

# Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

On Tuesday of this week we took our Year 6 students down to St Mary's school in Northcote to share a day with the Year 6 students from St John's Mairangi Bay, St Joseph's Takapuna, St Leo's Devonport and St Mary's Northcote. The purpose of this day was for all of the students to get to know some of the other students that will be going to Carmel and Rosmini with them next year. The day started with liturgy led by students from each of the schools and was followed by a rotation of activities in which the students were in mixed school groups. These activities were led by Year 10 students from Carmel. There was a great buzz as they took time to get to know one another and learn to work and play with new friends. This was the first time we had held this hugely successful day and will become part of our schools' calendars for the future. It was a great way for our students and staff to build relationships across our Catholic school.

Our Year 1-4 students are all excited about starting swimming next week. Please make sure you double check the information so that you make sure they have everything they need for swimming – swimming togs, towel, goggles, and swimming cap. They will be walking to and from the pools each day, regardless of the weather so please make sure they have a raincoat at school each day. Thank you to the parents who are helping to walk to and from the pools. Some classes still need helpers on some days, please check with your class teacher if you think you might be able to help.

Uniform reminder: a reminder that long hair needs to be tied up in full ponytails with plain black hair accessories. There are a number of students with half ponytails and coloured clips, ties and bows. Thank you for your support in keeping our uniform looking smart.

**IMPORTANT REMINDER: TEACHER ONLY DAY – FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> 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

## TEAM NEWS

**Matikao** Kia ora, whānau. It has been another busy week in Matikao with another one just around the corner! On Tuesday we said our last Rosary together honouring Our Lady for the month of October. The children embraced the experience and enjoyed exploring the daily mystery which highlighted important times in the life of Jesus and of Mary. Next week it's all about the daily swimming sessions! We still have spaces for support walkers and we would love you to add your name to the schedule posted outside each classroom if you are able to help. The children wear their uniform and will need a swimming bag with togs, towel, goggles and swimming cap – they will be carrying their own bags. A light rain jacket/coat will also be needed as we will go rain or shine – nothing short of a thunderstorm will stop us!

**Mokehu** Kiaora Whānau, this week we've started our athletics training. Next week we are swimming every day at Northern Arena. Children must bring togs, towel, swim cap, and goggles to school everyday. With the weather being so unpredictable, a raincoat would also be a good idea. Teachers are also continuing with their final testing on students in preparation for end of year reports.

**Huruhuru:** This week the year 6 students attended a North Shore Catholic Schools day at St Mary School in Northcote. This was a highly successful day with the students participating in a liturgy, team building activities and a performance sharing session. We look forward to repeating this day next year. Please note - Due to the changeable weather of late, we have pushed back our Athletics Day so we can have more time to practise once the fields dry out. The new date is Monday 13th November. Sprints - heats and finals will be from 9am, followed by the field events.

The Parent Zoom Meeting for the Nest Puberty programme is Thursday 9th November at 6pm. You will receive the zoom invite in the days before this meeting.



## DRS Message



This week we celebrate the Feasts of All Saints day and All Souls day. We explore how everyone in Heaven resides in the presence of God and is a saint, (small s). We explore specific Saints, (capital S), who are examples for us of how we might use our God given talents to bring about the Kingdom of God here on Earth. It is a day rooted in the belief that the world is spiritually connected to heaven. We explore All Souls day as a day to remember those who have passed. We pray for them and remember them with love.

