

# Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

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Kia ora e te Whānau

Next Wednesday to Friday Olwyn Hobman, Mel Hogg, Karl Hobman and I will be attending the NZ Catholic Education Convention in Wellington. Traditionally the convention is held every three years, this year's convention is the first in six years due to Covid. The convention brings together leaders from all Catholic schools and Dioceses across the country. The theme for the convention is Tūhono Whakapono – Together One Faith Community. We are looking forward to sharing this time with others who share our faith and love for education in faith based schools. In our absence if you have any queries please direct these to the Team Leaders or the school office.

Thank you to those who have donated breakfast items for our shared Matariki breakfast on Thursday 27th June. All donations can be placed in the boxes in the main atrium.

**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**

50 house points for each donated item.

***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***



There is an air of excitement as the preparations for tomorrow's Winter Wonderland disco begin. There have been great ticket sales and we are looking forward to an evening of dancing and fun. Thank you to the PTFA for organizing this event.

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki – May God bless you  
Catherine Cyprian

## **A Special Thank You from Warren's Family**

We have been overwhelmed with love, prayers and support for a much loved husband, dad, Pa to his nine grandies, and caretaker of Stella Maris Primary School, who was taken suddenly and too soon. Thank you to each one of you in the Stella community for your kindness and your personal stories of how you loved this special man.

Warren loved the environment that is Stella Maris and wanted to participate in it through his outside roles of mowing lawns, tending to gardens and especially designing the school entrance gardens. He loved his crossing duties both morning and afternoon, and was richly rewarded when meeting, parents, grandparents and you the students each day.

He loved sports and believed it fosters commitment to become a better version of yourself. He loved hearing about your achievements each week while chatting in the grounds, or on crossing duty.

Thank you to the families who were at Warren's service, and to the senior students who spoke from the heart. That was truly special and something we will never forget. From the dedicated wall in the senior atrium, to the personal cards from students, we thank you so much for showing kindness and thoughtfulness to our family and this amazing person.

He was a good, kind man, so remember him with a smile. He is gone from our sight, but never from our hearts. Warren has left us to create a new garden.

With our love from Pauline (Mrs Hibbert), Charlotte, Michael, Andrew and their families.



This week we celebrate "Support Staff Week" at Stella Maris. Our motto is "Shine for God" and one of the greatest examples of this in action is our Support staff. Our property manager, our cleaners, our technology support, the office staff, our Librarians and our Teacher Aides are all saints in our community. Two definitions of a saint in our Catholic teaching is that a saint offers their lives for others and they are worthy of imitation. While we look towards our Mother Mary as our guide to Jesus we can also see examples of this in our Support staff. Each of our support staff has responded to God's calling to serve others. We are blessed with Support Staff who go above and beyond in their care for our school, our teachers, our children and all whanau in our community. God's Holy Spirit dwells in the heart of each of them. Jesus is alive and present in all our Support Staff and it is important we acknowledge this, not just this week, but each day, as the work they do that is often unseen is the foundation of much of our special character at Stella Maris.

*Loving God,*

*We thank you for our amazing Support Staff at Stella Maris.  
We ask you to continue to strengthen them with your love.  
Help us to recognise their impact in our lives and to support them  
with the same love and energy they devote to our school.  
Amen.*

## TEAM NEWS

### Matikao

Our Matikao tamariki are continuing happily on their learning journey. Even watching the progress in skipping skills has been amazing - they are all doing their best to upskill. We continue to explore Te Rongopai- The Good News in RE. We are learning how Jesus teaches us through His parables and the way he treated others. We are all looking forward to our Winter Wonderland disco experience tomorrow night - Friday Fun Night!

### Mokehu

Kiaora Whanau, this week the Mokehu team visited the Auckland War Memorial Museum. During our visit the children learnt about the Hauraki Gulf and how we need to protect this environment as it is the habitat to many special creatures. This fits nicely into our new Marian Value of Kaitiakitanga. The children then spent time exploring the taonga on display. On Monday afternoon, we were delighted to hear the following feedback from the Museum Education Department about the children from St Peter and St Joachim- the children were "very polite, asked fantastic questions and demonstrated just how prepared they were". This all made us feel very proud. A big thank you to all the parents who helped over the 2 days.

