

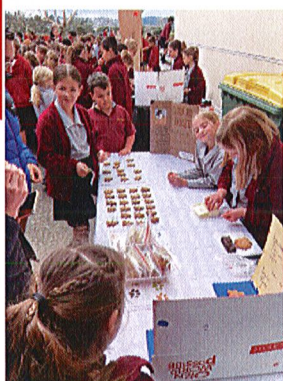
Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

Last Sunday a number of our students were confirmed by Bishop Steve Lowe. In receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation each child was sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, strengthening their relationship with God and helping them to become better witnesses to Christ in the world. We congratulate each of these children:

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| Alfonzo Abuyabor | Jannik Anders | Isabella Ascensao | Daisy Ashman |
| Isla Ashman | Caspian Bates | Lucas Broomfield | Harry Campbell |
| Bayleigh Franich | Mirabella Garcia | Rhys Habeck | Aoife Hogg |
| Hugo Lutshesko-Masutti | Oliver Lutshesko-Masutti | Raven Marshall | Isla O'Neil |
| Georgia Morton-Jones | Olivia Negri-Vivar | Morgan O'Keefe | Aiden Perera |
| Mieszko Pulawski | Emily Searancke | Aliana Shun | Conor Snaith |
| Juliette Tomlinson | Tonina Tomlinson | Indiana Wakelin | Pippa Walker |

Student Market Day: Last Thursday 6 groups of students from Year 3-6 held a small market day. These students had done a lot of preparation in the led up to the market day, learning about what is involved in marketing from deciding on a product, testing the product, pricing, selling – this was financial literacy in action. I was very proud of what these students achieved through their hardwork. Between them the made \$591 that has been gifted to the charities of their choice.



Disco: The students who attended the disco on Friday evening certainly came with their dancing shoes on. There was a lot of energetic dancing and fun had by all. A huge thank you to our wonderful PTFA, Mr Hobman – our star DJ, and all other parents and staff who helped to make the disco such a fun evening for all of the students.

Recladding Project: Isn't it great to see our space returning to normal with all of the fencing gone, giving us easier access around the school. We are nearly there! We are just waiting for the final sign-off and we will be able to begin moving back into our usual spaces. In the meantime please keep out of the admin block and St Mary and St Lucy classes. Thank you for your patience over the last 8-9 months.

We are looking forward to welcoming dads or a special person for Dads' Day tomorrow.

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki – May God bless you

Catherine Cyprian
Principal



DRS Message

As we are exposed to more of the painting and re-cladding around the school we notice the colour blue beginning to dominate our walls. This encouraged me to look into why we associate the colour blue so strongly with Our Blessed Mother, Mary. Traditional paintings of Mary using the colour blue can be traced back to the Byzantine Empire, circa 500 AD. Blue at this time was the colour of an Empress. The association of Mary and blue though, can be linked to the Old Testament as well where the Ark of the Covenant was shrouded in a blue cloth to protect it. Mary, having carried our Saviour, Jesus, is seen as the Ark of the New Covenant. She was the dwelling place of God on Earth through her Son, Jesus. In iconography blue is often the colour of Heaven and represents the Divine. In Jewish traditions blue represents the sky and spirituality. Blue in Hindu can be linked to love, strength and divine joy. Blue in the Islamic faith often represents the impenetrable depths of the universe and is a metaphor for nature. Blue in Buddhism is used to represent the healing Buddha, signifying calm, healing and purity. Blue in Sikhism is the colour of the warrior and of protection. Blue in the Coptic faith represents the Heavens, along with the Egyptian sky and water.

In other areas the color blue represents both the sky and the sea and is associated with open spaces, freedom, intuition, imagination, inspiration, and sensitivity. Blue also represents meanings of depth, trust, loyalty, sincerity, wisdom, confidence, stability, faith, and intelligence. Blue can represent rest and can cause the body to produce chemicals that are calming and release feelings of tranquility. Blue is also cooling in nature and helps with balance and self-expression.

