

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

One of our Marian Values is "Service" and this term we have certainly seen this in action in many different ways in our school community. As the term draws to a close I would like to say thank you to everyone for your support of our students and school through what has been a busy and exciting term. Thank you to those who have coached and managed sports teams, who have been parent helpers on trips or in class, who have attended events to support our students, who have contributed to the Care and Share collection, to our PTFA and helpers for the fun lunches, disco and today's Think-a-thon. Thank you to our students and staff for all they have achieved this term in their teaching and learning, and in other activities.

Dance Showcase: Thank you to all of the parents who came along last Friday to share in the learning that the Matikao and Mokehu students did during their Dance Curriculum sessions. Despite the typical Auckland weather that gave us four seasons in one day, a lot of fun was had as the students shared their dances, parents and teachers led some dances, and Omar got the crowd going with his demonstration of dance. Congratulations to all of the students involved – the dances were fun to watch.

Children's Mass at St John Orewa: The St John's Children's Liturgy Team are organising Children's Masses on the last Sunday of September, October and November. This is an opportunity for children at both primary and college age to assist in the Mass and carry out a ministry during the Mass – greeters, reading, prayers of the faithful, offertory, music. Being involved in the various ministries within the Mass help to make us feel a sense of belonging in our parish. If your child/ren are interested please email: stjohnschildren.liturgy@gmail.com

Help needed: We are seeking the help of someone with graphic design skills who could help us to develop visuals for our Values, Strategic Planning and Local Curriculum. If this is something you might be able to help with please contact me principal@stellamaris.school.nz

I wish you all a happy and safe holiday, and look forward to hearing the holiday stories in the new term.

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki – May God bless you

Catherine Cyprian
Principal

Team News

Matikao: The end of another happy and successful term in Matikao and almost time for some rest and recreation. The dance programme with Omar finished in style last Friday - the children were delighted to be able to share their learning and their newly-acquired dance moves with their whanau. Even the weather was on our side! There has been some great learning about resilience and 'having a go' from the Life Ed Programme which reinforced the Pause Breathe Smile programme. All in all, a term packed with learning and fun - well done, everyone! We all deserve a break now - blessings to all.

Mokehu: Kia ora Whānau, the teachers have been really impressed with the learning that has occurred with the Think-a-thon. The children have grown in confidence and have really enjoyed learning their facts. Thank you for your assistance with this. This week we got together in our house groups, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Galilee and Nazareth. This was a fun chance to get to know who is in the same house groups and play some games together. We wish everyone a happy holiday and look forward to seeing you in term 4

Huruhuru: On Tuesday St Augustine and St Patrick enjoyed their trip to Clip 'N' Climb. It was an opportunity for students to practice resilience, courage and determination. All skills which we also discussed as part of our Life Education programme last week. We congratulate students for their efforts towards learning 100 general knowledge facts about New Zealand for the Think-a-thon. We also thank them for their fundraising efforts for the school. Many of our students also supported their buddy classes by testing them with their Think-a-thon questions today, which was a great leadership opportunity for them. We hope all students have a great holiday break before a busy Term 4.

Hibiscus Coast Parish Priest: Father Raphael – P: 09 426 5599 ext 2 – E: loboraphael@gmail.com



DRS Message

Next Term our Year 4 to 6 students at Stella Maris will explore the Communion of Saints strand. 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. We 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 us and show us how to listen to and be strengthened by the Spirit so our 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. Our seniors explore Mary's role in our Faith and link this to our school Charism with Mary as our guide who leads us to Jesus. We pay special attention to All Saints day and All Souls day where we take a closer look at these fundamental elements within our faith.

There are 4 Achievement Objectives in the Year 6 Communion of Saints strand.

Children will be able to:

1. develop an understanding from Scripture stories of Mary's faith journey.
2. identify ways that Mary is a model for living and discipleship.
3. identify places and special forms of devotion to Mary in the world.
4. recognise the importance for Catholics of Mary as Mother of God, Mother of the Church and Protector and Patroness of Aotearoa New Zealand.

A teachers prayer for the Communion of Saints Strand.

*Mary, Mother of God, Speak my name to God,
Mary Woman of mercy, Remind me to show mercy,
Mary model of faith, Show me new ways to believe,
Mary perfect disciple, walk with me on my journey,
Mary first teacher of Jesus, Help me today as I teach,
To be a living witness to all that your Son Lived and died for,
Through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen*

SCHOOL NEWS

Rosary During October

Doing the month of October we pray a decade of the rosary each morning in the classrooms apart from Thursday's when we gather as a whole school in the hall at 9am. You are welcome to join with us on a Thursday. Rosary beads will be for sale at the school office from 9th October for \$1.00.



**PTFA Second Hand Uniform Sale
Tomorrow In The School Foyer
From 8.15am**

Coming Soon To Stella Maris!!

The NZ Playhouse presents 'Treasure Island' Pirates! Parrots! Peglegs! What more could you want in a rollicking tale of high adventure on the high seas? Oh yes, of course... buried treasure! And lots of it! Packed with crazy characters and sea shanties, this hilarious interactive adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's classic adventure will have everyone laughing from start to finish. This show is for all students, Friday 13th October the cost is \$5.50 per student. Payment can be made at the school office via or online 12 3046 0362238 00. Please put child's name and show as reference.

Uniform

A reminder that next term we move to summer uniform. It is a good time to check that your child 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.

