

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

As the first term comes to a close and we reflect on what has been a settled start to the year, I would like to thank all of our families and staff for the support of our students in their learning. The launch of our new values has had a positive impact in the classroom and playground as these become embedded in our everyday practices.

Congratulations to those students who received the Charism Award at assembly on Monday. These are students who have been recognised for their display and action of the Marian Values within their class, their team and the wider school community.

Lexi O'Shea William Fong Miguel Bugarin Milla-Rose Slattery
Elise Shun Rose Walker Elise Madrazo



Winter uniform: When we return to school next term the students make the move to winter uniform. The long sleeved tops are optional. Many children prefer to wear the short sleeved tops throughout the year and this is okay, however it is important that any thermals worn underneath for warmth are not visible. During the Covid period we allowed the option of long trousers as we had to have classes wide open for ventilation. As we are no longer required to have the classes open in the same way through winter we will not be returning to the long trouser option this year. When you are purchasing winter shoes please ensure you buy **plain black shoes** – no white soles or colour on the shoes. Shoes can be lace up, buckle or velcro, but keep in mind the children should be able to put them on and do them up themselves. We are phasing out the socks with the stripe on them and moving to plain black **knee high** socks which you do not need to purchase from the uniform shop. One final note – please ensure all uniform items are clearly named, including fleeces, shoes and socks. Named items can easily be returned to students if found around the school. If you purchase second hand uniform items it is helpful to remove the old names.

Birthday treats: The children's birthdays are acknowledged and celebrated in class, and I visit each of the children on their birthday. There has been an increasing trend where some families provide a treat for classes on their child's birthday. While this is lovely we ask that this does not occur. This places an extra task on staff in a busy day, and there are often students who have to miss out because of food allergies or dietary requirements. Thank you for your support in this.

We wish everyone a restful and happy holiday and look forward to welcoming you all back at the beginning of the new term.

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki – May God bless you

Catherine Cyprian
Principal



DRS Message

This term we explored the new RE curriculum as a whole school with a focus on the Theme- A Tatou Whakapapa- Our Story. Children will be bringing home their RE books and self assessments over the last week and break. We encourage whanau to look through these books. Discuss the work your children have done and perhaps explore the self assessment tasks together as a whanau. This whanau/school connection is vitally important to the success of our implementation of the New RE curriculum. Next term we move into the Te Rongopai-Good News theme. This theme will explore our faith through the Gospels and through revelations from prophets in the bible. We have had an enormous first term with some amazing moments. We began with whole school Liturgies in week one, Ash Wednesday in week two, and we finish the term in the Joy and excitement of the Easter season. We would like to thank you all for your continued support of our school charism and Special Character.

*Gracious God, Our families are your gift to us.
For them we give you thanks.
We want you to be at the centre of our lives together.
We want our children to know that your loving presence
surrounds them every day, wherever they are.
We ask your Holy Spirit to be with us as we come to know you better
through working with our children.
Guide us in our role as parents and educators.
Give us patience, understanding and gentleness.
Teach us to walk in the footsteps of Jesus our brother.
Let us be his human face on earth.
Draw us in holiness to yourself,
Bless us all now and forever.
Amen.*

TEAM NEWS

Matikao

Kia ora Matikao Whanau. Last week we were invited to share the Resurrection Stations Liturgy in celebration of Jesus rising from the tomb - it was a beautiful reminder of why Easter is so important to us and to our faith. Once again our seniors brought the stories of the Gospels to life for us and we thank them for doing it so well. Now as we move into our term holidays we hope that you can take the joy of the risen Lord with you. We wish you a safe and happy time and look forward to seeing you all in the new term.