While these things may not have been part of the planning decisions around using blue, we can see the Holy Spirit working strongly. The external colour at Stella Maris represents so very much about our understandings of Mary, her place in our Catholic Church, her meaning to us as Patron Saint of Aotearoa, Our Star of the Sea, and her guidance as one who leads us closer to Jesus.

*Oh Mary, Star of the Sea, We entrust this day to you.
Look upon us with a mother's love
Keep us in your heart
Protect us from all harm,
And be our guide on life's journey.
Amen*

TEAM NEWS

Matikao

It was a wonderful turnout for the Matikao team at the Light and Bright disco last week. The children shone with glowlights, sparkles and happy faces! A huge thank you to our very own Karl Hobman for his awesome MC duties and to the PTFA for all the organisation. Thank you, too, for all the support from you, our parents - it really helped to make it a great fund-raising event. We look forward to seeing as many Dads that can make it on Friday for our annual Dad's day.

Mokehu

Kia ora Whanau, we have been enjoying the unshine this week and making the most of the dry weather to get outside. In classes we have been exploring simple machines and then looking for them whilst out on the playground and around the school. Exploring the movement of the Solar System is proving to be popular as is developing the use of language features in our writing. We have another exciting Friday tomorrow with Dad's Day. We look forward to seeing all of the father figures in class during the afternoon.

Huruhuru

We would like to remind our students about Shine Challenges which are due at the end of October. We encourage all students in the Huruhuru Team to celebrate

their learning outside of school by completing these Shine Challenges which may be shared with their class. This week we have sent home a letter about our upcoming trip to Clip 'N Climb in Albany. This Education Outside the Classroom activity is a great way for us to finish our concept of 'Movement'.

SCHOOL NEWS

School Photos

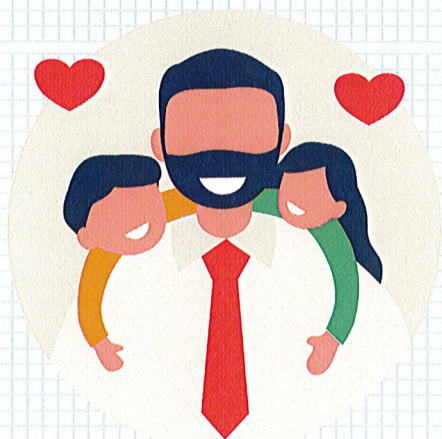
Last week Photolife emailed to families the Key codes and instructions for ordering school photos. If you have not received this, please check your spam folder. If you have any questions please contact Photolife directly on 0800 50 10 40.

Think-A-Thon Fundraiser

Our Think-a-thon fundraiser will launch this Friday 1st September. A letter will come home this Friday explaining how you can get involved or just head to <https://stellamaristhinkathon.raiseit.co.nz/hub> to sign up for a fundraising profile for your child(ren). We are raising funds towards the costs of the next phase of upgrades to the junior playground which includes replacing the bark with a soft-fall safety pad. This year we have partnered with Go Raise It to run our fundraising platform and we have some great fundraising spot prizes up for grabs - details on the website. Thanks for your support!

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

SPORTS NEWS

Netball

Congratulations to all the girls in the Year 5 Netball team. They played their last game of the season and won 9-3. Special thanks to Mikayla Tang from Year 3 who stepped in as a sub and helped the team out.



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.

Touch 2023

A notice calling for expressions of interest has been placed on the community page of the Hero App and was also sent via the School App. Registrations must be made by Friday 15th September. (NO PAYMENT YET) Games are played on Wednesdays at Victor Eaves park.

Hockey


Stella Maris Year 5/6 hockey teams topped the Hibiscus Hockey league table with 1st and 2nd place secures. A great competitive game to end the season, ending in a 8-8 draw. Amazing to see how the skill sets of all players has grown in the past 3 months. Awarded players of the season trophies: Boys: Rhaedyn Wood Girls: Caitlin Finch



St Leo Artwork

COMMUNITY NEWS

Yr 3 & 4
Yr 5 & 6




In-school @ Stella Maris School

Understanding

- Spelling patterns
- Rules
- Structure of words

Thinking Caps
Tutoring

Writing
Spelling
Reading



Structured Literacy

ENROL NOW

office@thinkingcaps.co.nz 09 424 3536



OSLSC OPEN DAY



Saturday Sept 23rd | 11am-2pm

You are invited to come down to our club to meet our team, find out more about who we are, what we do and the many benefits of being part of our club family.

