

# Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

Attending Mass helps our students to see their faith learning in action as the parish comes together to celebrate the Eucharist, it helps them to make the connection to our faith as a Catholic community. This Sunday, 30th July, the 10:30am Mass at St Johns, Orewa, is a family Mass in which children and their families are involved in the ministries throughout the Mass such as readers, musicians. All families are welcome to join the parish for this Mass.

**Attendance:** At the Parent/Teacher Conferences last week there were a number of queries about unjustified absences noted on the student's report. To explain, Ministry of Education guidelines outline that a "justified" absence applies to medical or bereavement leave, or for cultural or sporting representation. Most other absences, including family holidays taken in term time, while explained and understood, are considered unjustified and will show as such on the child's report.

It is important that students attend school on a daily basis so that they are able to achieve to their best potential.

**Class and Team/Group Photos:** Next Tuesday is class photos. Please make sure that the students are wearing correct, clean and tidy uniform. This includes long hair being tied up (no half ponytails) with plain black hair accessories. Please make sure for the team photos on Wednesday that the children have their full sports uniform at school, including shoes.

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

Catherine Cyprian  
Principal

## Team News

### Matikao

It was wonderful to meet up with so many of you last week during the interviews - thank you for helping us to plan the way forward for our children. We have begun cross country training and each class will work on fitness and building resilience so our children are ready for the races on Friday 18th August.

### Matikao Certificates

St Lucy	William Fong, Aleksandr Teterin, Elijah Heinrich, Arthur Turner
St Benedict	Sienna Franich, Flynn Robertson, Lexi O'Shea
St Leo	Rebecca Nakhla, Leo Wakelin, Max Kinmond, Sofia Pereira.
St Nicholas	Flori Elliman, Kieran Gibson, Layla Brennan
St Mary	Dixie Cooper, Bailey Zohorodny, Chloe Morton-Jones

### Mokehu

Kia ora whānau! Last week it was great touching base with you and having the opportunity to discuss your child. This week we have started training for the upcoming cross country, children are able to bring sports shoes in for this as we will be training on concrete, however on the day the course is on grass and all children are encouraged to wear bare-feet. Several notices have gone home this week so please ensure you are checking in your child's bookbag.

### Huruhuru

Today St Augustine led our team in a liturgy. We thank them for sharing this prayerful time with us. Daily cross country practice is well underway. If a student is unable to participate in cross country training due to illness or injury, please send a note to your child's teacher. Ensure it has the time period that your child will not be participating.





## DRS Message

In many classes we are exploring images of God in the scriptures and gospels. As humans we attempt to understand the unknown by relating it to things we know. The greatness of our God is so huge we can never fully comprehend this until we join in unity with God in Heaven. However, we can look to the scriptures and gospels for a small insight, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and in many cases the words of Jesus, to give us something to base our images on. Mary, our guide, tells us to "Listen to Him". Encouraging us to actually stop, think and explore the words of Jesus. Jesus is God incarnate, in human form, made flesh. He tells us that to know Him is to know God.

There are, of course, so many images of God. Hopefully by exploring these different images we can come to terms with the wonder and glory of our Creator. I would like to encourage you to have a look in your family bibles for these images from the New Testament and perhaps discuss them as a whanau.

Mark 14:36, Luke 15:8, Matthew 23:37, Luke 13:20-21, John 1:1-18, John 10:11, John 8:12, John 6:51, Matthew 16:15-16, Colossians 1:15

*Grant me, oh Lord,  
the Spirit of knowledge,  
that I may know You,  
know myself,  
know others  
and grow in unity with the Saints.  
Amen.*

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Photolife Individual, Class And Group Photos

On 1st August the **Class and Individual photos will be taken**. If you would also like a **sibling photo**, please complete the sibling photo request form which will be coming home with your eldest child. The form needs to be returned to the office by Monday 31st July. **Team and Group photos** will be taken on Wednesday 2nd August. A notice will be given to student's prior to photo day if they are required for Team and Group photos. Coaches and Managers are invited to be in the photo and will be advised via email of the approximate time of your teams photo.