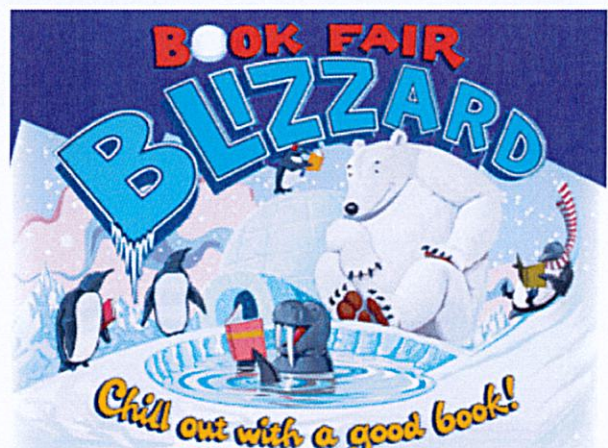
Mokehu

Kia Ora Whanau, congratulations to Milla-Rose Slattery and Miguel Bugarin who received the Mokehu Charism Awards for Term 1. The team is very proud of you both. Term 1 has rushed by and all the classes have been working hard establishing new routines and getting to know one-another, as a result we have 4 very settled and happy classes. It is great to see so many children who are smiling as they enter school, each morning. We wish everyone a happy holiday and look forward to starting term 2 and exploring the new topic of Change.

Huruhuru

Firstly we would like to congratulate the swimmers on a stellar performance at the interschool swimming event on Thursday. The girl's managed to win their relay race and we were placed 2nd overall. As always, our students' behaviour was impeccable. Well done Stella. The Kapa Haka is well underway with students from years 3 to 6 involved, showing

great spirit and enthusiasm. As we head into the winter season we would like to remind you that students who are unwell should stay at home. As we come to the end of this busy term, we wish all our whanau a safe and rejuvenating holiday break. We look forward to seeing everyone back to school on Monday the 29th of April.



BOOK FAIR TERM 2, WEEK 2

Monday 6th - Friday 10th May 2023

Open 8:15 - 8:45 each morning,

lunchtimes,

and afterschool 2:45 - 3:15pm

Friday 10th - Book Character dress-up

*Mum's Day at Stella Maris
Friday 10th May*



*Come and spend time with
your child at school
starting at 11:30am with*

“Book Character Parade”

PTFA Sushi Lunch
Orders will be via Kindo
(you will be notified when ordering opens)

BOARD OF TRUSTEE NEWS TERM ONE 2024

Kia ora e te Whanau

Well we are already at the end of Term 1 and what a great start to the year it has been! Alongside all the action packed learning in the classrooms, there has also been the beautiful Ash Wednesday Mass at St John's Church, the meet the teacher picnic, the Dinosaur Show utilising our school grounds, the Triadic Goal Setting meetings and the most wonderfully and faithfully presented Stations of the Cross led by St Patrick and the Resurrection Stations led by St Dominic with the help and guidance of Mr Hobman.

On behalf of our School Board, I would like to warmly welcome all the new families into our school community. Please save the date on the 28th May, 6pm, for a welcome pizza and chips evening with the School Board and the School Leadership. Invites will be sent out early next term.

It has been so wonderful to hear and see how our revised Marian Values of **Faith ~ Whakapono, Belonging ~ Whanaungatanga, Service ~ Āwhina, Wisdom ~ Whakaaronui, Guardianship ~ Kaitiakitanga, Love ~ Aroha** have become so well integrated within our daily school life and school curriculum and I would like to thank each of you so much for the special roles you have played with this and the way that you endeavour to live out our Marian Values each day in all that you do.

For those that may not be aware, one of the main roles of the School Board is to ensure that our school's mission is being fulfilled. Our school mission was revised slightly last year and is:

"As a Christ centred community, inspired by Mary and our Catholic faith, we will support, challenge and empower each other to strive for personal excellence to navigate life's journey."

One key way we do this is by setting the school's strategic direction in consultation with parents, whānau, staff, students, our Parish and the wider school community to ensure that every student that attends Stella Maris can achieve their highest educational and faith outcomes. You may now be familiar with the School's Strategic plan for 2024 and 2025 and this year's implementation plan that was developed last year in consultation with our community. These documents are available on our school's website for those that would like to look over them.

Once again I would like to thank you all for the roles each of you play in making our school the special place it is and helping to fulfil our school's mission. Thank you so much for the time and effort you bring to fundraising events, coaching and managing sports teams, helping with classes and all the other forms of support and contributions you bring to our school and community – it is so greatly appreciated.

May God bless you and your precious whānau in abundance, and I pray you all enjoy a safe and happy holiday in this glorious Easter season.

