

# Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week the Catholic Education Office visited Stella Maris to carry out the Special Character Evaluation, a process that is carried out every four years. The purpose of the evaluation is to examine how well we safeguard and strengthen the Catholic Special Character. It is also to provide assurance to the proprietor, Bishop Steve Lowe, and to the community that Stella Maris is authentically Catholic and is meeting the goals of Catholic education.

While our evaluation was a time for us to reflect and set goals to ensure we safeguard and strengthen the Special Character of Stella Maris, it was also a time for us to share with the Catholic Education Office all that we do and are so proud of. The evaluators really enjoyed their time at Stella Maris and felt very welcome. Their visit started off with our first whole school liturgy in the hall for the year. Our Kapa Haka welcomed them with a beautiful Mihi Whakatau, and then St Leo led us in a very prayerful decade of the Rosary. During their visit, the team visited every classroom and met with staff, students, the Board and parents, and saw how our Special Character is so very much at the heart of all that we do at Stella Maris, and how we 'Shine for God'. We will receive a full report from the team in a few weeks' time.

**A reminder** that if your child needs to be at school earlier than 8am you need to book them into the sKids before school programme. There has been an increasing number of children arriving at school before 8am and it is important to note that they are unsupervised before this time.

**Grandparents' Day:** We are looking forward to welcoming the students' grandparents or special people to school on Tuesday morning, 8:45am-midday. The morning will begin with grandparents or special people visiting the classrooms, followed by morning tea in the hall and then the Kapa Haka will perform. We ask families to provide a small plate of finger food for the shared morning tea. This can be placed on tables in the hall on Tuesday morning.

May the sun shine on us all for the long weekend.

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki – May God bless you

Catherine Cyprian  
Principal

## TEAM NEWS

**Matikao:** Our tamariki are settled in for the new term and looking forward to all that lies ahead. It is great to see their enthusiasm for learning which is reflected in the progress they are making. The NZ Playhouse production of Treasure Island was enjoyed by all, and their focus and follow-up questions were testament to their enjoyment. This term we have a lot going on so please keep in touch and keep up with all the important events.

**Mokehū:** Kia ora whānau, last Friday we thoroughly enjoyed the Pirate show. It was great to see The Arts live and in action. We are very much looking forward to having our grandparents at school on Tuesday. This week has been filled with exploring Taonga and we are excited to see what treasures our Grandparents bring to share with. We hope everyone has a good long weekend.

**Huruhuru:** We have a number of upcoming events that we wish to remind you about. On 31st October all Year 6 students will be attending the North Shore Catholic Schools' Year 6 Gathering at St Mary's Catholic School in Northcote. Information for this day is on HERO. On 10th November the Huruhuru team will be visiting the Auckland Museum as part of our Taonga study. A notice about this trip will be coming home this week and then will be attached to HERO. Information about our Positive Puberty Programme and Parent Information Evening is also attached to HERO. Please ensure that you have read this information. Finally, please ensure that the swimming fees and forms for our upcoming lessons at Northern Arena have been sent to school.



## DRS Message



The month of October at Stella Maris means daily Rosaries with a whole school Rosary once a week. Our students explore a different Mystery each day and learn the process of praying the Rosary. We explore how through praying the Rosary we learn to encounter more closely Jesus Christ. Mary wants us to know Her Son. She guides us towards learning about Him, how to be more loving like Him and how regular prayer brings us ultimately closer to our God.

*"I like praying the with the Rosary because I get to talk to Mary and Jesus and God." Kyla. Year 1.*

*"I like praying the Rosary because Jesus taught us how to pray the Our Father." Lily. Year 2.*

*"I like our song, The Apostles Creed, because it talks about how we believe in God." Renzo. Year 3.*

*"I like to pray the rosary because I love Mary and God." Indi. Year 4.*

*"I like how we all pray it together." Chloe. Year 5.*

*"The Rosary helps us to learn stories about Mary and Jesus and draws us into a better relationship with Mary, Jesus and God." Hailey. Year 5.*

*"I learn about how to pray the Rosary and what prayers to say on each bead. I like how we do a different Mystery each day because it teaches me more about God and Jesus." Luca. Year 5.*

*We pray that by reflecting on the Mysteries of the Rosary we might encounter Christ in new ways.*

*May the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Lady of the Rosary, continue to inspire us to a life of discipleship.*

*Amen.*



## SCHOOL NEWS



STELLA MARIS PTFA PRESENTS

**HOUSE COLOURS  
MUFTI DAY AND  
CUPCAKE MORNING TEA**

**FRIDAY 20TH  
OCTOBER** | CUPCAKES \$3  
\*GF OPTION AVAILABLE

ORDERS OPEN ON KINDO BY 16TH OCTOBER

### House Colours For Tomorrow's Mufti Day

There has been some feedback about the difficulty the Jerusalem house had in finding purple shirts to wear for cross country so we are going to phase out the purple over time and change the colour to blue. This year they can wear either purple or blue. Please note that siblings have been placed in the same house.

**NAZARETH  
BETHLEHEM  
GALILEE  
JERUSALEM**

**RED  
YELLOW  
GREEN  
PURPLE / BLUE**

### Second Hand Uniform Sale Tomorrow

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 in the main foyer. All profits go towards the PTFA fundraising and are very much appreciated.



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**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.

## Grandparents' Day

**Toanga:** We ask grandparents to please bring a toanga, treasure to share in the class - this could be the item itself, a photo or a story.

**Morning Tea:** Could families please bring a small plate of food for our visiting grandparents morning tea. Thank you.

## Payments Due And Outstanding

Treasure Island Show - All school	\$5.50
Dance Term 3 Year 0-4	\$27.00
Swimming Year 1-4	\$66.00
Swimming Year 5-6	\$53.00

Thank you to those who have already made payment. If you have not yet paid, payments for the above can be made at the school office or via internet payment:  
Stella Maris ASB 12 3046 0362238 00

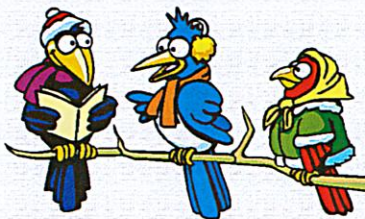
## Annual North Shore Rosary Procession



St Thomas More Parish invites you to join us in our Annual North Shore Rosary Procession on Sunday, 29th Oct at 2 p.m. followed by Benediction and shared cuppa. Those unable to walk in the procession are welcome to pray in

the Church before the exposed Blessed Sacrament. We desperately need to pray for our families, nation and for the world in these times.

**SCHOLASTICS BOOK CLUB**



Order forms have gone home this week - orders will close

**Wednesday 25th October**  
This is a wonderful way of supporting your child's reading and raising bonus points for the school to purchase curriculum items. Please hand your orders into the school office.

Your support is appreciated

**SCHOLASTIC**

**CARMEL COLLEGE**

**Christmas Market**

BY THE LAKE

**SATURDAY 18 NOV 2023**  
**10:00AM - 3:00PM**

**GIFTS - CRAFT - FOOD**  
**ENTERTAINMENT**

108 SHAKESPEARE RD, MILFORD





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NEWSLETTER 19 October 2023

## Mark Your Diaries

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
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
12 Dec	Matikao Nativity Play - School Hall Time TBA
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 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](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**