

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

Over the last week there have been a number of opportunities for our students, particularly our senior students, to "Shine for God" and put our Marian Values in action. The school cross country was a fun afternoon for all in the sunshine as the weeks of training paid off for the students. They ran hard and persevered in the sludgy conditions. For some it was easy and for others not so easy but they all gave it a go with the full support of the crowd who cheered them on and senior students who ran the extra laps to encourage them to complete the course. Thank you to Ms Kain and Mr Hobman for the organisation of the cross country.

Yesterday we held our open day and our senior students acted as guides showing the visiting families around the school. One of the parents said "it is great the trust you place in the students to be the guides around the school" and this made me stop and think. Yes we do place this trust in the students, but they have such pride in their school and they are so keen to articulate this to others that it is very easy to place this trust in them. We were very proud of our student guides, they did a great job of telling the prospective families what makes our school a great place to be in.

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 hockey teams who took part in the inter-school competition last week. The girls team came second in their section and the boys team came first. Thank you to Mrs Pearson and the parents who coached the teams and supported them on the day.



Carpark safety: We have had a couple of near misses in the carpark where people have parked on or close to the crossings and then reversed onto the crossing when children have been crossing. Please do not park on the yellow lines or on the footpaths by the crossings.

We are excited to see that the recladding project on the admin block and the junior end of the school is fast coming to completion. We are very close to handover and will soon be able to move back into our spaces. We are looking forward to returning the library to the students, and to full school liturgies and assemblies in the hall very soon.

We are looking forward to the disco tomorrow evening and Dads' Day next Friday, 1st September from 12:20pm.

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki – May God bless you

Catherine Cyprian
Principal



DRS Message

What does it mean to “Shine for God”?

Our school motto is often talked about here at Stella Maris but it is through our actions that we truly explore it. One of the highlights of our whole school sporting year is our Cross Country. The students had been training for months and through our health and RE programmes we explored how our bodies are a gift from God and we are encouraged to look after them and use them as an expression of thanks for this gift. Our Year 1 God strand looks at how each person has their own tapu/sacredness and we are all God’s best creations. By using our bodies as best we can during our Cross Country we are honouring God. We are “Shining for God” as we exercise, train and enjoy the mud, grass and sunshine.

Another way our school “Shines for God” during the Cross Country is through the amazing support offered for all students. Our year 5 and 6 leaders ran many laps with younger classes to support them during their races. Many running 6 laps at different times throughout the afternoon. The crowd at the top of the bank constantly cheered for the runners. Our House points system added excitement as chants of “Go Nazareth! Go Bethlehem! Go Galilee and Go Jerusalem” were shouted. The support was just as fervent for the winners as it was for those who came last. There were many special moments that demonstrate our values as children who weren’t in the top 8 places still raised their hands in triumph as they ran across the finish line knowing they’d used their gifts from God to the best of their abilities.

“I liked how everybody tried their best. I loved the mud and the hills. Thank you God for the sunshine that shone on us” Aoife, Year 2.

“We talked about movements and we trained hard. I asked God to help me and be by my side when it got hard.” Josh, Year 3.

“I am proud to be able to use God’s creation, my body. The energy and strength God gifted me with, helped me have the strength to carry on at Cross Country and helps me when times are tough.” Zoe, Year 6.

“I am grateful for the resilience and strength God has given to me and I would like to radiate that to others by shining for God” Michelle, Year 6.

“We kept pushing through. Even though we were tired we kept on running. We all have our special abilities and we saw people Shine for God. God helped us have the energy to finish the race” Charles, Year 6.

TEAM NEWS

Matikao: Wow! Last Friday was one fun afternoon! The colours, the sounds, the courage, the perseverance, and the fun of the Cross Country were clear to see (and hear!) and really made the school feel alive. Thank you to all those who came to watch – the children made us all so proud! A huge thank you also to Mrs Kain and Mr Hobman for organising everything so that it all ran like clockwork, and to the children from St Dominic who guided and supported the little ones as they ran. The children had such happy stories to share of the big event - ‘It was such fun’, ‘I roly-polied but got up and kept running’, ‘I loved getting muddy!’ ‘I ran as fast as I could!’ Clearly, much fun was had by all. Now we are looking forward to the disco tomorrow and Dad’s Day next week. Such a busy life we lead!

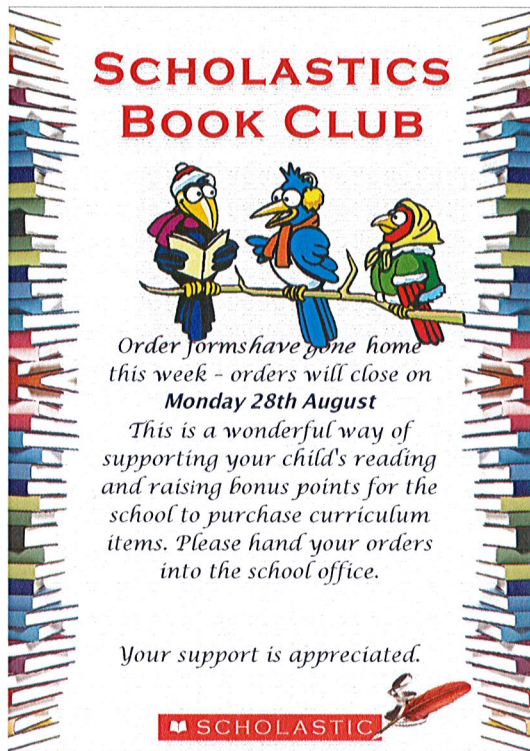
Mokehu: Kiaora Whānau, the cross country day was thoroughly enjoyed by the Mokehu team. It was great to see all the hard training paying off with lots of children feeling proud of their achievements. Thank you God that the sun was shining! The excitement levels have grown steadily this week as the disco has grown closer. Thank you to the PTFA for the hard work that has gone into this exciting event!

