

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

As I write this I am watching a class head off for their final swimming session for this year. While they are enthusiastic and ready there is slightly less bounce in their steps compared to last week. The students may be tired after two weeks of swimming but from all accounts their swimming skills have improved greatly, which is so important as we head into summer. Next week our Year 5/6 classes will have their swimming sessions. Thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who have walked to and from the pools each day, without your help the swimming sessions would not be able to take place.

On Monday the Huruhuru team held their athletics and the sun shone allowing for all activities to be completed easily. Thank you to the Huruhuru teachers and students for persevering through the weather to practice and prepare for the athletics. From the school athletics day a team was selected to participate in the HBC Inter-school athletics next week. We wish the team all the best. Mokehu team will hold their athletics on Tuesday 28th November and Matikao will hold theirs on Thursday 30th November, both 9am-12pm. All spectators are welcome.

**Thank you morning tea
for all those who help and support us at Stella Maris
Thursday 7th December at 11am, in the staffroom.**



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.

A reminder that **tomorrow is Teacher Only Day and the school is closed for students**. The staff will be participated in professional development related to the refreshed NZ Curriculum and our Local Curriculum development.

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki – May God bless you

Catherine Cyprian
Principal



DRS Message

In this week's gospel we hear the parable about talents. God gifts us all with a variety of talents to develop and foster. As educators we recognise the uniqueness of each individual and their talents and it is our role in Catholic school to help our community to use these talents to the best of our abilities for the common good. While much of what we focus on at the end of the school year is reporting and communication of learning, we must also recognise the other areas of life where talents are demonstrated. We have Nativity performances and masses with singing and performing. We have student leaders speaking in front of large gatherings. We have senior students shining on the sports fields, athletic tracks and graduation celebrations. We have swimmers excelling in the pool. We have expert walkers joining us to supervise the travelling to and from the swimming pools. We have artistic people creating decorations and artworks. We have people fundraising for the school, collecting resources for people in need and advertising and sharing ways we can help others. We have planners organising 2024 events and school activities. We have people who serve going the extra mile to ensure others enjoy their end of year activities. We have people praying for us all. Each of us uses our talents in ways that serve the common good. We are blessed at Stella Maris with so many people letting their lights shine. It is important we continue to recognise those who allow their lights to shine for the common good, and to recognise God has gifted us with talents to bring about the Kingdom of God here on earth. May we be inspired by those who share their talents and, in turn, work to follow the words of our school motto...

"Shine for God".

TEAM NEWS

Matikao:

As we come to the end of Week 6, we also finish our swimming programme at Northern Arena for the year. The children have done an awesome job of developing greater stamina, resilience and independence alongside their improved swimming skills. We have been very proud of the way they have managed themselves over the last two weeks – you must be, too! Next up, athletics skills training which has begun already as we prepare for our athletics skills showcase in Week 8. Please ensure the children have their named PE kit at school each day as we will use available times on the field for our training and practice. Enjoy the long weekend ahead – Teacher Only Day tomorrow.

Mokeyhu

Kia Ora Whānau, swimming has continued this week and we have been blessed with sunshine during our walks to and from the pool. We've also continued training for athletics with a team rotation on Tuesday morning and sprint training within class time. There has been no spelling this week, however all children in the Mokeyhu team should be reading for 20 minutes each night, either a book provided by their classroom teacher, an own choice book or a combination of both.

Huruhuru

The team have been lucky to participate in a variety of activities in the last week. We visited Auckland Museum last Friday looking at Taonga in their space. On Monday we held our Athletics Day. We were very impressed with the skills, sportsmanship and leadership from our students. Good luck to all those competing in the Interschool Competition next Thursday. On Tuesday we had Nest facilitators lead us in the Positive Puberty Programme.

This day was very informative, with students actively involved in the discussions throughout the day. Next week we begin our swimming programme. Students will need to bring their togs, cap and goggles daily. Separate notices have gone home this week, with year 6 families receiving information about the Year 6 graduation event, while the year 5 parents are asked whether they can volunteer to help at the same event. Please note that Year 5 students do not attend this event. Information is also available on HERO.

SCHOOL NEWS

School Accounts 2023

This week school accounts have been sent to families with outstanding balances. Any payments made up to the 3rd 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 term fees including Teaching and Learning donation will be \$1256.00 per child per year.

School Athletic Days

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

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Year 5-6 Swimming Starts Monday 20 November



Football

The Stella Spurs Year 3-4 team had a cracking couple of games last night.

Stella Spurs vs A-Team

Won 3-0

Stella Spurs vs Huskies

Won 8-1

Player of the day was Alfonzo Abuyabor.

SCHOLASTICS BOOK CLUB



Order forms have gone home this week - orders will close

Thursday 23rd November

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

Splash And Dash Donations

There is a box in the foyer for your lolly, chocolate and jolly jar donations! The chocolates will be used for the chuck a choc. Lollies will be used to bag and sell on the day like we do for the disco.

Jolly Jars will be sold on the day. They are a jar with whatever you want to fill it with. You can fill it with random bits and bobs! Accessories, stationery... The kids LOVE these. Thank you again for your donations, we can't do this without your help and support!

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

Splash & Dash

SPONSORS



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

17 Nov	Teacher only Day - School closed
20 Nov	Year 5/6 Swimming Sessions begin
23 Nov	Year 5/6 Interschool Athletics - Millenium stadium
28 Nov	Mokehu 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 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

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

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**