

# Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER 22 August 2024

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Kia ora e te Whānau

On Sunday I had the pleasure of attending Mass at which 67 of our young parishioners, many of them Stella Maris students, received their first Holy Communion. It is always very special to witness children receiving the body and blood of our Lord for the first time. In his homily Fr Raphael reminded us all that when we eat the living bread of Christ, we will live forever. We congratulate all who received their first holy Communion on Sunday. May the grace of this sacrament strengthen your faith and bring you closer to God each day.

Jesus said, "I am the Living Bread that came down from Heaven." John 6:51

**Charism Award:** Congratulations to Kyla Fisher, Talulah Cooper and Martha Elumba who received the Charism Award at assembly on Monday. Thank you to each of you for all you do to demonstrate the Marian Values in your class, across your team and school.

**Thank you** to the PTFA for organising new gazebos for the school. These were delivered to school earlier this week, replacing the old ones that have become damaged through much use. Thank you to the Walker Developments, McColl Building Services and Streeter Pools for sponsoring the new gazebos. They look very smart with the school logo and sponsors – keep an eye out for them at the various events coming up for the remainder of the year.

**Cross Country:** We are very hopeful that the weather will play ball and allow us to hold our cross country tomorrow. The event starts at 1pm. All spectators are welcome. We will send an alert on the App at 11am tomorrow letting you know if it is going ahead or not.

**2025 Enrolments:** If you have a child who is turning 5 next year, or know of family or friends interested in enrolling their child at Stella Maris for 2025, it would be helpful if we received enrolments as soon as possible, to help us with our forward planning.

**Carpark Safety:** Early this week there was a minor accident in the school carpark, fortunately no one was hurt. School carparks are very busy spaces for short bursts of time. We ask that you take care when driving in the carpark, please remember:

- Drive slowly – the speed limit in the carpark is 5km/hr.
- Double check in mirrors, cameras and over your shoulder before pulling out of parking spots.
- If using the drop off/pick up area make sure you move as far forward as possible so that other vehicles can come in behind you.
- No parking in the drop off/pick up area.

Thank you for your help in keeping everyone safe.

On another carpark note... There is a VIP carpark that is a reserved carpark for those who have paid for the parking space as part of the PTFA fundraising at the Splash and Dash at the end of last year. Please respect the VIP space and leave it free for those who have paid for it.

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki – May God bless you

Catherine Cyprian  
Principal



## DRS Message

The 22nd of August is another recognition for Catholics of Mary's importance to us. It is the celebration of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Although the feast day honors Mary, it is also a reminder of our own baptismal call to fully participate in the Reign of God—a call we received when we were baptized as priest, prophet, and king in Christ. Mary's "coronation" as "queen of heaven" points to the destiny that God wants for each of us: full participation in the glory of heaven.

### The Story Of The Coronation Of Mary For Children From The Fifth Glorious Mystery – The Coronation Of Mary As Queen Of Heaven And Earth.

*A great sign appeared in the sky:  
a woman clothed with the sun,  
with the moon under her feet,  
and on her head,  
a crown of twelve stars.  
The woman is Mary,  
the one God chose  
as the first to be purified  
by the blood of the cross;  
the one who said yes  
to God's Word,  
and the one in whom  
the Word became flesh;  
the one who carried Jesus  
in her womb, and in her arms,  
and in her heart,  
the one Jesus gave to us,  
saying, "Behold, your mother";  
and the one who leads us  
to say yes to her son,  
so that his Word  
becomes embodied in us.*

## TEAM NEWS

### Matikao Team

Kia ora, Whanau. We are almost half way through Term 3! How did that happen? It must be due to the old saying - 'Time flies when you are having fun!' This is, of course, what we wish for our tamariki - to enjoy their learning, move forwards and have fun at the same time. A perfect recipe for success! Your support in all that we do for the children is much appreciated - thank you. Tomorrow we look forward to the fun (and possibly, muddiness!) of Cross Country. The children will wear their PE kit but may bring a t-shirt in their team colour to wear if desired. Hope to see you there!

