

# Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

## Love - Aroha

***"Let us love one another, for love is God." 1 John 4:7***



Inspired by the compassionate heart of Mary, we foster a safe and nurturing environment where love is celebrated, practised and instilled in the hearts of our students, staff and families. Through our interactions we model the unconditional love that Mary embodies. We strive to create a school community that radiates love, compassion and empathy, where every person is valued, respected and cared for.

***We ask Our Lady, Compassionate Mother, to pray for us.***

***There is a simple song that tells us of the importance of love – aroha.***

*E toru ngā mea, Ngā mea nunui*

*E kī ana Te Paipera*

*Whakapono*

*Tūmanako*

*Ko te mea nui*

*Ko te aroha*

*There are three great things*

*That are spoken of in the Bible*

*Faith*

*Hope*

*And the greatest of them all is*

*Love*

*Love - Aroha* is at the heart of all of our other Marian Values. The concept of Aroha means more than Love. It can mean caring, sharing, compassion and supporting people, all of which we show through *Service - Awhina* and *Belonging - Whanaungatanga*. Our Love for God's creation is what drives us to care for the environment through our *Guardianship - Kaitiakitanga*. It is through our Love for Jesus that we ask for the *Wisdom - Whakaaronui* to see all things with the eyes of Christ. Our love for Jesus, and His for us is what gives us our *Faith - Whakapono*.

Thank you to St Patrick class and Mr Hobman for leading the school in Stations of the Cross today. Sharing in this beautiful and reverent service as a community reminds us all of the love – aroha that Our Lord has for us all.

**Cellphone Policy:** Please see further in the newsletter a copy of our Cellphone and Personal Device Policy. The rules and expectations that are outlined in this policy have always been in place here at Stella Maris, so there is nothing new, however we are now required to have a policy that ensures that the new regulations are followed. If you have any queries about this policy please feel free to contact me. This policy will be in effect from the beginning of term 2.

**Family Movie Night:** Have you booked your tickets for the outdoor movie night the PTFA are organising for next Friday, 5 April at 7pm. The movie will be shown on a large screen on the field. Please note that all children attending must be accompanied by an adult for the evening. See the poster in the newsletter and around the school for full information. We hope you can join us.

Wishing you all a very happy Easter.

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki - May God bless you

Catherine Cyprian  
Principal



## DRS Message

Today, Thursday 28th March 2024, we reverently prayed the Stations of the Cross as a school. Brilliantly led by St Patrick's class. The Stations of the Cross is a form of prayer used traditionally in Lent. Each of the 14 Stations retells parts of Jesus' Passion (his suffering and death) through images and words. These Stations of the Cross introduce children to Jesus' Passion, breaking it down into stages that they can reflect upon and remember. The Stations are more than the retelling of a story: they are a prayerful participation in the event that lies at the heart of Christianity – Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. It is traditional to recite all Stations in one act of worship. The Stations of the Cross or the Way of the Cross, also known as the Way of Sorrows are a series of images depicting Jesus on the day of His crucifixion and accompanying prayers. At Stella Maris we don't end our Liturgies related to this there. We come together again to pray the Stations of the Resurrection next Thursday, 4th April. These pick up from where our Stations of the Cross finish. Jesus in the Tomb. It is vital we remember that although this Holy Week we journey with Jesus through His suffering, we too can enjoy the Resurrection on Easter Sunday and be filled with the love and guidance of the Holy Spirit to work together to bring about the Kingdom of God here and now.

*Heavenly Father, your Son, Jesus, showed his great love for us  
by making the long, slow journey to his death.  
Because of his suffering and death, we have been freed from our sins.  
Because of his suffering and death,  
we are promised a place with you in heaven.  
We unite ourselves to him by following in his footsteps  
along the Way of the Cross.  
In doing this, may we learn to follow His way of love in all that we do.  
We ask this, Father, in the name of your Son, Jesus,  
who lived and died for us. Amen.*

## TEAM NEWS

### Matikao Team

Kia ora Matikao Whanau. This week has been the most important week in the Catholic year - Holy Week. The children have responded well to all the stories, songs and prayers we have shared during the week. We particularly acknowledge and thank our very own Karl Hobman who, as DRS, has led us prayerfully and poignantly through the last steps in Jesus' journey to the cross. The Stations of the Cross were so beautifully and reverently presented to us all by our senior students under Karl's guidance. What a blessing to be part of it! We wish you all a safe, happy and blessed Easter celebration weekend.

### Mokehu Team

Kia ora Whanau, last week it was great to touch base with so many of you at our goal setting meetings. Thank you for making the time to come in. We started week 8 beautifully, with an assembly led by St Peter, they led us so well and it was great to see them share their work from the term and also unpacking the new school values. This week we have been focussing on Holy Week and the important events that occur during this week. We wish you all a safe and happy Easter.

### Huruhuru Team

Last Friday the first camp letter came home with a slip that needs to be returned by the end of term. Please check Hero or the Huruhuru website for a digital copy. As the Huruhuru website is a secure and closed website, you child will need to access this through their school email. We wish our Interschool Swim Team the best of luck as they represent the school at the tournament next Thursday. We wish Huruhuru whanau a safe and enjoyable Easter weekend.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### 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

Stella Maris PTFA presents

## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

*Friday 5th April*

Bring your bean bag and blanket for a family movie night on the school field!

