

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

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Kia ora e te Whānau

Each morning this week we have had a rotation of activities related to Matariki. We mixed the classes up so that each group had students from Yr 0 to Yr 6 in it and over the three days they have taken part in different activities including weaving, art, stick games, music and waiata, sign language and story telling. It has been a special time in which everyone enjoyed sharing time getting to know different students and teachers while learning new skills. The highlight for me was seeing the older students taking roles in which they helped the younger students, and seeing our Marian Values coming to life in a different situation. And the week has culminated in our very special Matariki liturgy this morning followed by a shared breakfast. It was so lovely to share this morning with so many families and staff, and feel the spirit of our school community as we came together in friendship to share prayers, remember those who have passed away, plant a tree to remember Warren, sing waiata and enjoy kai.

A huge thank you to all who donated cereals and peaches for our breakfast this morning, to the PTFA and team who helped to serve it and to all the staff and families who participated in our liturgy. The leftover cereals will be donated to the Care and Share team in the parish.

Manawatia a Matariki – Happy Māori New Year



Caritas YCC Mufti Day: The last day of term, Friday 5th July is YCC mufti day. YCC Day is special event where Caritas joins forces with Catholic schools across New Zealand and is held on the last day of term 2 each year. Caritas is a global network that is grounded in Catholic social teaching, reaching out to the vulnerable and excluded world wide. This year alongside Caritas we will all be supporting Holy Trinity School in Papua New Guinea, which is in need of classroom furniture and resources such as books and writing materials. This mufti day is a gold coin donation, with all proceeds going to Caritas to support Holy Trinity School. This link will take you to a video from the Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand about [YCC Day 2024](#)

Parking in Old Mill Road: We have received a concern from the school neighbours who live in Old Mill Road (out the top gate) about parking in the street. If you park in Old Mill Road please make sure you do not park across any driveways and block access for our neighbours. It is also important when you are exiting the top gate that you look both ways – there have been a number of near misses when drivers have not looked up the road for vehicles coming down the hill. We thank you for helping to look after our neighbours.

Ma te Atua koutou e manaaki – May God bless you all

Catherine Cyprian
Principal

TEAM NEWS

SCHOOL NEWS

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Matikao

Kia ora, Matikao Whanau. Manawatia Te Matariki! This week has been a fabulous time of learning mixed with celebration. The children have really enjoyed the learning opportunities they have been offered as we celebrate the Maori New Year together. Weaving, art, waiata and music, NZ sign language experience and planting and gardening have been on offer this week as we have joined together across the school to celebrate this wonderful time of the year. We hope our tamariki have shared many of these activities with you. This morning was such a special time sharing the Liturgy and breakfast together – we are happy you could be with us. Happy Matariki and ma te Atua koutou ē manaaki.

Mokehu

Kiaora Whanau, this week the school has been buzzing with excitement about the Matariki Rotation. Children have thoroughly enjoyed working with different teachers and children on a variety of activities; weaving, art, waiata, gardening and dancing. Thank you for all the hard work that has gone into fundraising for the Heart Foundation during June. It was great to get fit and support this fantastic cause. We hope you all enjoy your Matariki long weekend.

Huruhuru

Last week our students participated in puberty programmes which were run by Nest Consulting. We thank them for leading an educational day for our students. We also had 3 teams represent us in the interschool football competition. Thankfully, they had fine weather and enjoyed their day. We thank Ms Hunt and the parent helpers for their support. The date has now closed for parents who wish to volunteer for camp in December. We have had a large number of parents respond, which we appreciate. We will contact parents once we have finalised the details of who is attending.

Parent Teacher Conferences

NOTE: SCHOOL WILL CLOSE AT THE EARLIER TIME OF 12.20pm ON Wednesday 24th JULY. Interviews begin at 1:00pm. Skids will be open if you wish to book your child in for the afternoon.

Buses: Bayes bus 22 to Whangaparaoa /Gulf Harbour will run at the earlier time of 12.20pm. **All other buses** will operate at their usual time, therefore, these bus children will need to be collected early or booked into Skids to await their afternoon bus pickup.

Jumping June

During June the Matikao and Mokehu teams have been doing daily skipping as part of their fitness programmes. It has been amazing to watch the progress of the children as their skills and tricks have developed. Whilst they have been skipping and strengthening their own hearts, they have also been fundraising for the Heart Foundation who support people in New Zealand with heart issues. The children have raised over \$7100. Today we celebrated the end of Jumping June with a great skip-athon. Children from different classes skipped together and had a wonderful time. If your child has raised money, make sure you log-in to their account and select the prize they have learnt. These will be distributed in term 3.

