

# Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER 29 August 2024

## NEWSLETTER

Kia ora e te Whānau

This last week at Stella Maris has been one filled with a variety of events outside the classroom, with a big one still to come tomorrow.

Last Thursday we had two Year 5/6 hockey teams participating in the HBC Interschool Hockey Tournament. Congratulations to the boys team who won their section. Well done to both teams for their great team play and spirit on the day. Thank you to Mrs Pearson and the parents who coached and managed the teams to prepare them for this day.

Last Friday was the school Cross Country an event I was sorry to miss having fallen to the winter bugs. However from the reports I have heard it was a fabulous event in which all of the students participated, running hard to the cheers of the supporters. I have seen photos showing the support that our older students gave to the younger students as they were running and believe the cheering could be heard from the office. Thank you to Mr Hobman and Ms Kain for organising this day that saw our school motto "Shine for God" in action.

Yesterday we hosted a successful Open Day which was attended by some families who are already enrolled for next year and many who are very keen to join our community. A huge thank you to our Year 6 students who were guides for the visiting families. They shared our school with obvious pride and enthusiasm and the feedback from families was highly positive. Thank you also to Mrs Craig and Mrs Hobman for their preparation for the day.

Today the Kapa Haka are attending and performing at the North Shore Catholic Schools Kapa Haka Showcase, something they have put a lot of hard work into preparing for. This is their first opportunity to perform outside of the school and while they were nervous, they were also very excited to be attending. Thank you to Ms Hunt for the work she has put into preparing the Kapa Haka and Mrs Hobman for her support.

Tomorrow we are very excited to be welcoming the dads at school from 12:20pm for Dad's day. The students really enjoy these days where they get to share their learning and play with Dads. For catering purposes we are having to split the lunch eating times so please note the following lunch eating times.

The Dad's Pies lunch orders will be delivered to classes at the following times:

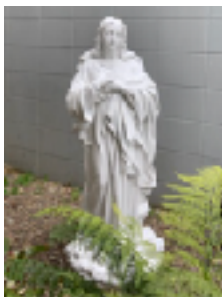
- \* 12:20pm Matikao Team - St Mary, St Lucy, St Benedict, St Leo and St Nicholas and their dads
- \* 1:00pm – Mokehu and Huruhuru Teams - St Joachim, St Anthony, St John, St Peter, St Augustine, St Dominic, St Patrick, St Joseph and their dads.

We wish all our dads a very happy father's day this Sunday. We hope that you enjoy your visit with us tomorrow and your special day on Sunday.

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

Catherine Cyprian  
Principal

*Dear Lord,  
We thank you for the gift of fatherhood.  
Bless all fathers and father figures with  
strength, wisdom and love.  
May they reflect Your grace and guidance in their  
journey of raising and nurturing their children.  
Surround them with Your peace,  
and let Your joy fill their hearts each day.  
In Jesus's name we pray,  
Amen.*



## DRS Message

What does it mean to “Shine for God” at Stella Maris?

Our school motto is often talked about here at Stella Maris but it is through our actions that we truly explore it. One of the highlights of our whole school sporting year is our Cross Country. The students had been training for months and through our health and RE programmes we explored how our bodies are a gift from God and we are encouraged to look after them and use them as an expression of thanks for this gift. Our Year 1 God strand looks at how each person has their own tapu/sacredness and we are all God’s best creations. By using our bodies as best we can during our Cross Country we are honouring God. We are “Shining for God” as we exercise, train and enjoy the mud, grass and sunshine.

Another way our school “Shines for God” during the Cross Country is through the amazing support offered for all students. Our Year Five and Six leaders ran many laps with younger classes to support them during their races. Many running multiple laps at different times throughout the afternoon. The crowd at the top of the bank constantly cheered for the runners. Our House points system added excitement as chants of “Go Nazareth! Go Bethlehem! Go Galilee and Go Jerusalem” were shouted. The support was just as fervent for the winners as it was for those who came last. There were many special moments that demonstrate our values as children who weren’t in the top 8 places still raised their hands in triumph as they ran across the finish line knowing they’d used their gifts from God to the best of their abilities.

A document from the National Centre for Religious Studies, “Wonderfully made in God’s image” outlines key learnings in our Catholic schools around Health and Hauora, big topics in our education system at the moment. The below outcomes link perfectly to our experiences in Education Outside the classroom through our Cross Country.