### Mokehu Team

Kiaora whanau, we started the week with a whole school assembly, during this Talulah Cooper was awarded with the Mokehu Charism award. Congratulations to Talulah for receiving this. We have been training hard for cross country, in between rain showers and look forward to these races tomorrow. Children are able to wear their house colour top for this. Because of the recent wet weather, the field is quite muddy, if children are playing on the field during break times they have been asked to bring a change of clothes. Congratulations to the children from the Mokehu team who completed the Sacramental Programme with making their First Holy Communion on Sunday. It was a beautiful mass celebrated by Father Raphael.

### Huruhuru Team

On Thursday we have a number of hockey teams representing the school at the interschool hockey tournament. We thank Mrs Pearson for organising this for us. Friday is the day of the cross country from which we will choose our participants for the interschool event. Next week we have a large number of students participating in the Kahui Ako Kapa Haka Showcase at Rosmini College. They have been working hard for this event and we thank Ms Hunt for leading this impressive group.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### School Cross Country

This Friday, 23 August, 1pm start.

Please note that the first race will start at 1pm. We cannot give times for the following races, each race will start when the previous one has finished.

Race order:

1. Year 6 girls, then boys
2. Year 5 girls, then boys
3. Year 0-1 girls, then boys
4. Year 2 girls, then boys
5. Year 3 girls, then boys
6. Year 4 girls, then boys

Children come to school in uniform and will change into PE uniform or house colours to run. Sports shoes are optional. It would be a good idea for the children have a separate bag to bring home any muddy clothing. Spectators are welcome. **A school app alert will go out at 11am in the morning confirming if this event is going ahead or not.**

### Flash New Gazebos!!

A huge thank you from the PTFA to the below families

- Walker Family | Walker Developments
- McColl Family | McColl Building Services
- Granich Family | Streeter Pools

Thank you!!!! Your generous sponsorships have meant we have been able to replace our old and worn gazebos with brand new ones and they are amazing!! We are so grateful and really appreciate your generosity! Thank you.



## SPORTS NEWS

### Netball

Stella Maris Year 6 played Kingsway last night and drew 9-9. The girls have been improving each week and it's really pleasing to see them gelling as a team. Player of the Day: Shania Limrick. Well done girls!

### Hockey

**Players of the Day:** George Heneghan, Mia Granich, Brody Morris, Cooper Hanlon. Lionesses - Whole team and Tigers - Whole team. Well done to you all.

**Congratulations to the Stella Leopards** coached by Sheree Buchanan who have gone through the hockey season unbeaten. The boys have shown tremendous skill and a great effort all season to win the year 1/2 Hibiscus Coast grade. Pictured is Marco Tomé, coach Sheree, Stan Buchanan, Gray Brennan and George Heneghan, missing from the photo is Alexander Liow. Well done team!



Calling all our Dads!!

**IT'S DAD'S DAY AT STELLA MARIS**

**Friday 30th August 12:20pm**

**Come along and enjoy a Pie lunch**

**(orders close 23rd August)**

**and time in the classroom with your children.**



DADS PIES.  
SAUSAGE ROLLS  
AND POTATO  
CHIPS

STELLA MARIS PTFA PRESENTS



**DADS DAY  
FUN LUNCH**



**FRIDAY 30TH  
AUGUST**

PIES \$6.50 \*OF AVAIL.

SAUSAGE ROLLS \$6.50

POTATO CHIPS \$2.00

ORDERS OPEN ON KINDO NOW!

KINDO ORDERS MUST CLOSE 23RD AUGUST

"Quality Education in a Catholic Environment"

# Stella Maris School Open Day 28th August 2024

9am – 12pm

Years 1 – 6

Enrolments



We invite you to our school's open day to have a guided tour, meet staff and students, and experience first hand the very special learning environment that Stella Maris has to offer. We look forward to meeting you.

