

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Kia ora e te Whānau

Welcome back to school for the new term. And an exciting time it is for us as the building work has now been completed and we have received the final sign off, which meant that we were able to move back into the admin block, St Mary have moved back into their classroom, and we have our full hall space back during the break. We are looking forward to coming together as whole school for liturgies and assemblies again, and what better way than to come together to celebrate the Month of the Rosary.

Month of the Rosary:

At Mass in the weekend Fr Pio explained how the Rosary is a prayer that teaches us about Jesus' life, as the mysteries tell of the events in His life. Fr Pio also said that as we reflect upon the mysteries we see that Mary is also close to Jesus at these times. Here at Stella Maris we see Mary as our guide, leading us closer to Jesus, this brings to mind a quote from Josemaria Escriva *"If you say the Holy Rosary everyday, with a spirit of faith and love, our Lady will make sure she leads you very far along her Son's path."*

Through the month October classes will begin the day by praying a decade of the Rosary. We will come together several times as a whole school to pray the Rosary and you are very welcome to join us at these times: Tuesday 17 October, Thursday 19 October, Thursday 26 October at 9am.

Special Character Evaluation:

Next Tuesday and Wednesday, 17 and 18 October, we will welcome Viki Trainor and Philip Mahoney from the Catholic Education Office, and Alister Bridgman the principal of St Joseph's, Takapuna, as they carry out our Special Character Evaluation. On Tuesday morning as we come together for the Rosary we will formally welcome the team with a Mihi Whakatau led by our Kapa Haka, and then St Leo will led us in a decade of the Rosary. During the time that our visitors are in school they will visit classes and meet with students, staff, parents and the Board. After their visit we will receive a report providing feedback based upon their observations.

Grandparents' Day:

We are looking forward to sharing the morning with grandparents or our special people on Tuesday 24 October, 8:45-12.00pm. This term our concept for inquiry is Taonga, Treasure. The students are inquiring about what makes something a taonga, treasure and what are the things we treasure as individuals, families, school, church, or nation. On Grandparents' Day we ask grandparents to please bring a taonga, treasure to share in the class – this could be the item itself, a photo of it or a story.

Term 4 is always a busy term please keep an eye on the calendar and notices to ensure you don't miss out on anything.

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki – May God bless you

Catherine Cyprian

Principal



DRS Message

This term the Matikao team explores a theme from the new RE curriculum- Te Rongopai- Good News. The aim of this theme is that..."Young people will develop an understanding of the Bible as a library of books with a range of origins, authorship, genre, style and purpose. They will be able to retell many of the narratives and concepts, and will develop an understanding of the significance of these texts, as part of God's revelation, within the Catholic Tradition and for human society today."

The content areas for Matikao will be an introduction of key stories about Jesus and helping our students develop an understanding of the context of these bible stories. Throughout the year the whole school explores the weekly Gospels read during Mass. The three year cycle of gospel readings at mass came about due to the Vatican council who wanted to help Catholics become more familiar with the text of the bible. It is through exploring the stories of Jesus that we come to know Him better and in turn are given a glimpse into the wonder and glory of God.

*God of wisdom,
We thank You for revealing yourself to us
through Your Son, Jesus.
We thank you for Your Spirit that guided those who
recorded the stories of Jesus so we might learn
to know You more.
Amen.*

TEAM NEWS

Matikao: Kia ora and welcome to Term 4 in Matikao. We hope you are all rested and relaxed, and ready for the busy term ahead. Each morning during October we pray the Rosary and the children are embracing the special experience - and learning to manage their Rosary beads. Remember that if your child's belongings are clearly labelled there is a better chance of them being found and returned if lost. Full steam ahead for the new term!

Mokehū: Kia Ora whanau, welcome back to term 4. We are looking forward to exploring the concept of Taonga - Treasure this term. The children are already buzzing with excitement as they discuss what things they hold dear to their heart. Homework continues this term with daily reading books, spelling words that are tested on a Friday and mathematics tasks. Thank you for sending your child to school with their hats and summer shoes. Please can all swimming forms be returned to the class teacher and we appreciate offers of help for walking to and from swimming.

Huruhuru: Welcome back to a busy Term 4. This term includes Team and Interschool Athletics, Grandparents' Day, Swimming lessons at Northern Arena, a trip to Auckland Museum and preparing for our Year 6 students to graduate from Stella Maris. Our team will be training for our Athletics competition initially on Wednesday afternoons, so it is essential that students have their PE gear for these sessions. Swimming lessons for our team start on the 20th November. Please ensure forms from last term are sent back, regarding payment, parent helpers and student swimming skills. Let us know if you need another set of these forms.

SCHOOL NEWS



Rosary During October

During 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.

Coming To Stella Maris Tomorrow

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 this term we have moved 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.

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Swimming

This term the students in year 1 - 6 will be participating in a swimming programme at Northern Arena. Details of this where sent home at the end of the term. Forms with your child's swimming level / ability should be returned to the teacher. The cost per child for year 1-4 students is \$66.00. The cost for year 5-6 students is \$53.00. Please ensure payment is made via internet payment or at the school office before commencement of the swimming sessions. Stella Maris account 12 3046 0362238 00. Please use Childs name and swim as reference.



Congratulations

Charles Cate and his Sister, Jasmine (former Stella Maris student) along with 31 other Swimmers representing Coast Swim Club, competed at 2023 Swimming Wellington Junior Champ. Charles received 3 Golds, 5 Silvers, 1 Bronzes and 1 Ribbon plus an award for getting the highest points under his age group.



North Shore Dove Catholic Fellowship For Women

Invites all women to join us on Wednesday, 18th October 2023 at 7:30 p.m. for praise and worship, teaching and prayer ministry at St. Thomas More Catholic Church hall, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

Friday 20th October at 2.30pm in the foyer. We are needing more donations, so if your children have outgrown their uniforms and you would like to donate, please pop them in the box under table in the foyer. All profits go to the PTFA fundraising and are much appreciated.

Wellbeing Course!

Join us for an amazing Girls Time course filled with purposeful and creative activities to strengthen social and emotional well-being skills to navigate the pre-teen and teenage years with resilience confidently.

Week 1: Special Qualities & Strengthening Self-Esteem.
Week 2: Healthy Friendships & Conflict Resolution.
Week 3: Emotions & Improving Negative Moods.
Week 4: Self-Care & Calming Down Strategies.
Week 5: Reducing Stress & Anxiety.



Strengthening Resilience
Five Week Course - Red Beach
 17th Oct - 21st Nov
 3:30 - 4:30 pm or 5:00 - 6:00 pm
Girls Ages 8-14

www.strongerwithin.org
 @strongerwithin_ (Instagram)
 Stronger Within (Facebook)
Please note there will be no class on Tuesday, November 7th.

grandparents day

At
Stella Maris School

24 October 2023

Starting at 8.45am and finishing at 12.00pm



Come and join your grandchildren in their classes, be entertained by our students.

Enjoy a cuppa and a scrumptious treat



"Family Life" Gift Centre will be in the foyer selling gifts.

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Mark Your Diaries

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 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 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

**“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**