*Loving God,  
We join with all the Saints, our dearly departed, and all those in  
Heaven, in praising You.  
We thank you for all our blessings.  
We ask you for strength in all our times of need.  
We ask You to help us in our faith journey to come closer to You and to  
encounter Jesus.*

*Amen.*

## 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 the above can be made at the school office or via internet payment:  
Stella Maris ASB 12 3046 0362238 00

### **Year 5 / 6 Athletics Day Please Note The Change Of Date**

This will now be held on Monday 13 November starting with sprints at 9am. Parents are welcome to come and support the children

## 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](mailto: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!

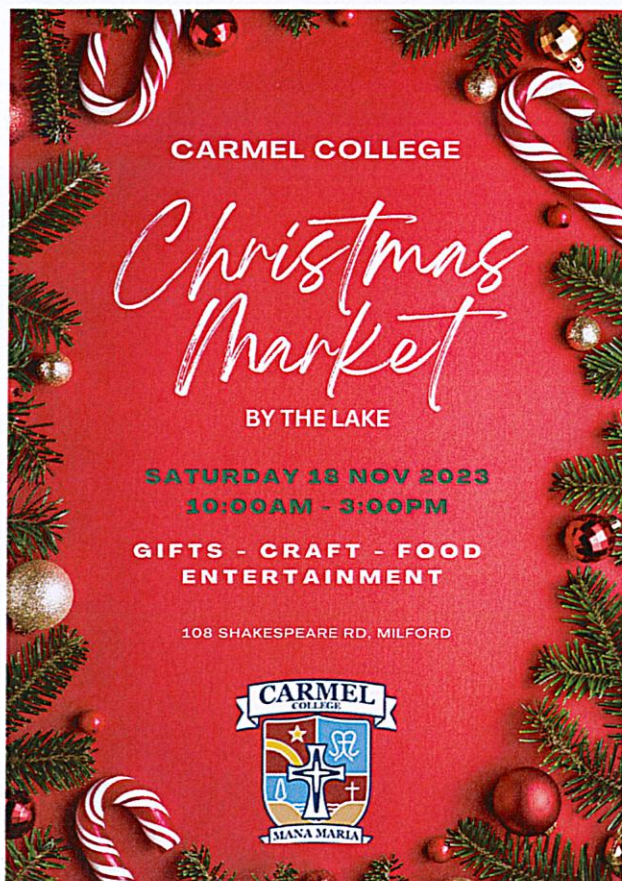
**\$10 A TICKET**

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



## The Catholic Diocese Of Auckland Youth Team Have Two Vacancies

### University Ministry Coordinator– Catholic Diocese of Auckland

Are you a self-motivated relationship-builder who can be the driving force behind a new project? We're looking for someone who answers "Yes!" to become our full-time **University Ministry Coordinator**. You'll be part of a tight-knit team implementing a bold new strategy for ministry to young people in the Diocese of Auckland.

### Youth Ministry Officer – Catholic Diocese of Auckland

Are you a self-motivated relationship-builder who wants to make a meaningful positive impact in the lives of young people? We're looking for someone who answers "Yes!" to become our full-time **Youth Ministry Officer**. You'll be part of a tight-knit team implementing a bold new strategy for ministry to young people in the Diocese of Auckland. To learn more about these positions, please visit: [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/)

## Carmel And Rosmini Colleges Orientation Day.

Both Colleges will be holding their Orientation mornings for 2024 students tomorrow 3rd November. Please advise us by emailing [absences@stellamaris.school.nz](mailto:absences@stellamaris.school.nz) if your child is attending.

## Brain Play

is thrilled to offer an incredible lineup of after-school activities designed to ignite the curiosity and creativity of Kiwi kids aged 5 to 13. Join us all over Auckland for Minecraft adventures and STEM programmes! Our engaging classes cater to various interests, fostering a love for science and technology. With free trials online and in-person available, there's something for everyone. We also have lots of free events all over Auckland, think 3D design, STEM, robotics and more. Book your child's spot today at <https://www.brainplay.co.nz> and unlock their limitless potential.



St Mary students Artwork - The little Red Hen



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NEWSLETTER 2 November 2023

## Mark Your Diaries

02 Nov	All Souls Day
03 Nov	Rosmini Orientation morning
03 Nov	Carmel Orientation day
06 Nov	Year 1 - 4 Swimming Sessions Begin
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	<b>Teacher only Day - School closed</b>
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 6pm
19 Dec	Thanksgiving Liturgy 11am St John's Church
20 Dec	<b>TERM FOUR ENDS 12.20pm</b>

## 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**