Flipperball

The Stella Sharks (y3/y4) have been doing well in the Sunday leagues for flippaball, winning 3 games and losing some hard fought matches. They are coached by Stella alumni Marco and Rieleigh. Current players are: Zeya Pereira, Sofia Pereira, Inigo Cardeno, Milla-Rose Slattery, Ava Macken, Daniel Pratt, Huxley Selkirk, Samuel Bessone, Rhys Daroy and Indiana Wakelin. If anyone is keen to try and learn flippaball in a fun environment for term three please contact Rochelle 0274198154.

Basketball

Another fabulous win and performance from our Stella Rockets; 8-4 versus Swish Kings. From awesome individual efforts and team goals, another performance to be proud of. A special mention to our player of the match, Cruz Fisher, for his tenacity, drive and consistency week on week. Well done Stella Rockets!

Hockey

At Stella Maris we have 7 hockey teams that play on a Monday night in Millwater. Thank you to the coaches and managers who help these teams. Congratulations to the following children who were awarded player of the day by their teams:

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| Year 1/2 | Nathan Cross, Nate Dalzell, Aqua Wooldridge, George Heneghan. |
| Year 3/4 | Amelia Bayly, Sam Van Blerk. |
| Year 5/6 | Emily Alder, Rita Tome |

Wednesday 24th July commencing at 1pm
Thursday 25th July commencing at 3.15 pm

(School will finish on Wednesday at 12.20 pm)

Parent Interview

Bookings are to be made online by visiting

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

(Bookings will be open from the 19th June)

Our School Access Number is **dujus**

Please ensure you have booked your child
in for this important process

DRS Message

Our New RE curriculum acknowledges the Bi-Cultural nature of Aotearoa NZ. 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.

To support non-Māori and those learning about tikanga Māori, many concepts and elements of Te Reo Māori language are included in the new curriculum to develop an understanding and the ability to listen more deeply to others' stories. Some of those concepts include:

Aroha

Compassion, love, forgiveness, are some words and actions we associate with Aroha. The late Msgr. Henare Tate described aroha as, "To be in the presence of the breath of God."

Whanaungatanga

Whanaungatanga principles and practises are fully compatible with, and respectful of, all aspects of Catholic schools' Special Character. Essentially this principle is about building relationship, being inclusive, and sharing story that binds us together such as the Bible and our collective faith journey.

Manaakitanga

Manaakitanga speaks to our desire to make others feel and be welcomed, to provide hospitality, care, an awareness of their needs. This includes the need to be comfortable, to feel welcome. Food is one expression; a hug, hongi, smile and handshake are others. When Catholic schools reflect this action they mirror Jesus who accepted being taken care of (when his feet were washed with oil), and made others feel comfortable in his presence ("Zacchaeus, I must stay at your house today"). He took care of the sick, those struggling with life, physically, emotionally and at a deeper level looking for meaning.

There are many other experiences and expressions from a Māori worldview that mirror Gospel values and the words and way of Jesus. Young people are invited and encouraged to develop understanding of these as they move through the curriculum levels of our RE curriculum.

Matariki Blessing.

The new light of Matariki has risen!

May it be to you a sign of resurrection and new life.

May it be to you a sign of hope in times of darkness.

