

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER 12 September 2024

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Kia ora e te Whānau

Last week we were all amazed at the artworks using recycled materials created by the Mokehu students and their families to mark Conservation Week. There were so many different and creative ideas, and I have to say that I am glad I was not the judge of the competition. This activity helped the students and their families to focus on our Marian Value of Kaitiakitanga – Guardianship, and was a reminder of our duty as disciples of Christ to care for God’s creation.

On Friday of last week I had the privilege of joining St Joachim class for their poetry recital. I was very proud of each of the students who stood up and recited a poem that they had spent a lot of time practicing in class and at home. While the nerves were evident as they stood up in front of their classmates and parents, you could see how hard they had worked to prepare as they recited their poem using props, actions and expression. I hope that each of them is really proud of themselves.

Cyber Safety: Orewa College are hosting an evening for Hibiscus Coast families titled “Tackling Technology, Guiding Our Children Through a Digital World”. This session will cover topics such as online safety and bullying, impact of social media, gaming and its effects, parental controls and filters. This event is being held next Monday evening at 7pm. You are welcome to attend. If you are interested you will need to book using one of the links below.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/s/tackling-tech-guiding-our-child/380702685053621/>

<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/guiding-our-children-through-a-digital-world-tickets-995014052817>

School Uniform: The School Board is investigating ways to bring down the cost of the school uniform. To do this we are having to make some changes to the uniform. The polo shirt is going to a plain maroon polo with the school logo, but no grey customised collar. This will bring the price of the polo down to \$48, and will be phased in as the original polo sizes sell out. The PE shirt is changing to a plain maroon top with the school name front and back and will bring the price down to \$25. We are still looking at options for the girls blouse and will keep you updated on this.

Teacher Only Day in Term 4: Please note that Friday 15th November is a Teacher Only Day and school will be closed. This is a Ministry of Education allocated day and will be used to work with teachers to begin understanding of the new English and Maths curriculum documents.

Dance sessions: This week Omar returned to run the second week of the dance sessions. The students have been enjoying these and the dances are looking awesome. We hope that you are able to join us on Friday when the classes will present their dances.

Show 1: 10:10am – 11:am – St Joachim, St Anthony, St Joseph, St Augustine, St Nicholas and St Leo

Show 2: 11:25am – 12:10pm – St Peter, St John, St Dominic, St Patrick, St Lucy, St Benedict and St Mary.

Weather permitting these sessions will be on the courts, otherwise in the hall.

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki – May God bless you

Catherine Cyprian
Principal



DRS Message

Achievement Objective 7 in the Year 1 and 2 RE curriculum looks at how Jesus was Just and Fair. The children explore many scenarios where this is demonstrated for us. You might like to explore these at home and discuss what Jesus is teaching us about Justice and fairness in these real life moments and how we might show these same behaviours in our world today.

He challenged unfair behaviour. Luke 19:1-10 Jesus and Zacchaeus.

He supported the poor. Matthew 25:34-40 "as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me."

He helped the hungry.

Matthew 15:32 Feeding the four thousand.

He cared for the sick. Luke 4:40 Healing at Simon's house.

He cared for the lonely. Mark 5:25-34 Healing a woman who was isolated because of her illness.

He welcomed differences. John 4:1-42 Welcoming the Samaritan woman at the well.

He supported people who were not accepted. Luke 5:12-15 Healing the leper.

He valued children. Mark 10:13-16 Jesus blesses the children.

He listened to people. Luke 24:13-35 The walk to Emmaus.

He encouraged people. Mark 11:22-24 Faith in God can move mountains.

He chose peaceful ways to solve problems. Matthew 26:52 "Peter put down your sword"

He was forgiving. John 8:7 "Let those who are without sin be the first to throw a stone."

He didn't judge others. Luke 6:39-42 "The log in your own eye."

Together We Can Help Others



Bring a Non-Perishable Food Item Week

16th to 20th September

This is to support Hibiscus Coast Parish Care & Share and Love Soup.

Baskets will be available in the foyer for you to leave your item.

All produce goes to families in the community who are in need.

TEAM NEWS

Matikao

Kia ora, Whanau. Omar has been back this week and the tamariki are enjoying reigniting their kanikani (dance) vibes! The enjoyment is clear to see and confidence is growing. We encourage our students to bring in their wheels so they can prepare and gain fitness for the "Wheelathon". These can come to class in the mornings and we will direct our students to store them in the correct places. Te Wiki o te Reo - Maori Language Week is next week and we are hoping to extend our use of te Reo in classes. Ma te Atua koutou ē manaaki.

Mokehu

Kiaora whanau, the Conservation Week Art Challenge proved to be very popular last week and it was amazing to see the creative ideas. All children that entered received a certificate and a treat, as well as having a Shine Challenge completed. The children (and parents) were then able to vote for a People's Choice Award and we had over 120 votes. The winners of the People's Choice Award were Shaan with his beehive design, Sloan's 80s TV and Flori's paper feather. These 3 children were given a tomato plant as a prize. In St Joachim, they also had a very successful poetry performance last Friday, parents were invited to this, ushered in by children and even treated to refreshments. It was clear that the children had worked very hard to memorise their poems and it was great to see them dressed up and using props to preform their plays. Thank you to Mrs Boric for this great idea. On Monday, St Peter led us in Assembly and did a fantastic job, thank you St Peter.



Huruhuru

We are so pleased to continue our Dance sessions this week, with the students quickly picking up from our last session in week 1. Thank you to all students who have returned their camp permission and health forms. Please remember that these are due on Friday 13th September. Our interschool cross country team continues to train for their event at Shakespear Park next week. We thank Mrs Cunningham Tyler and Mrs Neville for supporting the team before and on the actual day. Our Wheel-a-thon is nearing, and we would like to remind parents to register for the event online.

