

# Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER 6 June 2024

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Kia ora e te Whānau

As we approach the time of year when the constellation Matariki, also known as Pleiades, reappears in the skies, Aotearoa New Zealand prepares for the Māori New Year. It is a time for us to remember those who have passed away in the year, a time to prepare and plant crops, and a time to plan for the future, to look forward with hopefulness, and a time to be with whānau and friends.

Even though we know so much more about them now, it is difficult to be outside on a starry night and not look upon the skies with a sense of wonder. In Psalm 8 we hear: *'When I behold your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon, and the stars which you set in place, what is humanity that you should be mindful of us? Who are we that you should care for us?'* The stars have practical uses also, as an aid for navigation and as an indicator of the seasons. And of course here at Stella Maris, we see Our Lady, Star of the Sea as our guide on life's journey and in coming to know Jesus.

As the country prepares for the rise of Matariki, here at Stella Maris our students will be participating in Matariki activities in the week before the long weekend. This week of activity will culminate in a liturgy and shared breakfast.

***We invite you to join us for  
Matariki Liturgy and Breakfast  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June  
Liturgy will begin at 7:30am  
Followed by breakfast at 8:00am***



As part of the liturgy we will remember Warren as we plant a tree in his honour.

Breakfast will be cereal, fruit and yoghurt. As Matariki is a time of sharing and to help with catering we are asking for families to donate the following food items:

Nazareth families – one box of Weetbix per family

Bethlehem families – one packet/box of Cornflakes per family

Galilee families – one packet/box of Ricies per family

Jerusalem families – one tin of peaches per family

Your support in this would be greatly appreciated. We will organise gluten free and non-diary options.

We look forward to you joining us to celebrate this special time in Aotearoa, New Zealand's calendar.

Please also note that school will be closed on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June for the Matariki public holiday.

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki – May God bless you

Catherine Cyprian

Principal



As we close in on Matariki we should reflect closely on the Bi-Cultural aspect of our nation. Our new RE curriculum has a clear and meaningful commitment to upholding this. Our curriculum states...

"In honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the New Zealand Catholic Bishops' commitment to the principles of protection, partnership and participation in Aotearoa, Tō Tātou Whakapono Our Faith provides space for Māori learners to respond to the material in a way that is meaningful to their faith journey in their cultural context. This is an active expression of our Catholic Special Character.

Our Catholic faith is one and universal. Every form of inculturation of the faith enriches everyone. We know that in the history of Aotearoa, the participation and belonging of Māori within the Catholic Church predates the signing of the Treaty. Until the arrival of British and Irish soldiers, the Church here was predominantly Māori. Bishop Pompallier, Marist fathers and brothers, the first group of the Sisters of Mercy, early Mill Hill fathers, and many others, learned Te Reo to be able to build relationships with the indigenous population."

Our Faith is enriched through the integration of Te Ao Maori **Te Ao Māori context where all the elements of creation within the living and spiritual realms are interrelated.**

*Kia tau ki a tātou katoa*

*Te atawhai o tō tātou Ariki, a Ihu Karaiti Me te aroha o te Atua*

*Me te whiwhingatahitanga Ki te wairua tapu*

*Ake ake ake, Amine*

*May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ*

*And the love of God And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit*

*Be with you all Forever and ever*

*Amen*

*(2 Corinthians, 13:14)*

## TEAM NEWS

### Matikao

Kia ora, Matikao whānau. What a fabulous long weekend! We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did. Our professional development on Teacher Only Day last week was very rewarding and allowed us to share our practice, ideas and resources for Literacy across the school – some good learning for us all. The children are enjoying our Jumping June activities and the extra fitness training should get us all into shape for the school disco on Friday of next week. We hope all our children can be there – already there is a buzz of Winter Wonderland excitement in the air.

### Mokehu

Kia Ora Whānau, this week we have started The Code teaching in all 4 classes. This seems to have gone smoothly and the children are adjusting well to this new routine. The classes are split for this so children are getting to work with different teachers and with different children. Skipping is our focus for fitness at the moment as part of Jumping June and the children are steadily improving their co-ordination and fitness, skipping is also bringing a lot of joy to the classes! Next week we are looking forward to the Museum trip for St John and St Peter on Monday and St Joachim and St Anthony on Thursday, followed by the Disco on Friday.



### Huruhuru

Last week a newsletter came home about our upcoming Puberty session. It explains the Zoom Parents Session (not for students) that will be held on Thursday 13th June at 6pm by the course facilitators. They will explain the Year 5 programme and Year 6 programme in detail. We strongly suggest that you attend this Zoom session if you would like to know more about the programme. The Zoom link will be put on Hero the day before with the Zoom Meeting. If your child is not participating in the Puberty session in week 8, please ensure your child has returned the slip to their teacher.

