

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau



Faith - Whakapono

"For we live by faith, not by sight."

2 Corinthians 5:7

At Stella Maris the Marian value of faith lies at the heart of our community. Inspired by Mary's unwavering trust in God, we foster an environment where we are encouraged to develop a personal relationship with Christ, guided by Mary's example of humility, devotion and obedience to God's will. We nurture the growth of each other's faith, instilling a sense of hope, trust and reverence for Jesus Christ.

We ask our Lady, Most Faithful, to pray for us.

This morning St Augustine class helped to nurture our faith as they led us in liturgy for the third week of Lent. During the liturgy we were encouraged to reflect upon our Lenten promises as the class shared with us their own promises and their understanding of the three pillars of Lent – prayer, almsgiving and fasting, and how these help us to grow closer to Jesus.



Attendance: Please note that consistent attendance at school plays an important part in student's learning and achievement. While we understand there are times that families need to travel during term time to attend a special family event such as a wedding, funeral or reunion, all other holidays should be planned for the school holidays. If your child is going to be away for a holiday during term time please email me at principal@stellamaris.school.nz as well as informing the school office through the usual channels (email, phone or app). It is important to note that while these absences are 'explained' they are considered an 'unjustified' absence by Ministry of Education guidelines and will show as such on your child's report. You must notify the school office for ALL absences – sickness, medical appointments, holidays...

Dinosaur Show: From Monday 4 March until Monday 18 March the school is hiring the grass area between the carpark and the hall to a group who will be putting on shows for the local community in the two weekends during this period. More information about this will come home next week. Please note that on Monday and Tuesday of next week they will be setting up, while most of this work will occur after school there **could** be limited parking over these two days, we ask that you be mindful of this as you use the carpark.

Thank you to all who attended the Meet the Teacher evening last Friday. It was great to see so many families taking this opportunity to meet the teachers in an informal situation. Thank you also to the PTFA and those who helped with the sausage sizzle – the sausages looked delicious. There will be an opportunity for you to meet with your child and teacher for one to one goal setting sessions on the 20 or 21 March. NB – school will close at 12:20pm on the 20 March.

NB: EASTER TUESDAY 2 April – School closed. As Easter is early this year it falls during the term rather than in the holidays. Please note that schools have an extra day at Easter, and the school will be closed on Easter Tuesday, 2 April.

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki – May God bless you

Catherine Cyprian
Principal



DRS Message

A few weeks into Lent is a great time to take stock of our journey to date. We might reflect on our progress this Liturgical season with questions like... How are we journeying to the foot of the cross? How are we using Lent as an opportunity to grow closer to Jesus? Are we taking opportunities to encounter Christ and find change within? Are we reaching out in some acts of Charity? How are we attempting to love like Christ? Am I being kind to myself and forgiving myself when I find my Lenten journey challenging?

Perhaps the most important thing we should be focussing on this Lent is forgiveness. Seeking forgiveness from others we may have hurt. Forgiving others who might have upset us. Seeking forgiveness from our selves for the times we have let ourselves down and most importantly seeking forgiveness from our Saviour who spreads His arms out wide so we can be forgiven when we seek it.

We still have time this Lent to make this journey one of forgiveness. Seeking mercy from Jesus will refocus us on this journey to the foot of the cross. To unload some of our burden will make this journey easier. We will be more able to turn and face the Risen Jesus if we truly take stock of our lives, reflect on how we can grow closer to Jesus and allow forgiveness to be at the centre of our Liturgical season of Lent.

*May the God of love Bring us back to himself;
Forgive us our sins,
And assure us of his eternal love;
In Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

TEAM NEWS

Matikao

After such a wonderful long spell of warm summer sunshine, the weekend rain has been a welcome change for many, I'm sure. Hopefully, though, more sunshine is just around the corner! The children are always much happier if they can get outside and have a run in the fresh air, as are we! We wish to thank those of you who were able to be with us on Friday for the team welcome and class chat time. This is a valuable time as we get to know each other and how things work at Stella and in classes.

Mokehu

Kia Ora whanau, this week the children have brought home information about Shine Challenges which are an optional homework activity that children have until term 4 to complete. Often the children are already completing tasks such as playing for a sports club or learning a musical instrument. We encourage Mokehu children to complete these challenges. Athletics has also been set up for the Mokehu team and children are able to complete tasks at home, as well as in-class time.

