

# Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER 5 September 2024

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Kia ora e te Whānau

Thank you to all of the dads who attended school last Friday afternoon for Dads' Day. Seeing the absolute joy on the children's faces as they greeted you was a firm reminder of why days like this are so important. The buzz around the school was amazing and it was fabulous to see everyone so engaged and enjoying sharing in the learning and play at school. Thank you so much for coming along and making the day so special.

The PTFA fundraising helps with the projects that fall outside of the operation funding of the school. Some of the projects that PTFA have helped us to complete for our students since the school opened in 2005 include the building of the playgrounds, iPads in all classes, improved drainage in the school field, the bike track, the sun shades over the playgrounds and a number of smaller projects as well.

Our major focus for fundraising this year is an upgrade of the junior playground, including changing the bark to a safety matting. Our playgrounds are now reaching the age (20 years) where some equipment needs to be replaced or upgraded to ensure the safety of our students. This project is going to cost over \$100 000, therefore every little bit that we raise through fundraising events such as the Wheel-a-thon, Quiz Night, discos, Splash and Dash helps greatly.

We have two major fundraising events coming up before the end of the term. The Quiz Night for parents on Friday 20th September, and the Wheel-a-thon for the students on Wednesday 25th September. Most of the tables for the Quiz Night are sold, and after only 3 days of registering we have 86 students out of 331 signed up for the Wheel-a-thon fundraising. Please check the Wheel-a-thon notice that came home earlier this week for more information about this event and how to sign the children up for the fundraising aspect.

Many of you may be aware that the empty piece of land across from Stella Maris (at the roundabout on Millwater Parkway) is currently owned by the Auckland Catholic Diocese. When Stella Maris opened in 2005 the plan was to build a Catholic secondary school on the land a few years later, however for a number of reasons this did not happen. For a secondary school to be viable you need at least 100 students at each year level – Stella Maris is too small for this. After much deliberation Bishop Steve Lowe and the team at the Diocese have made the difficult decision to sell the land. The large billboards that have appeared on the land this week will shortly have advertising on them related to the sale of the land. The Diocese continues to support Stella Maris, and our students continue to have a pathway for continuing Catholic schooling at Carmel College and Rosmini College.

This week we have kept in our prayers two important people who have passed away, The Māori King, Kiingi Tuheitia and Bishop Denis Browne (past Bishop of Auckland and then Hamilton). We remember each of these well respected men who showed strong leadership in their respective roles. *Eternal rest grant unto them o Lord, may they rest in peace.*

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

Catherine Cyprian  
Principal



## DRS Message

Each level within our New RE curriculum comes with A Touchstone. This is an area that is a general, broad focus point for each year level group. A focus point for each part of the journey through our Catholic Education system. There is a focus on each aspect of the journey that is considered from an “I am...or, I have...” perspective.

### Year 1 and 2 Touchstone- Whakatau- Welcomed.

I am welcomed, I have welcomed others.

Jesus was welcomed at Bethlehem by whanau, shepherds, angels and wise men. He and His family also experienced the pain of not being welcomed.

### Year 3 and 4 Touchstone- Aroha mai, Aloha atu- Loved.

I am loved, I have loved.

Jesus was loved by His Father in heaven and His whanau on earth. Jesus was a gift of love to us and when He grew up He taught us how to love the giver, ourselves and each other.

### Year 5 and 6 Touchstone- Oho Ake- Inspired.

I am inspired, I have inspired others.

Jesus inspired those who followed Him. From the beginning of His earthly ministry his words and actions showed people that there was a better way to live, love and believe.

These Touchstones all have a gospel context and follow students through their Catholic education to being “Sent” as a Year 13 as Jesus sent his followers to spread the Good news after His resurrection.

## TEAM NEWS

### Matikao

Kia ora, Whanau. A great turn-out from our dads last week and a happy time for all. Thank you for being with us - our tamariki always love to spend special time with you and are proud to show you off. On Tuesday we welcomed the NZ Playhouse team for ‘The Reluctant Dragon’ performance. As ever it was a hit with the children and we hope they have shared with you the message - it is important not to judge things solely by appearance. We are all looking forward to welcoming Omar back next week for the completion of the dance programme. Ma te Atua koutou ē manaaki.

### Mokehu

Kia ora Whanau, week 7 has seen lots of smiles with the start of spring! On Tuesday we enjoyed the show ‘The Reluctant Dragon’. Next week we have St Peter hosting the Mokehu team for assembly on Monday- please note this is in the library at 11.20am. Omar also returns next week to take us through the last of our dance sessions with our performance on Friday- more information will come about this next week. Well done to all the Mokehu children who have set up online fundraising accounts for the Wheel-a-thon.