### Huruhuru

Next week students will be participating in our puberty sessions. Please let your child's teacher know if they are NOT attending. This week our second camp letter came home with costs and an invitation to parents who would like to volunteer to be a camp parent. Please look out for this newsletter. If you have any questions about camp, please contact [tracey@stellamaris.school.nz](mailto:tracey@stellamaris.school.nz) Next Thursday (week 8) is our interschool football competition. We thank Ms Hunt for organising this event and to the parents who are attending on the day. We wish all the teams the best of luck.

### Certificates

St Dominic	Summer Tobias, Filipe Tauva
St Augustine	Matthew Dizon, Elise Shun
St Patrick	Mila Henderson, Lucas Broomfield
St Joseph	Taylor West, Katie Joe

## SPORTS NEWS

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

If you want to have your players of the day 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)

### Hockey

Congratulations to the following children who received player of the day on Monday night;

Zeya Pereira (4 Goals)

Inigo Cardeno

Patrick Hammond

Rita Tomē

Stan Buchanan

Sienna Franich

Georgia Morton-Jones

Jordy Johansen

### Basketball

**The Mamba's** had a great game on Tuesday, winning over Wainui Thunder 29-17. A great game of team work and hard work was had by all. Well done to our Mamba's!

Extremely close and exciting game for the **Stella Lakers** losing by just one point to the Wanga Miniballers. Great play by our joint players of the day Alex Arnott scoring his first goal and Rikard Candy showing what great defence looks like. Stella Lakers vs Wanga Miniballers (loss 5 v 6).

A tough day at the office for **Stella Rockets** this week with their first loss of the season against Gulf Harbour (GHS Hotshots); 4 v 7. Excellent possession and positioning; the ball just seemed to not want to go in! Player of the day goes to Harry for his defensive efforts. Go Harry and well done to our team once again for a great team effort!

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## Stella Stars

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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!

## 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)



SCRATCHPAD

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Make The Most of Your Holidays With a Fun-Filled Learning Experience!

**BOOK NOW**

- Introduction To Developing Websites
- Learn To Code In Python
- Code That Robot Using Edison
- Developo Games With Roblox
- Create Videos using AI
- Code That Robot Using MBOT
- Develop Games With Gamedev
- Introduction To Graphic Design
- Let Us Code
- Minecraft - Develop Your Own Mods
- Let Us Learn 3D Printing
- Minecraft Modding Junior
- Create games using Scratch

8<sup>th</sup> July - 19<sup>th</sup> July

(09)815 0825 | [www.scratchpad.co.nz](http://www.scratchpad.co.nz) | [info.silverdale@scratchpad.co.nz](mailto:info.silverdale@scratchpad.co.nz)

## Children's Art WORKSHOP

One-day program for ages 7-12yrs.

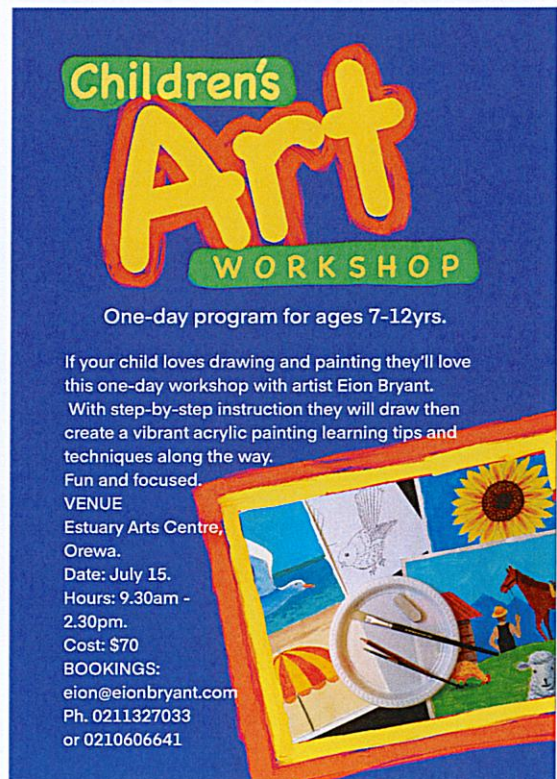
If your child loves drawing and painting they'll love this one-day workshop with artist Eion Bryant. With step-by-step instruction they will draw then create a vibrant acrylic painting learning tips and techniques along the way.

Fun and focused.

VENUE  
Estuary Arts Centre, Orewa.

Date: July 15.  
Hours: 9.30am - 2.30pm.  
Cost: \$70

BOOKINGS:  
[eion@eionbryant.com](mailto:eion@eionbryant.com)  
Ph. 0211327033  
or 0210606641




Experts in FUN!