Basketball

The Stella Stars came runners up in the Year 1 and 2 Basketball Final on Wednesday night. We are so proud of the new skills they've developed and how much they have all improved this year. Thanks to Coach Franco and Jamie for their time and effort with the team. Bring on Term 4! Kieran, Joshua, Ollie, Dhyanam, William, Nate, Marcello, Jordan.



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Holiday Programme

25 September – 6 October
MSD-Approved, Work & Income
OSCAR Subsidy available!

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


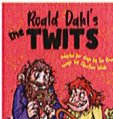



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Week 1 September

Monday 25th	Tuesday 26th	Wednesday 27th	Thursday 28th	Friday 29th
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!	Trip: Jump Albany One of the best ways to burn energy and keep fit! Not to mention have fun with your friends at Jump! More jumpy activities on site!	Pyjama Party Cozy up and get comfy. Make your own sleep masks & decorate a pillowcase. Make & decorate waffles for afternoon tea!
				

Week 2 October

Monday 2nd	Tuesday 3rd	Wednesday 4th	Thursday 5th	Friday 6th
Blow Up Premium Day Just like the TV competition come join Jenifer & 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!
				
Customer Service: 0800 274 172	Accounts: 027 644 2388			

The Children's Liturgy Team are organising two exciting events this December!!!
All children who attend the junior and senior liturgy groups are invited to attend both events. Parents please contact the coordinators if your child is interested in participating.

Christmas Party
Sunday 3 December
2.00pm - 5.00pm at St. John's Church Hall.
Co-ordinator: Marlene Goedhart
Email: Stjohnschildren.liturgy@gmail.com
Contact No.: 021 107 9441

Children's Nativity Play
24 December, at the 5.30pm Christmas Vigil Mass, St John's Church.
Coordinator: Erica Mainwaring
Email: Stjohnschildren.liturgy@gmail.com
Contact No.: 021 104 1309



Children's Mass

St John's - Sunday 24 September, 10.30am

If any children aged 12-17 years would like to volunteer as a welcomer, to read the 1st or 2nd reading or take up the gifts at the offertory, please email Erica Mainwaring: Stjohnschildren.liturgy@gmail.com

If any children would like to play an instrument or sing in the music group at that Mass please contact Dale Lanigan, 021 148 3959 or Rayner Soeiro, 021 0231 3222.

Volunteers will also be needed for the Children's Masses on 29 October and 26 November.

Term 3 PTFA Newsletter

wrap up and stepping into my new role of Chair.

What a wonderful term it has been! Firstly, for those I have not had the pleasure of meeting yet, I would like to introduce myself, my name is Lani or Mrs Baxter-Mackay. I reside in Orewa with my Husband Leon and our two children, Ollie who is 9 and Mila who is 7. Leon and I met in Western Australia where I was teaching at Primary School, on our return home I taught in Early Childhood and most recently I have returned to the classroom as a relief Teacher, and I have been incredibly lucky to relieve at Stella Maris. The welcome I have received in my new role as chair of the PTFA and as a relief Teacher has been heartwarming. This has been made extra special by reuniting with children I previously taught in their preparation for school, and to see them flourish in their new learning environment. It has been such a terrific way to get to know students, staff, and families of Stella and has helped me gain a better understanding of how I can best help the community to shine in my role as PTFA Chair. Like many families, our winter weekends are filled with sports and in summer we love to live the "coastie" life by spending time at the beach, on the boat or camping. Most recently, I have found a love for gardening. I look forward to meeting more of you, please come and introduce yourself, any gardening tips much appreciated!

The PTFA committee have settled into their new roles, and it shows their efforts have been incredible! Our main focus for the PTFA is to bring back the Fun and after a couple of disrupted years we can really feel the momentum picking back up. Our current fundraising goal is a big one with just over \$100k needed to complete stage 2 of the playground upgrades. Replacing bark with soft fall. This will reduce the need for costly annual maintenance and make sure we have the safest option available installed.

The highlight of this term must have to be the Light and Bright Disco. The smiles of joy and excitement as the children arrived on the evening, made it all worth it for organisers Jaime and Kelly A. In between busting a move on the dance floor to DJ Mr Hobman's beats, children enjoyed the facepainting, photo booth station and sweet treats. The children loved having Dad's Day back. The sun came out and the delicious Nacho lunch prepared by Kelly M and the Thermies meant that our visitors' bellies were very happy. Jen has had the BBQ firing this term with several fun lunches being held. This is always a nice treat for the children and who doesn't love a day off lunchbox duties. With this said the PTFA have raised over 9k this term so far.... It doesn't end there. The Think-a-thon campaign has been running for the last couple of weeks. The children have been working hard to expand their NZ general knowledge and their efforts are supported greatly by their online sponsors. Congratulations to Denzel Butt, Morgan O'keefe and Isabel D'Unienville who went home with some great spot prizes last week. Still to come this term...

- Think-a-thon and Fun Lunch this Thursday 21st
- Second-hand uniform sale 8.15am Friday 22nd - Donations appreciated
- Calendar Art Orders are still open until 12th October - These make great gifts.

Term 4 event planning is underway and it's going to be great...

Are you interested in sponsoring our next event? We are looking for local business owners who may be interested in sponsoring our much-loved Splash and Dash in Term 4. Please get in touch to discuss.

Lastly, I would like to finish with a huge THANK YOU. What I have learnt so far is that things don't happen without the incredible support network behind us. We would not be able to achieve the things we do as a committee without the help from teachers, parents, helpers, children, and sponsors.

God Bless, safe and happy holidays to all.
Lani

Mark Your Diaries

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
07 Nov	Year 5-6 Athletics
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

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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          |

## 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 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)

**“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**