

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

As you are aware, throughout this year we have been reviewing our Local Curriculum, this is how we make the NZ Curriculum specific to Stella Maris and our community. The survey earlier this year and the one you completed for the Catholic Education Office as part of our Special Character Evaluation gave us in insight into what you see as important for our students and whānau. With this in mind, as the staff have unpacked the refreshed NZ Curriculum, Te Mataiaho, we have been learning the story of our school and the local area, and we have reviewed our Mission Statement, Marian Values, Learner Capabilities (Key Competencies) and the Inquiry Framework. Last Friday's Teacher Only Day was used to finalise the resources around each of these aspects, and how we will launch the Local Curriculum fully at the beginning of next year. You'll remember from the end of Term 3 Board newsletter that we shared with you the reviewed Mission Statement and Marian Values, as a reminder these are noted below:

Mission Statement: As a Christ centred community, inspired by Mary and our Catholic faith, we will support, challenge and empower each other to strive for personal excellence to navigate life's journey.

Marian Values: At Stella Maris we "Shine for God" through the Marian Values of *faith, love, wisdom, belonging, service and guardianship*. Further on in the newsletter are essence statements for each of the Marian Values.

We will provide more information from the beginning of next year as we unpack all aspects of the Local Curriculum with the students.

Some upcoming dates to note in your calendar (see the end of the newsletter for more):

- **Athletics Days:** Next Tuesday Mokehu Team (Year 3-4) will be holding their athletics day from 9am, and on Thursday Matikao Team (Year 0-2) are holding theirs. Spectators are welcome on both days.
- **PTFA Mufti Day:** Wednesday 29th December, Please bring a gourmet food item for Christmas hampers raffle. (no gold coin required)
- **Helpers' Morning Tea:** Thursday 7th December, 11am – everyone who has helped out at school is invited along to this morning tea in the staffroom.
- **Splash and Dash and end of year picnic:** Friday 8th December from 3pm – everyone is invited.
- **Shine and Service Assembly:** Monday 11th December, 9am in the school hall.
- **Thanksgiving Mass:** Tuesday 19th December, 11am at St Johns Orewa – all are welcome.

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki – May God bless you

Catherine Cyprian
Principal



DRS Message

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, (the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe). Celebrated on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, this feast day was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925. While a special feast day needs to be recognised, we see several events throughout the life of Jesus alluding to His Kingship. The biblical Magi visited Mary, Joseph and Jesus and offered gifts symbolising His importance. Prophetic gifts for a future King. Each of these precious gifts has a symbolic meaning. Frankincense was used for worship in the Temple; it is symbolic of Christ the High Priest. Gold is symbolic of Christ the King. Myrrh a perfume, was used to anoint dead bodies, it is symbolic of His death for the sake of truth, and therefore of Christ the Prophet. We know Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey being treated as a King in many ways. People laying down cloaks, waving palms and shouting praise. We hear Pilate ask Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" It is clear that Jesus' response must have made an impact, as he chose to have written above the head of Jesus on the Cross, 'King of the Jews'. The Israelites had expected for so long that the Messiah would be a warrior king, and they wanted Him to save them from the Romans. Jesus did come to save them, and us all, but not from the Romans. This Feast points to Christ's mission, bringing about the fullness of the Kingdom of Heaven and leads us into the anticipation of Advent.

Karl Hobman
DRS

TEAM NEWS

Matikao

Our tamariki seem to have bounced back after the excitement, accompanied by fatigue, of the swimming sessions. It was a positive experience for the children and definitely brought much learning. There is excitement building in the team as we move towards our athletics skills demonstration next Thursday. PE kits are needed at school each day so that we can get out for our practices when the weather permits. A reminder, too, that the Matikao Nativity celebration will take place in the hall on Tuesday 12th December at 1.30pm. Tamariki in Saints Lucy, Mary and Benedict will be asked to bring a white shirt, t-shirt or dress to wear. St Leo and St Nicholas will send information for what their children will need in the next week or so. Have a happy weekend! Blessings from Matikao.

Mokehu

Kia Ora whānau, this week we have settled back into school routine now that swimming has finished. We've also continued with our athletics training in preparation for Athletics Day on Tuesday. Parents are welcome to come and support us on Tuesday.

Huruhuru

This week we have started our swimming lessons at Northern Arena. There is no swimming on Thursday 23th November and then we have 2 sessions left - Friday 24th and Monday 27th November. Thank you to all the parents that have joined us for the walk to and from the pools. Today we have 24 Year 5 and 6 students participating in the Inter-schools Athletic Competition. We hope they enjoyed their day. Thank you to Ms Kain for organising the team for this event, along with the parents that are volunteering on the day.

SCHOOL NEWS



Helpers Morning Tea

We would like to invite all those who have helped out at school this year to a morning tea on **Thursday 7th December at 11am**. This is our chance to say thank you to all of the parents, grandparents and friends who have helped in so many ways around school, including but in no way limited to coaching and managing sports teams, class trips, walking to and from swimming, reading with students, helping in class, PTFA fundraising events, pastoral care and second hand uniform sales – and so many more ways. We hope that you are able to join us so that we can share our appreciation for all that you have done to help and support the school.

School Athletic Days

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

Mufti Day

29 November

**Please Bring A Gourmet Food Item
(No Gold Coin Required)**

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School Accounts 2023

School accounts have been sent to families with outstanding balances. Any payments made up to the 17th November have been credited to your account. Thank you to families who have their account paid in full. Your account for the year should be paid on or before the **30th November**. This will allow for the reporting to the Catholic Diocese of Auckland to be done in a timely manner before the end of the school year.