Children will be able to:

- *understand the importance of knowing how to value themselves and others as made in the image and likeness of God; and to realise how they belong in a whānau;*
- *understand they are part of the family of God and their own family and they are aware of roles individuals have within the family;*
- *know that life is precious, and their body is a gift from God;*
- *begin to have a respect for the character and giftedness of their bodies and to have this respect for the bodies of others;*

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## TEAM NEWS

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### Matikao

Kia ora, Whanau. Last week's Cross Country was a great success - and the children didn't even have to get as muddy as we thought, thanks to the drier weather! We are looking forward to seeing as many dads as possible tomorrow afternoon for our Dad's Day at Stella and take this opportunity to wish all our dads a very happy Father's Day on Sunday. Next week we look forward to the NZ Playhouse Production of 'The Reluctant Dragon' in school. We have hosted the team in the past and have found that the children always enjoy the action and entertainment they bring to us.

### Mokehu

Kiaora whanau, the Cross Country was a tremendous success last Friday and it was wonderful to see the children trying their best and encouraging one-another. The children had trained hard for this event. Thank you to the senior students who helped with our races. This week the Mokehu team has organised an art challenge to tie in with Conservation Week. Children are encouraged to make an art creation using rubbish they have found. These creations will count as a Shine Challenge and we look forward to seeing what the children are able to produce. We look forward to seeing the Dad's tomorrow for Dad's Day.

### Huruhuru

Last week we were proud of our Huruhuru students and their efforts at the school cross country event. Their preparation and dedication towards this event was evident. Students who will be participating in the Interschool event on the 19th September will shortly be given a notice to take home. The Kapa Haka group will be participating in an Showcase at Rosmini School on Thursday along with other catholic schools on this side of the Harbour Bridge. We wish them well at this event. This Friday during Dad's Day, our students will be inviting their Dad's to help them during Discovery Hour. We hope our Dad's all enjoy this session.

## SPORTS NEWS

### Basketball

**Stella Rockets** had another rocketing game 14-10 against the Jaguars. This team had some serious height and our boys really did need to adjust their tactics to stay ahead; close game! Well done to our Player of the Day: Christer Juntilla with his amazing agility and ball handling skills.

**The Stella Breakers** from Year 3/4 had an incredible game against KWS (Kingsway Heat). They won 7 to 4. Player of the Day: Ruhann Panjwani was a standout player.

**Stella Lakers** (miniball year 1/2) Won 9-0 against the WW Rainbows. Fantastic play by all!

Congratulations on the fantastic win tonight! **Stella Lakers** vs Wanga Miniballers came home with a win; 12 to 4. Player of the day birthday boy Miguel! For brilliant consistent shooting! 4 more games left for this term. Let's keep up the fantastic teamwork!

Another win for our **Stella Rockets**; 20-7 against Red Beach School Hoops with James Wilson our player of the day! Go team!

### Netball

Our Year 6 team won their game 28-2 this week against Ahutoetoe School. Well done girls! Player of the Day: Tenuli Tessera



### Hockey

Last Thursday, 2 senior hockey teams took part in the Hibiscus Coast Inter-school hockey tournament. This was played at the local Millwater turfs. The boys team went through the day undefeated. In the final they played Wainui school and at the end of the game the score was tied at 2-2 so an extra 6 minutes of sudden-death time was added. Stella Maris scored right at the end of extra time and for the second year running were crowned Champions!

The girls side of the draw was extremely tough with our girls finishing their day with a great 5-0 win over Ahutoetoe school (Milldale). This inter school competition was a great finish to successful hockey season for the Stella teams, a highlight for Mya Morris was 'working together as a team to score goals'. A big thank you to the parents who helped with transport, and Rob, Ray and Hamish for their coaching on the day. We were also able to use the newly sponsored gazebos for shade during the day. All of the students represented our school with pride and displayed great sportsmanship.



### Playhouse Productions 'The Reluctant Dragon'

Coming to Stella Maris next Tuesday 3rd September. All children will be attending the performance. The cost is \$6.50 per child. This can be paid at the school office or via internet banking. 12 3046 0362238 00. Ref: Name and show.





**Take action for nature**

**Celebrate Conservation Week 2-8 September**

Check out the myriad of ways you can help our environment and the native species that make Aotearoa special.

## Photolife

You should by now have received an email from photolife with your unique ordering code and instructions for ordering school photos. If you have not yet seen this please email the school office [achieve@stellamaris.school.nz](mailto:achieve@stellamaris.school.nz)

## Conservation Week

Kia ora, Stella Whanau. Next week is Conservation Week in Aotearoa. As one of our Marian Values is Kaitiakitanga, this should be of great interest to us all. At school we will try to spend some time outside, checking out our local tui, our new Matariki trees, cleaning up, watering, weeding and maybe doing some more planting. There are many ways you can celebrate our beautiful whenua with your family and encourage kaitiakitanga /guardianship of Aotearoa. See below for some ideas.

