

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER 30 May 2024

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Kia ora e te Whānau

On Monday at the whole school assembly we presented the mid term Charism Awards to a student from each team who displays the Marian Values, not only in their class but in the wider school environment.

Matikao Team - Julianna Selkirk

Mokehu Team - George Hammond

Huruhuru Team - Georgia Morton-Jones

We thank these students for the way in which they model the Marian Values as they serve others, show love and faith, and help others to have a sense of belonging in their class, team and school.

On Tuesday evening it was lovely to meet with many of our new families and formally welcome them to Stella Maris at the Pizza and Chips evening for new families. It was lovely to hear how settled the students, and their families, are into the school community. This evening was a chance for new families to meet one another, to meet school leadership and team leaders and the School Board. We look forward to getting to know you more over the years you are part of the Stella Maris community.

Attendance: You will be aware that one of the Government's initiatives is to improve student attendance at school. They have set a target of 80% of students to be present at school for more than 90% of the term by 2030. 90% of the term would mean that students are absent for less than 5 days each term. I thought you might be interested in our Term 1 attendance data.

At Stella Maris in Term One 74% of students attended school regularly (regular attendance is 90%, or absent for less than 5 days a term). This means that our attendance is below the expected 80%.

The main reasons given for absence in Term one were:

- Illness/Medical 61%
- Holiday (an unjustified absence) 21%
- Justified absence (e.g., bereavement) 11%
- Accepted but unjustified absence (e.g., dance exams) 7%

We appreciate you keeping your children home when they are too unwell to attend school as this helps to keep other students and staff well. We understand the other absences noted above but we do ask that you are mindful of these sorts of absences as repeated absences do impact on student's learning and achievement. You will be able to see your child's attendance rate on their mid year report which will be available to you on Hero at the end of this term.

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 – tomorrow, 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.

Wishing you all an enjoyable long weekend
Ma te Atua koe e manaaki – May God bless you

Catherine Cyprian
Principal



Last Sunday we celebrated the Solemnity of the most Holy Trinity. Our new Religious Education curriculum has combined what used to be separate strands of learning into one Strand we call, Te Atua-God. The learning in this theme focuses on the nature of God as revealed in the scriptures and the Tradition of the Church. It addresses such questions as who, where, what is God and what does God do? It considers each person of the Trinity: God the Father, Jesus and Holy Spirit. It addresses God's relationship with us – individually and collectively, and our relationship with God. We explore how God is one and God is also three. At appropriate levels, our students have the opportunity to explore arguments for the existence of God, and traditional and popular images of God including their own images.

The nature of God as Trinity – three persons in one God – is essential for understanding the Christian faith, and the concept of 'divine mystery' and the inability of human minds to ever fully encapsulate the Divine should be communicated.

Through this Theme we:

- Introduce the concept of the God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) who loves us and is present to us.
- Explore how God is a Trinity of 3 Persons who overflow with love.
- Understand that each Person of the Trinity is special and shares gifts with us.

We pray to the Lord.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit!
Three in One God, we offer our lives to you every day in the same way that we close this prayer in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

TEAM NEWS

Matikao

Kia ora Whanau. At last, the skipping ropes have arrived at school for us to practise and improve our skipping skills ahead of the Jumping June culmination day at the end of June. Don't forget to sign up and donate to the Heart Foundation. On Friday, our Teacher Only Day, the staff will be reviewing and refining our Literacy teaching skills and will return on Tuesday with renewed vigour to share this with our tamariki. We hope you all have a happy, safe and blessed long weekend break.

Certificates:

St Mary - Liya Patel, Amelija Macken, Gray Brennan.

St Benedict - Trevor Straka, Bailey Zahorodny

St Lucy - Blair O'Keefe, Charlie Robertson

St Leo - Georgina Ramsey, Stan Buchanan

St Nicholas - Malia Ashman, Makenna Scott

Mokehu

Kia Ora whanau, our spelling is changing as we are moving to a new Structured Literacy programme 'The Code' which is already followed in both Matikao and Huruhuru teams. Children will still be given words to learn on a Monday and tested on a Friday, but there will be a greater in class focus on spelling rules throughout the week. Please be patient as we negotiate this new programme, other schools we are working with have experienced great results from using The Code and we are excited to start implementing it into our daily programmes.

Certificates:

St Anthony - Flori Elliman, Rafael Bovelander

St John - Finley Gale, Stella Okrosa

St Peter - Rosemary Kirk-Jones, Talulah Cooper

St Joachim - Ada Shimwell-Painter, Emilia Lunt

Huruhuru

All classes are continuing the concept of Change. Later this term the year 5 and 6 student will be participating in a Puberty programme. The Year 5 students will complete a Positive Puberty Plus day, while the Year 6 students will complete a Body Talk programme. These will be run by Nest Consulting who ran our programme last year. Information about these programmes and an Information Zoom Meeting have been sent home this week. Please look out for this. Our next interschool event is the Football Tournament on Thursday 20 June.