Ngā mihi nui

Trish Hammond

On behalf of the Stella Maris School Board



PTFA Term One 2024 Wrap-Up

Hello!

It is hard to believe that it is the end of the term 1 already. What a wonderful term it has been settling back into our beautiful school. It was lovely to meet some of you at the Welcome Picnic at the beginning of term.

A highlight of this term for the PTFA would definitely have to be seeing the waterside and bike shed being enjoyed by many during the sunny lunch breaks we have been blessed with over the term. Thanks to the PTFA efforts a couple of years ago the tamariki have access to an array of quality bikes to use at lunchtime. A huge thank you to all the teachers/teacher aids/senior students who gave up their break times to supervise and manage these extra activities. This gets us thinking... alongside the playground floor upgrades, what else could we fundraise for that would enrich our tamariki's lives during their school days?!

A huge focus for our committee this term has been on increasing whanau/family engagement. Have you checked out the PTFA info board in the foyer?! Our role as the PTFA is to strengthen relationships between families and school through social events while fundraising for things the school needs and wishes for. We get to be 'fun committee' and the tricky stuff like budgets, school fees and big important decisions are all handled by the Board of Trustees. We sadly have to admit it is becoming harder and harder to host school social events with the lack of engagement we are receiving from families. It was with a heavy heart we made the call to cancel the requested movie night due to low ticket sales. Our whanau/family mix and mingle evening had just 5 parents attend and we struggled to find volunteers to help with the St. Patrick's fun lunch. We saw a similar pattern last year too. This is certainly taking a toll on our volunteer committee members who are all ready juggling their own work/life commitments and then giving up so much of their own time organising events that we hope will become fond school memories for our tamariki/children. But we simply cannot organise and host events without whanau engagement.

We urge you to get involved. We guarantee lots of laughs, great chat and plenty of smiles from our event attendees. 😊

PTFA monthly meetings, beacons, newsletters, social media posts (Facebook & Instagram) and notice boards around the school is where you can find information about upcoming events/volunteer call outs. As always your engagement, feedback and thoughts are appreciated and definitely help guide the wonderful work our committee members do. We truly do invite motivated whanau/family with fresh ideas to come along to one of our monthly meetings. We have the first Disco for 2024 coming up next term, we cannot wait! It is always a much anticipated event. Keep an eye out on those communication pathways mentioned above to get involved.

PTFA AGM
7:15PM 15 MAY 2024

Wishing everyone a relaxing and safe school holidays.

Arohanui,
Lani



INFORMATION

FOR PARENTS

MULTI-SPORT

PROGRAMME

Programmes run weekly on one day a week for one hour.

This term we will focus on the following sports:

- ✓ T-Ball
- ✓ Basketball
- ✓ Athletics
- ✓ Football
- ✓ Ultimate Frisbee

This weekly programme gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings – giving them confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.

For Year 0-4 students.

PRICE: \$116 FOR 8 WEEKS

Stanmore Bay School – Mon, 2.55pm
Wainui School – Mon, 3.05pm
Orewa Primary School – Tue, 3.05pm
Silverdale School – Tue, 3.05pm
Dairy Flat School – Wed, 2.55pm
KingsWay Junior School – Wed, 3.05pm
Orewa Beach School – Thu, 2.50pm
Red Beach School – Thu, 3.05pm
Stella Maris Primary School – Fri, 2.55pm
Whangaparaoa School – Fri, 3pm

BOOK EARLY & SAVE

Use the voucher code earlybird before 1 February to save!

Website: kellysports.co.nz/hibiscus-coast
Contact: Hayden West
Email: hbc@kellysports.co.nz
Phone: 021 879 144
Facebook: @KellySportsHibiscusCoast



English With Allie



Online After School Group Classes for Students:

Course 1: Academic Written Language & Skills (For Fluent & Near Fluent Speakers)

- ~ Classes: Years 5&6, 7&8, 9&10
- ~ Online group lessons (maximum of 6 students)
- ~ 90-minute lessons

Course 2: Academic English Language (ESOL) (Not Yet Fluent Speakers)

- ~ ESOL classes: Years 5/6/7 Years 7/8/9
- ~ Online group lessons (maximum of 4 students in ESOL classes)
- ~ 60-minute lessons
(Note: ESOL students are required to attend two lessons a week)

**** Enrolling now for Term 2****

Term 2 Course Dates: 6 May to 5 July 2024 (9 weeks)

Limited Spaces



Allie Rankine:

- Qualified & Registered New Zealand Teacher
- Over 35 years of experience.

