

# Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

Last Friday there was a real air of excitement around the school as our dads joined us for the afternoon. It was great to see so many dads or other special people joining the classes to share in the learning and fun activities. A huge thank you goes to our PTFA and their band of helpers for the delicious nachos lunch that was so well organised, to the staff for the preparation for the afternoon and to all of the dads who were able to join us.

This term our strong sense of community has returned in full as we have celebrated a number of events that have brought the whole school together. Covid times and then the construction work around school meant that we were limited in how we could come together as a whole school. While there have been many things continuing that show the true spirit of Stella Maris in the care and support of one another, the events such as our school feast day Mass, cross country, disco, the student market day, and Dads' Day have all helped to restore the social aspect of our community spirit. We look forward to continuing to hold more of these sorts of events as the year unfolds.

**Strategic Planning:** As you are aware the School Board and staff have been working to develop our strategic plan that will be our focus for the next 2 years. Next week we will send home some information sharing with you our revised Mission Statement, revised Marian Values, and our Strategic Goals. When you receive this information there will be a chance for you to provide feedback. The next step for the Board and staff is to develop the annual implementation plan that will ensure we work towards achieving our goals.

**Winter sickness:** There has been a lot of lingering or recurring sickness amongst our staff and students this term. We thank you for keeping your children home when they are unwell, as this helps to stop the spread. Please be aware that there are a few cases of chicken pox in the school at the moment.

**Uniform:** A reminder that next term we move to summer uniform. This is a good time to check that your child's uniform is in a tidy, clean state, and to make any necessary repairs. If you are purchasing school sandals please make sure they are plain black sandals – no white soles or colours.

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki – May God bless you

Catherine Cyprian  
Principal

## Team News

**Matikao:** What a happy afternoon it was having our dads spending time with us. We all enjoyed it - staff and children alike! We hope our Matikao dads enjoyed it as much as we did and hope that the fun continued into Sunday for you on Father's Day. We now have a busy couple of weeks ahead: completing assessments, Māori Language Week activities next week, visits to the Life Ed van, catch-up dance sessions and the Think-a-thon - so onwards and upwards!

**Mohehu:** Kia ora parents, a special thanks to St Peter class who led us beautifully at Liturgy last Thursday. This Monday we gathered as a team to celebrate assembly, this was led by St Francis and they shared a fantastic dance which students had choreographed to beautifully show our Movement concept. A reminder that next week we have Omar back from Dance Curriculum working with the children Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We will let parents know if Friday is a Showcase for parents.

**Huruhuru:** As the end of the term approaches, we have a busy couple of weeks ahead. Starting next week we have the Life Education Caravan, Team Assembly, Clip 'N' Climb, Kapa Haka Showcase and the Think-a-thon. A reminder about Clip 'N' Climb was sent home this week and is attached to the HERO app. Please send the \$29 and permission slip by Friday 8th September. Also, ensure the online waiver has been signed. The Yr 5/6 Kapa Haka group members are participating in a showcase at Rosmini next Wednesday and we thank Ms Hunt for leading this group. We encourage our students to continue preparing for the Think-a-thon in week 10.





## DRS Message

We are beginning to plan our Term four RE Strand, Communion of Saints. Each team takes a slightly different approach with our Year 5/6 team focus on the Saints giving them a closer look at Mary, our greatest model of Saintliness. The Year 5/6 Whanau focus is...

The belief in the Communion of Saints is a Catholic belief about the unity and community of all the members of the Church, those now living, those who are with God in heaven and those who are undergoing purification before entering into the fullness of life with God. The living may pray to the Saints asking for God's help for those in purgatory. The living and the dead join in praise of God. The lives of the Saints inspire the living and show them how to listen to and be strengthened by the Spirit so their lives may be holy. We honour the Saints, as they are our models. Mary's faith journey is told through stories in the Scripture. Mary was a model of faith and the first disciple of Jesus. Mary is honoured because she is the Mother of God and the Mother of the Church. Mary is the patroness of Aotearoa New Zealand. There are many different devotions used in the Church to honour Mary.

