

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

The Year 1-4 swimming sessions are underway and already, after just a few days, we have seen the children's independence and resilience grow as they have to learn to manage their own gear, walk to and from the pools and get themselves changed, not to mention the improvement in their swimming of course. These are great skills for them all to build on.

It is always lovely to hear how our past pupils are doing and what they are up to after leaving Stella Maris. This week we congratulate past-pupil Georgia Brakebush who has been named as Deputy Head Girl for 2024 at Westlake Girls.



Below is a beautiful prayer written by Samantha Aviles, one of our Year 4 students. This prayer reminds us to be grateful for the beautiful world we live in.

Creator God

*Thank you for the tall, snowy, rocky mountains reaching gracefully
to the breathtaking, blue sky.*

*We are grateful for the rushing, crashing, cold waterfalls flowing
majestically down the stunning, steep mountains.*

*We appreciate the lush, mighty, shivering trees swaying in the angry,
freezing wind.*

*We love the bright, multi-coloured, swaying flowers shining in the
blazing, hot sun.*

*Thank you for the sparkly, cool, clear seas crashing around our
beautiful, spectacular Aotearoa.*

*Thank you for the furry, fast, huge animals crawling peacefully
around our lovely, round Earth.*

*We are grateful for the green, colourful, smooth plants, growing on
the grassy, sunny land.*

*Thank you for everything
Amen.*

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki – May God bless you

Catherine Cyprian
Principal

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.

DRS Message

Over the next few weeks Teachers will finalise planning for our Term 1 concept for 2024, Our Story- A Tatou Whakapapa. The whole school is committed to using the new RE curriculum and to kick it off we are using this theme from the curriculum as our overall concept for the term. This theme focuses on the Church's story so far, but also on the young people's own story, the story of their school, people and land. It addresses such questions as where did the Church come from, what are the stories of the Church, and where do these stories intersect with my own life? It considers the Church's story as a shared story that has influenced the whole world and our own land from the perspective of 'this is my own story and our story', rather than just 'their story'.

The Content Areas Achievement Objectives will be:

Year 1-2.

- Develop an understanding that I am unique and God made me as I am and loves me.
- Recognise people are gifts from God to each other and the world.

Year 3-4.

- Recognise I am part of my family which is special and loved by God.
- Understand that all people are part of God's family, and that through Baptism we can become part of God's Church.

Year 5-6

- Understand that I am part of a school that has a special history and charisms grounded in the person of Christ.
- Explore how I am part of a community in a particular place that has its own people with special gifts, culture, knowledge and wisdom.

*E Te Atua, God our loving Father,
You gift us with this world and invite us to respond with love and wisdom
E Hehu Karaiti, Jesus Christ, beloved Son,
You show us how to live and call us to participate in your life and mission
E Te Wairua Tapu, Holy Spirit,
You empower and guide us on our shared spiritual journey.
Bless
the young people and whānau in our parishes
and their Catholic school communities
Bless
all who work in Religious Education in Aotearoa New Zealand
Remind us that you are always with us,
Fill us with enthusiasm, knowledge and joy
To learn and teach that which is at the heart of our schools,
You, who live and reign for ever and ever.
Āmene*



TEAM NEWS

Matikao

Kia ora, whanau. Swimming sessions are almost halfway through and our tamariki are coping amazingly well with the change, walk, swim, change and walk routine. Thank you to all our parent helpers who are ensuring we get there and back safely. The weather has, for the most part, been on our side and it is great to see the children managing themselves happily during our daily adventures. Next week should be a breeze after all our practice.

Mohehu

Kia ora whānau, this week we've begun our swimming lessons. The children have been very excited about these and it's great to watch them progress under the expert instruction of Northern Arena. Thank you to all the parents who have assisted us with walking to and from swimming and for having swimming gear ready each morning! We've also continued our athletics training, in preparation for our athletics day in week 8.

Huruhuru

Tonight at 6pm (Thursday 9th November) we have the parent meeting for the Year 5/6 Puberty sessions which are next week. The zoom information is attached to HERO. We encourage parents to join us for the session. Tomorrow (Friday 10th November) the team is going to the Auckland Museum. We thank the parents who are joining us for the day. Our Athletics day is now Monday 13th November. Students are to bring their PE gear, sunscreen, their school hat and a drink bottle filled with water on the day. We will begin with sprints at 9am followed by the field events. We aim to complete all athletics events by lunchtime.