Huruhuru

Thank you to the families that came to the Meet the Teacher session last Friday. We hope it was informative. If you have any questions at any time, feel free to email your child's teacher. Next Tuesday we have 30 students trialling for the interschool swimming competition. On Thursday we have 2 cricket teams participating in the interschool cricket tournament. We would like to wish all students the best of luck. We would also like to thank all the parent helpers who have volunteered for either of these sporting events.

Carmel College Pre-Enrolment Evening For Years 7 To 9 In 2025

Families of prospective students for Years 7 to 9 in 2025 are invited to attend the pre-enrolment evening. We encourage any prospective families to attend this evening as it is an excellent opportunity to learn about our school, look around the campus and receive information on the enrolment process.

- Date: Thursday, 14 March 2024
- Venue: College Hall
- 4.00pm – presentation by staff and students
- 4.30-5.30pm – tours of the school

Sacramental Programme 2024

The final details are currently being put together and the programme will start in Term two. This programme is run by the Hibiscus Coast Parish at St Johns Church in Orewa. Applications forms are expected to be available at the school office and in the back of St John and St Francis Churches from next week. Completed forms are to be returned to the Parish office.



Drama School

Classes Monday lunchtime at Stella Maris School. This years production is Oliver Twist the Musical. The production will be held on 8th December at Centre Stage. The cost is \$14.00 per week. For more information or to register your child, please contact Susan Fraser 021 378 007.

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Dear Parents, Friends,
and Teachers....

The Stella Maris
PTA invites you
to...

**OUR
SOCIAL
GET
TOGETHER**

Wed 6th March

Stella Maris
School

6.30pm onwards
Light refreshments
provided

We would love to
meet you! Come,
and see what we
are all about.



Yummy Sticker Free Sports Gear Promotion



How you can participate

- Purchase Yummy apples from your local New World, Pak'n Save and participating Four Square stores.
- Purchase either bags with cut-out labels or individual apples with Yummy stickers. One cut-out label is worth 10 apple stickers.
- Place the Yummy stickers on Sticker Collection Sheets and the cut-out labels on Cut-Out Label Collection Sheets.
- Return your completed Sticker Collection Sheets to the office.
- Ask the office for more collection sheets.

Your Yummy stickers will then be converted into a share of the sports prize pool. The cut off date is 1/10/24.

Mrs Hogg

Confidence
begins with
the **basics**



**Enquire
now!**

At Kumon, we help students get the basics right before progressing to more advanced work. With a strong foundation in place, students have the confidence they need for success at school and for future learning.

Contact Kumon Silverdale to hear how we can support your child to have a confident year ahead.

Rebecca Lu

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KUMON
MATHEMATICS ENGLISH

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Last Supper,
St Francis, Manly - 7.30pm
(Adoration after Mass at the
Altar of Repose until 9.30pm)

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross
St Francis, Manly - 10.00am
Celebration of the Lords' Passion
St John's, Orewa - 3.00pm

Easter Vigil

Vigil Mass - 8.00pm - John's, Orewa

Easter Sunday

St Francis, Manly : Mass - 8.30am

St John's, Orewa : Mass - 10.30am

Rite II Reconciliation
Wednesday 13 March, 7.00pm
St John's, Orewa

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NEWSLETTER 29 February 2024

Mark Your Diaries

05 Mar	Year 5 /6 Interschool trials - Northern Arena
07 Mar	Year 5 /6 Interschool Cricket
15 Mar	Carmel College - Enrolment Evening 4pm
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 - School Closed
01 Apr	Easter Monday - School Closed
02 Apr	Easter Tuesday - School Closed
04 Apr	Year 5/6 Interschool Swimming
05 Apr	PTFA Outdoor Movie Night 4:30pm
12 Apr	TERM ONE ENDS 2:45pm
29 Apr	TERM TWO STARTS 8.45am
6 May	Book Fair Week
10 May	Book Character Parade
10 May	Mums Day at Stella Maris Time TBA
12 May	Mothers Day
16 May	Rosmini Open Day time TBA
23 May	Year 5/6 Ripa Rugby Tournament

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