50 Silverdale Street (opposite Silverdale Centre)  
Enquiries please phone 09 427 9189 or  
Email: [achieve@stellamaris.school.nz](mailto:achieve@stellamaris.school.nz)  
Website: [www.stellamaris.school.nz](http://www.stellamaris.school.nz)

FATHER'S DAY  
FAMILY EVENT

<Thursday 29th September from 5pm – 7pm>  
Join in the fun as we celebrate all dads this Father's Day. Loads of D.I.Y's, games & activities, give aways, gift ideas workshop & more.

Details

DIY, FACE PAINTING, GAMES, GIVEAWAYS, EMERGENCY SERVICES AND MORE.

Don't miss out - register now

skids

Term 3

**RISE THEN SHINE**  
**STAY AND PLAY**

22nd July – 27th September  
skids Stella Maris

Book now at [skids.co.nz](http://skids.co.nz)

Customer Service  
0800 274 172

MSD-Approved. Work & Income  
OSCAR Subsidy available!

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22-26 July

**Champions Unite!**

Paris 2024 kicks off this week, join us for a celebration of sports, culture and unity.



29 July – 2 Aug

**International Day of Friendship**

Celebrating International Day of Friendship with a week of teamwork with Power Teams.



5-9 August

**Enchanted Escapades**

A week filled with mystery and magic. Join us for an enchanted adventure!



12-16 August

**Hola! It's a Mexican Fiesta**

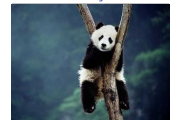
Experience the vibrant culture of Mexico through food, art and sports.



19-23 August

**Panda Madness**

Celebrating the endangered Panda with sculptures, Panda training and Kung Fu Panda ninja



26-30 August

**Journey Around the World**

It's 'Global Kids' bonanza. Explore the world through food, games and craft activities in the Adventure Programme



2-6 September

**Bugs Life**

Craft your own origami bugs, play Queen Bee Games and learn about the life cycle of Monarch Butterflies.



9-13 September

**Roald Dahl Week**

Celebrating the wonderful works of Roald Dahl from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory to the BFG.



16-20 September

**Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori**

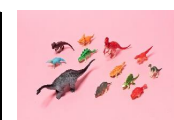
Celebrate Māori Language Week through games, art and waiata with us!



23-27 September

**Prehistoric Times**

Join us for a week of prehistoric adventures as we journey back to when dinosaurs roamed the earth.



Choose your  
**ADVENTURE**

RISE THEN SHINE AND  
STAY AND PLAY

skids






STELLA MARIS PARENTS

# QUIZ NIGHT

Bring your friends and your brain  
power for an unforgettable night of fun!



FRIDAY  
**SEPTEMBER 20**

DOORS OPEN 5:30PM FOR  
QUIZ KICKS OFF AT 7PM



**HIBISCUS COAST RSA**

Teams of 6 or Singles to combine on 1 table

Purchase tickets on Kindo - \$20/each

Silent Auction for Prizes

Food and Drink will be available for purchase at the event



Karaoke and Dancing after



**BIG THANKS TO ALAN REEVES  
OF GOING BANANAS: QUIZMASTER/MC/DJ**

**MORE INFORMATION**

Contact [tara@needrecruitment.co.nz](mailto:tara@needrecruitment.co.nz)



# SPLASH & DASH

## CALLING ALL LOCAL BUSINESSES

WE ARE EXCITED TO START PLANNING OUR UPCOMING ANNUAL SCHOOL SPLASH AND DASH PICNIC. THIS WILL BE OUR THIRD YEAR HOSTING THIS EVENT FOR THE SCHOOL AND EACH YEAR WE HOPE TO MAKE IT EVEN BIGGER AND BETTER THAN THE LAST.

LAST YEAR WE MANAGED TO RAISE \$10,000 TOWARDS OUR FUNDRAISING GOAL.

OUR GOAL IS TO PROVIDE AN ENJOYABLE AND MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE FOR ALL THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY. THE SPLASH AND DASH PICNIC WILL INCLUDE GAMES, ACTIVITIES, FOOD, REFRESHMENTS, RAFFLES, SILENT AUCTIONS AND OF COURSE PLENTY OF WATER FUN PLAY.

