

# Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

This week, being Book Week, has been filled with excitement. The Book Fair in the library has been busy as students, with their parents in tow, have been in to buy books and other goodies, students are creating bookmarks and dust jackets, and staff members have been reading stories to different classes each afternoon. And of course it all culminates tomorrow with the Book Parade and Mums' Day. Mums are welcome to join us from 11:30am - if the weather holds the book parade will be held on the courts at 11:30am, sushi lunch orders will be delivered to classes from 12:20pm and then mums are invited to join their child/ren in their classes for the afternoon. We are all looking forward to the day tomorrow.

Many of you will have heard a number of education related announcements from the Government over the last week or so in the media. Some of these, like the lunches in school announcement won't impact our school. Others, such as the attendance and structured literacy announcements will. There is a lot of work to do to ensure we are ready to implement this by the start of next year, but please be assured the we will be doing everything we can to ensure we are doing the best for the students of Stella Maris, while meeting the new requirements outlined by the government.

**Attendance:** Improving school attendance rates is one of the government's main focus points. It is important that students are at school everyday that school is open, as regular absences impact upon student progress and achievement. Punctuality is also important – it can be embarrassing for a student if they come into class after the day has started, and it can be disruptive for a class that is in prayer or has begun their day's learning. We encourage families to have students at school around 8:30am, giving them time to prepare for the school day before the 8:45am bell. I also remind you that family holidays that are taken during term time are considered an unjustified absence and are marked as such on the attendance register, and will show as unjustified on your child's report. You need to inform the school office if your child is away or going to be late due to appointments. You can do this by ringing the office, emailing [absences@stellamaris.school.nz](mailto:absences@stellamaris.school.nz) or using the school app.

**Pentecost Mufti Day:** Next Friday, 17 May, we celebrate Pentecost – the birthday of the Church. Children may come to school in red, orange or yellow mufti (NO gold coin required), there will be a liturgy led by St Augustine and other activities for the students to take part in through the day

**Teacher Only Day:** Please note that school will be closed on Friday 31 May for a Teacher Only Day. This is the Friday of the King's Birthday long weekend. This is one of two teacher only days the Ministry of Education has allocated for curriculum development this year.

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki – May God bless you

Catherine Cyprian  
Principal







## DRS Message

This term's theme in our new Religious Education curriculum is Te Rongopai- Good news. This theme focuses on Sacred Scripture in the Tradition of the Church, as God's relationship with people, with us (Revelation). It addresses such questions as what does the Bible contain, where did it come from and what do the stories mean for me? It highlights the 'joy of the Gospel' and addresses the complexity of revelation and interpretation as appropriate to different ages of young people. It invites and equips young people with ways of reading and praying Sacred Scripture. The aim is that Young people will develop an understanding of the Bible as a library of books with a range of origins, authorship, genre, style and purpose. They will be able to retell many of the narratives and concepts, and will develop an understanding of the significance of these texts, as part of God's revelation, within the Catholic Tradition and for human society today.

*God of wisdom, anoint me with your Holy Spirit,  
so that as I read your eternal word, your word may penetrate  
my whole being and transform me.  
Grant me the blessing to be a faithful disciple in believing the Word of God  
and that I may be a light shining upon all who are in darkness.  
Amen.*

## TEAM NEWS

### Matikao

It was a happy start to the term for Matikao, tinged with sadness at the loss of Warren, but we were able to share memories of him and pray for him and his family. He will be missed at Stella Maris. This term in RE we will learn more about Jesus and his family and will explore the stories of the gospels, which bring Te Rongopai, the Good News, to us all. Our concept of Change will focus on the changes of the Earth and how this affects us all. We are also very excited about spending time with our mums tomorrow and revealing ourselves dressed as characters from our favourite books.

### Mokehu

Kia Ora whanau, the excitement around the school is building for Book Character and Mum's Day tomorrow, we look forward to welcoming you into our classes. Please look out for information coming home shortly about two exciting events- an Auckland War Memorial Museum trip and Jumping June, a fitness skipping programme. The teachers have all started testing in preparation for school reports that will come home later in the term. Thank you to the children who have shared some of their Shine Challenges in classes, this is an optional homework programme with 7 challenges to complete that are due in early term 4.

### Huruhuru

The Interschool Ripa Rugby teams have been selected for the tournament on 23 May. Thank you to the parents who have offered to be coaches and helpers on this day. Everyone is excited for the Book Parade and Mums Day this week. Books are available for purchase from the school library on this day.

**Second Hand Uniform Sale  
Tomorrow In The Main Foyer  
8:15am**

### TEACHER ONLY DAY

Friday 31 May

*School will be Closed on this day*

### KING'S BIRTHDAY

Monday 3 June

*School will be Closed on this day*

### Hockey

**Stella Kiwi** put up a great fight and lost 3-1 to Wainui

Player of the day Mya Morris

Fair player of the day Emily Alder

**Stella Kea** played well and won 15-0 against Kingsway

Player of the day Caitlin Finch

Superstar of the day Khalum Woods

**Stella Foxes** won 4-0 v Kingsway

Player of the day Patrick Hammond

**Stella Puppies** lost 4-0 v Red Beach

Player of the day Ethan Human

**Stella Tigers**

Player of the day Nathan Cross

### Sports Team Subs

Hockey and Netball subs are now due, please make payment at the school office or via Internet. Thank you.

