

# Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

Kia ora e te Whānau

### Guardianship - Kaitiakitanga

***"The Lord God took the man into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it." Genesis 2:15***



Inspired by the example of Mary, who cared for and protected Jesus, we believe that as guardians of God's creation it is our duty to safeguard and preserve the environment, all living creatures, and the resources entrusted to us. We aim to nurture a lifelong commitment to environmental stewardship, ensuring a sustainable future for generations to come. Together, as a school community, we embrace our role as caretakers of God's creation and seek to inspire others with our actions and dedication to preserve and protect the world around us.

***We ask Mary, Mother of our Creator, to pray for us.***

The school environment team have begun their work of helping to care for the school environment, led by Mrs Bates our environment leader. There are students who are responsible for collecting the recycling from the classes throughout the week, double checking that everyone is putting the right rubbish in the right bins and reminding classes of the importance of this. There are students who water the indoor plants and during the week I spotted a group of students who had volunteered to pick up rubbish during their lunchtime – fortunately they didn't find a lot. Steve and Warren are awesome role models for our students in all they do to care for our school environment.

**Goal setting:** Have you booked your time for the goal setting session with your child's teacher for next Wednesday, 20 March or Thursday, 21 March? At this session you will work with your child and their teacher to set a couple of goals and discuss how they can achieve them. It is important that the students come along to these sessions. Please note that school will be closed for instruction from 12:20pm on Wednesday and we ask that students are picked up by 12:40pm.

**End of day pickup** – If you are picking your child up from the classroom at the end of the day we ask that you please do not wait in the class atriums until after the bus bell at 2:35pm. Lately there has been an increasing number of parents and younger siblings outside classes from as early as 2pm, and this is very distracting for the classes during learning time. Thank you for your support of this.

**Easter Tuesday:** A reminder that Easter is early this year and falls during term time. School is closed on Good Friday, 29 March, Easter Monday, 1 April and please also note that schools are closed on Easter Tuesday, 2 April.

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki – May God bless you

Catherine Cyprian  
Principal



## DRS Message

Organisation is well underway for two very important liturgies in our school calendar. St Patrick class are rehearsing their liturgy to lead the school in the Stations of the Cross on Thursday 28th March. This is where we will explore the 14 Stations that highlight moments from Jesus being condemned to die on the cross all the way to the placement of His body in the tomb. There is a real sense of prayerful journey when our school prays these Stations. We explore the sacrifice Jesus made for us in a way that is appropriate for children but still recognises what he did for us. It is always a privilege to work with our seniors developing these Liturgies and hearing their reactions and responses to being part of the story telling. One student mentioned to me at the last rehearsal that he found standing so still really challenging but it would have been so much harder for our student who was at that time carrying the cross, and that, he said, wouldn't have been anywhere near the challenge Jesus would have had during that time.

We also have St Dominic class beginning to put together the Resurrection Stations, also known as The Way of Light, for Thursday 4th April. It is a blessing we are able to return to school so quickly after the Easter celebrations so we are able to explore the events after Jesus' Resurrection while all the events of Easter are so fresh in our minds. This Liturgy explores scripturally recorded events from the moment of Jesus' resurrection to the coming of the Holy Spirit. Created in the late 1980's these stations were created to help us focus on the positive and hopeful aspect of our Christian story.

We warmly invite everyone, whanau, friends and parishioners to join us for these special Liturgies that we pray will lead all of us to a closer relationship with Jesus through understanding more closely His sacrifice and love for us all as well as the hope and forgiveness we are offered.

Stations of the Cross- Thursday 28th March. 11:30am in the school Hall.

Resurrection Stations- Thursday 4th April. 11:30am in the school Hall.

## TEAM NEWS

### Matikao

Kia ora Whanau. Our tamariki are, for the most part, happily taking on the challenges which daily class life offers them, settling into routines and adapting to expectations for class and playground behaviours. They are taking on responsibilities for themselves and their own belongings and becoming more independent in doing so. We look forward to sharing these successes and their goals for the term ahead with you at next week's goal-setting sessions - be sure to book your time if you haven't already done so!

### Mokeyhu

Kia ora whanau, we were very proud of the St Joachim children who did a wonderful job leading the whole school in Liturgy this morning. The children have again been enjoying the waterslide at lunch time and we are noticing a positive difference in their afternoon behaviours. A reminder that children have access to Mathletics at home and this supplements the learning that they are doing in class.


### Huruhuru

And before you know it we are halfway through the term. Pau te Hau, which translates as 'get puffed' is the fitness programme which we are participating in through AUT. Students can wear heart monitors that allow them to see how much effort they are putting into the programme. We suggest you ask your child how they are progressing. This year Kapa Haka will be held Friday lunchtimes. We thank Ms Hunt for leading this exceptional group. Interschool Swimming competitors received information about their competition this week. We congratulate the successful students. The event will be held on Thursday 4th April.



