

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

Today the staff put on morning tea for all of those who have helped out and supported school activities throughout the year. This was our chance to say THANK YOU to all of the parents, grandparents, family friends, siblings, Fr Raphael, Fr Pio and Theresa from the parish, all of the support agencies, Stella Stars, PTFA, School Board, and so many more. Your help in the classroom, at Mass, on trips, coaching or managing sports teams, at fundraising events, providing meals for the pastoral team and supporting students' learning is truly appreciated. None of these things would be able to happen without your support and they are all a valuable part of students' learning at school. We thank you for giving your time, and for demonstrating our Marian Values, particularly Service for our students.

"Give thanks with a grateful heart"

– 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Next Monday morning is a time for us to say thank you to the students who have provided service around the school. You are invited to join us for the Shine and Service Assembly at 9am as we present the Shine certificates and Service Awards.

Class Placements For 2024:

Next week families and students will learn which classes students have been placed in for 2024. A lot of time and thought has gone into the class placements, and there are many factors that are considered during this process. While students may be nervous about their new class, this is normal. We ask that you allow time in the new school year for the children and classes to settle, and if after a few weeks there are concerns check in with the class teacher in the first instance. If your concerns remain then make contact with Olwyn Hobman or Mel Hogg to discuss.

Matikao Team

St Mary, Yr 1 – Amanda Bates (Team Leader)

St Benedict, Yr 1 – Erica Mainwaring

St Leo, Yr 2 – Karl Hobman

St Nicholas, Yr 2 – Jenny Bentley

Mokehu Team

St Anthony, Yr 3/4 – Diana Pearson (Team Leader)

St Joachim, Yr 3/4 – Bec Dragicevich (Mon-Thurs), Nada Boric (Fri)

St John, Yr 3/4 – Marie Woodard (Mon-Thurs), Pam Pyatt (Fri)

St Peter, Yr 3/4 – Michelle Kleingeld

Huruhuru Team

St Patrick, Yr 5/6 – Tracey Law (Team Leader)

St Augustine, Yr 5/6 – Tina Hunt

St Dominic, Yr 5/6 – Natasha Kain

St Joseph, Yr 5/6 – Phoebe Cunningham-Tyler (Mon-Tues), Brenda Neville (Wed-Fri)

There is a real sense of excitement at school this week as we get ready for the Splash and Dash tomorrow evening. If you haven't purchased your tickets or Splash and Dash dollars there will be "door sales" available at the Second Hand Uniform table. We hope you are all able to join us in what is sure to be a fun afternoon.

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki – May God bless you

Catherine Cyprian
Principal

DRS Message

The word Advent comes from the Latin word, "Adventus" which means COMING. We prepare for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus.

During week one we light our first of three purple candles. The "Hope" candle. Purple is the liturgical colour that represents a time of preparation, prayer, penance and sacrifice. Sometimes called the prophecy candle, it reminds us that the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. The people of the time had a growing expectation and anticipation of the coming Messiah.

Reading: The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. Jeremiah 33:14-16

Prayer: God of Love, Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us. He is a sign of your love. Help us to walk with one another with compassion and kindness, during the weeks of Advent. May our love for one another bring hope to those who despair. We pray this through your Son, Jesus. Amen.

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**During week two** we light the second of our purple candles, the Peace candle. It reminds us Jesus came to be the Prince of Peace. The Hebrew word for Peace is Shalom which means completeness, or wellbeing.

**Reading:** As it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." Luke 3:4-6

**Prayer:** God of light, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. When we worry, are anxious or feel overwhelmed, help us to seek quiet spaces and trusted companions who will listen to us. May these times, places and people of peace remind us that you come to us to be one of us, with us and for us. Amen.

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During week three we light our rose candle, the candle representing Joy. This reminds us of the Joy the world experiences at the birth of Jesus.

Reading: Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptising you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Luke 3:10-18

Prayer: God of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy, so that we may share his love and become one with him when he comes in glory. Amen.

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**During week 4** we light the fourth candle, a purple candle representing Love. It reminds us that God loves us so very much Jesus was sent to be with us and that God wants us to spend eternity in Heaven.

**Reading:** But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall name him John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. Luke 1: 13-14

**Prayer:** God of light, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. In our daily preparations and busyness, help us to seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day and prepare our hearts for your coming. Amen.





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## TEAM NEWS

### Matikao

Kia ora, Whānau. It is such an exciting time for Matikao team as we move forward through Advent – lighting the Advent candle each day, singing with hope in our hearts as we move towards the great Christmas celebration. We are preparing for our Nativity presentation, which we will share with you next Tuesday afternoon, and talking about how we can prepare in our hearts and by our actions for Jesus' birthday. We sing 'Come Lord Jesus, come. Come and be born in our hearts!' We were happy to be able to say thank you to all those who have helped and supported us during the year at our Helper's Morning Tea today. We are looking forward to seeing you all at Friday's Splash and Dash event. So much fun and excitement! Have a happy week, everyone.