### Huruhuru

What an enjoyable Dad’s Day for our team. Thank you to all the Dad’s that supported their children with their Discovery Hour Project. Last Monday we sent home our #3 Camp newsletter that contained a permission and health form that needs to be completed and returned to St Patrick asap. A number of parents have queried how they find out their child’s information about their tetanus injection. We suggest you contact your child’s doctor as they should have the information that you require. Finally, next week we continue our Dance Sessions.



St Benedict



St Nicholas

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Basketball

**Stella Lakers** vs Wanga Miniballers Great game team! Final winning score 11 to 9!! Extremely close game with impressive shooting from James and Miguel! Player of the day! James with 4 goals!

Our Year 3/4 **Stella Breakers** played a great game against the OB Hoopsters, despite being one player down for the first half. Although the final score was Stella Breakers 6 - OB Hoopsters 7, our team fought hard and never gave up. Ethan Human was our player of the day...Well done, team!



### Netball

**Stella Maris Year 6 netball team** won their last game, against Orewa Primary 9-4. The girls played really well and stuck together after a final surge from Orewa. The girls have been a pleasure to coach this season and have gone from strength to strength! They came third in the grade and should be very proud of their efforts!



### 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)

### Games And Puzzles Needed For Our Library

Our school library could do with some new puzzles and games. If you're having a spring clean during the holidays and have any in good condition that you no longer need, we would love to have them! Please consider donating them to our library.

### Dance Programme

Stella Maris students completed week one of this programme at the start of term, the second week starts on Monday 9th September. The cost for the two weeks is \$30. Many of you have already paid for this but there are still a number of outstanding payments.

### Conservation Week

Kia ora, Stella Whanau. This 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 \(doc.govt.nz\)](#)

Blessings, Amanda Bates and the Environment Team.

Take  
action  
for  
nature

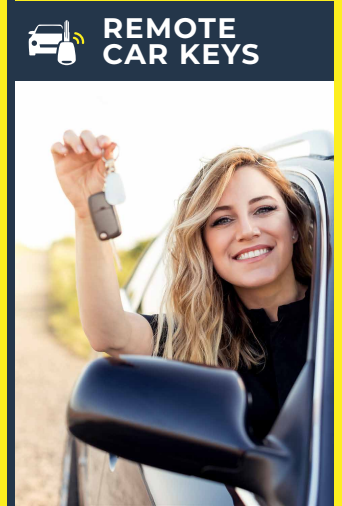
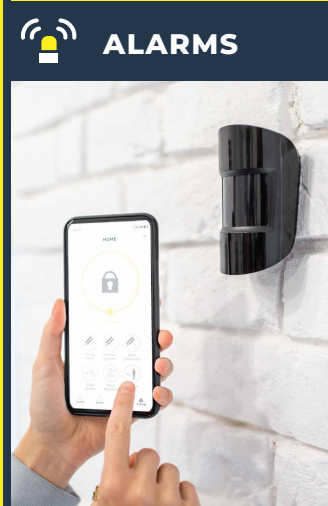
**Celebrate Conservation  
Week 2-8 September**

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native species that make Aotearoa  
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## Term 3

# RISE THEN SHINE

# STAY AND PLAY

22<sup>nd</sup> July – 27<sup>th</sup> September

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22-26 July	29 July – 2 Aug	5-9 August	12-16 August	19-23 August
<b>Champions United</b> Paris 2021: Kids off this week, join us for a celebration of sports, culture and unity.	<b>International Day of Friendship</b> Celebrating International Day of Friendship with a week of teamwork with Power Teams.	<b>Enchanted Escapades</b> A week filled with mystery and magic. Join us for an enchanted adventure.	<b>Hola! It's a Mexican Fiesta</b> Experience the vibrant culture of Mexico through food, art and games.	<b>Panda Madness</b> Celebrating the end of the year with Panda Madness with sculptures, Panda training and Kung Fu Panda movie.
				
26-30 August	2-6 September	9-13 September	16-20 September	23-27 September
<b>Journey Around the World</b> It's Global! Kids bonanza. Explore the world with enough food, games and craft activities in the Adventure Programme.	<b>Bugs Life</b> Get your own origami bugs, play Queen Bee Games and learn about the life cycle of Monarch Butterflies.	<b>Road Dahl Week</b> Celebrating the wonderful works of Dahl! Delish from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory to the BFG.	<b>Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori</b> Celebrate Māori Language Week through games, art and waiata with us!	<b>Prehistoric Times</b> Join us for a week of prehistoric adventures as we journey back to when dinosaurs roamed the earth.
				

Choose your

## ADVENTURE

RISE THEN SHINE STAY AND PLAY





## Mark Your Diaries

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

<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>

## 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**