### Mums Day At Stella Maris

Tomorrow is Mum's day at Stella Maris, starting at 11:30am with the Book Character Parade, you can then enjoy lunch with your child and then spend the afternoon in the classroom. We look forward to seeing you here.



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NEWSLETTER 9 May 2024

## Book Fair

The final day of our book fair is tomorrow, Friday 10th May. There are some fabulous books on display available to purchase. Great bargains to be had, this is a wonderful opportunity to stock up on gifts. The Library is open for sales, before school at lunchtime.

## School Accounts

Accounts have been sent out this week and payments up until 30th April 2024 have been allocated. When making payments for attendance dues and donations please ensure these payments are made into the following account 12 3046 0362238 01. Thank you.


## Pentecost Sunday Prayer Readers

The St. John's Children Liturgy Team is looking for children / youth aged 5yrs - 18yrs to read a prayer in another language, besides English on Pentecost Sunday during the 10.30am Mass. If you can speak a second language and would like to read a prayer, please email your details to [stjohnschildren.liturgy@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnschildren.liturgy@gmail.com)

## Please Keep The Following In Your Prayers As They Prepare For The Sacraments

Emily Alder, Marco Alcartado, Araya Armstrong, Suriya Armstrong, Alexander Arnott, Diveej Arena, Samantha Aviles, Emma Ayala, Blake Bakker, Penelope Bell, Sophia Bell, Samuel Bell, Mhaxein Caballete, Charles Cagalawan, Zhorine Cagalwan, Zhorine Cagalawan, Elimyss Caingod, Inigo Cardeno, Alicia Chan, Liam Colcol, Indie Davies, Lily-Snow Rivers-Symons, Seth Day, Ruby Day, Caitlyn D'Mello, Latham Drake, Isabel Marrier-D'unieville, James Edhouse, Martha Alumna, Margaux Lumber, Elizabeth Emmanuel, Esther Emmanuel, Rafael Esposito, Caitlin Finch, Calum Gilmour, Snead Gilmour, Gia Gomes, Mia Granich, Zara Grinch, George Hammond, Cooper Hanlon, Katelyn Joe, Edwin Jomon, Allegra Kinmond, Earl Legasto, Edric Legasto, Ava Macken, Elise Madrazo, Angel Manuel, Carissa Meineke, Amelia Menzies, Stella Okrosa, Maziel Oliver, Millie Pearson, Zeya Pereira, Renzo Petersen, Ava Reade, Lucas Reade, Ziet Dario, Rose Smith, Apollo Stylianou, Makayla Tang, Maxim Teterin, Rita Tome, Linus Treydte, Austin Van Den Heerver, Marco Watson, James Wilson, Christian Ye.

Has your child received support for  
**ANXIETY or ADHD?**



**AUT** Tell us about their experiences, and you could win 1 of 20 \$30 vouchers!

We are researchers and postgraduate students from AUT, currently investigating treatments for anxiety and ADHD. Parents (of children aged 5-11, living in NZ, with anxiety and/or ADHD symptoms) are invited to participate in the anonymous online survey.

Approved by AUTECE on 08/04/24 [Ref. 24143] amy.kercher@aut.ac.nz

Click to participate or learn more:  
[https://aut.auckland.ac.nz/qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_1Cp0TC9wlfEIXc](https://aut.auckland.ac.nz/qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1Cp0TC9wlfEIXc)

## 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)

**\*\* Join a class for Term 2 \*\***  
**\*Limited spaces are still available\***

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



**Allie Rankine:**

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

For more information please contact me at:  
[EnglishWithAllie.teacher@gmail.com](mailto:EnglishWithAllie.teacher@gmail.com)



## Mark Your Diaries

10 May	Second hand uniform sale 8:15am school foyer
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 May	Care and Share Week - Bring a non perishable food item
31 May	Teacher Only Day
<b>03 Jun</b>	<b>Kings Birthday - School closed</b>
14 Jun	PTFA - Children's Disco
27 Jun	Matariki Breakfast
27 Jun	Second Hand Uniform Sale 2:15pm - School foyer
<b>05 Jul</b>	<b>Term Two Ends 2:45pm</b>

## 2024 School Term Dates

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

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>

**PARENTING TOOLS THAT WORK!**

SILVERDALE COMMUNITY TRUST

LEARN HOW TO BUILD SELF-WORTH IN KIDS, DEAL WITH TRICKY BEHAVIOUR AND SUPPORT A HEALTHY FAMILY UNIT

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

A FREE 4-night series; 'Parenting for Positive Self Worth'

Led by Life Skills Facilitator  
- Kim Wyatt (3E Coaching)

**VENUE**  
The Auditorium at Ahutoetoe School, Maryvale Road, Milldale.

**REGISTER NOW!**  
RSVP: [andrew@silverdale.org.nz](mailto:andrew@silverdale.org.nz)  
Refreshments provided.

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

## Telephone

### Netball

- Cancellation Contact -  
[teresa@netballnorthharbour.co.nz](mailto: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**