

# Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

At the beginning of this year we launched our revised Marian Values and the classes have been learning about what each of these values means to us on our journey to grow closer to Jesus.

Over the coming weeks I will focus on a different value in the newsletter, sharing with you the essence statements and ways in which we can demonstrate the values in our work, learning, and play.



## 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.***

At Stella Maris we are very blessed with so many in our community who give so willingly of their time and skills to support our students and school community. Our senior students have been signing up to take on roles of responsibility such as librarian, PE shed monitors, bike shed monitors. Our PTFA are preparing for upcoming events. The PTFA will be holding a Mix and Mingle evening on Wednesday 6 March – this is a chance for you to come along and find out what is involved in the PTFA and ways that you could help. One of the groups of the PTFA is the Pastoral Team – this is a group of people who cook meals that keep in the pastoral freezer for times when people in our community need an extra hand. If you are able to help out by providing a meal or two occasionally it would be greatly appreciated. Check out the "Stella Maris Pastoral Care Meal Support Group" on Facebook for more details.

**School Drop Off:** A reminder that children are not to be dropped off at school before 8am. Between 8:00 - 8:15am students wait in the main atrium for the bell at 8:15 at which time they can move through to class. If you need to drop your child earlier than 8am please contact sKids and book them in. sKids operate in the mornings 7:00 – 8:30am.

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki – May God bless you

Catherine Cyprian  
Principal



## DRS Message

This year at Stella Maris we are terribly excited to be working with the new Religious Education Curriculum- To Tatou Whakapono, Our Faith. The aim of this revised national RE curriculum is to provide a relevant framework for the purpose, content and journey of Religious Education in all Catholic schools. This term we focus on the Theme of Ā Tātou Whakapapa, Our Story. This theme focuses on the Church's story so far, but also on the young people's own story, the story of their school, people and land. It addresses such questions as where did the Church come from, what are the stories of the Church, and where do these stories intersect with my own life? It considers the Church's story as a shared story that has influenced the whole world and our own land from the perspective of 'this is my own story and our story', rather than just 'their story'.

The content areas for each team are as follows:

### Matikao

Develop an understanding that I am unique and God made me as I am and loves me. Recognise people are gifts from God to each other and the world.

### Mokehu

Recognise I am part of my family which is special and loved by God. Understand that all people are part of God's family, and that through Baptism we can become part of God's Church.

### Huruhuru

Understand that I am part of a school that has a special history and charisms grounded in the person of Christ. Explore how I am part of a community in a particular place that has its own people with special gifts, culture, knowledge and wisdom.

Resources are constantly being developed by the creators of the curriculum and our Stella Maris teachers are also working to create resources that make this curriculum completely ours to align with our Marian Values. It is truly an exciting time to be in Catholic education and we look forward to sharing our successes with you over the coming year.

## A Karakia From The New RE Curriculum

*E Te Atua, God our loving Father,  
You gift us with this world and invite us to respond with love and wisdom.*

*E Hehu Karaiti, Jesus Christ, beloved Son,  
You show us how to live and call us to participate in your life and mission.*

*E Te Wairua Tapu, Holy Spirit,  
You empower and guide us on our shared spiritual journey.  
Bless the young people and whānau in our parishes  
and their Catholic school communities.*

*Bless all who work in Religious Education in Aotearoa New Zealand.  
Remind us that you are always with us,  
Fill us with enthusiasm, knowledge and joy  
To learn and teach that which is at the heart of our schools,  
You, who live and reign for ever and ever*

*Āmene*



## TEAM NEWS

### Matikao

Everyday at school, both in the classroom and in the playground, we see the children taking small steps forward in developing confidence, mastering new routines, soaking up new learning and making new friends - it is a joy to behold and a privilege to be a part of! I'm sure you, too, are witnessing the forward movement on their learning journeys and are as proud of your children as we are. We are looking forward to seeing you all at the welcome picnic on Friday afternoon - time for some fun in the sun!

### Mokeyhu

Kia Ora whanau, we have had a great week at school and have enjoyed this beautiful weather. Lots of children have been taking advantage of the track and bringing their wheels to school for break times and others have been having a wonderful time sliding down the hill on bits of cardboard! It's great to see this imagination. A variety of testing has been carried out this week and the children have coped well with the changes to the timetable. On Monday we were able to come together for the first time as a team to share in assembly. This was run by St Anthony and the children did a wonderful job presenting. We've been having a few issues with the toilets, can you please remind your children that they need to be leaving the toilets clean and tidy, remembering to always flush and wash their hands, thank you. The Mokeyhu team look forward to seeing you at the picnic tomorrow night.

### Huruhuru

This week we have two interschool sports notices that need to be returned by Friday 23 February, both to Mrs Law in St Patrick. The first form is for any competitive swimmers that wish to participate in the Interschool Swim Trials. A copy of this form is on HERO. The second form is for the members of the Interschool Cricket Team. Forms were sent home Tuesday. **BYOD** - Students who are bring their device to school need to have the following apps downloaded - Google Classroom, Google Drive, Google Docs and Google Slides. We look forward to meeting parents at the Meet the Teacher evening tomorrow.

### Stationery And Digital Communication Forms

Stationery / Learning Resource accounts and Digital and Communication agreement Forms were sent home with students in the first week of school. Stationery payments are now due. Please return both forms to the school office.



*Picnic / Sausage Sizzle  
and Meet The Teacher*

**Tomorrow**

**23 FEBRUARY**

**3:00pm**

**Meet the teacher in the library**

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

## PTFA KIWI CLASSIC SAUSAGE SIZZLE THIS FRIDAY!!!

Cash & Eftpos Sales | Serving from 3pm near main foyer |  
Pure Beef Sausages sourced from The Local Farmer | \$4  
Available w/ Pickled onions, mustard & tomato sauce!

**Junior Rugby Player Registration 2024!!!**

For all new and existing players.  
21 - 26 Tackle Rugby for boys and girls  
Rippa Rugby (27 & 28) for girls and boys 5 - 7 years  
Girls & Boys Rippa Rugby - U9  
Girls & Boys Rip Rugby - U11 & U13  
Girls & Boys Rip Rugby - U15  
Girls Rip Rugby - U18

REGISTER ONLINE NOW at [www.silverdalerugby.co.nz](http://www.silverdalerugby.co.nz)  
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/210657>

All players MUST attend a registration evening to weigh in and make payment.

Registration evenings held at  
Silverdale United Rugby & Sports Club

Tuesday 27th, Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th February  
5.00pm - 8.00pm

Fees: \$130 per player, \$225 for 2 players or \$300 for 3+ players from the same family.

For more junior rugby information please visit our website  
[www.silverdalerugby.co.nz](http://www.silverdalerugby.co.nz)

Please contact the club (09) 426 5605 or [juniorrugby@silverdalerugby.co.nz](mailto:juniorrugby@silverdalerugby.co.nz)  
for any further enquiries.

Come join the fun at Silverdale Rugby Club!!!!



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## Mark Your Diaries

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 Interschool trials - 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	Year 5/6 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>



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**KUMON SILVERDALE EDUCATION CENTRE**  
100 Jelas Road, Red Beach, Auckland  
tel: 02108829858

<http://nz.kumonglobal.com>



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**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)

## Telephone

### Netball

- Cancellation Contact -  
[teresa@netballnorthharbour.co.nz](mailto: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**