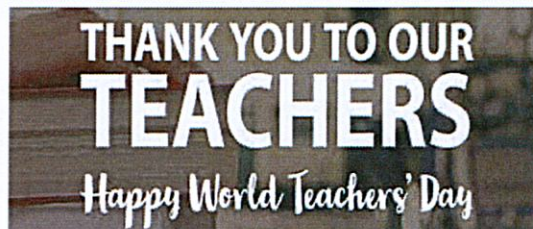


Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

Tuesday was a very special day for us all at Stella Maris as we welcomed the students' grandparents to share the morning with us here at school. Thank you to all of the grandparents and special people who were able to come along for the morning, and for sharing your taonga, treasure with the students. As I wandered through the classes I heard stories and music, saw photos, videos, and special pieces being brought in under wraps of blankets to share. Thank you to the parents who helped with morning tea, to everyone who provided a plate of food for the generous morning tea, and to the students and staff for welcoming so many visitors into our classrooms. Grandparents' Day is one of the days we treasure in our school calendar and look forward to every year.

World Teachers' Day falls in the October holidays, so like many schools throughout New Zealand we are celebrating our teachers tomorrow. Tomorrow we say thank you to all of our wonderful teachers who do so much to care for and support all of our students in both their learning and faith journey here at Stella Maris. Our teachers are dedicated and passionate, and their commitment ensures all students achieve the very best they can in a safe and nurturing



*Pam Pyatt, Erica Mainwaring, Amanda Bates,
Karl Hobman, Suzanne Wolff, Jenny Bentley,
Monica Allemann, Marie Woodard, Rebecca Dragicevich,
Nada Boric, Diana Pearson, Phoebe Cunningham-Tyler,
Brenda Neville, Michelle Kleingeld, Tina Hunt, Natasha Kain,
Tracey Law, Matt Walker, Olwyn Hobman, Mel Hogg,
Mary Fitzgibbon, Pauline Hibbert.*

IMPORTANT REMINDER: TEACHER ONLY DAY – FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER: This day is the second day that has been granted to schools for professional development related to the refreshed curriculum and development of our local curriculum. Please note that Stella Maris will be closed for students on this day.

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki – May God bless you

Catherine Cyprian
Principal

DRS Message



Our Term 4 concept is Taonga with our key questions being, What is taonga? What makes it Taonga for me? Our year 1 and 2 classes are exploring the Taonga of the "Good News". Particularly how Jesus reveals God to us through His teachings, and how He models for us how to bring about God's Kingdom here on earth. Our year 3-6 students continue to 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. 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. They are Taonga to us as examples. 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. It is through this concept we hope to develop an understanding that Jesus, Mary, the Church, the Bible and the gift of creation are our greatest Taonga.

*God of Taonga,
We thank you for all the blessings in our lives.
Help us to see these Taonga, to use them for others,
And to show gratitude for all we have.
Amen*

TEAM NEWS

Matikao: What a wonderful way to return to school after our long weekend – Grandparents' Day! It was heart-warming to have our whānau treasures with us for the day and the children were so happy to welcome their koro and kuia, oma and opa, grandma and grandpa, nanna and poppa, not to mention yaya and yayitz, granny and grandad! The treasures they shared were wonderful and the memories they made will endure for years to come. Thank you to you all for being part of such a treasured occasion. In a few weeks we will begin our daily swimming sessions so ask that all forms are returned (if not done already). Our sign-up sheets for accompanying us to the pools are open for you to add your available dates. These may be found outside your child's class or you could email class teachers with your availability. Thank you for your continuing support of our tamariki.

Mohehu: Kia ora Whānau, the Mohehu team would like to extend a big thank you to the Grandparents who came to school on Tuesday. It was an amazing day and hearing about the history of the taonga that the grandparents brought in, had the children captivated. Grandparents are a treasure and it was a wonderful day that was shared. On Thursday, St Anthony led the school in Rosary, well done to all of these children who spoke so well using the microphone and showed great reverence during this special school time. Please let your class teacher know if you are able to assist us with walking up and back to swimming in weeks 5 and 6.

Huruhuru: We thank all our grandparents who joined us on Tuesday and shared their taonga with us. This was truly an enjoyable learning experience for us all.

Save the Date - The Year 6 graduation evening will be held on Monday 18th October. Planning is well underway and details will be sent to parents shortly.

SCHOOL NEWS

Payments Due And Outstanding

Treasure Island Show - All children attended this on Friday 13th October \$5.50

Swimming	Year 1-4	\$66.00
Swimming	Year 5-6	\$53.00
Museum trip	Year 5-6	\$17.00

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

PTFA NEWS

Splash And Dash

As the end of the school year approaches, we are excited to be planning our upcoming annual Children's Splash and Dash Picnic on Friday 8th December. Our goal is to provide an enjoyable and memorable experience for all the children and families in our school community. The Splash and Dash Picnic will include games, activities, food, refreshments, raffles, silent auctions and of course plenty of water fun play. We are reaching out to request any donations, vouchers or products to help fundraise for our playground floor upgrade which is the next fundraising goal we are working towards. We would use these in a silent auction or to cover the cost of items needed for the day. No item or voucher is too small and we appreciate anything you are able to donate. We would display your logo on our advertising for the day and leading up to the event. While our event is still small we hope to grow it each year and this isn't possible without the support of local businesses and community. Your support will not only help us to make this event possible but will also provide an opportunity for our school community to come together and celebrate the end of another successful school year. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support. Please email fundraising@stellamaris.school.nz or contact Kelly Alder



STELLA MARIS PTFA PRESENTS

Splash & Dash

FAMILY FUN EVENT



Friday 8th December 3pm - 7pm
Stella Maris school field

WATER FUN, GAMES,
FOOD STALLS, BAKE
SALES, RAFFLES,
SILENT AUCTION AND
MORE!

\$10 A TICKET

Splash & Dash dollars
will replace cash at the
event and will be
available to purchase
via Kindo from Monday
30th October

Price list to follow

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

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Mark Your Diaries

31 Oct	North Shore Catholic Schools Gathering Year 6
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
10 Nov	Year 5-6 Trip to Auckland Museum
17 Nov	Teacher only Day
23 Nov	Year 5/6 Interschool Athletics - Millenium stadium
20 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
18 Dec	Year 6 Leavers Graduation
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

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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

|                |          |                 |
|----------------|----------|-----------------|
| 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**