

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

This year has been a year that has continued to throw challenges at us with the impact of the weather patterns and we are all getting really good at thinking on our feet and being flexible in our plans. Yesterday was a case in point with the power cut just as everyone was arriving at school. Teachers reorganised for the possibility a day without technology, support staff and SLT organised the lighting for toilets and ensured the students were okay coming into school, the admin staff ensured the morning routines were carried out smoothly, we worked with the photographer on options for team photos, and the students looked upon the power outage as a bit of an adventure – showing resilience in the face of the challenge. A huge thank you goes to Vector for getting the power up and going again so quickly so that our day returned to normal around 9:30am.

With the cold and wet weather we are facing at the moment we ask that you please ensure your child brings their fleece to school each day so that they are warm. It would also be helpful for the children to have their PE uniform at school everyday – with the grounds so sodden and the squalls coming so hard and fast, having a PE uniform at school means children who are caught out have something warm and dry to change into if needed.

Lost property - It is important to ensure every piece of school uniform is named clearly with the child's full name. If you purchase second hand uniform it is important that you ensure you name it clearly with your child's name. Clearly named items are easily returned to their rightful owner. If your child accidentally brings home a uniform item that is not theirs please return it to school the next day.

Matikao and Mokehu teams begin their dance sessions next week and we look forward to sharing in what they learn over this time.

Me te Atua koutou e manaaki

Catherine Cyprian
Principal

Team News

Matikao: We all needed that sunshine over the last weekend - it certainly lifted the spirits! Long may it continue! We have a busy few weeks ahead, with the Matikao dance programme starting next week and running until the end of Week 5, our school Feast Day on 15th August with our special Mass at St John's and the Cross Country fast approaching. The children have been building strength and stamina with daily runs on the track so they will hopefully be able to take the Cross Country running in their stride!

Mokehu: Kiaora whānau, this week we have had two opportunities to gather as a team; on Monday we had an Assembly which was led by St Anthony. Today we were together for Liturgy, led by St Joachim. All the children with speaking parts did a wonderful job and are growing in self-confidence. Next week we are looking forward to the arrival of Dance Curriculum for 7 lessons with us. The new dance moves we will learn will be valuable at the upcoming disco!

Mokehu certificates:

St Anthony	Zachary Robinson, Rylee Sutherland
St Joachim	Ethan Human, Sophia Bell
St John	Knox Hape, Alina Zhang
St Peter	Christian Ye, Talulah Cooper
St Francis	Aarush Duvashi, Lillie-Anna Collins

Huruhuru: Last week St Augustine led us in a liturgy based on our current God strand in RE. We thank them for their thoughtful prayers, Gospel readings and liturgical dance, while also teaching us about the Ten Commandments and Nicene Creed. Next week it is St Patrick's turn to lead our team liturgy. On Tuesday 8th August, Bianca Arnott and April Shaw will compete in the North Shore Catholic Schools Speech Competition. We wish them well in this event.



DRS Message

One of the updates within our New RE Curriculum is the combination of the three strands of God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit into one Theme- God. I have attached some notes from the new curriculum below to share some context for your child's learning through the God theme this term. While we explore different lessons at age appropriate levels there are overarching aims for the Theme.

Overview: God is understood in the Catholic faith to be a unity of three 'persons' – the Trinity. The three 'persons', as expressed in the Sign of the Cross, are God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit. These three form a dynamic relationship of overflowing creative and sacrificial love. The purpose of human beings is to live in this loving relationship with God and live out this love in their human relationships.

The Trinity: God is one and God is three. At appropriate levels, young people should have the opportunity to explore arguments for the existence of God, and traditional and popular images of God including their own images.

The nature of God as Trinity – three persons in one God — is essential for understanding the Christian faith, and the concept of 'divine mystery' and the inability of human minds to ever fully encapsulate the Divine should be communicated.

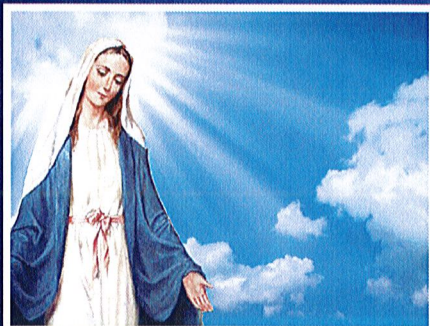
*Glory be to the Father,
Who by His almighty power and love created us,
Making us in the image and likeness of God.*

*Glory be to the Son,
Who by the Precious Blood delivers us from evil,
And opened for us the gates of Heaven.*

*Glory be to the Holy Spirit,
Who has sanctified us in the sacrament of Baptism
And continues to sanctify us by the graces we receive daily.
Glory be to the three adorable persons of the holy trinity,
Now and forever.
Amen.*

**Tuesday 15th
August 9.30am**

**FEAST OF THE
ASSUMPTION
OF OUR LADY**



Please Join us 9.30am at
St Johns Church Orewa to
Celebrate the Schools Feast Day

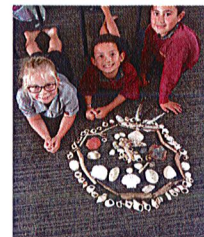
*"Quality Education in a
Catholic Environment"*

**Stella Maris School
Open Day
23rd August 2023**

9am – 12pm

Years 1 – 6

Enrolments



We invite you to our school's open day to have a guided tour, meet staff and students, and experience first hand the very special learning environment that Stella Maris has on offer. We look forward to meeting you.

50 Silverdale Street (opposite Silverdale Centre)

Enquiries please phone 09 427 9189 or

Email: achieve@stellamaris.school.nz

Website: www.stellamaris.school.nz

SCHOOL NEWS

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.

Feast Day Mass 15 August

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.

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



SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY 18TH AUGUST 1:00PM

Netball

Another fantastic 13 - 5 win for Year 6 Netball nutters v Wentworth Lionesses. Special player mention to Erin Cahill and Ruby Nakhla.



STELLA MARIS PTFA PRESENTS

SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND ICE BLOCK FUN LUNCH

**FRIDAY 11TH
AUGUST**

SAUSAGE \$2
ICEBLOCK \$2
**GF OPTION AVAILABLE

ORDERS OPEN ON KINDO BY 3RD AUGUST



St Francis Artwork

Mark Your Diaries

07 Aug	Matikao and Mokehu Dance programme starts
11 Aug	PTFA Fun Lunch - Sausages and iceblocks
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 - Light and Bright
27 Aug	Confirmation at St St John's Church 10.30am Mass
01 Sep	Dad's Day at Stella Maris - Nacho Fun lunch
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
22 Sep	TERM THREE ENDS
09 Oct	TERM FOUR COMMENCES
09 Oct	Daily Rosary for the month of October
20 Oct	Second hand Uniform Sale 2.30pm school foyer
23 Oct	Labour Day - School Closed
24 Oct	Grandparents Day at Stella Maris Time 8.45am
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
08 Dec	End of Year Picnic from 3pm
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
20 Dec	TERM FOUR ENDS 12.20pm

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 Contact –
teresa@netballnorthharbour.co.nz

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