

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

NEWSLETTER 19 September 2024

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Last Friday we got to celebrate the learning the students had done during their dance sessions with Omar, and we were entertained with great dance moves and smiling, proud faces. Omar placed just as much emphasis on having a go at something new and persevering when things were hard, as he did on the actual dance moves the children learnt. This was very evident in the choreographed dances that students presented. Thank you to all of the family members who came along and watched and shared in this fun learning, and to those who got up and had a go also.

Health Survey: Thank you to all who responded to our Health Survey from earlier in the term. Your feedback is valuable and will help with future planning. The main points that came out of this survey was the high level of importance that you placed on the health programmes that we run in the school currently (Firewise, Life Education, Year 5-6 Puberty, Hauora – Well Being, Myself and Others, Pause – Breathe – Smile, Daily Fitness, Swimming, Kaitiakitanga, and Wastewise). When asked what other programmes you see as important there were four that really stood out: Cyber Safety, Kia Kaha (antibullying), Keeping Ourselves Safe and Basic First Aid. We will look to build these programmes into our timetable over a two year cycle. Many people were very happy with the health programme in the school, but it was also very evident that families wanted to ensure that we maintain a balance in teaching these programmes through a Catholic lens – something that we will ensure and continue to improve. Thank you once again to all who took part in the survey.

Maths and How You Can Help At Home: This week families will receive a booklet with a variety of ways that you can support your child's learning of number knowledge that they can then apply to their maths learning at school. In this booklet you will find games and activities that you can participate in together at home and when you are out and about. Individual children will also bring home a Keeping Clever sheet geared to their specific learning needs. If you are able to work through these with the children this will help them build up the number knowledge that is so important in all areas of maths.

Wheelathon: The Wheelathon is being held next Wednesday. Earlier this week a notice came home with a few reminders. This is a fundraising event that also provides a fun day for the children. So far we have just over half of the school's students registered and have raised over \$11,000. If every student was to register and raise even \$5 it would go a long way towards helping with the fundraising for the Junior School playground upgrade. Please see the previous Wheelathon notices for information on how to register.

Carpark Safety - A few reminders:

- ◆ Drive slowly in the carpark at all times.
- ◆ Children (and parents) must carry balls, not bounce or kick them from the front door of the school to the car.
- ◆ Please use the footpaths and crossings at all times.
- ◆ When exiting out the top gate – slow down, give way, look for traffic coming from both ways on Old Mill Rd.

Let's keep everyone safe.

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

Catherine Cyprian
Principal



DRS Message

As we complete Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori in Aotearoa we acknowledge our commitment to honouring Te Tiriti in our Catholic schools and that catholicism in Aotearoa has a rich and long tradition. Our New RE curriculum talks about the importance of being Bi-Cultural.

"Our Catholic faith is one and universal. Every form of inculturation of the faith enriches everyone. We know that in the history of Aotearoa, the participation and belonging of Māori within the Catholic Church predates the signing of the Treaty. Until the arrival of British and Irish soldiers, the Church here was predominantly Māori. Bishop Pompallier, Marist fathers and brothers, the first group of the Sisters of Mercy, early Mill Hill fathers, and many others, learned Te Reo to be able to build relationships with the indigenous population.

To support non-Māori and those learning about tikanga Māori, many concepts and elements of Te Reo Māori language are included in the new RE curriculum to develop an understanding and the ability to listen more deeply to others' stories."

While honouring Te Reo and Te Tiriti is important all year we have seen Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori celebrated this week in our classrooms at Stella Maris with an increase in waiata, karakia and Te Reo learning across all curriculum. We are blessed to be able to explore the catholicism through Te Ao Maori, the holistic world view of interconnectedness of nature and people as this truly brings us closer to Te Atua, God, the creator of all.

Kia tau
Ki a tātou katoa
Te atawhai ō tō tātou ariki a Īhu Karaiti
Me te aroha o te Atua
me te whiwhinga tahitanga ki te Wairua Tapu
Ake, ake, ake
Āmine

To you
and to us all
May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
Be with you always
Amen

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. The dance programme this term was a great success, culminating in a wonderful kanikani demonstration last Friday. The children really enjoyed the sessions and it definitely built their skills and confidence. We look forward to welcoming Omar back again next year. The Wheel-a-thon sponsorship is growing nicely - keep it up! It is all for a good cause and our tamariki are becoming excited about it. Wednesday is the day! We encourage the tamariki to wear their PE kit. Our team will have the afternoon slot - starting from 1.20. Hope to see you there - with some sunshine! Nga mihi nui.

Mokehu

Kiaora whanau, this week we have been re-testing all the children on The Code, the new literacy programme we have been using since mid term 2. Initial results are very pleasing and we look forward to sharing with you, your child's progress. The Wheel - a - thon is a big talking point in our classes and excitement levels are building for this. Well done to the children in Mokehu who have registered and begun gathering sponsorship. We look forward to the event next Wednesday.

Huruhuru

Good luck to the Interschool Cross Country team that is competing at their competition today. A reminder that the Camp Information Evening for parents will be held in the school hall Thursday 26th September. No students are to be at this event. For those who are unable to attend we will have a transcription of the points covered available by term 4. We hope all our students have registered for the Wheel-a-thon. Please let us know if you require information to register online to raise money for the school.



Illustrations of a cyclist, a bicycle, and a runner on cupcakes, with checkered flags below.