### Come Work For Us – Advocacy Lead At Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is the Catholic bishops' agency for justice, peace and development, part of a global federation. We're on the hunt for an Advocacy Lead to join our team and bring about positive social justice through education, advocacy, and Māori engagement. The ideal candidate will have strong writing and research skills, experience in an advocacy and/or policy position, and a relevant tertiary qualification. Reporting to the Chief Executive of Caritas NZ and the Regional Coordinator of Caritas Oceania, they will be responsible for contributing towards the establishment of the advocacy function and framework for Caritas Oceania and Caritas NZ and coordinating programmes aligned to the Caritas mission. This role offers an exciting opportunity within a close-knit Wellington-based team.

Visit <https://mclaren.co.nz/vacancies/?ja-job=4240637>

## 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.

## Dove Fellowship

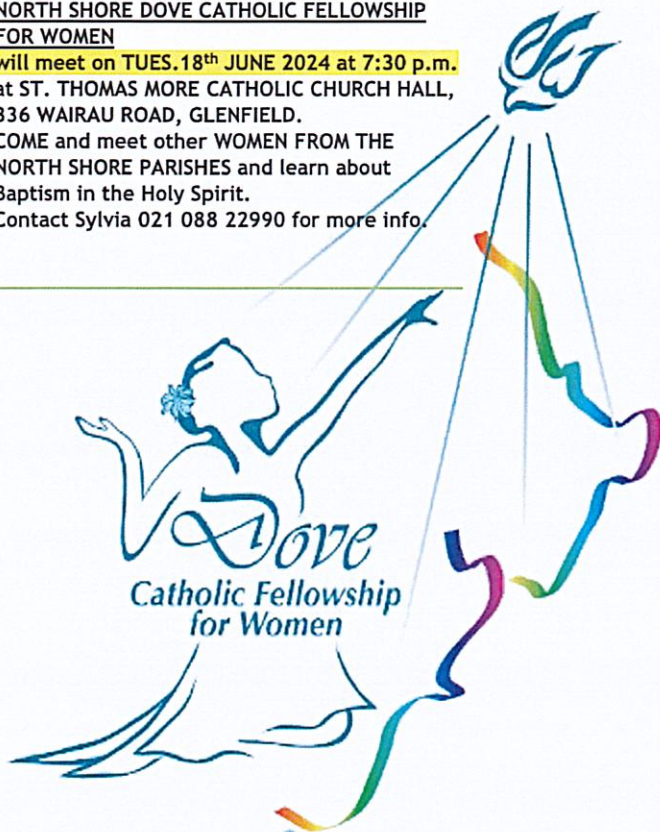
### NORTH SHORE DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN

will meet on TUES. 18<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

at ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH HALL, 336 WAIRAU ROAD, GLENFIELD.

COME and meet other WOMEN FROM THE NORTH SHORE PARISHES and learn about Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Contact Sylvia 021 088 22990 for more info.



## SPORTS NEWS

### PLEASE NOTE: HOCKEY AND NETBALL SUBS ARE NOW DUE

#### Player Of The Day- All Sports - Coaches And Managers

If you want to have your player of the days mentioned in the newsletter, please email Mrs Smith with the sport and child's name by Wednesday morning; [colleen@stellamaris.school.nz](mailto:colleen@stellamaris.school.nz)

#### Basketball

Stella Rockets have got off to a flying start this term having won all games with the exception of one draw. Gelling well as a team with all giving it a real GO! Proud of them all. Another win this week versus the Silverdale Snakes; 12-10. James Wilson our player of the match.

The Mamba's had a great game Tuesday night against the Silverdale Hawks with an 18-8 win. The Mamba's are on a streak winning three games in a row. We are proud of our Mamba's year 5/6 team and the way they are learning to play together and work as a team. Go Mamba's.

Stella Lakers have had a great start to the term winning all their games so far! It's been really exciting with all the players really improving. We still have space in the team if anyone is interested in joining just let manager Natasha Candy know, we would love to have you onboard.

#### 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](mailto:stellastarsplaygroup@gmail.com) We hope to see you soon!