Certificates:

St Patrick - Kieran Edwards, Rita Tome

St Dominic - Alicia Chan, Patrick Hammond

St Augustine - Hugo Masutti, Mieszko Pulawski

St Joseph - Jannik Anders, Martha Elumba

TOMORROW TEACHER ONLY DAY

Friday 31 May

School will be CLOSED on this day

skids will open : to book go to

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

KING'S BIRTHDAY

Monday 3 June

School will be CLOSED on this day

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

Hockey

Congratulations to the following children who received player of the day at hockey this week. Jordan Alapatt, Mia Granich (for a Hat-Trick of goals) Gray Brennan, Aqua Wooldridge, Arth Suvarna, Mollie Heneghan, Rita Tome and Matilda Tang.



Pictured are members of the Stella Foxes and Stella Puppies training under a rainbow on Monday morning. It must have been a lucky rainbow as both teams won their games on Monday night

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!

Elemental

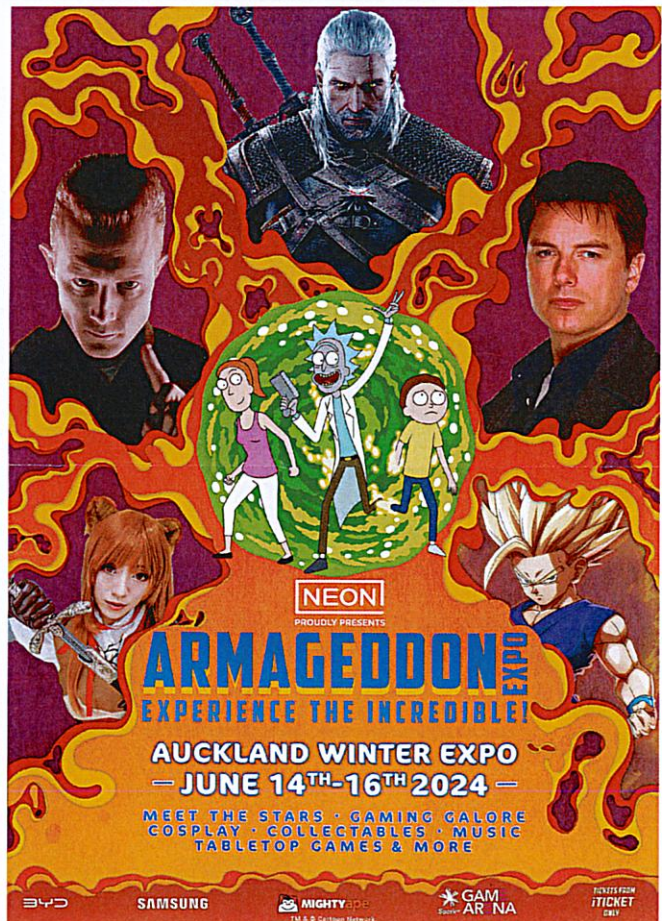
Presented by Flip N Fly Circus. Sky City Theatre 22nd June. Tickets available at iticket.co.nz

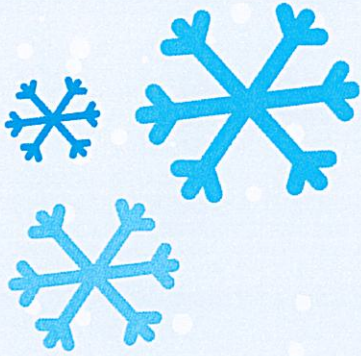
Please Keep The Following In Your Prayers As They Prepare For The Sacraments

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.

Armageddon Expo

Taking place in Auckland Showgrounds on 14th - 16th June.





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

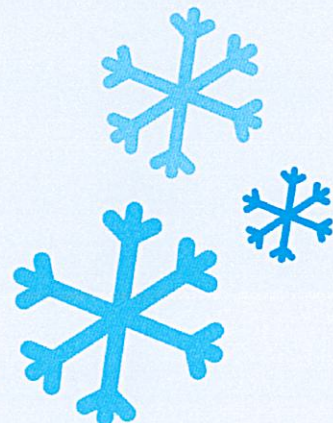
Session Two: Years 3-6 DROP OFF - 7pm - 8.30pm

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



Mark Your Diaries

31 May	Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
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
28 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	PTFA Friday Pie day - Orders will be via Kindo
05 Jul	Term Two Ends 2:45pm
22 Jul	Term Three Starts 8:45am
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 Whanau Book Resource Link

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

Warren would be so proud of our Principal Catherine Cyprian and Mon McKernan keeping our gardens looking beautiful.



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**