

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

Next Tuesday is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a feast that marks the day Mary was assumed into heaven and was fully united with God. Not only is this day our school feast day but it is also the Patronal Feast of the Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand. New Zealand's devotion to Mary came as the first missionary outreach to Aotearoa, New Zealand was through the Society of Mary, the Marists, and the first bishop to Aotearoa, New Zealand Bishop Pompallier had a special devotion to Mary. Bishop Pompallier wrote the Māori himene 'Mō Maria', a himene that continues to be sung in the church today, a himene we will sing at Mass on Tuesday when we join the parish. You are all welcome to join us at St John's, Orewa at 9:30am on Tuesday 15th August.

Mō Maria

Mō Maria aianeī, ō tatou waiata.

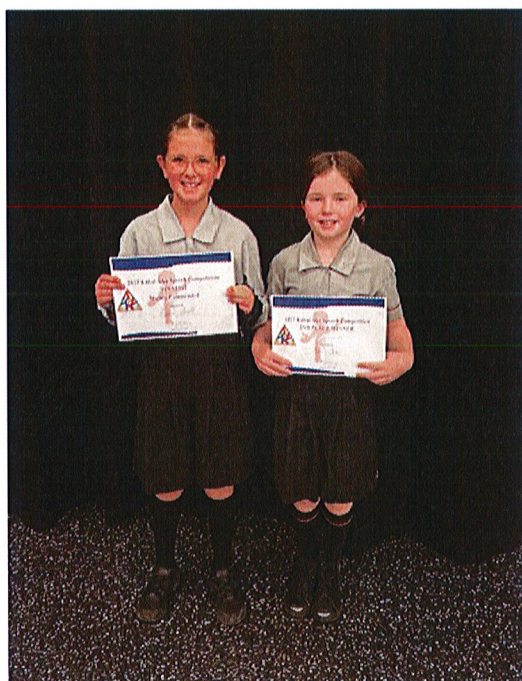
Kia kaha rā tatou, kia nui te aroha.

Mō Maria aianeī, ō tatou waiata,

Kia kaha rā tatou, kia nui te aroha.s

For Mary now, our songs.

Let us be strong, let there be great love.



On Tuesday of this week April Shaw and Bianca Arnott represented Stella Maris in the first North Shore Catholic Schools Junior Speech Competition held at Carmel College. Both girls were selected as semi finalists in their class speech competition, before winning the school finals, and being selected to represent Stella Maris. April placed second with a compelling speech explaining why dogs are more important than cats. Bianca received a Highly Commended award for her speech, that challenged us all to embrace vegetarianism. Both girls were well prepared and presented their speeches confidently. We are very proud of them and congratulate them both for their fantastic results in a tough competition.

Matikao and Mokehu classes began their dance sessions this week. As I walked passed the hall the other day I could here lots of excitement and enthusiasm as they participated and learned the new dance routine. I look forward to seeing the finished routine.

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki – May God bless you

Catherine Cyprian
Principal



DRS Message

In this weeks Gospel we hear the story of Jesus approaching the disciples across the stormy sea. Peter responds by asking, "If it is You, Jesus, bid me to come". Jesus replies, "Come". Peter wants to join Jesus, he wants to follow and responds by leaving the boat, but, his lack of faith and confidence causes him to sink. He then cries out a prayer we should all remember when we too are sinking, "Lord, save me". Jesus immediately reaches out and helps him. Jesus knows that in our difficult times our faith is challenged. Jesus waits with outstretched hands to "save us" when we cry out.

Prayer of Faith- St Benedict.

*Gracious and Holy Father,
give us the wisdom to discover You,
the intelligence to understand You,
the diligence to seek after You,
the patience to wait for You,
eyes to behold You,
a heart to meditate upon You,
and a life to proclaim You,
through the power of the Spirit of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.*

TEAM NEWS

Matikao Kia ora, Whānau. We have been having a marvellous time with our dance sessions this week - the children are very keen and are quickly picking up the moves! We are continuing to encourage independence and self-management in the children and many are now bringing themselves happily into class from the drop-off zone each morning. Well done! Matikao teachers are also reminding the children to speak to each other and treat each other with care and kindness with happiness for all as our goal.

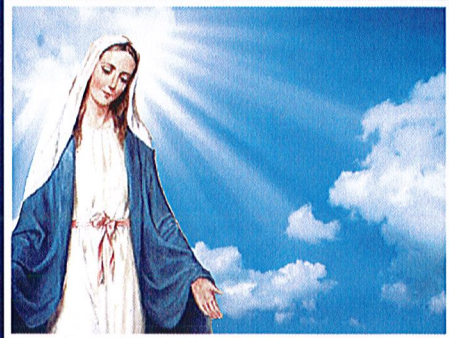
Mokeyhu: Kia ora Whānau, this week the Mokeyhu team have loved dancing with Omar from Dance Curriculum. They have been working hard to learn new moves and are enjoying the sessions. If you haven't already paid \$27 for the lessons please do so. Our calendar art is now on display in the main atrium. We hope you enjoy the artwork, the children all put a lot of hard work into producing art they are proud of. Next Tuesday we look forward to heading to St John's Orewa to join together in celebration of our Feast Day, the Feast of the Assumption.

Huruhuru: Congratulations to April Shaw and Bianca Arnott who represented the school at the North Shore Catholic Schools Speech Competition. April came Second and Bianca was Highly Commended. We are all very proud of their achievements. In preparation for our school feast day next week we held a liturgy today that focused on the Assumption of Mary. Next week we have hockey teams representing us at the interschool competition and we will be holding our school cross country. We hope that next week is a fine one so these sporting events can go ahead.

SCHOOL NEWS

**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**

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. 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.

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.

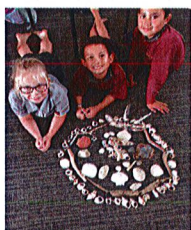
"Quality Education in a Catholic Environment"

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

Matikao And Mokehu Dance Sessions Have Begun

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 started on 7th August.

SPORTS NEWS**School Cross Country Friday 18th August 1pm**

Mrs Kain is asking for parents to help with marshalling the children at our school cross country. If you are able to assist please contact Mrs Kain natasha@stellamaris.school.nz. Thank you.

Children are asked to wear a tee shirt in their house colour. Class teachers will be able to advise what house your child is in. Siblings have been placed in the same house.

Nazareth
Bethlehem
Galilee
Jerusalem

Red
Yellow
Green
Purple

WHITE & BRIGHT

DISCO Night

FRIDAY 25TH AUGUST 2023
STELLA MARIS SCHOOL HALL

SENSORY SESSION 4.30PM - 5PM (PARENTS WELCOME)

SESSION ONE: YEARS 0-2 - DROP OFF 5PM - 6.30PM PICK UP

SESSION TWO: YEARS 3-6 - DROP OFF 7PM - 8.30PM PICK UP

Tickets \$10 via Kindo

PLEASE BRING WATER BOTTLES & CASH FOR SNACKS & TREATS ON THE NIGHT

Mark Your Diaries

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 12.20pm
07 Sep	Inter-school Cross Country - Shakespear Park Year 5/6
11 Sep	Care and Share Week - Bring a non perishable food item
11 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 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

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