Huruhuru: Congratulations to all our students who competed in the School Cross Country last week. We were also very proud of the students who supported the younger children with their races. They were role models who demonstrated the Marian Values to our school community. The top 7 runners in each race will now represent the school at the interschool cross country event in week 8. Discovery Hour is a popular time of the week. On Monday we had several groups share their projects with us at our team assembly, while today other groups held a Market Day to sell their products. We always enjoy these occasions where we can see how much the students have achieved.

SCHOOL NEWS

School Photos

This week Photolife emailed to families the Key codes and instructions for ordering school photos. If you have not received this, please check your spam folder. If you have any questions please contact photolife directly on 0800 50 10 40.



SPORTS NEWS

Interschool Hockey Tournament

Last Thursday Stella Maris had 2 hockey teams representing us at the Hibiscus Coast interschool hockey tournament at Millwater Metro. Both teams were entered in the A grade and were made up of the Year 5/6 children who play hockey on a Monday night, Emilio Boric and Cruz Fisher joined the boys team for the day. After some great hockey all day, both teams made it through to the final. The boys played 3x champions Red Beach and the girls played the defending champs Warkworth Primary. The boys came from 1 nil down to win 2-1 courtesy of 2 goals from Rhaedyn Wood and were crowned CHAMPIONS.

The girls had a tough battle but lost 2-0 to a very good team. It was a great day all around, with fantastic hockey skills and great supporting of each other. Thank you to Rob Wood and Ray Finch for coaching the teams throughout the season and to all the parent help and support we had on the day.

The boys Team: Rhaedyn Wood, Khallum Wood, Matthew Coetzee, Patrick Hammond, Jannik Anders, Lockie Pearson, Emilio Boric and Cruz Fisher

The Girls Team: Zoe Johanson, Kaia Mant, Matila Tang, Ruby Nakhla, Nuala Cuffe, Caitlin Finch, Portia Boric, Zara Granich and Eva Di Muro

Hockey

Congratulations to the following children who received player of the day on Monday night:

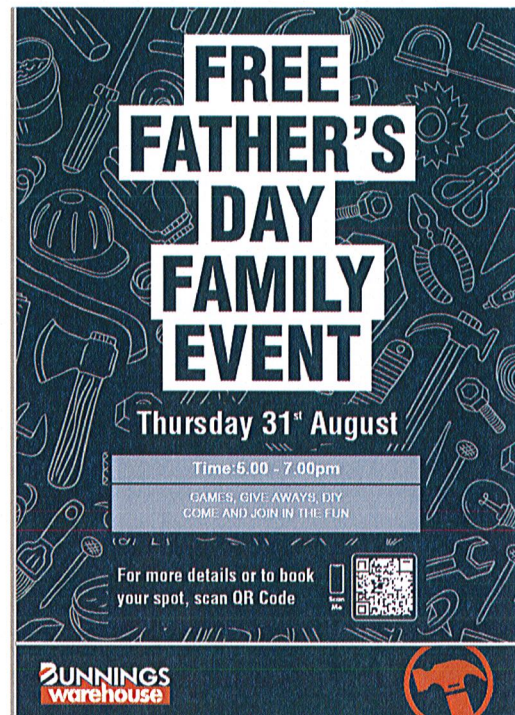
Rita Tomē, George Hammond, Joshua Oliver, Khalum Wood, Lockie Pearson, Arth Suvarna

Summer Football

A notice calling for registrations has been placed on the community page of the Hero App and was also sent via the School App. Enrolments and payment must be made by Monday 11th September. Games are played on Mondays at Stanmore Bay Reserve.

Netball

The Netball Nutters tried so very hard this season with such tenacity and have come so very far making the final of the year 6 netball competition however the win went to Silverdale last night, 8 v 5. We are very proud of the team.



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Shore Dove
Catholic Women's Fellowship

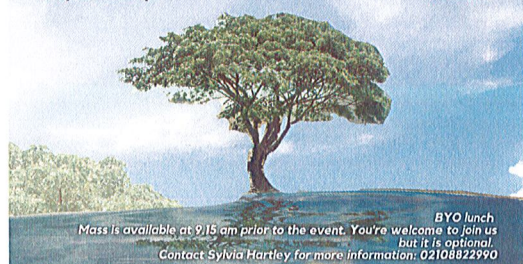
Refreshment day

26th August 10am-4pm
St Thomas More Church, Glenfield

Psalm 23:2 "Near restful waters He leads me to revive
my drooping spirit."

Speaker: Bev McDonald
Blessing with the Blessed
Sacrament
Praise & Worship
Prayer Ministry

Testimonies: Iutita Rusk &
Nanci Heah
9.15 Mass (optional)
Morning tea
Adoration



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

25 Aug	PTFA Children's Disco - Light and Bright
27 Aug	Confirmation at St St John's Church 10.30am Mass
28 Aug	Scholastic Book Orders close
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	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
17 Nov	Teacher only Day
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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2024 School Term Dates

TERM 1	Wednesday	07 Feb - Friday	12 Apr
TERM 2	Monday	29 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

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

Family Whanau Book Resource Link

<http://www.faithalive.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