*May it be to you a sign of the wondrous mystery
of Atua who loves you.*

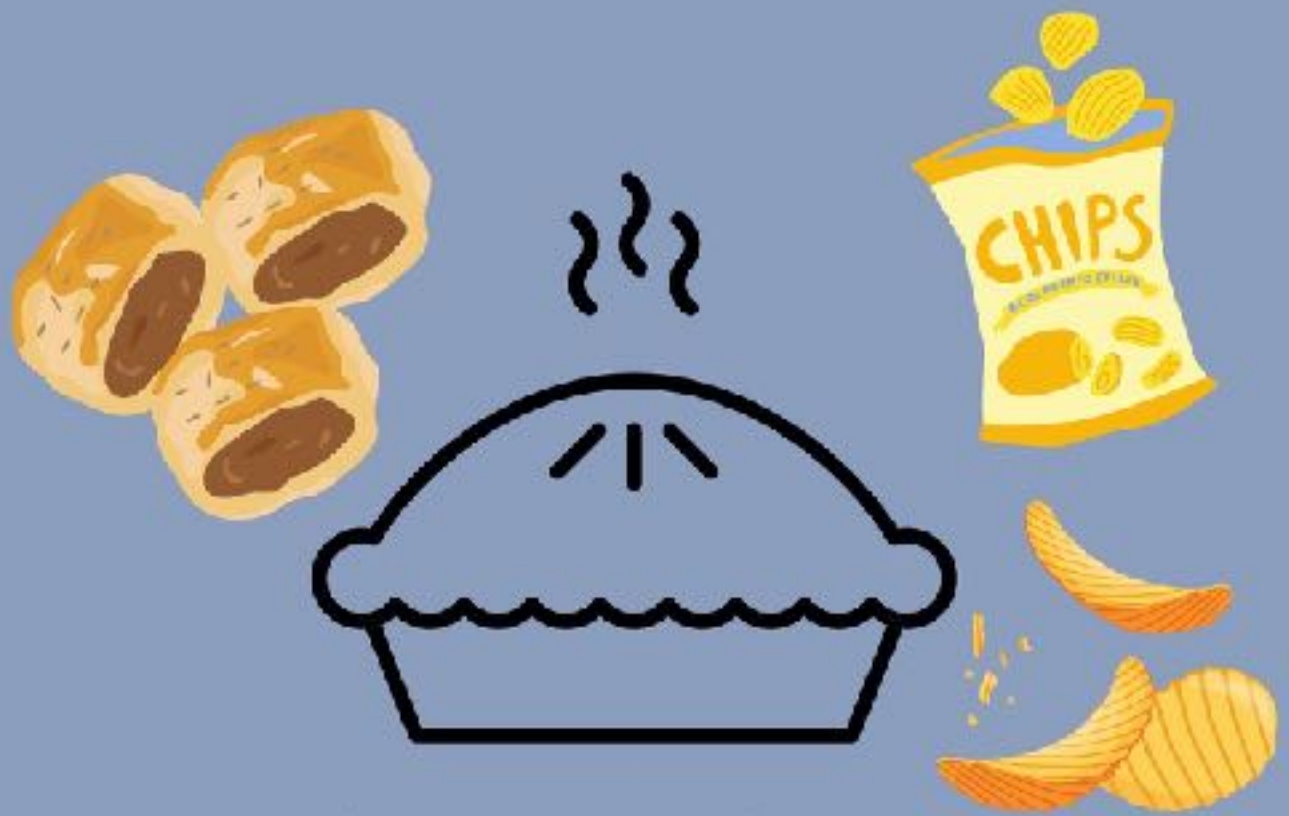
*May it be to you a sign that the eyes
of the Eternal One are ever upon you
and that the presence of the Holy One is ever with you.*

And may this be the cause of your rejoicing.

Go in peace.

*Through Christ and in the perfect unity of the Holy Spirit,
we pray.*

Amen



STELLA MARIS PTFA
PRESENTS

KIWI CLASSIC PIE & CHIPS FUN LUNCH

**FRIDAY 5TH
JULY**

PIES \$6.50 *GF AVAIL.
SAUSAGE ROLLS \$6.50
POTATO CHIPS \$2.00

ORDERS OPEN ON KINDO NOW!

KINDO ORDERS OPEN TILL 28TH JUNE.

Mark Your Diaries

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| 26 Jun | Second Hand Uniform Sale 2:15pm - School foyer |
| 27 Jun | Matariki Liturgy 7.30am followed by Breakfast 8.00am |
| 28 Jun | Matariki Observed - School Closed |
| 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 |
| 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 Teacher Interviews - School closes at 12.20pm |
| 25 Jul | Parent Teacher Interviews Continue school closes 2.45pm |

2024 School Term Dates

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| 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

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| 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>

Yummy Apples



How you can participate

- Purchase Yummy apples from your local New World, Pak'n Save and participating Four Square stores.
- Purchase either bags with cut-out labels or individual apples with Yummy stickers. One cut-out label is worth 10 apple stickers.
- Place the Yummy stickers on Sticker Collection Sheets and the cut-out labels on Cut-Out Label Collection Sheets.
- Return your completed Sticker Collection Sheets to the office.
- Ask the office for more collection sheets.

Your Yummy stickers will then be converted into a share of the sports prize pool. The cut off date is 1/10/24.

Happy collecting!
Mrs Hogg

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**