Learn more about:

- OUR JUNIOR PROGRAM (Early bird enrolment fees now to the end of Sept.)
- BECOMING A LIFEGUARD / PATROL SUPPORT
- COMPETITIVE LIFEGUARD OPPORTUNITIES
- SUPPORTING OUR NEW CLUB PROJECT




275 Hibiscus Coast Highway

<https://www.orewasurfclub.co.nz/>

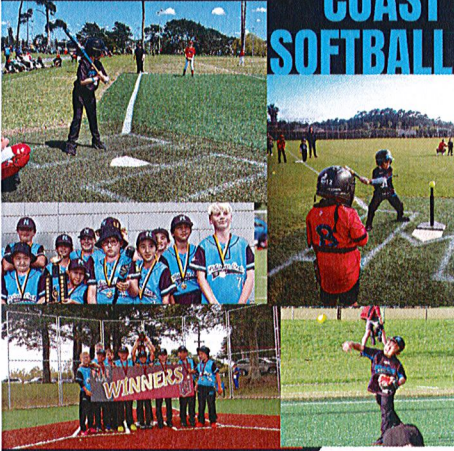
09 426 5058






HIBISCUS COAST SOFTBALL


JOIN NOW



WINNERS



2023/24
**REGISTRATIONS
OPEN NOW**



VISIT [HBCSOFTBALL.ORG.NZ](https://hbcsoftball.org.nz)
FOR MORE INFO



Holiday Programme

25 September – 6 October

MSD Approved. Work & Income
OSCAR Subsidy available*



skids Stella Maris
Stella Maris Primary
50 Silverdale Street
Silverdale, Auckland

Book now at
skids.co.nz/stella_maris

Prices per Day

Onsite short day \$52.50
8:00am – 3:00pm

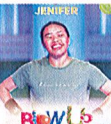
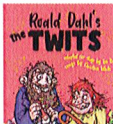



Onsite full day \$65.00
Premium day \$72.50
Trip day \$77.50
8:00am – 6:00pm

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Week 1 September

| Monday 25th | Tuesday 26th | Wednesday 27th | Thursday 28th | Friday 29th |
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| Wheels & Sports Bring your choice of wheels and your helmets for some fun wheeling as well as some sports games today! | Robo Arena Premium Day Build & modify your robots using Lego Technic & battle it in the RoboArena. Let the battles begin! | Honest Chocolate Workshop Premium Day A super exciting day with Matakana Chocolatier Nico to teach us how to make our own chocolate creations! More jumpy activities on site! | Trip: Jump Albany One of the best ways to burn energy and keep fit! Not to mention have fun with your friends at Jump! Make some treats for afternoon tea! | Pyjama Party Cozy up and get comfy. Make your own sleep masks & decorate a pillowcase. Make & decorate waffles for afternoon tea! |
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Week 2 October

| Monday 2nd | Tuesday 3rd | Wednesday 4th | Thursday 5th | Friday 6th |
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| Blow Up Premium Day Just like the TV competition come join Jennifer & learn how to make cool sculptures using balloons & join us for fun challenges. | Trip: The Pumphouse Theatre Come & watch Tim Bray's version of Roald Dahl's The Twits at the Pumphouse Theatre with us! | Springy Thingy Let's embrace Spring & enjoy warm fluffies n' marshmallows indoors, arrange flowers & do more Springy things! | Pop's Games Premium Day Enjoy different games and puzzles from Pop's Games available onsite today! Make some treats for afternoon tea! | Camp Out Day Camp out & enjoy the day with tent building contests, relay races, cooking challenges and more! |
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Customer Service:
0800 274 172

Accounts:
027 644 2388

Mark Your Diaries

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| 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 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

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

2023 Public Holidays

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| Monday | 23 October | Labour Day |
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2024 School Term Dates

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| 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

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| 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