### Matikao And Mokehu Dance Sessions

A notice was sent home with all Matikao and Mokehu students. There will be 9 daily sessions and the cost of this is \$27.00 payable online or at the school office. A digital copy of the notice is also available on the School App and the Hero App. The dance sessions start on 7th August. Please return the the slip to school on or before Wednesday 2nd August.

## SPORTS NEWS

### Netball Year 3/4

**Stella Strikers** beat Kingsway 3-2 in a very tight match on Thursday night.

**Player of the Day**

Raven Marshall

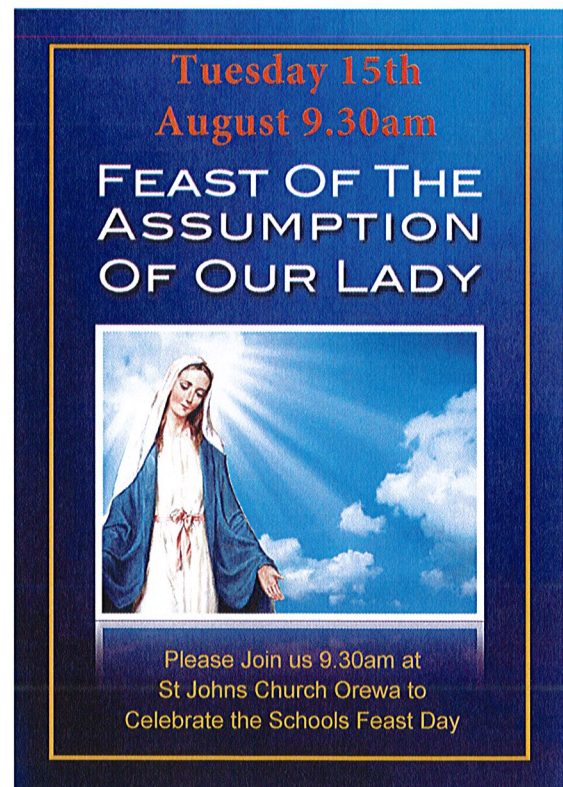
### Netball Year 6 Netball Nutters

Another fantastic win for the Netball Nutters V Stanmore Bay Thunder. 14 - 8.

Special Player mention to Chloe Verdonkschot.

### Feast Day Mass

Staff and students will be travelling to Church by Bus. A permission slip was sent home with eldest and only children last week. Siblings can be included on the one form. A digital copy is also available on the School App and the Hero App. The cost of the bus is \$7.00 per child payable online or at the school office.





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## Stella Maris Open Day 23 August 9am - 12pm

Please spread the word of our Open day to family and friends who may be interested in enrolling their children at Stella Maris School.

## Congratulations To

Alex and Bianca Arnett who participated in the Great Kiwi Bookathon in June and managed to raise \$490 for Blind Low Vision New Zealand. A great achievement!



## School Cross Country 18th August 1:00pm

*North Shore Dove*

**AGE TO AGE HE STANDS**

"With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation."  
Isaiah 12:3

North Shore Dove throughout the ages  
Celebrate 35 years

<b>Talks:</b>	<b>Includes:</b>
Barbara Hines	Prayer ministry
Helen Reinen	Praise & Worship
Open mic- story sharing	Morning tea
	But BYO lunch

**Saturday 29th July 10am - 1pm**  
**St John's Church, Orewa**

Mass is available at 9.30am before the meeting starts

## Secondhand Uniform Sale

Friday 28th July in foyer 8.15am - 9am. Please come along to see what sizes and pieces we have available. We are needing more donations so if you have uniforms your children have outgrown and would like to donate them please pop them in the box under the table in the foyer. All profits go to the PTFA for fundraising. Many thanks.

