

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER 8 August 2024

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Kia ora e te Whānau

Next Thursday, 15th August, is the Feast of the Assumption. This is a very important day for us as Catholics in Aotearoa New Zealand. As well as being our school's feast day, it is the patronal feast day of New Zealand, and is a holy day of obligation.

The history of this feast day for us in Aotearoa New Zealand goes back to 1838 when Bishop Pompallier celebrated the first Mass in New Zealand and dedicated our country to Mary as "Our Lady Assumed into Heaven", placing our country under the protection of Mary as she is now – alive, body and soul, rejoicing in the happiness of God's kingdom.

In 2021 the Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand renewed Bishop Pompallier's dedication of our country to Our Lady Assumed into Heaven. They commissioned an artwork by Damien Walker called Ko Hāta Maria, te Matua Wahine o te Atua Holy Mary, Mother of God. This beautiful icon connects Mary to our country, links the French heritage of Bishop Pompallier and tells a story of our faith and beliefs as Catholics. The icon is now on display at St Mary of the Angels in Wellington and it is beautiful to see in person. If you are in Wellington I highly recommend going to see it.

If you are interested in learning more about what the artwork tells us click on the [Artwork Guide](#)



As a holy day of obligation we hope that you will join the school and parish for Mass on Thursday at the 9:30am Mass at St John's Orewa. You are also welcome to attend Mass at St Francis, Manly at 7:30pm.

School Disco: We are looking forward to the student Crazy Hair Disco tomorrow evening. A huge thank you to the PTFA, helpers and teachers for putting on this fun event for the students.

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki – May God bless you

Catherine Cyprian
Principal



DRS Message

This week at our Teacher meeting we set time exploring our wonderful resources for prayers and explored the many different ways we encourage our students to encounter Jesus through prayer. We explore many different forms of prayer. Traditional and devotional prayer. Karakia and meditation. Imaginative prayer. Praying in creation. Praying using our creativity. Praying using journaling. Praying through song and music. Prayers of the mass and many more engaging ways of praying.

The Achievement Aims for our curriculum in this area:

In the study of Prayer and praying, the children will gain and apply knowledge, skills, attitudes and values to assist them to:

1. Develop a rich resource of traditional prayers, various prayer forms and ways of praying.
2. Grow in deep and lasting relationship with God who is trinity, the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.
3. Grow to understand that God is at the centre of their lives and that this gives meaning to the whole of life.
4. Become more deeply aware of the person God created them to be.
5. Develop the ability to pray and to adore God with their whole being.
6. Develop a reflective, conscious, creative stance towards life.
7. Ground their spirituality in their own cultural heritage while being aware of other spiritualities especially that of Tangata Whenua.

There are many resources online that whanau can use at home and we encourage you to talk to your children about what they do for prayers at school, what they enjoy about it and to perhaps lead moments of prayer at home.

*Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying.
- Romans 12:12*

*"My prayer is not for the world, but for those You have given Me,
because they belong to You."
- John 17:9*

*"I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you've
received it, it will be yours."
- Mark 11:24*

*But God did listen! He paid attention to my prayer.
- Psalms 66:19*

*Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what
you need and thank Him for all He has done.
- Philippians 4:6*

*Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart.
- Colossians 4:2*

*Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy?
You should sing praises.
- James 5:13*

TEAM NEWS

Matikao Team

Kia ora Whanau. Now that the remainder of our dance lessons have been moved to Week 8, this week we have been ramping up our Cross Country practice in preparation for Week 5. It is a great way to improve fitness and build resilience and perseverance, which were some of the ideas highlighted in our NED show last Friday - Never give up, Encourage others, Do your best! Our tamariki are also looking forward to the disco this coming Friday so they can display their newly discovered dance prowess!

Mokehu Team

Kiaora Parents, we started our week with a Mokehu Assembly led by St Joachim, congratulations to the children who received certificates. We were also inspired by Erin Taylor the local Olympic Kayaker who spoke to the school on Monday about her journey to the Olympics, thank you to Mrs Bentley and Katie Dee for organising this. The excitement is building for the disco tomorrow night, we look forward to seeing the crazy hair that the children come with. Thank you for the donations of tissues and handsoap we have received this term, if anyone else is able to donate, these items will be gratefully received by the teachers.

Huruhuru Team

Huruhuru Team is preparing for the school cross country in week 5. Training will be happening most days after prayers at 9am. Students are encouraged to wear their PE gear or alternate shorts and shirts and sneakers if they wish. After the school cross country a Year 5/6 team will be chosen to represent Stella Maris at the Interschool Tournament at Shakespear Regional Park in week 9. If your child is not able to participate in cross country training due to illness or injury, please inform their teacher.

SCHOOL NEWS

School Fees

Accounts have been posted to families and payments have been processed and allocated up until 31 July. **Term one and term two fees should by now have been paid** with term three now due. If you have any queries in regards to your account please contact Katherine Craig achieve@stellamaris.school.nz.



School Cross Country

The children have been training hard for the school cross country. Come along and show your support on 23rd August, racing starts at 1pm.