WE ARE REACHING OUT EARLY THIS YEAR TO REQUEST ANY DONATIONS, VOUCHERS OR PRODUCTS TO HELP FUNDRAISE FOR OUR PLAYGROUND FLOOR UPGRADE WHICH IS THE NEXT FUNDRAISING GOAL WE ARE WORKING TOWARDS. WE WOULD USE THESE IN A SILENT AUCTION. NO ITEM OR VOUCHER IS TOO SMALL, AND WE APPRECIATE ANYTHING YOU ARE ABLE TO DONATE. WE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO RAISE AS MUCH AS WE DID WITHOUT THE AMAZING BUSINESSES WHO DONATED MONEY OR ITEMS FOR ACTION LAST YEAR AND WE ARE FOREVER GRATEFUL FOR THOSE BUSINESSES. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED A LIST OF THE SPONSORS FROM LAST YEAR. WE WOULD DISPLAY YOUR LOGO ON OUR ADVERTISING FOR THE DAY AND LEADING UP TO THE EVENT WHICH IS ON THE 6TH OF DECEMBER.

WHILE OUR EVENT IS STILL SMALL WE HOPE TO GROW IT EACH YEAR AND THIS ISN'T POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF LOCAL BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY. YOUR SUPPORT WILL NOT ONLY HELP US TO MAKE THIS EVENT POSSIBLE BUT WILL ALSO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY TO COME TOGETHER AND CELEBRATE THE END OF ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND SUPPORT.

THE STELLA MARIS PTFA

PLEASE EMAIL KELLY AT [FUNDRAISING@STELLAMARIS.SCHOOL.NZ](mailto:FUNDRAISING@STELLAMARIS.SCHOOL.NZ)

**DECEMBER 6, 2024 • 3PM - 6PM**

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## Mark Your Diaries

23 Aug	School Cross Country 1pm - Whole school in House Colours
28 Aug	Stella Maris Enrolment Open Day 9am - 12pm
29 Aug	Kahui Ako Kapa Aka Showcase - Rosmini College
30 Aug	Dad's Day at Stella Maris
01 Sep	Father's Day
03 Sep	New Zealand Playhouse Production "The Reluctant Dragon"
09 Sep	Dance sessions continue all week
16 Sep	Care and Share Week - Bring a food item
19 Sep	Interschool Cross Country - Shakespear Park
20 Sep	Second Hand Uniform Sale 2:30pm
20 Sep	PTFA Adult Fundraiser - Quiz night RSA 6pm
25 Sep	Wheel-a-thon Fundraiser and Sausage sizzle
<b>27 Sep</b>	<b>TERM THREE ENDS 2:45pm</b>
<b>14 Oct</b>	<b>TERM FOUR STARTS 8:45am</b>
14 Oct	Daily Rosary in the classrooms during October
25 Oct	Second Hand Uniform Sale 8:15am
29 Oct	Grandparent Day at Stella Maris
01 Nov	All Saints Day
02 Nov	All Souls Day
11 Nov	Year 0-4 Swimming starts - Northern Arena - 2 weeks
25 Nov	Year 5-6 Swimming starts - Northern Arena
09 Dec	Huruhuru Camp
16 Dec	SHINE and Service Awards Assembly
17 Dec	Class Swap and Picnic
18 Dec	Year 6 Graduation Dinner 5pm
19 Dec	End of Year Thanksgiving Liturgy 11am
<b>20 Dec</b>	<b>TERM FOUR ENDS 12:20pm</b>

## 2024 School Term Dates

<b>TERM 3</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>22 Jul - Friday</b>	<b>27 Sep</b>
<b>TERM 4</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>14 Oct - Friday</b>	<b>20 Dec</b>

## 2024 Public Holidays

Labour Day      Monday      Oct 28

## Family Whānau Book Resource Link

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

## A Reminder For House Colours

**Nazareth - Red**

**Bethlehem - Yellow**

**Galilee - Green**

**Jerusalem - Blue**

## 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**