

# Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

## NEWSLETTER

### Wisdom - Whakaaronui

*"The one who gets wisdom loves life; the one who cherishes understanding will soon prosper." Proverbs 19:8*



Inspired by our Catholic faith and by Mary, the epitome of wisdom, we strive to instil a deep reverence for learning, a hunger for knowledge, and a lifelong pursuit of truth. We challenge and equip each other with critical thinking skills, intellectual curiosity, and the ability to think independently. We encourage each individual to cultivate wisdom in our interactions with others, promoting respect, empathy and compassion. Our commitment to the Marian Value of wisdom is a guiding light that illuminates our path as we strive to build a solid foundation of knowledge, faith and wisdom.

*We ask the Holy Spirit for the wisdom to see  
all things with the eyes of Christ and not with our own.  
We ask Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom, to pray for us.*

At this week's assembly there seemed to be a theme that came through in the Special Character certificates, with a number of students receiving a certificate that acknowledged the wisdom they had been displaying in their classrooms. The students were acknowledged for their thinking skills and their ability to apply their learning to different situations, including how our Marian Values help us all to interact with others respectfully. It was lovely to hear our Marian Values coming to life in the actions of our students.

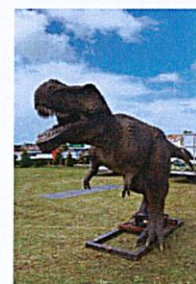


**You are invited** to join us for two very important and special dates in our school calendar:

- Stations of the Cross on Holy Thursday, 28 March at 11:30am.
- Resurrection Stations, after Easter, on Thursday 4 April at 11:30am.

We ask that you be seated by 11:20am, and that you enter and leave the hall in silence on each of these occasions.

**Dinosaur Discovery Show:** There has been much excitement at school this week with the arrival of the dinosaurs. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we have had to manage limited carparking. This will continue until the 18 March. Students will have brought home flyers earlier in the week with information about the shows that will be running over the next two weekends. You are welcome to take your families along. The show times are 11am and 1:30pm, Saturday and Sunday.



Ma te Atua koe e manaaki – May God bless you

Catherine Cyprian  
Principal





## DRS Message

At our Teacher meeting last Wednesday teachers further enhanced our use of the new RE curriculum by beginning the creation of Self Assessment tasks for the students. These will be designed by Stella Maris teachers using knowledge of the new curriculum and bring with them knowledge of our learners. These Self assessment tasks will be based around the specific knowledge and learning in each Achievement Objective. The specific teaching of the Achievement Objectives may vary slightly in each class as evidence is gathered by teachers during the process of learning that may encourage an adjustment of how AO's are taught based on the learners in front of them. Self assessment is a tool to explore and assess the learning of each individual through their own eyes. Its purpose is for learners to take some control in their learning and to explore their own progress and areas for development. At each level this process varies with teacher assistance at the early levels essential and more autonomy at our senior end allowing for greater assessment of "self". Each team will use these self assessment tasks near the end of the "Our Story- A Tatou Whakapapa" theme and we hope to share these with you as your children bring their work home over the term break. This will inform our teaching and learning programmes in RE as we move forward in our implementation of the new RE curriculum.

*Bless all our Catholic Schools  
and the many people who advance our mission.  
May our schools be a home for those who seek to grow in openness,  
faith, love, intellect and commitment to justice.  
In your name, we pray.  
Amen.*

## TEAM NEWS

### Matikao

Kia ora Whanau. Here we are - half-way through the first term! The children are enjoying the opportunity to have some fun on the water slide, which is proving a very popular lunchtime activity. Many are enjoying just watching the fun! Currently Wednesdays are the days Matikao children can have the water slide to themselves, with all ages able to get some wet and slippery time on Thursdays and Fridays. Don't forget those togs and towels! Teachers are continuing to make assessments and we look forward to sharing these with you in Week 7 during our goal-setting sessions.

### Mokehu

Kia ora whanau! What a great week with the addition of the waterslide to our lunchtime activities! It's been wonderful to see the children having so much fun, hopefully the sun continues to shine! Please can parents check that any items children are bringing to school are clearly named as we are finding quite a bit of lost property and children with missing items, children shouldn't be bringing toys or other special items from home to school.

### Huruhuru

Congratulations to all the participants in the interschool swimming trials and the cricket tournament. Swimming results and the names of those who will be representing Stella Maris in the Interschool Swimming Competition will be announced in next week's newsletter. Thank you to all the parents who kindly gave up their time to assist in these events. The students are thoroughly enjoying the waterslide at lunch time and we remind parents to ensure children bring a towel, swimming togs and an appropriate bag if they wish participate in the fun.



Thank you to all the Huruhuru families who have put their hand up to bake cupcakes for the upcoming St Patrick's Day mufti lunch 15th March. The PTFA only need 4 more bakers. If you can help please contact the school office, or reach out to Jen O'Keefe on Facebook. Thank you again and God bless.

**St Patricks Green Mufti Day**  
**Please Bring A Can For Care And Share**  
**No Coin Required**

### 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.



**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

**Please Note:**

**Wednesday 20 March**

**School Finishes**

**12:20pm**

**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)

**Tag**

Congratulations to all the children who played tag this season. There were a lot of Stella Maris students playing for several teams. Finals were held on Friday night and one of the year 3/4 teams came 3rd, Rag Tags - They won their final game 11-3. Most improved for the season was Mila Baxter-McKay.

**Large Cardboard Wanted**

We are looking for some large pieces of cardboard for a display in the library - large TV box, fridge/freezer box etc. If you can help with this please see Nicky in the Library or contact her on 09 427 9189.

**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

**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).

**In-School Maths Tutoring**

**Enrolling for Term 1**

**Thinking Caps Tutoring**

**Years 3 - 6**

- In-School lessons
- Building up concepts and knowledge
- Building confidence and independence
- Building up basic facts

**Focus:**  
Addition & Subtraction

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## Mark Your Diaries

14 Mar	Carmel College - Enrolment Evening 4pm
15 Mar	St Patricks - 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 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
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>

### 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

## 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**



# 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