STELLA MARIS PTFA PRESENTS

THE 2024
WHEEL-A-THON
FUN LUNCH

WEDNESDAY
25TH SEPTEMBER

SAUSAGE SIZZLE \$2
*OF AVAIL.
MOKEHU CUPCAKES \$2

ORDERS OPEN ON KINDO NOW!
KIKO ORDERS MUST CLOSE BY 2PM, 25RD SEPT

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 **DRINK HOUR**
QUIZ KICKS OFF AT 7PM

HIBISCUS COAST R5A

Teams of 5 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

Quizzes Karaoke and Dancing after

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

MORE INFORMATION
Contact tara@reedrecrecreation.co.nz

SCHOOL NEWS

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Basketball

Stella Lakers v GHS Abercrombie. Congratulations team on a great win 10 to 3!! Fantastic shooting Migue!! You are our star and could be player of the day every day!! But this week we have two players of the day: Alex and Rikard for listening to coach and playing to where the space is and making sure that all throw ins count. Very good attempts at goals as well!

Stella Breakers: What an incredible game we had this week! Our team won 3 -1 against Gulf Harbour School, and it was an absolute nail-biter! We had some players away, but other Stella Maris players stepped up and helped us out, and we're so grateful for their support. Hayley (year 1), and Dhyanam (year 4). We couldn't have done it without you! Hayley Jayakody was player of the day!

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 Show Tomorrow Friday 13 September

You are invited to come and watch your child/ren in their dance show. The dances will take place (weather dependent) on the courts, otherwise it will be held in the hall. Show times and class performances are below:

Show 1: 10:10 - 11am
St Joachim/ St Anthony
St Joseph/St Augustine
St Nicholas/St Leo

Show 2: 11:25 - 12:10pm
St Peter/ St John
St Dominic/St Patrick
St Lucy/St Benedict/St Mary

Please see Mark your Diaries at the end of this newsletter for 2025 School Term Dates and Public Holidays

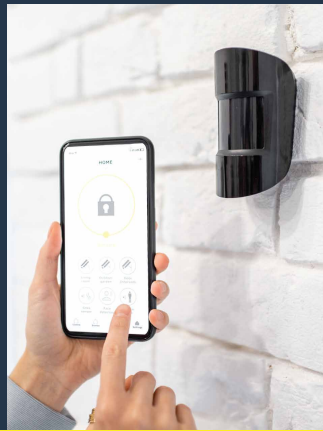
SPLASH & DASH CALLING ALL LOCAL BUSINESSES. YOU ARE INVITED TO START PLANNING... DECEMBER 6, 2024 • 3PM - 6PM Stella Maris Primary School

CHILDREN'S DISCO Saturday 14th September 6-9pm FREE ENTRY. Hibiscus Coast Community RSA 43A Vipoad Road, Starmore Bay 09 424 9026 www.hibcra.org.nz

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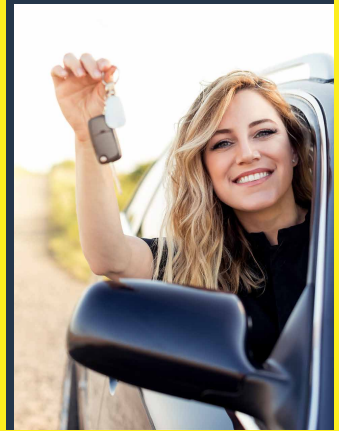
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Term 3

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22-26 July

Champions United

From 2021 skids 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 end of school Panda with sculptures, Panda training and King Fu Panda movie.



26-30 August

Journey Around the World

It's Globe Tots' turn to explore the world through food, games and craft activities in the skids Adventure Programme.



2-6 September

Bugs Life

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



9-13 September

Roski Dahl Week

Celebrating the wonderful works of Beatrix Potter from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory to the BFG.



15-20 September

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

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
STAY AND PLAY

skids



Mark Your Diaries

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
27 Sep	TERM THREE ENDS 2:45pm
14 Oct	TERM FOUR STARTS 8:45am
14 Oct	Daily Rosary in the classrooms during October
25 Oct	Second Hand Uniform Sale 8:15am
28 Oct	Labour Day - School Closed
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
15 Nov	Teacher Only Day - School Closed
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
20 Dec	TERM FOUR ENDS 12:20pm

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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## 2025 School Term Dates

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|--------|----------------------------------------|
| TERM 1 | Monday 3 February - Friday 11 April    |
| TERM 2 | Monday 28 April - Friday 27 June       |
| TERM 3 | Monday 14 July - 19 September          |
| TERM 4 | Monday 6 October - Tuesday 16 December |

## 2025 Public Holidays

|                             |                        |               |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Auckland Anniversary</b> | <b>Mon</b>             | <b>Jan 27</b> |
| <b>Waitangi Day</b>         | <b>Thur</b>            | <b>Feb 6</b>  |
| <b>Easter</b>               | <b>Fri 18 - Tue 22</b> | <b>Apr</b>    |
| <b>ANZAC DAY</b>            | <b>Fri</b>             | <b>Apr 25</b> |
| <b>King's Birthday</b>      | <b>Mon</b>             | <b>Jun 2</b>  |
| <b>Matariki</b>             | <b>Fri</b>             | <b>Jun 20</b> |
| <b>Labour Day</b>           | <b>Mon</b>             | <b>Oct 27</b> |

## 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**