Kia ora e te Whānau

Last Friday there was a sense of excitement in the school as we celebrated Pentecost. Thank you to St Augustine class who led our school liturgy, and to Mrs Pearson and Mr Hobman who ran the team discos throughout the day. This day of celebration reminded us all of our mission as disciples, to spread the Good News. At Mass on Sunday as the parish celebrated Pentecost I was very proud of a number of our current and past pupils who read Prayers of the Faithful in different languages with great poise, confidence and reverence.

On Monday of this week the Environment Team led an assembly at which they reminded us all of our responsibilities as kaitiaki, guardians of our world. They spoke of our Marian Values Kaitakitanga – Guardianship, Aroha – Love, Āwhina – Service, and how when we are looking after the environment we are displaying these values. Their main message to us all was to ensure that when we put rubbish in the bins we make sure we are putting it in the correct bins. When you are in school we ask that you help with this – ensuring that you place rubbish in the bins as they are labeled, and that any food or drink containers that go into the recycling bins have be rinsed and do not contain food. Please also note that take away coffee cups do not go in the recycling bins. Thank you to our Environment Team and Mrs Bates for leading us in our care of God's creation.

At last week's PTFA AGM the office holders for the next year were elected.

Chairperson – Lani Baxter-Mackay Deputy Chair – Jaime Davies

Treasurer – Michelle Arnott Secretary – Rachel Wakelin

Fundraising – Kelly Alder and Jaime Davies Staff Rep – Diana Pearson

Second Hand Uniform - Belinda Scott Fun lunch co-ordinator - Jennifer O'Keefe

Thank you to each of these people, and to all others who are part of the PTFA or help out at PTFA events, for your service to our school in leading fundraisers that help to build our school community.

Care and Share Week: Starting from Monday and for all of next week we will be collecting non-perishable items for our care and share. Items which are collected are greatly received and will be distributed to Love Soup through our parish, St John's. Thank you.

Part time vacancy: We are looking for a part time groundskeeper/caretaker to join our staff, who is able to work Thursday-Friday each week, 8 hours a day. If you are interested, or know someone who may be interested please email Catherine Cyprian with a cover letter and CV by Monday 27th May. principal@stellamaris.school.nz

Save the Date: Thursday 27th June, 7:15am – You are all invited to join us for a Matariki liturgy, followed by a shared breakfast at 8:00am. More information about this will follow.

Reminder: Teacher Only Day – next Friday, 31st May. School will be closed on this day as the staff will be participating in professional development related to the changing curriculum. Please note that school is also closed on Monday 3rd June for King's Birthday long weekend.

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki - May God bless you

Catherine Cyprian Principal



This week in the Church we begin the period known as "Ordinary Time'. It comes from "Ordinal numbers" by which the weeks in the church are counted and identified. These are the weeks outside of Christmastide and Eastertide and their respective preparatory times of Advent and Lent. It comprises the longest time on the liturgical calendar when the faithful consider the fullness of Jesus' teachings and miracles while on this earth. Ordinary Time stands for the place where most of us live our lives—not high in the mountains or low in the valleys, but on the level land: going to work each day, raising families, paying the bills, searching for meaning. Ordinary Time, as a contemporary spiritual writer has observed, is "the space God gives us to make a difference—the space between the past and the future, between Pentecost and Jesus' Second Coming."

A Prayer for Ordinary Time
Creator Redeemer Sustainer God,
How extraordinary is Your "ordinary time."
How uncommon is the commonplace in Your Kingdom.
The mundane is made miraculous, full of holy opportunities.
The smallest joy a jubilee! Created anew may we grow tall and "grace-full" in Your likeness. Redeemed by Your sacrifice may we come to know the depths of Your love. Sustained by Your Spirit may we be steadfast and shining in Your service. We humbly ask that You continue to bless us with all we need for the living of these days—these wondrous ordinary days—.

that our everyday lives may be gifted to experience the vitality of Christian community, to share Your message of hope, reaching out to the poor and hurting, and bringing glory and honor to You, our God.

Amen.

TEAM NEWS

Matikao

It was a happy and colourful celebration day for us all last Friday at school as we celebrated the birthday of the Church - Pentecost. The children threw themselves into the celebrations with the Year 1s wearing their Pentecost flame headbands to the Liturgy followed by an energetic dance party disco, led so enthusiastically by Mr Hobman. Now we are all moving forward fueled by the power of the Holy Spirit within us, sharing aroha, peace and joy with others and finding our newly refreshed inner strengths. We hope the children are sharing this good news with you all at home, too, in words and actions. On Monday we were reminded about the importance of careful recycling at the Kaitiakitanga assembly - we can all help to look after our world.

Mokehu

Kia Ora whanau, thank you for returning your Museum permission slips so quickly, individual teachers will be in touch to organise parent help early next week. We are very much looking forward to exploring the Museum. With winter bug season fast approaching we encourage you to remind your children to maintain high hygiene standards- sneeze/ cough into their elbows, put used tissues in the land-fill bin and to frequently wash their hands.

Mokehu Assembly Awards

St Joachim Harrison Hosking, Jacob Walker
St Anthony Zeya Pereira, Thomas Hammond

St John Sam Bell, Jmar Apilado St Peter Sam Bessone, Aidan Lamb

Huruhuru

This week has been a busy week for the team. On Monday some of our students from the environment team helped present a special assembly to ensure all students are kaitiaki of our school environment. On Thursday we had St Joseph lead a liturgy for the school while another 36 students attended the Interschool Rippa Rugby Tournament. Thank you to all those involved.

