

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

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Kia ora e te Whānau

Congratulations to Allison Florendo, Tiffany Hoang and Mia Child who received the Charism Award at assembly on Monday. Each of these students have displayed the Marian Values and been recognised for the way they model them for their peers.



The generosity of our school community has been strongly evident throughout this term. To name a few:

- Our termly Care and Share collection for the parish support of Love Soup was gratefully accepted
- The donations of cereals and peaches for our Matariki breakfast saw us being able to donate leftover unopened boxes to Care and Share also
- Those who have provided meals for our Pastoral Team freezers
- The Matikao and Mokehu participation in Jumping June saw them raising a very generous \$9,000 for the Heart Foundation
- And of course there have been all of the parents who have helped out in so many ways at school – coaching or managing sports teams, helping with the museum trip, helping with the disco or fun lunches...

We thank you all for helping to put our Marian Values of Aroha, Whanaungatanga, Whakapona and Āwhina into action through your support and donations.

Mufti Day tomorrow: Tomorrow is another chance to show this generosity, Aroha and Āwhina as we participate in the Catholic Schools' Mufti Day for Caritas. The mufti day (non-uniform day) is for a **gold coin donation** which will be passed on to Caritas to support them in their help to purchase furniture and resources for Holy Trinity School in Papua New Guinea. Don't forget to check out this video from the Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand about [YCC Day 2024](#)

Uniform: As the winter months have settled in our grass areas have become quite wet, and there have been a number of students who have had accidents, slipping on the wet grass and becoming quite muddy. It would be a good idea to ensure the students have their PE uniform at school each day so that they have a change of clothes if needed.

Please take time over the holidays to ensure that any repairs are carried out on uniform, and to ensure that students have the correct uniform for the start of the new term.

We have a busy first week back next term with Parent Teacher Conferences and Dance for all classes, so I wish everyone a restful and happy holiday, and look forward to welcoming everyone back ready for the new term on the 22nd July.

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

Catherine Cyprian
Principal

TEAM NEWS

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Matikao

To say that last week's Matariki celebrations at school were wonderful doesn't seem to say enough! The feeling around the school was amazing - from students, to teachers to parents and friends. It was a pleasure to be a part of it all - to see the smiles on the faces of our tamariki and listen to their feedback was inspiring. Thank you all for supporting the learning about the significance of this special time of the year in Aotearoa. The Jumping June finale on Thursday was also a wonderful experience and greatly enjoyed by the children. The improvement in skipping skills was clear to see - all the while raising funds for the Heart Foundation. What could be better? Our thanks to Diana Pearson for organising this for our kura. We wish you all a happy and safe school holiday and look forward to welcoming our tamariki back to start the new term in two weeks time.

Mokehu

Kiaora Whanau, last week was the very successful Matariki Week at school, the children loved the opportunity to work with different teachers and students on a range of activities. Thank you to the PTFA for organising the shared breakfast after the wonderful Liturgy. Thursday was also the successful Jumping June and we were blessed with beautiful weather for skipping! We hope you were all able to connect with loved ones over the Matariki long weekend. This week we are back into Code, reading, writing and maths and finishing off our RE topic Te Rongopai- The Good News, where we have been learning about the Stories and Messages of Jesus. We wish you all an enjoyable and recharging break.

Huruhuru

Another busy term has come to an end. This is a list of some of the activities the team has participated in - Team Sport on Tuesday - Basketball, Netball, Rippa Rugby and Football, Book Week and Mums Day, Leading Environmental Assembly, Pentecost Liturgy, Team Assemblies, Puberty Programmes, Interschool Rippa Rugby and Football Tournaments, Kiwi Cam Competitions, Matariki week, and Kapa Haka. Our concept of Change led to many learning activities across the curriculum, especially in our science, health and literacy programmes. We hope our students have a great holiday and return ready for the second half of the year.

SCHOOL NEWS

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.