STELLA MARIS PTFA PRESENTS

THE 2024
WHEEL-A-THON
FUN LUNCH

WEDNESDAY
25TH SEPTEMBER

SAUSAGE SIZZLE \$2
*OF AVAIL.
MOKEHU CUPCAKES \$3

ORDERS OPEN ON KINDO NOW!
KINDO ORDERS MUST CLOSE BY 09M 27TH 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 *Happy Hour*
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

SCHOOL NEWS

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Basketball

This was a fantastic week for our **Stella Breakers!** who won 4-1 against the SBS Breakers from Stanmore Bay School, an incredible achievement. This victory also qualifies us for the finals in our group. The player of the day is Emilia Lunt. Well done, team!



Basketball

Wow team, what a game! A win; to **Stella Rockets** 18-9 against GHS Hotshots. Very hard to choose just one player as POD as everyone played so well! Owen with his first basket, Levi leading the defence with rebounds, Harry and James picking off position and getting the ball down court for our shooters Christer and Cruz to pick up the points. Plus a cameo appearance from Caspian who joins the team next term. Well done all!

Basketball

Calling all year 3/4 basketball players. One of our teams is in need of some additional players for term 4. Please contact Amanda on amanda@stellamaris.school.nz for more information.

*Second Hand Uniform Sale
Tomorrow 2:30pm
Main Atrium*

Sports Shoes Needed

Kia ora Whanau.

I am currently collecting clean, used but still wearable, kids-sized sports footwear for a charity in Fiji whose aim is to increase exercise and fitness among children there who may benefit from sports shoes to get them started on the fitness and wellbeing route. If you are able to help with this please send in /leave your donations in the front foyer/main atrium in the labelled box provided. These will be gratefully received and sent on to the group in Fiji. Thank you. Nga mihi, Amanda Bates.

Flipperball

The Stella Sharks played their last game of the season, and what a game it was! They beat the Silverdale Sharks 7-2. The kids have improved a lot in their game, both defensively and offensively and showed great passing across the pool. They are on their way to becoming future waterpolo stars! Looking forward to flippaball next year



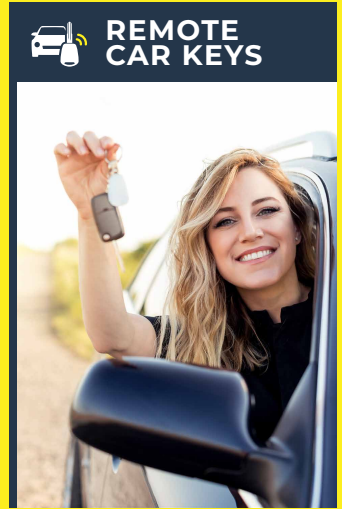
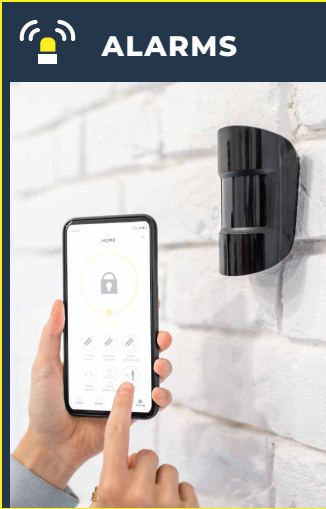
Art Classes At Silverdale Pioneer Village

With tutor Susannah Law on Wednesdays from 3:45 - 5:00pm. 8 weeks each term for 7-11 years old. For enquiries please email Sue studio22@slingshot.co.nz or visit Red beach Studio on facebook

COAST BASKETBALL
FUNDRAISER FESTIVAL
Sunday 22nd September
Whangaparaoa College 12pm - 6pm
**FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT
ALL WELCOME**
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
12pm-1pm: Junior Jammers Skill-athon
1pm-3pm: JDP Free-throw-athon
3pm-3:45pm: Coast Open Day
4:30pm: Mens Tips League Showcase Game
ALL DAY GALA GAMES, FOOD TRUCKS AND TUCK SHOP
Loads of fun and Prizes to be won

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<p>22-26 July</p> <p>Champions Unite!</p> <p>Para2024 kicks off this week, join us for a celebration of sports, culture and unity.</p> 	<p>29 July – 2 Aug</p> <p>International Day of Friendship</p> <p>Celebrating International Day of Friendship with a week of teamwork with Power Teams.</p> 	<p>5-9 August</p> <p>Enchanted Escapades</p> <p>A week filled with mystery and magic. Join us for an enchanted adventure!</p> 	<p>12-16 August</p> <p>Hola! It's a Mexican Fiesta</p> <p>Experience the vibrant culture of Mexico through food, art and sports.</p> 	<p>19-23 August</p> <p>Panda Madness</p> <p>Celebrating the endangered Panda with costumes, Panda training and Kung Fu Panda ninjas.</p> 
<p>26-30 August</p> <p>Journey Around the World</p> <p>It's 'Global Kids' bonanza. Explore the world through food, games and craft activities in the Adventure Programme.</p> 	<p>2-6 September</p> <p>Bugs Life</p> <p>Craft your own origami bugs, play Queen Bee Games and learn about the life cycle of Monarch Butterflies.</p> 	<p>9-13 September</p> <p>Rosald Dahl Week</p> <p>Celebrating the wonderful works of Rosald Dahl from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory to the BFG!</p> 	<p>16-20 September</p> <p>Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori</p> <p>Celebrate Māori Language Week through games, art and waiata with us!</p> 	<p>23-27 September</p> <p>Prehistoric Times</p> <p>Join us for a week of prehistoric adventures across journey back in time to discover where dinosaurs roamed the earth.</p> 

Choose your

ADVENTURE






Mark Your Diaries

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

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

## 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**