**\*\*It is important all children are accompanied by an adult**

Doors open 6.15pm

05.04.2024  |  Movie starts **7:00pm**

Dinner options and snacks available to purchase using 'Movie Dollars'

Check price list for food items & pricing



Tickets and movie dollars available to purchase via Kindo Wednesday 20th March

## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

*Price List*

<b>Tickets:</b>	<b>Food:</b>
Child 5+ \$8.00	Nacho's \$8.00
Child under 5 \$5.00	American Hot Dogs \$6.00
Adult \$8.00	
Family of 4 \$25.00	Popcorn \$4.00
Family of 5 \$30.00	Lollies \$2.00
	Chocolate \$2.00
<b>Movie Dollars:</b>	Ice Cream \$4.00
\$10 & \$20 cards	Water \$2.00


\*Tickets and Movie Dollars will be delivered to the Children in their classrooms on the day




Tickets and movie dollars available to purchase via Kindo Wednesday 20th March

### skids Holiday Programme

15th - 26th April  
MSD Approved, Work & Income OSCAR Subsidy available!












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April				
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>
<b>World Art Day</b>	<b>Trip: Hoyts Wairau</b>	<b>Wacky Wednesday</b>	<b>Wicked Racers</b>	<b>Piping &amp; Fondant Decorating workshop</b>
Let us celebrate & honor all artists today & how art is important in our daily lives. Unleash your inner artist with a self portrait or a comic strip. We have heaps of artsy activities in store for you!	Join Po and his friends as he trains a new Dragon Warrior that he's chosen. Lots of laughs and action with our favourite heroes! More warrior fun back on site!	Just how wacky can a Wednesday get! Crazy hair, crazy socks, what other wacky things can we come up with today? Keep an eye out and spot some wacky things in the hall!	Bring your wheels & helmets for some fun wheeling & racing! Design & build your car & race it down our track. Lots of fun races & activities!	Learn to effortlessly pipe buttercream on cakes and cupcakes & decorate with fondant with Baker Street's Terrielle Sanio today! <b>(Premium)</b>
				
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>
<b>skids Mystery Challenge</b>	<b>Trip: Flippin' Fun Trampoline Park</b>	<b>Chocolate stuff</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Let's Glow!</b>
Can you solve the puzzles to get the clues that will open the lock to win a prize before the other team does? Come along & give it a go!	Get ready to jump and bounce with us as we visit the trampoline park! Don't forget your grip socks and lots of water! Please be onsite by 8:45am.	Let's make & decorate chocolate cake pops. Write up your own chocolate dessert recipe & sculpt your own chocolate bars complete with your own wrapper design.	We're closed for this ANZAC Public Holiday. We'll see you tomorrow.	Glow away as we have a jam-packed day with lots of neon themed art & STEAM projects and a glow in the dark party with great tunes to dance to!
				



## Policy: Cellphone and Other Personal Devices

A personal digital device is any privately owned digital device that is not part of any school approved Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) programme.

Stella Maris Catholic School does not recommend that students bring personal digital devices to school.

We discuss school rules about digital devices at the beginning of the year, and throughout the year as needed. Any changes to our school rules are communicated to students and to our school community.

### Parent/Caregiver Responsibilities

Students should not use smartwatches for communication during school hours. If a parent/caregiver needs to contact their child urgently during the day, they should call the office.

If a student brings a personal digital device to our school, the following guidelines apply:

- The school does not accept responsibility for lost, damaged, or stolen personal digital devices brought to the school but investigates any issues as appropriate.
- Students must turn off their device and hand it to the office at the start of the day, and can collect it at the end of the day.
- Devices may not be used at breaktimes.
- If devices are used for a learning activity, this must be approved and supervised by teaching staff.

An exemption applies to personal digital devices that are required for medical reasons. The principal must be advised of this need, and these will be overseen by staff.

### EOTC Statement

- Students are not allowed to take devices to EOTC events.
- Students are expected to follow our Digital Technology and Online Safety policy when using personal digital devices on school property or the school network.

### Inappropriate use:

If a student uses a personal digital device inappropriately (including using a cellphone or smartwatch when it is not allowed) the student must hand it to a staff member immediately when asked. If possible, students should lock their device before handing it to staff. The device will be kept in the office and can be collected by the student at the end of the day. Any further offenses will result in the device being held at the office until a parent collects it.

Inappropriate use of a personal digital device may include:

- Using the device when not permitted
- Any sort of bullying including online bullying
- Taking photos or videos of other people without their permission
- Forwarding inappropriate messages or content

Inappropriate use of a personal digital device is managed through the Behaviour Management, Responding to Digital Incidents and Surrender and Retention of Personal Digital Devices policies and procedures, as appropriate.

## Mark Your Diaries

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 Rippa Rugby Tournament

## 2024 School Term Dates

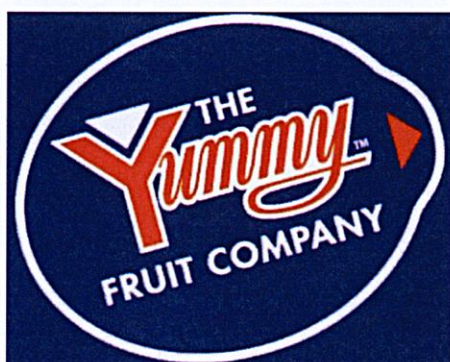
TERM 1	Wednesday	07 Feb - Friday	12 Apr
TERM 2	Monday	29 Apr - Friday	05 Jul
TERM 3	Monday	22 Jul - Friday	27 Sep
TERM 4	Monday	14 Oct - Friday	20 Dec

## 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**