Try this link for ways you can be involved [Conservation Week: Get involved \(doc.govt.nz\)](https://www.doc.govt.nz/conservation-week/get-involved/)

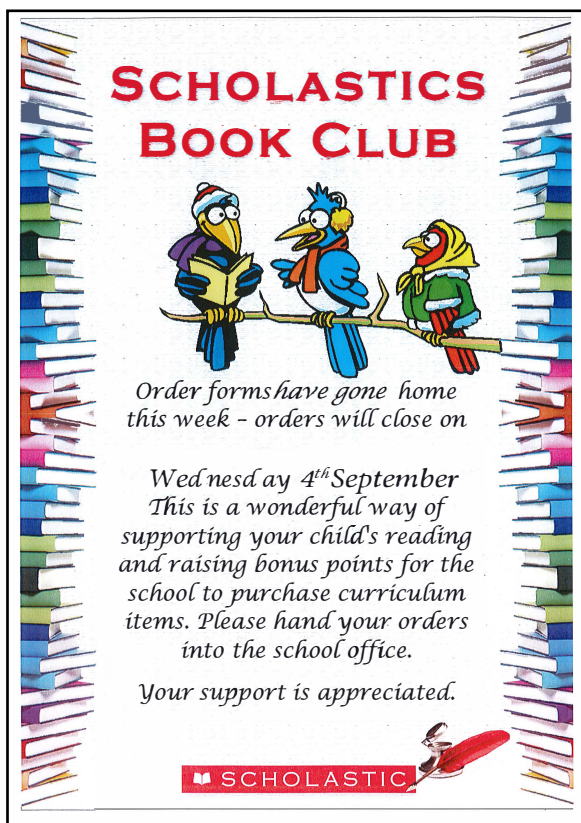
Blessings, Amanda Bates and the Environment Team.

**Calling all our Dads!**  
**TOMORROW IS DAD'S DAY AT STELLA MARIS**

**Friday 30th August  
12:20pm - 2:45pm**

**Come along and enjoy  
lunchtime  
and then time in the classroom  
with your children.**

**(If you have pre-ordered pies  
these will be delivered to the  
classroom)**



**SCHOLASTICS BOOK CLUB**

*Order forms have gone home this week - orders will close on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September*

*This is a wonderful way of supporting your child's reading and raising bonus points for the school to purchase curriculum items. Please hand your orders into the school office.*

*Your support is appreciated.*

**SCHOLASTIC**



**Gently Loved Markets  
Flea Market**

**10AM - 1PM  
SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST**

**Sunderland Lounge - Te Rere  
Cinema Road, Hobsonville Point**

**Free Entry**

Gently Loved Markets with a twist, an indoor garage sale filled with preloved treasures including clothing, accessories, books, games, homewares and more!

FIND US AT @GENTLYLOVEDMARKETSNZ


# Guiding Our Children Through a Digital World

Best suited for parents and caregivers of children year 3 through to year 10

Sep 16th  
7-8.30pm

Renowned speaker

Holly Jean Brooker

 **Orewa College**  
76 Riverside Road  
Auckland 0931

For further information visit: [www.eventbrite.co.nz](http://www.eventbrite.co.nz)  
"Guiding Our Children Through a Digital World"

**Principal Orewa College, Wiri Warriner:**

"I am thrilled to support "Tackling Technology," an important event that explores the challenges and opportunities presented by the digital landscape of society. I recognise the significance of understanding how technology and social media is having a significant impact on our children, whānau, and their wellbeing.

**This event is a valuable opportunity for us all to gain critical perspectives and strategies for navigating these challenges effectively."**






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**

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Teams of 6 or Singles to combine on 1 table

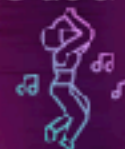
Purchase tickets on Kindo - \$20/each

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)



A large yellow sun with triangular rays is centered at the top, flanked by two white clouds on a blue background.

# **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

|               |                                                         |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 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 5:30pm           |
| 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

|               |                 |        |
|---------------|-----------------|--------|
| TERM 3 Monday | 22 Jul - Friday | 27 Sep |
| TERM 4 Monday | 14 Oct - Friday | 20 Dec |

## 2024 Public Holidays

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| Labour Day | Monday | Oct 28 |
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## 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](mailto: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**