

# Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

Welcome back to school for the new year. It has been fabulous to have such settled start to the year, with students and staff enjoying being back and focused on learning. This term our schoolwide concept for inquiry is "Our Story". Through this inquiry students will learn about and share their family story, the story of our school, our church and our community and how these stories are all part of our history. If you have stories about the history of our community, church or school that you would like to share with the students please make contact with your child's class teacher.

On Tuesday evening a number of the staff attended the Dedication Mass for Auckland Catholic Schools at Christ the King church. This was a beautiful Mass at which all schools were blessed for the new school year. At this Mass we welcomed the staff of the new Catholic school, St Ignatius of Loyola in Drury. In her welcome speech Catherine Ryan, Vicar of Catholic Education, shared a poem from James B Lyons, which resonated with the story I told to the Huruhuru team on Monday about the beginnings of Stella Maris, from before we opened in 2005.

*Faith*

*By James B Lyons*

*Sometime someone believed  
enough to plant and to build.  
Others agreed and shared  
and spread the seeds of faith.  
Vision and pride marked out  
a space and said  
here will grow our faith.*

**Carpark:** some reminders about carpark safety as we begin the new year:

- ✧ Drive slowly at all times – including at both entrances (we had a near miss at the top gate the other day)
- ✧ No riding scooters or bikes in the carpark or on footpaths
- ✧ No bouncing or kicking balls in the carpark or on footpaths
- ✧ No parking in the drop off/pick up area. If your child is not there you will need to drive around again as staying in the pick up area causes a back up of traffic
- ✧ Use footpaths and crossings to move through the carpark
- ✧ For drop off and pick up move as far forward in the drop off area as you can so others can come in behind you
- ✧ Look over your shoulder before pulling out of the drop off/pick up area.
- ✧ The carpark is a very busy space for a short period of time at the beginning and end of each day, your patience and care for everyone is appreciated.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Meet the Teacher and Welcome Picnic next Friday, 23 February after school.

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki – May God bless you

Catherine Cyprian  
Principal



## MATIKAO TEAM – YEAR 0-2

Matikao is the tight, new bud of the fern – like a student at the beginning of their learning journey



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## MOKEHU TEAM – YEAR 3-4

Mokehu is the slowly unfurling frond of the fern – like a student gaining independence in the next stages of learning



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## HURUHURU TEAM, YEAR 5-6

Huruhuru is the fully unfurled frond of the fern – a student “fully grown” and ready for the next steps on their learning journey



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St Dominic	Ms Natasha Kain	<a href="mailto:natasha@stellamaris.school.nz">natasha@stellamaris.school.nz</a>
St Joseph	Mrs Brenda Neville (Wed-Fri) Mrs Phoebe Cunningham Tyler	<a href="mailto:brenda@stellamaris.school.nz">brenda@stellamaris.school.nz</a> <a href="mailto:phoebe@stellamaris.school.nz">phoebe@stellamaris.school.nz</a>

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

Mrs Mel Hogg	Associate Principal – oversees Matikao Team. SENCos	<a href="mailto:melh@stellamaris.school.nz">melh@stellamaris.school.nz</a>
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## DRS Message

This week we mark the beginning of the Liturgical Season of Lent by joining the HBC Parish for mass in Orewa. We are marked with Ashes on our foreheads as a sign of our attempts to "Turn back to God". We remember our need to work on our relationship with Jesus and that in our humanity we at times turn away from Him. The 40 days of Lent, not including Sundays, is closely aligned with the 40 days Jesus took in the desert to fast, pray and prepare himself for His ministry. We too are reminded in this time of Lent to follow the three traditional pillars of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving... Prayer- to reconnect through prayer to our faith and a closer relationship with Jesus. Fasting- Abstain from the things that perhaps we focus on more than our relationship with God. To acts of Charity- whether that be sharing resources we have or putting some time into being the hands of Jesus in society. We encourage our students to take on this mission during Lent and to use this time as an opportunity to actively work on our relationship with Jesus.

*God our Father, You formed us from the dust of the Earth.  
You brought us to new life by the work of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.  
As we journey through these forty days of Lent,  
help us to see Jesus in everyone we meet.  
Help us to serve Him in all persons, e  
specially the poor, sick, and lonely.  
Amen*

## TEAM NEWS

### Matikao - Year 0 - 2

We wish to extend a warm welcome to Matikao 2024! A special welcome to all our new families - we look forward to getting to know you all over the coming weeks. The new year has begun and the children are busily learning new routines and getting to know their teachers and new classmates. Please ensure you have access to our student management system, Hero, so you can read our Team newsletter and each Teacher's personal introduction. Full steam ahead!

