

# Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

Tuesday was a very special day for us all at Stella Maris as we joined the parish to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin. The students were very reverent throughout the Mass and participated fully as they listened to the Word, answered Fr Pio's questions and sang beautifully. It was lovely to see so many parents able to join us and the parish at this special Mass. As I was leaving the church one of our parishioners gave me a prayer card that she had bought especially for us on our School Feast day. The prayer and image from this card are below.

## *Our Lady of the Assumption Prayer*

*Father in Heaven,*

*All creation rightly gives you praise,*

*For all life and all holiness comes from you.*

*In the plan of your wisdom she who bore the Christ in her womb*

*Was raised body and soul in glory to be with Him in Heaven.*

*May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness*

*And join in her hymn of endless love and praise.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*



## **Covid-19 Update:**

On Monday the Government announced that the last of the Covid-19 mandates would be lifted at midnight on Monday. This means there is no longer a requirement for those who test positive for Covid to isolate, however as with any illness it is recommended that students stay at home if they are unwell. This year the winter illnesses seem to have struck people hard. If your child does test positive for Covid we ask you to keep them home until they are well enough to be at school and can self-manage any lingering symptoms. Please keep in mind that bugs do spread quickly in schools. It would be helpful if you could continue to inform us if your child has Covid so that we can inform anyone in their class whose health is vulnerable of the possible contact.

## **Teacher Only Day in Term 4:**

This year the Ministry of Education have granted schools two Teacher Only Days to enable professional development and learning around the refreshed NZ Curriculum. We will be holding our second Teacher Only Day on Friday 17th November, the same day as Carmel and Rosmini. Please note this date in your diaries. School will be closed on the 17th November.

## **2024 Term Dates:**

These are now showing in the Mark Your Diary section at the end of the newsletter.

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki – May God bless you

Catherine Cyprian  
Principal





## DRS Message

Our school feast day was celebrated with our Parish family on Tuesday with a special mass for the Feast of the Assumption. Throughout the week our students explore how Mary died peacefully just as if she fell asleep and her friends and the apostles took her body to be buried. We learn that her body was raised to heaven by the glory and power of God. Mary's assumption into heaven reminds people that they are also called by God to eternal life in heaven through humility and serving him. Mary's service and complete openness to God's call is an example of how we can be a true disciple of Jesus. Pope Francis challenges us "Do I make service the 'springboard' of my life? ... Do I, like Mary, exult in God? ... And, after praising Him, do I spread His joy among the people I meet?" The Holy Father concluded his remarks with the prayer calling on "Mary our Mother, assumed into heaven" to "help us to climb higher each day through prayer and service." He also offers another prayer, "May Mary extend her maternal protection over each one of you".

*Mō Maria aianei O tatou waiata  
Kia kaha rā tatou Kia nui te aroha  
For Mary now, Our songs.  
Let us be strong. Let there be great love.*

Ka waiata Ki a Maria Hine I whakaae Whakameatia mai He whare tangata Hine purotu  
Hine ngakau Hine Rangimarie Ko te Whaea Ko te Whaea O Te Ao

I Sing to Mary, our mother, The one who heard God's call. The call to be the mother Of our  
Lord (of us all) Gentle woman, loving mother, Our Lady Queen of Peace.  
I sing to Mary, the mother of our Lord

## TEAM NEWS

**Matikao:** Kia ora, Whanau. Another busy week has almost gone. The dance sessions have continued this week and have been much enjoyed by all. The dance instructor will make up the lessons we missed last week, due to his illness, in Week 9 of the term, so we won't miss out on the fun. We are all looking forward to the Cross Country experience on Friday and are all primed and ready to go for more fun! Hope to see you there!

**Mohehu:** Kia Ora Whanau, this week we have enjoyed learning about the Assumption of Mary and how we can all try to show love and be courageous just as Mary was. It was lovely to be at St John's Church on this special occasion. We are also thoroughly enjoying our dance sessions with Omar and have been working on our fitness in preparation for tomorrow's cross country. We have 20 lucky children working with Bunnings Warehouse on a Hammer Programme, where they have made a tool box and are learning how to use various tools. A reminder that all Mohehu children should be able to independently login to Athletics.

**Huruhuru:** After our intensive training since the beginning of the term, we hope that Cross Country goes ahead tomorrow. We will then select the students that will represent the school at the Interschool event at Shakespear Park. We are proud of our students for their dedication and commitment to their training programme. We would like to thank Mrs Pearson and the parents who have coached the students for our hockey teams who are competing in the interschool tournament today.

## SPORTS NEWS

### School Cross Country Tomorrow Friday 18th August 1pm

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**

### Netball

Magnificent semi final win for Year 6 Netball Nutter v top team Gulf Harbour Brutus 8-1. Awesome Team work!!





# **Dad's Day**

## **Fun Lunch**

**Friday 1st September**  
**12.20pm to 2.45pm**



**Join your child for a fun lunch & time together in their class for the afternoon**

**Nacho bowls are on the menu and will be available to purchase via Kindo on Friday!**

## Mark Your Diaries

18 Aug	School Cross Country 1pm
23 Aug	Stella Maris Open Day Future Enrolments 9am -12pm
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
13 Sep	Dance catch-up days 13th - 15th Sept
21 Sep	Think-a-thon and Sausage Sizzle
22 Sep	Second hand Uniform Sale 8.15am school foyer
22 Sep	<b>TERM THREE ENDS</b>
09 Oct	<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
23 Oct	<b>Labour Day - School Closed</b>
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	<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
--------	------------	------------

## 2024 School Term Dates

TERM 1	Wednesday	07 Feb - Friday	12 Apr
TERM 2	Monday	19 Apr - Friday	05 Jul
TERM 3	Monday	22 Jul - Friday	27 Sep
TERM 4	Monday	14 Oct - Friday	20 Dec

## 2024 Public Holidays

Easter	Friday	Mar 29 - Apr 02
Anzac Day	Thursday	Apr 25
Kings Birthday	Monday	Jun 03
Matariki	Friday	Jun 28
Labour Day	Monday	Oct 28

## 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](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)

## Family Whanau Book Resource Link

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

**“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**