Attendance Dues And Special Character 2023

The Auckland Catholic Diocese have advised that next year Attendance dues will increase to \$129.00 per child per term. and Special Character will be increasing to \$15.00 per term per child. A total increase of \$38.00. Therefore the total fees including Teaching and Learning donation will be \$1256.00 per child per year.



End Of Year Thanksgiving Mass

This will be held at St John's Church, Orewa on Tuesday 19th December at 11am. Children will travel to and from church by bus. The cost of this is \$7.00. Family are most welcome to join us at the Church for this very special Mass.

Year 6 Leaver Dinner And Year 5 Parent Helpers

Year 6 students received a notice regarding their Graduation Dinner on the evening of 18th December. Please return the slips to the school office indicating how many will be attending from your family and any dietary requirements.

If there are any year 5 parents who are able to help on the evening please let the office know or return the form that was sent home with year 5 students.

North Shore Dove Fellowship

The November meeting will be on Wednesday, the 29th at 7:30p.m. at St. Thomas More Church hall, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield. This is our last meeting of the year and our scripture is from Revelation 7: 17. For the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Splash & Dash

CALL OUT

The PTFA is seeking your help and requesting donations for the upcoming Splash & Dash event.

If each family could contribute a chocolate bar or a bag of lollies and at least one Jolly Jar, it would greatly assist in making the event a success.

All of the proceeds will go towards our goal of replacing the playground safety matting.

We really appreciate your support!

(*Please see below photo of Jolly Jar for reference)

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!

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

\$10 A TICKET Price list to follow

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>

At Stella Maris we "Shine for God" through the Marian Values of...

FAITH - WHAKAPONO

"For we live by faith, not by sight." 2 Corinthians 5:7

At Stella Maris the Marian value of faith lies at the heart of our community. Inspired by Mary's unwavering trust in God, we foster an environment where we are encouraged to develop a personal relationship with Christ, guided by Mary's example of humility, devotion and obedience to God's will. We nurture the growth of each other's faith, instilling a sense of hope, trust and reverence for Jesus Christ.

We ask our Lady, Most Faithful, to pray for us.

LOVE - AROHA

"Let us love one another, for love is God." 1 John 4:7

Inspired by the compassionate heart of Mary, we foster a safe and nurturing environment where love is celebrated, practised and instilled in the hearts of our students, staff and families. Through our interactions we model the unconditional love that Mary embodies. We strive to create a school community that radiates love, compassion and empathy, where every person is valued, respected and cared for.

We ask Our Lady, Compassionate Mother, to pray for us.

WISDOM - WHAKAARONUI

"The one who gets wisdom loves life; the one who cherishes understanding will soon prosper." Proverbs 19:8

Inspired by our Catholic faith and by Mary, the epitome of wisdom, we strive to instil a deep reverence for learning, a hunger for knowledge, and a lifelong pursuit of truth. We challenge and equip each other with critical thinking skills, intellectual curiosity, and the ability to think independently. We encourage each individual to cultivate wisdom in our interactions with others, promoting respect, empathy and compassion. Our commitment to the Marian Value of wisdom is a guiding light that illuminates our path as we strive to build a solid foundation of knowledge, faith and wisdom.

We ask the Holy Spirit for the wisdom to see all things with the eyes of Christ and not with our own.

We ask Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom, to pray for us.

BELONGING - WHANAUNGATANGA

"In Christ we form one body and every member belongs to all the others." Romans 12:5

By embracing the value of belonging, we aim to create a school environment that mirrors the love and acceptance of Mary, nurturing the growth and well-being of each individual. We encourage empathy, respect and compassion in our interactions. We celebrate diversity, recognising that each person brings unique gifts and experiences to our school community. Through collaboration and teamwork, we strive to build strong relationships, fostering a genuine sense of belonging and a spirit of unity among all. Through our commitment to inclusion and unity we strive to empower our students to become compassionate leaders, making a positive impact on the world around them.

We ask Our Lady, Mother of the Church, to pray for us.

GUARDIANSHIP - KAITIAKITANGA

"The Lord God took the man into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it." Genesis 2:15

Inspired by the example of Mary, who cared for and protected Jesus, we believe that as guardians of God's creation it is our duty to safeguard and preserve the environment, all living creatures, and the resources entrusted to us. We aim to nurture a lifelong commitment to environmental stewardship, ensuring a sustainable future for generations to come. Together, as a school community, we embrace our role as caretakers of God's creation and seek to inspire others with our actions and dedication to preserve and protect the world around us.

We ask Mary, Mother of our Creator, to pray for us.

SERVICE - ĀWHINA

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

We draw inspiration from the life and teachings of Mary, whose unwavering dedication to service continues to guide us in nurturing compassionate individuals who positively impact the world around them. We believe that service is not just an action but a way of life. Through acts of service we instil the importance of reaching out to others, embracing their needs, and uplifting those in need of support, thereby cultivating a deep sense of empathy, kindness, compassion and generosity. We work together to shape responsible, caring and socially conscious individuals who embody the spirit of Mary, our guiding light.

We ask Our Lady, Mirror of Justice, to pray for us.

"SHINE FOR GOD"

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NEWSLETTER 23 November 2023

Mark Your Diaries

28 Nov	Mohehu Athletics 9am
29 Nov	Mufti Day - Bring a Gourmet Food Item (NO coin donation)
30 Nov	Matikao Athletics 9am
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 Mass 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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- 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**