### Mohehu

Kia ora Whānau, this week we enjoyed the whole school assembly on Monday and we congratulate all the students who received certificates, especially Samuel Bell who received the Mohehu Charism award. With the start of the Advent season the focus this week has been Hope, with the promise of God's gift of Salvation in the form of Baby Jesus. The classes have all been managing tired children with extra mindfulness, yoga and hands-on activities. We look forward to seeing you all at the Splash and Dash event tomorrow afternoon.

### Huruhuru

The end of the year is sneaking up with us and we have been reflecting on a busy year. At this time of the year we are preparing our Year 6's to leave Stella Maris and move onto their next stage of their journey. Our Year 5 students are preparing to step up to their leadership roles in 2024, something which many are excited about. The Huruhuru Team wish to thank our Stella community for their support this year, especially with our Interschool events, Kapa Haka Showcase at Rosmini and our trips to Clip 'n Climb and the Auckland Museum.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Matikao Nativity

This will be presented in the school hall on 12 December at 1:20pm. Matikao (year 0-2) parents are invited to attend.

### Shine And Service Awards Assembly

11 December 9:00am in the school hall.

### School Accounts 2023

Thank you to families who have their account paid in full. Your account for the year should have been paid on or before the **30th November**.



### 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. The cost is \$20 per person.

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.



### School Library Stocktake

As we approach the end of the school year we are preparing for our annual library stocktake which is taking place this week. All school library books should have now been returned. Your child can drop-off their books at the library or leave in their class library returns box to be collected. Thank you for your support.



### Congratulations To

Enricko Querido, he and his basketball team, years 11 & under in (Div 1) were awarded Season IV Champions



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

### Holiday Surf Programmes & After-School Surfing

**Orewa Holiday Surf Programmes | Dec & Jan**

Surfing is an amazing sport that will challenge, entertain, and educate.

Our popular 'Holiday Surf Programmes' give kids the confidence to be active and have fun in the ocean through the enjoyment of learning how to surf.

Where: Orewa Beach  
Dates: 18-22 Dec | 8-12 Jan | 15-19 Jan | 22-26 Jan  
Times: Mon-Fri | 10am-12pm or 1pm-3pm

We provide surfboards, wetsuits together with fun & enthusiastic surf coaches.

**Why NZ Surf Academy**

- o Qualified & enthusiastic surf instructors
- o Giving kids the confidence to succeed
- o Great feedback from parents & kids
- o Teaching beach safety & surf lifesaving
- o Progressive coaching, learning all the aspects of surfing: paddling, getting out back, turning, reading waves, timing etc
- o Surfing NZ Accredited
- o All surfboards & wetsuits provided.

**Wave Warriors After-School Surfing**

Our Wave Warriors After School Surf Programme is designed to continually improve surfing in a safe positive environment, with progressive surf coaching ensuring kids have the best experience possible.

Where: Orewa Beach  
Term 4: Thurs & Fri | 6-10 yrs & 11-16yr Classes  
Term 1: Tues & Fri | 6-10 yrs & 11-16yr Classes

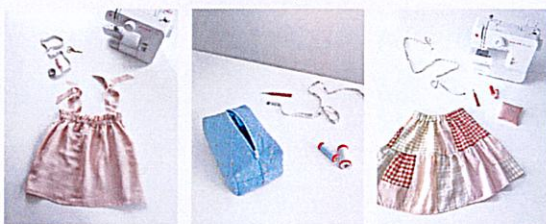
Get in touch  
simon@nzsurfacademy.co.nz  
027 734 4877

THE  
**Music**  
ACADEMY

Hi there to all Stella Maris Primary School students. The Music Academy is available to provide music lessons on a Monday during the school day. We offer lesson in Piano, Guitar and singing. Lessons are in a small group or privately. We are now open for enrolments in 2024. If you are interested, please email Susan for more information. Sue Fraser 021 378 007 email [susanf@kidzcan.co.nz](mailto:susanf@kidzcan.co.nz)

### Learn to Sew

Holiday Workshops & Term 1  
Albany



Term 1 Classes & Holiday Workshops (Located at Pinehurst School) - Ages 8+  
See website for all sewing classes & holiday workshops:  
[www.threadroom.co.nz](http://www.threadroom.co.nz)

thread room

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES SCHEDULE

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, OREWA**

**Christmas Eve:**  
Carol singing - 5.00pm  
Family Mass - 5.30pm  
(children invited to dress up as any of the nativity scene characters)

Carol Singing - 11.15pm  
Christmas Mass - Midnight

**Christmas Day:**  
Carol Singing - 10.00am  
Christmas Mass - 10.30am

**ST FRANCIS BY THE SEA, MANLY**

Family Mass - 8.30am

**Rite II Reconciliation - Wednesday  
13 December, 7.00pm at St Johns.**



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## Mark Your Diaries

|        |                                              |
|--------|----------------------------------------------|
| 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 | <b>TERM FOUR ENDS 12.20pm</b>                |

## 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](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**