.

Player of the day was Patrick Hammond and
Fair player of the day was Jannik Anders.

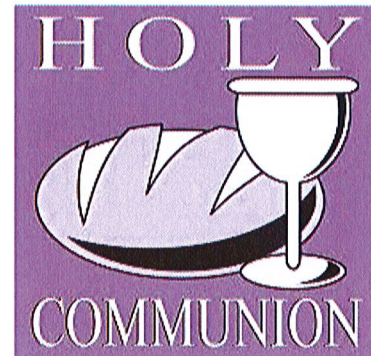
Stella Stars won 8:3 against Red Beach Thunder.

Player of the day went to Rhaedyn Wood for his outstanding control.



The parish would like to thank and acknowledge the following children who participated in the various ministries on Pentecost Sunday, 28th May at the 10.30am mass. You all did so well and we are very proud of you.

Aoife Hogg, Raven Marshall, Tonina Tomlinson, Lily Rivers-Simons, Shania Limrick, Erin Cahill, Anna Turner, Olivia Negri-Vivar, Filipe Tauva, Bianca Arnott, Juliette Tomlinson.



Please keep the following in your prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, 11th June, 12.30pm at St John's Church, Orewa

Alfonzo Abuyabor, Jannik Anders, Isabella Ascensao, Daisy Ashman, Isla Ashman, Caspian Bates, Lucas Broomfield, Harry Campbell, Bayleigh Franich, Mirabella Garcia, Aoife Hogg, Hugo Masutti, Oliver Masutti, Raven Marshall, Georgia Morton-Jones, Olivia Negri-Vivar, Morgan O'Keefe, Isla O'Neill, Mieszko Pulawski, Aiden Perera, Emily Searancke, Elise Shun, Conor Snaith, Tenuli Tissera, Summer Tobias, Juliette Tomlinson, Tonina Tomlinson, Indiana Wakelin, Pippa Walker

Summary of Local Curriculum Survey Results - May 2023

Thank you to all who completed the survey that we sent out earlier this term. Below is a summary of the main ideas that came through in the responses. We will use this information, alongside the discussions had at the face to face meetings yesterday to help us with the next stages of developing our Strategic Plan and Local Curriculum.

1. Does Stella Maris encourage your child/ren to develop a personal relationship with Jesus?

This question was answered with a resounding yes.

Through RE lessons, liturgies, Masses, prayer – which nurture their relationship with Jesus.

2. In what ways does Stella Maris engage and support your whanau, family, in your faith journey?

A couple of responses said it doesn't or were unsure.

Through the lessons children take part in in school and share at home

How the children are taught to apply their faith to life.

Encouraging children to be involved in parish Masses, sacramental programme

Discussions with children following lessons at school

Encouraging prayer habits that children bring home

Invites to attend liturgies, Masses, liturgical celebrations

Through the newsletter

RE books going home

3. What are your hopes and aspirations for your child/ren in their time at Stella Maris?

To have a rounded education.

To be kind, strong, confident, compassionate, independent, inclusive, respectful and resilient

To have an understanding of personal well-being and emotional intelligence.

To have a solid grounding in education – particularly literacy and numeracy (reading, writing and mathematics)

To have a love for learning.

To learn about our environment.

To be responsible citizens.

4. What are your worries or concerns for your child/ren in their time at Stella Maris?

Support for special needs

More science

Catholic college in the area

Cultural and language studies

Bullying – having the skills and strategies to manage this if they are bullied.

How to raise concerns

That they won't have strong friendships.

Food education

More field trips

5. What would you like your child to learn more about or do more of at Stella Maris?

Many responses said all was good, that there was a good balance.

Outings – cultural, outdoor education, museum...

Languages

More sports

More community engagement

Maths

Reading resources for older students

Opportunities to develop critical thinking skills, problem solving skills, decision making skills, reasoning skills.

More opportunities for creativity – music, drama, art

Coding

Homework

6. What do you think your child's teacher could do differently about how they teach?

A number said they were unsure or didn't know

A number of responses said they are happy with current methods, teachers are doing a great job.

Different teachers have different things to offer.

Focus on core basics

Differentiated instruction to meet individual needs and learning styles.

Provide regular, constructive feedback.

Use formative assessment practices.

Communicate more about what they are teaching.

Help students to be good digital citizens.

7. What could we do to better connect with you as a parent or whanau?

Many responses said communication was done well.

Streamline – too many different formats – saying the same thing in different places.

Newsletter communication needs improving.

No more paper forms – use electronic methods.

Bring back Café Stella

More information about current topics and learning for those who can't get into school regularly.

Timeliness of communication

Question was asked "how can we encourage parents and whanau to connect more with the school?"

A term overview of the upcoming events.

8. What other suggestions to make Stella Maris better for your child?

Additional focus on academics, including participation in national/international exams.

More class outings

Catholic college in the area

More homework.

Connection with the local marae – Te Herenga Waka o Orewa.

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 CLOSSES
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



Mark Your Diaries

05 Jun	KING'S BIRTHDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
07 Jun	PTFA Meeting 7pm
09 Jun	PTFA Movie Night - Purchase tickets on Kindo
13 Jun	ICAS Science Exam
14 Jun	ICAS Mathematics Exam
16 Jun	ICAS English Exam
23 Jun	Second hand Uniform Sale 2.30pm
30 Jun	Mufti Mania Day Gold Coin for Caritas
30 Jun	TERM TWO ENDS 2.45pm
15 Jul	MATARIKI - PUBLIC HOLIDAY
17 Jul	TERM THREE COMMENCES 8.45am
19 Jul	Parent teacher Interviews SCHOOL FINISHES 12.30PM
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

2023 Public Holidays

Monday	05 June	King's Birthday
Friday	14 July	Matariki (during term break)
Monday	23 October	Labour Day

Family Whanau Book Resource Link

<http://www.faithalive.org.nz/assets/Resources/Family-whanau-book.pdf>

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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 or call 021 08297693 for more information

sKids Stella Maris, Wainui & Waitoki

Before, After School and School Holiday shifts available



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