

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Kia ora e te Whānau



Congratulations to all who received the sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time on Sunday. It was so special to attend Mass last Sunday and witness forty children making their first Holy Communion, a large number of whom were students from Stella Maris. The children all looked quite lovely in their white attire and there was an air of excitement. It was lovely too to see all of the families supporting the children with such pride. There is something quite renewing for your own faith to witness people receiving the Eucharist for the first time. As it was also the feast of Corpus Christi, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, we were all reminded that we are nourished when we receive the Eucharist. We become what we receive – the Body of Christ. In receiving the Eucharist we are called to give of ourselves as Jesus did so that, through us, others may come to know and experience love that only Jesus can provide. Jesus said to the Jews: *"I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever."* (John 6:51)

Yesterday Fr Raphael led the Matikao Team in their team Mass here at Stella Maris. It was a lovely celebration of the Eucharist with the children having the opportunity to carry out the ministries of reading and leading prayers of the faithful, and receive a blessing.



A huge thank you to the PTFA for a fun movie night last Friday evening. The children were all very excited and came along with their bean bags, pillows and blankets and enjoyed popcorn, pizza and lollies as they settled in to watch the movies. Thank you to the team who helped make this evening a special one for our students.

Board by-election: a reminder to please take time to vote in the by-election. Voting closes next Friday 23rd June. ✓

Mid Year Reports: From tomorrow you will be able to access your child's assessment information on the Hero App. This is where you will find the mid-year reporting. No hard copies of reports will be sent home this time. If you haven't yet downloaded the Hero App please do so. More information about the mid-year report will be sent out tomorrow.

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

Catherine Cyprian
Principal

TEAM NEWS

Matikao The Movie Night organised by our PTFA was wonderful. The children seemed to enjoy themselves and I am sure they were ready for bed when they got home. Matikao Team was well-represented by our teachers - thanks to Mrs Bentley, Mrs Mainwaring, Mrs Hogg and Mr Hobman for giving their time to support the event. And what a blessing we had weather-wise - it was joyful to see and feel the sun. Thank you to Fr Raphael for leading Matikao Team in Mass yesterday.

Mokeyhu This has been another busy week. On Monday, following a very successful movie night on Friday, the Mokeyhu Team had a shared assembly which was led by St John. We also shared some Te Reo language learning, and the students from St John class proudly showed us their koru art. We ask that parents please remember to send school fleeces or jumpers along with their children to, as it has been quite cold lately.

Huruhuru Congratulations to the students who are representing the school today at the Interschool Football tournament. We are very proud of your achievements and know that you will be demonstrating the Marian Values throughout the day. Thank you to all the coaches, managers and parents who supported the students on this day. Thank you to Ms Kain for organising this event. Tomorrow (Friday) 8 students will join other schools in the area by visiting Mangere Mountain as part of our next Te Kotahitanga Day. Next week we have a team assembly on Monday and St Dominic is leading a team liturgy on Thursday.



Director Of Religious Studies (DRS) Message

This week we begin Team masses with Matikao on Thursday. Next week Mokehū will have their mass and in week 10 Huruhuru will have their Team mass. This central act of worship for Roman Catholics culminates in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As part of our RE curriculum we explore the different parts of the mass and try to learn how the traditions and rituals we follow in the mass are the same around the world and also link back to the very early church. We explore how Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday are made present today in ritual. One of the Achievement Objectives for the Year 1 and 2 RE curriculum is... AO4 Understand what rituals are and recognise God is present to us in the things we see, do, say and experience in the church.

Our children explore the main parts of the Mass, the Liturgy of the word- where God's word is shared, explored and explained. We also explore the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the prayers, actions and Catholic beliefs around the Eucharist. This is a very special time for many in our school as we have quite a few students in Mokehū who recently celebrated their First Communion and Confirmation.

*Lord Jesus,
May celebrating these masses bring us closer to you
and give us strength to "Shine for God".
Amen.*

SCHOOL NEWS

Wednesday 19th July commencing at 1.15pm
Thursday 20th July commencing at 3.15 pm

(School will finish on Wednesday at 12.20 pm)

Parent Interview

Bookings are to be made online by visiting

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

(Bookings will be open from 19th June at 10am)

Our School Access Number **6q6nc**

Please ensure you have booked your child
in for this important process

Health And Well-Being

It seems that the winter bugs are well and truly here at Stella Maris. Staff and students alike are being knocked around by the usual cold/flu and stomach bugs, however it is important to note that we do have a small number of Covid cases in the school. The isolation period of 7 days still remains in place for anyone who tests positive for Covid. As well as this we have had a case of Scarlet Fever in the school. Scarlet Fever is a streptococcal infection that is caused by the same bacteria that causes strep throat, and more likely affects children under the age of 18. The symptoms for scarlet fever include:

- Sore throat
- High temperature
- Vomiting
- Headache
- A flushed face
- A fine red rash – tiny red bumps on neck/chest and then spreading. The rash can last 2-7 days.
- Scarlet fever spreads through coughing or sneezing, or through contact with contaminated hands.