**Tomorrow**  
**St Patrick's Green Mufti Day**  
**Please Bring A Can**  
**For Care And Share**  
**No Coin Required**

## SCHOLASTICS BOOK CLUB




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

**Friday 22nd March**

*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.*



## Triadic Goal Setting Interviews

Wednesday 20 March commencing at 1pm – 7pm  
or Thursday 21 March commencing at 3.15 – 5.30pm



Bookings are to be made online by visiting  
[www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)

Our School Access Number is **b6bmx**

Please ensure you have booked your child  
in for this important process

## Buses on Wednesday 20 March

**Bayes Bus 22** to Gulf Harbour will collect students at the earlier time on **12:20pm**

**The MOE Bus** will collect student at the regular time of **3pm**. Any children needing to catch this bus will need to be booked into skids until the bus arrives.

## sKids on Wednesday 20 March

sKids will be open from 12:20pm on Wednesday 20 March. To book your child in please contact sKids on 021 0829 7693 or at [www.sKids.co.nz](http://www.sKids.co.nz)

## St Mary's College

A friendly reminder that enrolments close on Friday 15 March. Please visit [www.stmaryak.school.nz](http://www.stmaryak.school.nz) for enrolment information and online application form. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Enrolments Officer: [enrolments@stmaryak.school.nz](mailto:enrolments@stmaryak.school.nz)

## Netball Registration 2024

Kia ora Parents and Whanau

The Netball Season for 2024 will commence the week beginning the 13th of May. This is Week 3 of Term 2. Please make sure that all details are filled in the form that your child brought home. I need to supply full details for the Netball New Zealand database to be able to register the teams for play. Please return the form to the school office by **Friday 29th of March**

OR

Fill in the Google Form that has been emailed to you by **Friday 29th of March**

If anyone has a netball uniform at home, please can you return it to the school office or Mrs Hogg.

Nga mihi nui

Mel Hogg

Associate Principal/SENCO

## 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
- 4.00pm – presentation by staff and students
- 4.30-5.30pm – tours of the school

## Rosmini College Open Day For New Students In 2025

Thursday 16 May 2024 - The presentation will commence at 1:30pm in the Auditorium and the Open Day concludes at 3pm. The online application form is available on the school website ([www.rosmini.school.nz](http://www.rosmini.school.nz)) for enrolment for 2025. Enrolment queries to Eunice 09 488 3750 or email [enquiries@rosmini.school.nz](mailto:enquiries@rosmini.school.nz).

## North Shore Dove Catholic Fellowship For Women

**Tuesday 19th March, 7:30 p.m.** at St. Thomas More Catholic Church Hall. Speaker: Deidre Broome. Come and learn how to pray in prayer ministry. For more information please contact Sylvia Hartley [aldonsylvia@gmail.com](mailto:aldonsylvia@gmail.com)

## Sacramental Programme 2024

This programme is run by the Hibiscus Coast Parish at St Johns Church in Orewa. The first children's session is on 5th May. Application forms are available from the school office and in the back of St John and St Francis Churches. Completed forms are to be returned to the Parish office



# 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



## SPLAT!

### DANCE CLASS

#### COMING TO STELLA MARIS SCHOOL

#### IN TERM 2:

- Held in St Therese on Tuesday after school
- Open to students of all backgrounds and experience levels
- Only \$21.50 per lesson (with a free trial class for new students)
- Held once a week for a 7 week taster term in term 2
- Open to new students at any point in the term
- Taught by experienced teachers
- Inclusive, encouraging and most of all FUN


**FREE TRIAL CLASS!**

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Teacher: Manon

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[manon@splatnz.com](mailto:manon@splatnz.com)

Scan Here:





## CODE WIZARD ACADEMY

### DISCOVER THE MAGIC OF CODING

- INTRODUCTION TO CODING AND COMPUTATIONAL THINKING
- OVERVIEW OF CODING AND ITS IMPORTANCE
- INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTATIONAL THINKING AND PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS
- UNDERSTANDING ALGORITHMS AND SEQUENCING
- SCRATCH PROGRAMMING BASICS AND MANY MORE!

- 1 hour per week
- 10 students per class
- Above age 6
- \$20 per lesson



SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

Or  
[codowizardsaotc@gmail.com](mailto:codowizardsaotc@gmail.com)  
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 76 Maryvale road, Milldale C932.



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

**Rebecca Lu**  
 021 0882 9858  
[kumon.silverdale1@gmail.com](mailto:kumon.silverdale1@gmail.com)



**KUMON**  
 MATHEMATICS ENGLISH



## 15th April - 26th April

### SCRATCHPAD

### SCHOOL Holiday Programmes

Make the most of your holidays with a fun-filled learning experience!

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- Develop Games with Roblox
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## Mark Your Diaries

14 Mar	Carmel College - Enrolment Evening 4pm
15 Mar	St Patricks Day - Green Mufti Day - Bring a can
15 Mar	St Patricks Day Sausage sizzle and cupcake fun lunch
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 School - hall 11:30am
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
04 Apr	Resurrection Stations 11:30am - School hall
05 Apr	PTFA Outdoor Movie Night 4:30pm
05 Apr	Second Hand Uniform Sale 2.30pm
12 Apr	<b>TERM ONE ENDS 2:45pm</b>
29 Apr	<b>TERM TWO STARTS 8.45am</b>
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>



Don't Forget To Collect Yummy Stickers

## 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**

