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!

Mokehu: 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.

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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 whakaohooho 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.

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.

A - mene.

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

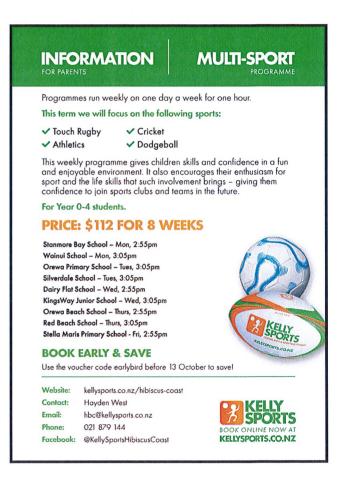
11th - 15th September

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

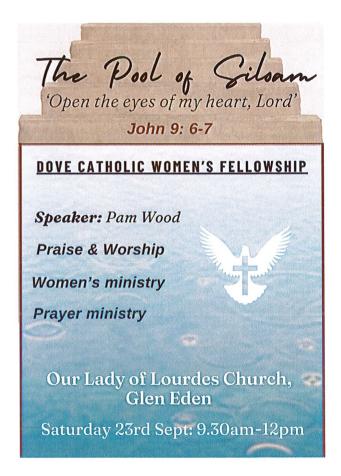
Baskets will be available in the foyer for you to leave your item.

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









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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
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
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
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

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

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 Raphael09 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