A child with scarlet fever can return to school after at least 24 hours of antibiotics if they are well enough. Like with Covid and other winter illnesses it is important that everyone washes hands regularly with soap and water or use hand sanitizer. If your child is unwell, showing signs of the winter bugs, Covid or Scarlet Fever please keep them home until they are well.

Hockey

Year 5/6 hockey team won both matches

8-0 against Wainui Warriors And 4-0 against Wainui Wairua. Well done!

Year 3/4 hockey team Stella Sticks played against Kingsway on Monday and won their game 3-2. Their team work and passing is outstanding. Well done!

BOARD OF TRUSTEE BY ELECTION
Voting Closes Friday 23rd June 4:00pm
Votes Counted 29th June

Netball

Stella Shooters won 10-5 against Whangaparaoa Stingrays
Player of the Day - Daisy Ashman

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE
FRIDAY 23RD JUNE 2.30PM IN THE MAIN FOYER.



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Holiday Programme

3 – 13 July

MSD-Approved. Work & Income
OSCAR Subsidy available!

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50 Silverdale St, Silverdale

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Prices
Onsite short day \$52.50
Premium short day \$67.50
8:00am – 3:00pm
Onsite full day \$62.50
Trip full day \$77.50
Premium full day \$72.50
8:00am – 6:00pm

Week 1

Monday 3rd

Winter Wildlife
Watch & learn how animals behave during the winter. Make penguin bananas & bear toasts & hibernate like a bear!



Tuesday 4th

Let it Snow
Create puffy snowflake paintings. Whip up some fake snow & build a mini snowman. Lots more snowy games on site!



Wednesday 5th

Antarctica
Learn about the coldest planet on Earth. Make a sled/boat to get ready for an expedition! Keep warm with a cup of Hot White chocolate.



Thursday 6th

Trip-Extreme Edge
Conquer & master themed climbing walls, go through the pirate themed playzone! Challenge yourself and see how high you can go!



Friday 7th

Mr. Magic
Be surprised and amazed with today's onsite magic show! Learn a magic trick you can show your family at home!



Week 2

Monday 10th

Space Explorers
Create your own rocket launcher & watch it go! Paint your own galaxy & do a moon crater experiment.



Tuesday 11th

Trip - Hoyts Wairau
Join us at Hoyts to watch Disney Pixar's Elemental! Enjoy more activities back on site.



Wednesday 12th

Nerf Wars - Premium Day
Enjoy Nerf Wars games & target practice shooting! End the day with hot cocoa & marshmallow snowmen!



Thursday 13th

Starscapades
Let's make 3D stars and make a star twirler! Make and decorate star shaped cookies. Learn about different constellations.



Friday 14th

Matariki
Public holiday. No sKIDS today.

Activity Key



COOKING



ARTS & CRAFTS



MUSIC & DRAMA



STEM



TEAMWORK



WELLNESS

Customer Service:
0800 274 172

Onsite:
027 2754377

Mark Your Diaries

06 Jun	ICAS English Exam
23 Jun	Second hand Uniform Sale 2.30pm
23 Jun	Board of Trustee By Election Voting closes 4pm
29 Jun	Board of Trustee By Election Votes counted
30 Jun	Mufti Mania Day Gold Coin for Caritas
30 Jun	TERM TWO ENDS 2.45pm
14 Jul	MATARIKI - PUBLIC HOLIDAY
17 Jul	TERM THREE COMMENCES 8.45am
19 Jul	Parent teacher Interviews SCHOOL FINISHES 12.20pm
20 Jul	Parent teacher Interviews Continue school finishes 2.45pm
28 Jul	Second hand Uniform Sale 8.15am

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

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>

Celebrating 100 Years Of St Mary's Catholic School, Avondale

Calling all ex-students, staff and supporters of St Mary's Avondale. Momentum is gathering for our school's 100th birthday celebrations with lots of exciting events planned for **Friday 8th - Sunday 10th September 2023**.

Friday 8th September - early afternoon Liturgy to open the weekend of celebrations, student led school tour and open classrooms, special assembly led by the current students and afternoon tea for the Adults/Guests. (Times TBC)

Saturday 9th September: Back to the Future Gala run by ex students 11am – 3pm Junior Rugby League Tournament on the field

Saturday 9th September: Mix n Mingle Social Event From 6pm – 11pm at Avondale RSA R16

Sunday 10th September: Mass of Thanksgiving 10am on the field followed by a potluck picnic

If you are interested in attending any of the events sign up here to ensure you are kept up to date, or email smcps23@gmail.com for further information.

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**



TE HERENGA
WAKA O OREWA

MATARIKI AHUNGA NUI

Matariki brings us together

A gathering to celebrate the rising of
Matariki and the Māori new year.

**14th July 2023, 6am, Orewa Beach
(by the surf club)**

Join us for a special event commemorating the Māori new year and honoring the memory of our departed loved ones. This gathering will provide a dedicated moment for reflection and remembrance, where we will collectively name and pay tribute to those who have left us throughout the year. Should you desire, we warmly encourage you to bring a cherished photograph of your departed loved one to accompany you.