This year we were asked to participate in the Jumping June fundraiser for the Heart Foundation. The Matikao and Mokehu teams have incorporated skipping into their daily fitness programmes and have watched with awe and excitement as children have mastered the art of skipping and developed new tricks. Last Thursday we were blessed with wonderful weather and the children from both teams spent time rotating through 10 different skipping activities. As a school we raised \$9000. All of this money goes directly to the Heart Foundation. Thank you to everyone who helped raise money for this great cause.

The top 3 classes were St Peter, St Anthony and St Leo.

The top 10 fundraisers were Reyan Mukherjee, Aoife Byrne, Amelia Bayly, Christian Ye, Millie Pearson, Jake Madsen, Ava Reade, Body Lu, Lola Davies and Milla Dee. A special mention to Reyan in St Leo, who raised \$1000. At home, children now need to go onto www.jumpingjune.co.nz and select their prizes. These will be sent to school and distributed early in term 3.

Shining For God

Pippa Walker, Isla O'Neill, Lily Rivers-Simons and Emme Walker hosted several baking fundraisers over the weekend to raise money for injured and ill children at Starship Hospital. They raised over \$1200 to support this great cause and we applaud their efforts to show love and appreciation for their community.



Basketball

Stella Mambas vs Silverdale Sonics - a close game - Mambas 18 - Sonics 17! Well done, Team Mambas!

Hockey

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded player of the day for the last game of term 2. Milla-Rose Slattery, Ethan Human, Sam Bell, Georgia Morton-Jones, Cooper Hanlon, Stanley Buchanan, Caitlin Finch and Georgia Ramsey. Hockey starts again on day one of term 3 - **Monday 22nd July** and goes until 26th August. Enjoy your holidays.

Stella Foxes lost 2-4 against Mini Sticks Mixed OB Field Flames. Player of the day: Sam Bell

DRS Message

This week we finish our Te Rongopai-Good News theme in RE. Throughout their time at Stella Maris your children will explore this theme through a variety of contexts. Te Rongopai Good News focuses on Sacred Scripture in the Tradition of the Church, as God's relationship with people, with us (Revelation). It addresses such questions as what does the Bible contain, where did it come from and what do the stories mean for me? It highlights the 'joy of the Gospel' and addresses the complexity of revelation and interpretation as appropriate for different ages of young people. It invites and equips young people with ways of reading and praying Sacred Scripture.

Classes will have gone through some self assessment activities and will be bringing their RE books home to go through with their whanau. Parents are encouraged to explore the learning and discuss this with their children. We also encourage whanau to comment about their child's learning. There will be spaces provided for this in their books. We encourage whanau to talk about the questions in the self assessment activities. These will be directly related to the Achievement Objectives each level has explored. Year 1 to 4 students will have the majority of their learning in their RE books and some around their rooms while Year 5/6 students will have a mix of work in their books, work around their classrooms and work online in their Google Docs to explore.

*Lord, thank you for this time you've given us to open your
Word and discover who you are.*

*Thank you that you don't leave us in the dark about who you
are and what you are doing in the world, but that you have
revealed yourself and your will through the Bible, your
sacred words to us.*

*Lord, we need wisdom as we read your Word. You promise us
in James 1:5 that we only have to ask for wisdom to receive it.*

*Lord, please give us your wisdom as we approach your word.
Help us discern the truth of this text.*

*Thank you God for the clarity, encouragement and hope
your Word brings.*

Amen.

PTFA – TERM 2 2024

Hello Wonderful Stella Friends & Family,

To celebrate another wonderful term at Stella, we are excited to deliver a nostalgic Kiwi Pie & Chip Fun-Lunch alongside the YCC Muffin Day for the last day of Term, Friday 5th June. Congratulations to Hunter from St Leo, who won his fun lunch for free!

This term, like those before it has flown by. I wanted to say a huge THANK-YOU to all our volunteers this term. We have welcomed many new volunteers, and it has been truly heartwarming to have so many mums, dads and wider whanau put their hands up to help. It means we can continue to plan fun things for our school community.