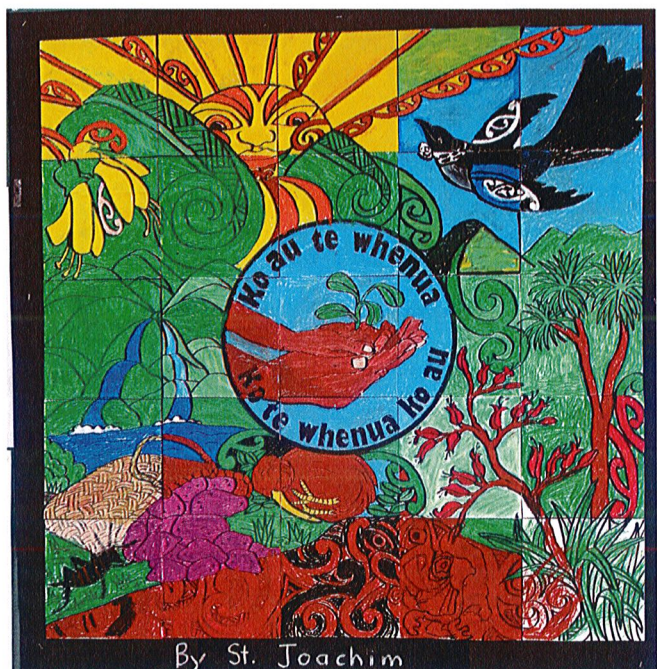


## Pastoral Services Group Administrator & Communications Officer

The Catholic Diocese of Auckland is seeking a methodical, cheerful, dedicated, and highly efficient person for the role of PSG Administrator & Communications Officer to provide administration and operational support to the Leader Pastoral Services Group and providing communications support for the Diocese. This is a part-time role of 25 hours per week with flexibility of hours between 9.am and 3.pm. Excellent interpersonal, verbal and written communication skills, along with proficient IT competency in Word, Excel, Free Source Design e.g. Canva and knowledge of websites (WordPress), social media, Facebook. Can work under own initiative be creative and have a can-do approach to work and is efficient, accurate and organised. For more details, and a full position description, please visit the Diocesan website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/> Applications close on 18 August 2023.



St Nicholas Artwork



St Joachim Artwork



## Mark Your Diaries

28 Jul	Second hand Uniform Sale 8.15am school foyer
01 Aug	Photolife - Class, individual and sibling photos
02 Aug	Photolife - Team photos
07 Aug	Matikao and Mokehu Dance programme starts
15 Aug	Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
15 Aug	School Feast Day Mass at St John's Church 9.30am
17 Aug	Year 5/6 Hockey Tournament
18 Aug	School Cross Country
23 Aug	Stella Maris Open Day Future Enrolments
25 Aug	PTFA Children's Disco
27 Aug	Confirmation at St St John's Church 10.30am Mass
01 Sep	Dad's Day at Stella Maris Time TBA
07 Sep	Interschool Cross Country - Shakespear Park Year 5/6
11 Sep	Care and Share Week - Bring a non perishable food item
18 Sep	Life Education Caravan at Stella Maris
21 Sep	Wheel-a-thon and Sausage Sizzle
22 Sep	Second hand Uniform Sale 8.15am school foyer
<b>22 Sep</b>	<b>TERM THREE ENDS</b>
<b>09 Oct</b>	<b>TERM FOUR COMMENCES</b>
09 Oct	Daily Rosary for the the month of October
20 Oct	Second hand Uniform Sale 2.30pm school foyer
<b>23 Oct</b>	<b>Labour Day - School Closed</b>
24 Oct	Grandparents Day at Stella Maris Time TBA
01 Nov	All Saints Day
02 Nov	All Souls Day
03 Nov	Rosmini Orientation morning
06 Nov	Year 1 - 4 Swimming Sessions Begin
23 Nov	Year 5/6 Interschool Athletics - Millenium stadium
27 Nov	Year 5/6 Swimming Sessions begin
06 Dec	Mufti Day - Bring a Gourmet Food Item
11 Dec	SHINE and Service Awards Assembly 9am
15 Dec	Second hand Uniform Sale 8.15am school foyer
15 Dec	Class swap and student picnic
19 Dec	Thanksgiving Liturgy 11am St John's Church
<b>20 Dec</b>	<b>TERM FOUR ENDS 12.20pm</b>

## 2023 School Term Dates

TERM 3	Monday	17 Jul - Friday	22 Sep
TERM 4	Monday	09 Oct - Wednesday	20 Dec

## 2023 Public Holidays

Monday	23 October	Labour Day
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## 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)

**“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**