## HOLIDAY HQ

Secure a spot in one of our holiday programmes today!

**Introducing Holiday HQ**

We at skids are reimagining our holiday programmes and are delighted to introduce Holiday HQ!

Holiday HQ is the ultimate destination for kids looking for an unforgettable break from the school routine. From exciting outdoor escapades to creative workshops, cooking classes and interactive learning sessions - our expert educators provide a dynamic blend of engaging activities and enriching experiences.

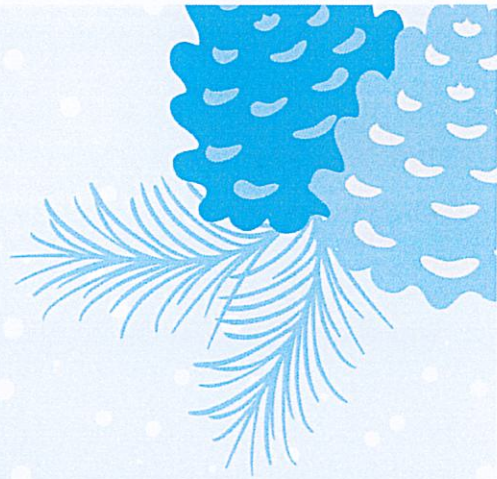
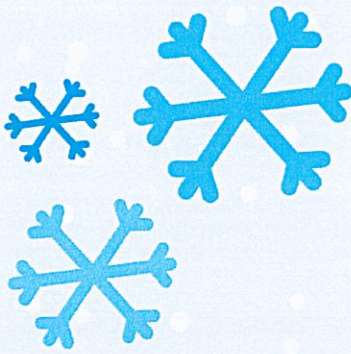
**skids Support Office**  
Freephone: 0800 274 172  
Phone: (09) 576 6602  
[skids.co.nz](http://skids.co.nz)

**Winter Holidays 2024**

Join us this July for our reimagined holiday programme!

8<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**skids**



*PTFA*  
*Winter Wonderland*  
*Disco Night*

Stella Maris School Hall

Friday - 14th JUNE 2024

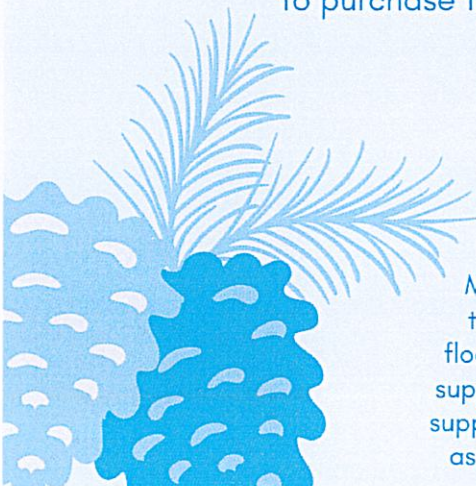
Sensory Session 4.30pm - 5pm (Parents welcome)

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

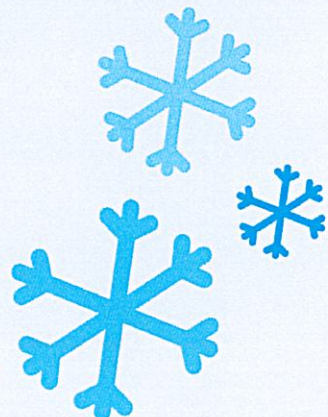
Session Two: Years 3-6 DROP OFF - 7pm - 8.30pm

*Tickets \$10 via Kinde*

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



## Mark Your Diaries

14 Jun	PTFA - Children's Disco (Times see poster above)
17 Jun	Mohehu Assembly 11.20am
20 Jun	Whole School Liturgy 9.00am
20 Jun	Year 5/6 Interschool Football Tournament
24 Jun	Matikao Assembly 11.20am
26 Jun	Second Hand Uniform Sale 2:15pm - School foyer
27 Jun	Matariki Liturgy 7.30am followed by Breakfast 8.00am
<b>28 Jun</b>	<b>Matariki Observed - School Closed</b>
29 Jun	Confirmation Mass 2pm - St John's Church
01 Jul	Full School Assembly 9.00am
04 Jul	School Liturgy 9.00am
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
24 Jul	Parent Teacher Interviews - School closes at 12.20pm
25 Jul	Parent Teacher Interviews Continue school closes 2.45pm

## 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>



## 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**