### Mokehu - Year 3 - 4

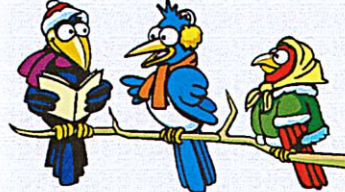
Kia Ora whanau, we are very pleased to be back at school and have started the year of at great speed! Welcome to all of the returning families and a big welcome to the new families who are joining us this year. Well done to all the children who are remembering their school hats. A team newsletter and letters from the teachers giving you additional information has been sent home. Spelling has started this week and reading groups are currently being formed. We encourage you to read with and to your child each night.

### Huruhuru - Year 5 - 6

Welcome to all our Huruhuru students and whanau for 2024. We welcome Phoebe Cunningham Tyler and Brenda Neville to our team. They will be teaching in St Joseph, Mrs Cunningham Tyler Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Neville, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. This year our year 5 and 6 students will have opportunities to develop their leadership skills, participate in academic, cultural, artistic and sporting activities and become more self-reliant and independent learners. We look forward to sharing your child's learning journey this year. Last week we have sent home a Huruhuru Team notice which contains information and expectations for all our team. Please make sure you look out for this.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### SCHOLASTICS BOOK CLUB



*Order forms have gone home  
this week - orders will close*

**Friday 16th February**

*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*

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## School Accounts

These have been posted this week. If you have made any payments since the beginning of the year these will not be showing on this first statement. If paying by internet, please make payments for school attendance dues and donation into the following account ASB 12 3046 0362238 01. For all other payments to school e.g stationery, sports subs, trips etc, please pay into account ASB 12 3046 0362238 00



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**UNIFORM SALE**  
**8:15am**  
**Tomorrow**  
**Friday 16 February**  
**School Foyer**



**Picnic And Meet The Teacher**  
**Friday 23 February 3:00pm**

**Meet the teacher in the library**

<b>Matikao</b>	<b>Year 0-2</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>
<b>Mokehu</b>	<b>Year 3-4</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>
<b>Huruhuru</b>	<b>Year 5-6</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>

## Creative Arts Classes

at the Art Lab - Whangaparaoa  
 3.45pm to 4.45pm  
 starting  
 13th February 2024

**Ages 11 - 15 years on Fridays**

**Ages 5 - 10 years**  
 Tuesdays Wednesdays Thursdays

**8 classes \$20 each**  
**Limited Spaces**

**Book Now:**  
 Text Dil: 0211 439 679  
[www.creative-arts.co.nz](http://www.creative-arts.co.nz)

<https://www.facebook.com/Creative-Arts-and-Crafts-103927631844709>

North Shore Dove

## HOLY MASS

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

### First meeting of 2024

**TUESDAY**  
 20th February  
 7.30-9.30pm

St Thomas More  
 Church, Glenfield

## Brotherhood, confidence & opportunity.

Boarding at Sacred Heart College Auckland

### Sacred Heart College AUCKLAND

Enrolment applications are now open at our Catholic boys school. Scholarships available. Join us at our Open Day - Wednesday 28 February, 2024. Sessions are at 10am and 1pm, beginning with our Headmaster's welcome, followed by tours of our College and Hostel.

For further information and to register your attendance visit our website [sacredheart.school.nz](http://sacredheart.school.nz).



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NEWSLETTER 15 February 2024

## Mark Your Diaries

16 Feb	Second Hand Uniform Sale 8:15pm school foyer
21 Feb	PTFA Meeting 7pm
23 Feb	Whanau Welcome Picnic and Meet the teacher 3:00pm
	- Matikao Meet the teacher 4:00pm
	- Mokehu Meet the teacher 4:30pm
	- Huruhuru Meet the teacher 5:00pm
05 Mar	Year 5 /6 Swim carnival - Northern Arena
07 Mar	Year 5 /6 Interschool Cricket
15 Mar	St Patricks Day - Green Mufti Day - Non perishable food item
20 Mar	Goal Setting Interviews - School ends at 12:20pm
21 Mar	Goal Setting Interviews continue - 2:45pm
28 Mar	Holy Thursday - Stations of the Cross time TBA
29 Mar	Good Friday - <b>School Closed</b>
01 Apr	Easter Monday - <b>School Closed</b>
02 Apr	Easter Tuesday - <b>School Closed</b>
04 Apr	Interschool Swimming
05 Apr	PTFA Outdoor Movie Night 4:30pm
12 Apr	<b>TERM ONE ENDS 2:45pm</b>
29 Apr	<b>TERM TWO STARTS 8.45am</b>

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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**