Our recent Winter wonderland Disco raised just over \$5,000!! Thank you! Some of this was used to top up supplies needed to host our first Stella Maris Matariki School Breakfast. This was such a peaceful, reflective morning. There were plenty of smiles to be seen in the hall as students enjoyed their breakfast with whanau and friends. What a unique way to start the day!

We welcome new members to our monthly meetings – Keep an eye on beacons and newsletters for meeting dates.

UPCOMING TERM 3 | Mark your calendars

Uniform Sale 2 August | DISCO – 9th August | Dad's Day 30th August | Fun-lunch/Wheel-a-thon 25th September

Questions, concerns, feedback, volunteers and to share ideas - Please email stellaptfa@stellamaris.school.nz and we will endeavor to get back to you as soon as possible.

Also, follow us on social media.

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday.
Arohanui, Lani & The PTFA Committee



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Friends of Stella Maris

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Stella PTFA

Group by Friends of Stella Maris

Parents and Friends of Stella Maris (Silverdale NZ)





Stella Maris School Board Term 2 Newsletter

Kia ora e te Whānau

I cannot believe we are already at the end of Term 2 - where has this year gone!

We started this term with the sad news of our dear Warren's sudden passing. We remember Warren for his kind, friendly and gentle nature, always greeting us with a warm smile, lovingly serving our school and tending to the gardens and lawns with great care. We miss you Warren, but we know you rest in the peace of Our Lord's loving arms and are shining down upon us from above as you live on in the hearts of those who loved you.

It was a special and heart felt remembrance to plant the Titoki Tree for Warren during our Matariki Liturgy last week. It was a wonderful celebration with staff and families to remember our loved ones who have gone to heaven before us as we looked forward into the year ahead singing Waiata, saying the beautiful prayers and enjoying a fun-filled breakfast together. Thank you all so much for all your support and participation to make this celebration so special.

This term we also celebrated our amazing support staff. You all are such an important and integral part of our school, I look up to each of you in inspiration as you look after and care for our children with so much love, kindness and compassion. Thank you for all you do and the way you contribute greatly to the special character of our school through the way you live out our Marian Values each day with a big smile, truly Shining for God.

I would also like to thank the PTFA for your generous commitment, energy, enthusiasm and hard work as you organise the fundraising events for our school. This term you have been so busy organising our Sushi Lunch for Mother's Day, our outstanding Winter Wonderland School Disco, second hand uniform sales, Matariki Breakfast and our Kiwi Classic Pie and Chips Fun lunch this Friday. Your service and dedication to our school is so greatly appreciated.

This term it has been a great blessing and joy for me to help facilitate the Sacramental Programme in our Parish and support so many of our students as they prepared for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Confirmation. Next term we are preparing for the Sacrament of Holy Communion and I thank you for keeping the children and their families in your prayers.

Next term as a Board we are about to embark on a community Health Survey where we will be asking for your feedback in relation to the Health Curriculum we offer at Stella Maris. Your feedback is greatly appreciated and necessary to provide a responsive curriculum reflecting the needs and values of our students and families and I thank you in advance for your participation.

Once again, I would like to thank each of you for the important role you play in making our school so special, for supporting our precious Tamariki, putting our Marian Values into action each day and helping us to fulfil the mission of our school:

"As A Christ Centred Community, inspired by Mary and Our Catholic Faith, we will support, challenge and empower each other to strive for personal excellence, to navigate life's journey".

May God bless you and your precious whānau in abundance, and I pray you all enjoy a safe and happy holiday.

Ngā mihi nui

Trish Hammond

On behalf of the Stella Maris School Board

Mark Your Diaries

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

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>



What Matariki Means To Me

*The Matariki Star I associate with is Tupuarangi because I love planting trees and hearing birds songs.
I like eating fruit like berries such as strawberries, blueberries and spending time outside.
For Matariki I woke up so excited to see the 9 stars.
When I got up out of my bed and looked out my window and there it was,
the nine stars flashing in the morning sky.*

Thomas Hammond - St Anthony

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- 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

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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**