#### Dance Class At Stella Maris

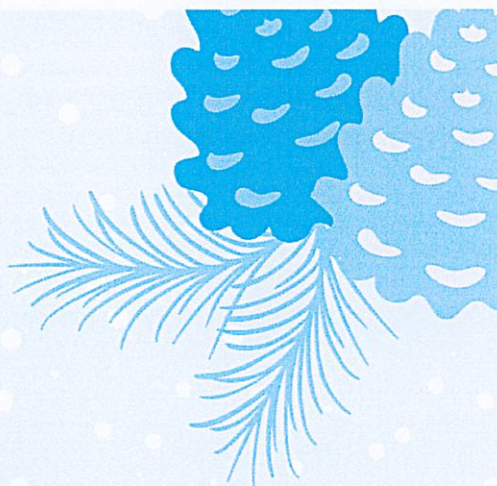
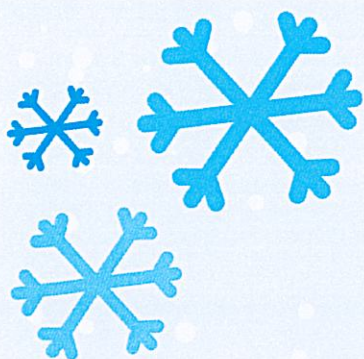
Splat! invites you to our dance class for Term 3. In this lively class, students will master dance routines, unleash their own creative moves, and enjoy entertaining games that teach performance skills. The term concludes with an informal performance for friends and family, showcasing the students' progress!

All levels are welcome, from beginners to experienced dancers.

Class Details:

- Tuesdays from 3pm-3:45pm in St Therese, August 5th to September 23rd
- Cost: \$172 for the 8-week term.

We have only 10 places available! Secure your spot now by emailing [manon@splatnz.com](mailto:manon@splatnz.com) or visiting [www.splatnz.com](http://www.splatnz.com)



*PTFA*  
*Winter Wonderland*  
*Disco Night*

Stella Maris School Hall

Friday - 14th JUNE 2024

Sensory Session 4.30pm - 5pm (Parents welcome)

Session One: Years 0-2 DROP OFF 5pm - 6.30pm

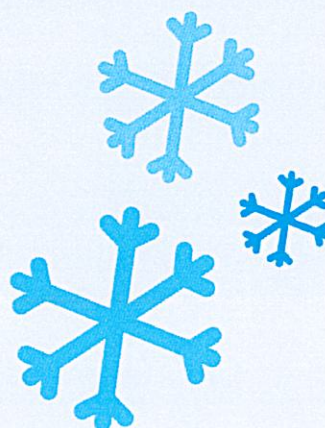
Session Two: Years 3-6 DROP OFF - 7pm - 8.30pm

*Tickets \$10 via Kindo*

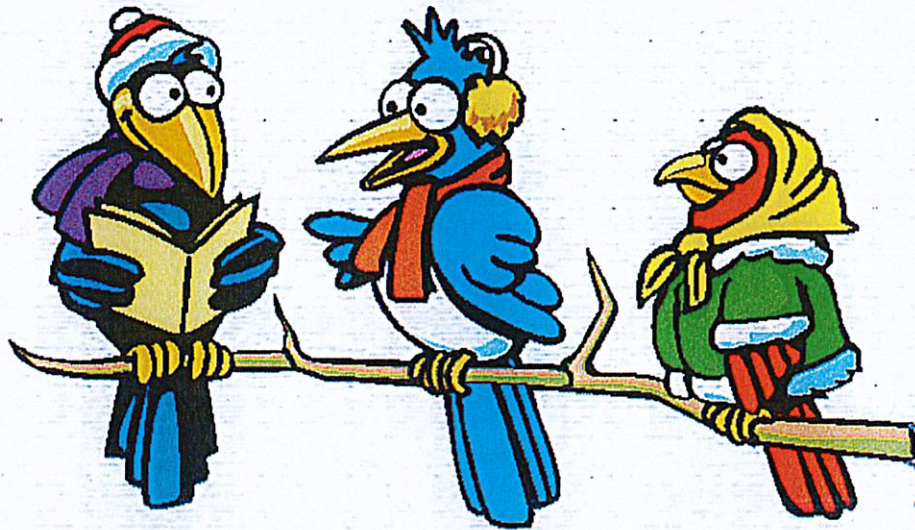
Please bring water bottles and there will be disco dollars available to purchase for snacks on the night



Money raised will go towards playground flooring upgrade and to supply dairy items to help support Matariki breakfast as requested by school



# SCHOLASTICS BOOK CLUB



*Order forms have gone home  
this week - orders will close on*

*Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June*

*This is a wonderful way of  
supporting your child's reading  
and raising bonus points for the  
school to purchase curriculum  
items. Please hand your orders  
into the school office.*

*Your support is appreciated.*

 SCHOLASTIC



## Mark Your Diaries

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
<b>28 Jun</b>	<b>Matariki Observed - School Closed</b>
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	PTFA Friday Pie day - Orders will be via Kindo
<b>05 Jul</b>	<b>Term Two Ends 2:45pm</b>
<b>22 Jul</b>	<b>Term Three Starts 8:45am</b>
22 Jul	Dance Programme for all students - two weeks

## 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 Whānau Book Resource Link

<http://www.faithalive.org.nz/assets/Resources/Family-whanau-book.pdf>

*The Mokehu team spent a morning in a workshop with Bunnings creating this wonderful bench for the junior playground area.*



## 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**