*E te hunga tapu a te Atua, inoi ra - koutou ki te Atua mo -ku.  
E whakami - haro atu ana ki a koutou  
e whakaohoho nei i ahau. Ho -mai ki ahau he kaha, he manawanui  
ki te whakatahuri i te tanagta ki te Atua. Kia hari tahi ahau me  
koutou kia koa hoki, me ekore e mo -hiotia te a-huatanga o te Atua.  
Arahina ahau, ia ra -, i runga i te ara ki a Hehu ano - he hunga  
tapu ahau na - te Atua.  
A - mene.*

*All you holy Saints of God! Speak to God on my behalf.  
Your lives have inspired me Give me a share in your strength  
So that by my life others may find God Give me a share in your joy  
So that I may know what life with God is like. Lead me each day to  
follow Jesus so that I too may become a Saint of God.  
Amen.*

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Think-A-Thon Fundraiser

Our Think-a-thon fundraiser has launched, a letter has been send home 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!

### Stella Stars Playgroup

If you have a preschool aged child you are welcome to come along and join the fun at Stella Stars playgroup. Fridays in the school hall from 9.00-11.00am. If you have any question please contact Trish 021 179 6499.

### Clip N' Climb

Year 5 and 6 students will be participating in this activity, the cost including the activity and the bus fare is \$29.00 per child. Please make this payment to the school either online or at the school office. Parents are also required to sign an online waiver. The link is contained in the notice that was sent out on HERO last week.

## Together We Can Help Others



## Bring a Non-Perishable Food Item Week

**11th - 15th September**

This is to support Hibiscus Coast Parish Care & Share Group.

Baskets will be available in the foyer for you to leave your item.

All produce goes to families in the community who are in need.



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**go raise it**  
www.raiseit.co.nz

STELLA MARIS PTFA PRESENTS:

## SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND COOKIE THINK-A-THON LUNCH

THURSDAY 21ST  
SEPTEMBER

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

ORDERS OPEN ON KINDO BY 11TH SEPTEMBER

### INFORMATION | MULTI-SPORT PROGRAMME

Programmes run weekly on one day a week for one hour.

**This term we will focus on the following sports:**

- ✓ Touch Rugby
- ✓ Athletics
- ✓ Cricket
- ✓ Dodgeball

This weekly programme gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings – giving them confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.

**For Year 0-4 students.**

**PRICE: \$112 FOR 8 WEEKS**

Stanmore Bay School – Mon, 2:55pm  
Wainui School – Mon, 3:05pm  
Orewa Primary School – Tues, 3:05pm  
Silverdale School – Tues, 3:05pm  
Dairy Flat School – Wed, 2:55pm  
KingsWay Junior School – Wed, 3:05pm  
Orewa Beach School – Thurs, 2:55pm  
Red Beach School – Thurs, 3:05pm  
Stella Maris Primary School - Fri, 2:55pm

**BOOK EARLY & SAVE**  
Use the voucher code earlybird before 13 October to save!

**Website:** [kellysports.co.nz/hibiscus-coast](https://kellysports.co.nz/hibiscus-coast)  
**Contact:** Hayden West  
**Email:** [hbc@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:hbc@kellysports.co.nz)  
**Phone:** 021 879 144  
**Facebook:** @KellySportsHibiscusCoast




## BRING ON SUMMER

FRIDAY NIGHT  
SKILLS & SOFTBALL CRICKET GAMES  
FOR AGES 5-9  
SATURDAY MORNING  
HARDBALL CRICKET AGES 9+



AGES 5 & UP  
REGISTER NOW

### HIBISCUS COAST CRICKET

[hibiscuscricket.co.nz](https://hibiscuscricket.co.nz)

## The Pool of Siloam

'Open the eyes of my heart, Lord'

**John 9: 6-7**


### DOVE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

**Speaker:** Pam Wood

**Praise & Worship**

**Women's ministry**

**Prayer ministry**



**Our Lady of Lourdes Church,  
Glen Eden**

**Saturday 23rd Sept: 9.30am-12pm**



## Mark Your Diaries

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
<b>22 Sep</b>	<b>TERM THREE ENDS</b>
<b>09 Oct</b>	<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
<b>23 Oct</b>	<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
03 Nov	Carmel Orientation day
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
<b>20 Dec</b>	<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
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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](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.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**