TEACHER ONLY DAY

Fríday 31 May School will be CLOSED on this day

sKids will open: to book go to

enrolmy.com/skids-bumblerods-limited/book-now/78-Light-Up-the-Sky-Teacher-Only-Day

KING'S BIRTHDAY

Monday 3 June School will be CLOSED on this day



Hockey

On Monday night our 7 teams, their coaches and supporters, all braved terrible conditions to play hockey. There were some very exciting games played. Congratulations to the following children who received Player of the Day for their teams Jannik Anders, Matilda Tang, Olivia Negri-Vivar, Georgia Morton Jones, Skye Wooldridge, Marco Tome, Aoife Hogg, Brody Morris, Alex Liow. We also have several children who have completed their umpire training and are now umpiring games; Caitlin Finch, Khalum Wood, Patrick Hammond, Jannik Anders and Mya Morris. Thank you for your service.

PLEASE NOTE: HOCKEY AND NETBALL SUBS ARE NOW DUE

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, Samual Bell, Mhaxein Caballete, Charles Cagalawan,

Zhorine Cagalwan, Zhorine Cagalawan, Elimyss Caingod, Inigo Cardeno, Alicia Chan, Liam Colcol, Indie Davies,

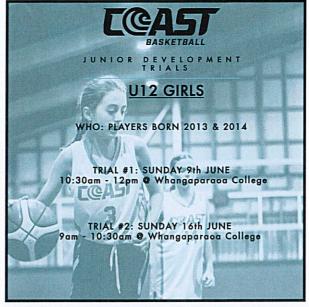
Lily-Snow Rivers-Symons, Seth Day, Ruby Day, Caitlyn D'Mello. Latham Drake, Isabel Marrier-D'unieville,

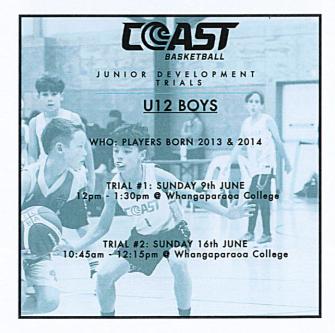
James Edhouse, Martha Alumna, Margaux Lumber, Elizabeth Emmanuel, Esther Emmanuel, Rafael Esposo, Caitlin Finch, Calum Gilmour, Snead Gilmour, Gia Gomes, Mia Granich, Zara Grinch, George Hammond, Cooper Hanlon, Katelyn Joe, Edwin Jomon, Allegra Kinmond, Earl Legasto, Edric Legasto, Ava Macken, Elise 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.

Stella Stars Playgroup

Please join us on Friday's during term time for our under 5's playgroup in the hall. We meet at 9am and have a range of activities, crafts and toys available as well as mat time with stories and songs! Our playgroup is open to everyone with under 5s and is a great way to meet other parents in the wider school community. For further information please join our 'Stella Stars Playgroup' Facebook page or contact Kayla via email at stellastarsplaygroup@gmail.com We hope to see you soon!







CALLING ALL LOCAL BUSINESSES.... ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

The Stella Maris PTFA are on the hunt for 3 local businesses who are interested in donating \$1800 each to go towards the cost of 3 new event Gazebos. In exchange, each business will have their logo/business details permanently printed on the gazebo as pictured, for the life of the Gazebo!

These bad boys are commercial grade and live a long time!

It is one gazebo, per business. This is a tax deductable donation.

Our gazebos are used at every large event hosted at school and are often used in the wider community, meaning your business will receive a large amount of exposure within our community and beyond.

If this sounds like something you are interested in, we would LOVE to hear from you. stellaptfa@stellamaris.school.nz
Ph. 0273979154 or via School Office





Save The Date | Mark The Calendars | Volunteers Needed:
The PTFA Is Making The Call Out Early For Volunteers To Help Out At The Upcoming Events:

School Disco 14 June Evening 5pm Onwards Matariki Breakfast 27 June - Early Morning

Are you able to help out for an hour at one of our events? We would love to have you!

Volunteer sign up sheet located at the Main office or email: stellaptfa@stellamaris.school.nz with your name & contact number.

Alternatively, comment on upcoming posts on our facebook group:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/2302054146690064

Parents and Friends of Stella Maris (Silverdale NZ)

Mark Your Diaries

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
03 Jun	Kings Birthday - School closed
10 Jun	Museum - St Peter and St Joachim
13 Jun	Museum - St John and St Anthony
14 Jun	PTFA - Children's Disco
26 Jun	Second Hand Uniform Sale 2:15pm - School foyer
27 Jun	Matariki Breakfast
02 Jun	Matariki Observed - School Closed
04 Jul	Kahui Aka Speech Competition
04 Jul	School Reports available to view on Hero
05 Jul	Catholic Schools Mufti Mania - Gold coin donation
05 Jul	Term Two Ends 2:45pm
22 Jul	Term Three Starts 8:45am
22 Jul	Dance Programme for all students - two weeks
24 Jul	Parent Interviews - School finishes at 12:20pm
25 Jul	Parent Interviews Continue - school finishes at 2:45pm
02 Aug	Second Hand Uniform sale - school foyer 8:15am
07 Aug	Photolife Class Individual and Sibling photos
08 Aug	Photolife Team and Group Photos

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

King's 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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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**

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www.webhealth.co.nz Auckland Youth www.akyouth.org.nz