For more information please contact me at:
EnglishWithAllie.teacher@gmail.com

In-School Maths Tutoring

Enrolling for Term 2

Years 3 - 6

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

Thinking Caps Tutoring

- **Focus:** Multiplication & Division

office@thinkingcaps.co.nz thinkingcaps.co.nz

Dance and Drama Classes!

Splat! Are offering a dance class or a drama class at your school this term!

- Open to students of all backgrounds and experience levels
- Only \$21.50 per lesson
- Free trial class available
- Open to new students at any point in the term
- Taught by experienced teachers
- Inclusive, encouraging and most of all FUN

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SPLAT!

Mark Your Diaries

12 Apr	TERM ONE ENDS 2:45pm
29 Apr	TERM TWO STARTS 8.45am
6 May	Book Fair Week
10 May	Book Character Parade 11.30am
10 May	Mums Day at Stella Maris 11.30am
10 May	Sushi Lunch - Orders via Kindo
12 May	Mothers Day
16 May	Rosmini Open Day 1.30pm
23 May	Year 5/6 Rippa Rugby Tournament
27 Jun	Matariki Breakfast

2024 School Term Dates

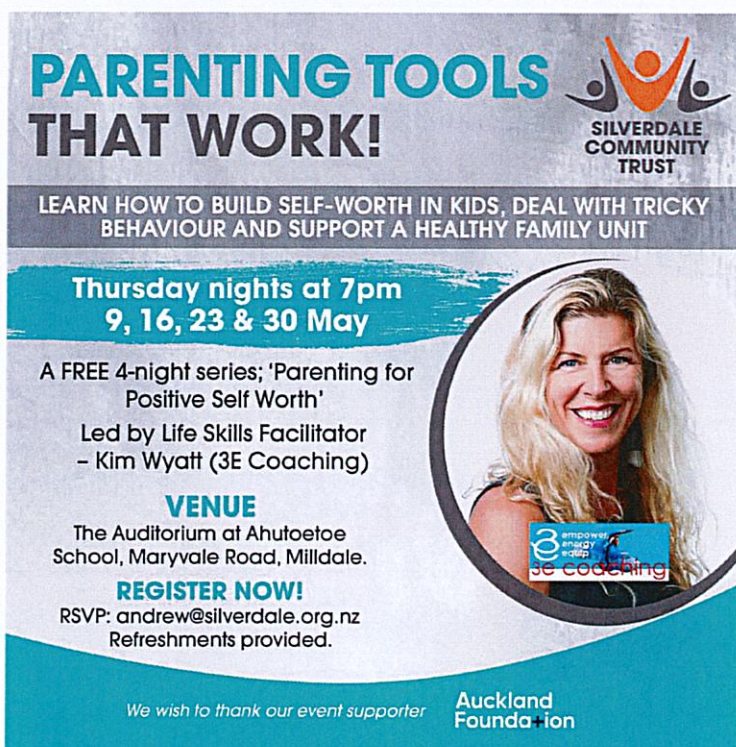
TERM 1	Wednesday	07 Feb - Friday	12 Apr
TERM 2	Monday	29 Apr - Friday	05 Jul
TERM 3	Monday	22 Jul - Friday	27 Sep
TERM 4	Monday	14 Oct - Friday	20 Dec

2024 Public Holidays

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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Thursday nights at 7pm
9, 16, 23 & 30 May

A FREE 4-night series; 'Parenting for Positive Self Worth'
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VENUE
The Auditorium at Ahutoetoe School, Maryvale Road, Milldale.

REGISTER NOW!
RSVP: andrew@silverdale.org.nz
Refreshments provided.

We wish to thank our event supporter **Auckland Foundation**

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**