Feast Day Mass

Our school Feast Day, "The Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady" is on 15 August. The whole school will be travelling by bus to St Johns Church to celebrate Mass. Buses will be leaving school at 8:45am. Please ensure your children are at school before this time so the class roll can be taken. The cost of the bus is \$3.00 per child.

SPORTS NEWS

Basketball

Stella Rockets came home with a major win 17-1 against a team they fell slightly short against in last term's final. Team nominated POD went to Cruz Fisher.

Stella Rockets started out with a win in the first game of the new term; 28-14. Special thanks to the team from Dairy Flat who filled in for the team who did not show. Special mention to Kieran our POD.

A Stella Breakers A great win for year 6 vs DFS Hawks 0, this was an incredible result for the team. Well done! with unfortunately 2 team players away sick, the amazing young Elijah Heinrich from year 2 stepped in to help us out. He played fantastically for his age and was certainly our player of the day!

Stella Mambas Year 5/6 team won 23 - 16 to Silverdale Sonics

Hockey

The hockey season continues to be played on a Monday night at the Millwater turfs. Congratulations to the following children who received Player of the Day: Khalum Wood, Olivia Negri-Vivar, John Heneghan, Amelia Bayly, Marco Tomé, Milla Dee, Nathan Cross.



Year 6 Netball



Renzo Petersen (St Joachim) recently participated in the 3 day Snow Sports Adaptive festival held on the Remarkables.



Term 3

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<p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">22-26 July</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">Champions Unite!</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Paris 2024 kicks off this week, join us for a celebration of sports, culture and unity.</p> 	<p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">29 July – 2 Aug</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">International Day of Friendship</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Celebrating International Day of Friendship with a week of teamwork with Power Teams.</p> 	<p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">5-9 August</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">Enchanted Escapades</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">A week filled with mystery and magic. Join us for an enchanted adventure!</p> 	<p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">12-16 August</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">Hola! It's a Mexican Fiesta</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Experience the vibrant culture of Mexico through food, art and sports.</p> 	<p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">19-23 August</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">Panda Madness</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Celebrating the endangered Panda with sculptures, Panda training and Kung Fu Panda ninja</p> 
<p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">26-30 August</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">Journey Around the World</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">It's 'Global Kids' bonanza. Explore the world through food, games and craft activities in the Adventure Programme</p> 	<p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">2-6 September</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">Bugs Life</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Craft your own origami bugs, play Queen Bee Games and learn about the life cycle of Monarch Butterflies.</p> 	<p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">9-13 September</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">Roald Dahl Week</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Celebrating the wonderful works of Roald Dahl from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory to the BFG.</p> 	<p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">16-20 September</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Celebrate Māori Language Week through games, art and waiata with us!</p> 	<p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">23-27 September</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">Prehistoric Times</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Join us for a week of prehistoric adventures as we journey back to when dinosaurs roamed the earth.</p> 

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Silverdale

- Wednesdays 9:30 am
Silverdale Rugby Club

- Thursdays 6:30 pm
Orewa Primary School



No appointment necessary
\$10 per person (kids under 15y go free)

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CRAZY HAIR DISCO



STELLA MARIS SCHOOL HALL

FRIDAY - 9TH AUGUST 2024

SESSION ONE: YEARS 0-2 DROP OFF 4.30PM - 6PM

SESSION TWO: YEARS 3-6 DROP OFF - 6.30PM - 8PM

*"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 on 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

Website: www.stellamaris.school.nz

Mark Your Diaries

09 Aug	School Disco
12 Aug	Matikao Assembly
15 Aug	School Feast Day Mass
18 Aug	Holy Communion Ceremony 12.30pm St John's Church
19 Aug	Whole School Assembly 9am
22 Aug	Interschool Hockey
23 Aug	School Cross Country 1pm - Whole school
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
09 Sep	Dance sessions continue all week
27 Sep	TERM THREE ENDS

2024 School Term Dates

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

2024 Public Holidays

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>

Orewa College Open Evening

Tuesday 20th August 2024 6.00pm - Orewa Arts and Events Centre, Orewa College.

Our Open Evening is designed for all parents and caregivers of students enrolling for 2025, especially those entering Years 7-9.

From 6.00pm, you can meet with homeroom teachers, Heads of Departments and Deans for Years 7 and 8, and senior staff from other year levels, to discuss curriculum, academics, extracurricular activities, sports, performing arts programs, and our House Programme.

At 7.00pm, the Principal, staff members, and current students will give a presentation, followed by a brief Q&A session.

Orewa College Tour Days

Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 August 2024

Orewa College is pleased to invite all our new students for 2025, and their caregivers, to register their interest in one of our Tour Days in August.

These guided tours will take you through our grounds and give you an opportunity to see students learning and ask any questions you or your students may have.

Please complete the form available on our website to register your interest, and choose a preferred tour date and time. The form will close at 11.59pm Thursday 22 August.

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- Advise Healthline -
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Coronavirus Healthline

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Stella Maris School

- Website -
www.stellamaris.school.nz

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PTFA Bank Details

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In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit Amen**