School Athletic Days

Huruhuru Team: **Monday 13 November** 9am - 12pm
 Mohehu Team: **Tuesday 28 November** 9am - 12pm
 Matikao Team: **Thursday 30th November** 9am - 12pm
 Parents are welcome to come along to support your children

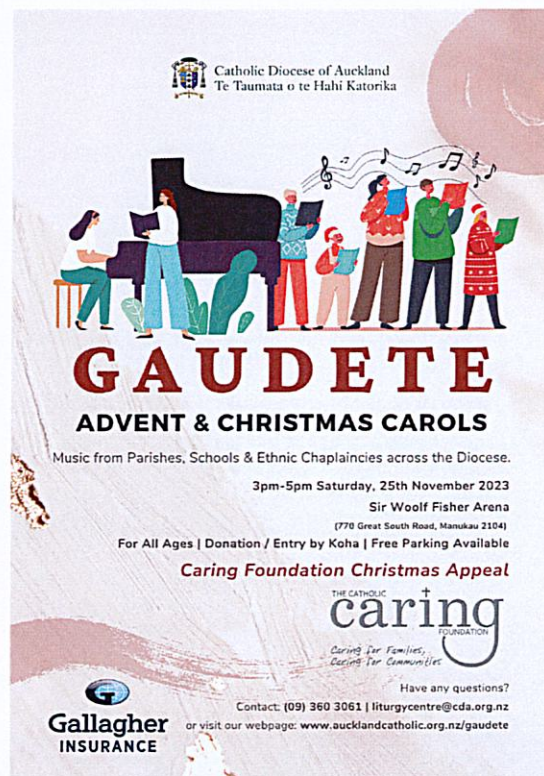


St Peter Kaitiaki Art

Huruhuru Swimming Sessions Commence Monday 20th November

Mufti Day - Please Bring A Gourmet Item

The date for this has been changed to 29th November. No gold coin required.



Splash & Dash

The much-anticipated SPLASH & DASH is back for 2023. Like any school fundraising event we rely heavily on our school community for donations and participation to raise the most funds possible but also to make the event as fun as we can for our school community. The PTFA understands how busy families are. We wanted to give everyone as much notice as possible about where we need your help. The PTFA are hoping this will give everyone the opportunity to help out in some way. It is so greatly appreciated. All funds raised from this event go towards upgrading the playground flooring.

Below is a schedule of our upcoming help/donations needed.

Keep an eye out on Facebook and School Beacons for more information.

Dates:	Ways you can help:
From - Monday 23 rd October Tickets can be purchased on KINDO.	⇒ PURCHASE TICKETS ASAP if planning on attending to help with gauging attendee numbers.
From - Friday 3 rd Nov Splash & Dash Price List & Splash dollars available	⇒ VIEW ON: Stella Maris Parents & Friends Facebook Page. & PURCHASE SPLASH DOLLARS via KINDO
From Monday 6 th – Thurs 30 th Nov Donations being gathered and sorted.	⇒ DONATIONS NEEDED OF: Chocolate bars. No Nuts. (for Chuck-a-choc) Bag of lollies (to make up lolly bags) Jolly Jars (to sell)
Monday 20 th Nov – 8 th Dec Volunteers call out for the day of the event.	⇒ DONATE SOME TIME TO HELP OUT ON THE DAY BY: Replying to Facebook Post or sending us an email or txt 0273979154
Wednesday 29 th November MUFTI DAY	⇒ In lieu of gold coin... BRING IN GOURMET FOOD ITEM (for gourmet hampers, please check expiry of items)
Monday 4 th – 8 th Dec SILENT AUCTIONS OPEN	⇒ Silent Auctions will be available to bid on in the Main foyer. HAPPY BIDDING

DONATION COLLECTION BOXES IN MAIN FOYER - THANK YOU!!

Any questions / queries please contact:

Lani or Kelly Alder – stellaptfa@stellamaris.school.nz

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2302054146690064>

Mark Your Diaries

09 Nov	Year 5/6 Positive Purity Parent meeting via Zoom
10 Nov	Year 5-6 Trip to Auckland Museum
13 Nov	Year 5-6 Athletics
17 Nov	Teacher only Day - School closed
20 Nov	Year 5/6 Swimming Sessions begin
23 Nov	Year 5/6 Interschool Athletics - Millenium stadium
29 Nov	Mufti Day - Bring a Gourmet Food Item (NO coin donation)
08 Dec	End of Year Picnic from 3pm
08 Dec	Second hand Uniform Sale 2.45pm at Picnic
11 Dec	SHINE and Service Awards Assembly 9am
12 Dec	Matikao Nativity Play - School Hall Time TBA
15 Dec	Class swap and student picnic
18 Dec	Year 6 Leavers Graduation 6pm
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

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

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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**