

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER 26 September 2024

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Kia ora e te Whānau

Wow what an end to term 3 we have had.

Last Friday evening's Quiz Night was a fun evening that brought together parents, staff and friends for an evening that tested our trivia knowledge and provided a lot of laughs. A huge thank you to Tara, Emma and Beth for putting together an evening that brought us altogether socially as well as raising funds for the playground upgrade project. Thank you too, to all who sponsored prizes for the raffles and auction items, and to everyone who supported the evening.

And then, yesterday's Wheelathon was a huge success. The level of excitement was high as everyone arrived with their wheels and helmets. The effort that students put into cycling, scootering, skating, running or walking laps of the track was massive, and evident in the looks of determination, smiles and red faces at the end. The shouts of encouragement from spectators and music playing added to the buzz. And of course the sausage sizzle and cupcake lunch added to the excitement of the day. A huge thank you to Mr Hobman, Mrs Pearson and the PTFA for all you did to make the day so successful. And we can't forget St Joseph students who helped Mokehu and Matikao Teams to keep track of their laps, and provided support to all participants. Thank you St Joseph class.

Charism Awards

The end of term Charism Awards were presented at the school assembly on Monday. This award goes to a student in each team who 'Shine for God' as they consistently display the Marian Values both in their classroom and the wider school environment. The awards are presented in Week 5 and Week 10 of each term. Congratulations to the following students:

Matikao Team – Lyla Alder

Mokehu Team – Goldie West

Huruhuru Team – Juliette Tomlinson

2025 Enrolments: If you have a child who is turning 5 next year and have yet to enrol them it would be helpful if these can be completed and handed into the office early in term 4 to help us with our 2025 planning and preparations.

Parent Prayer Group: One of our parents, Louise Dobson, has offered to lead a prayer group for parents, carers and grandparents once a month at school to pray for our families and school intentions. The first session will be on Thursday 24 October at 2:20pm in the prayer room in the library. All are welcome to join.

This term has been a great term with a variety of activities and events: Crazy Hair Disco, Mass with the parish to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption, Year 5/6 Inter-school hockey, School Cross Country, Open Day, Kapa Haka Showcase at Rosmini, Friday Pie Day Fun Lunch, Dance Curriculum sessions, Year 5/6 Inter-school cross country, Quiz Night, Wheelathon and sausage sizzle lunch. None of these events could go ahead without the dedication of our staff, the commitment of our PTFA, the support of parent and grandparent helpers, and the enthusiasm of our students. Thank you everyone.

I wish everyone a safe and restful holiday and pray that we are all able to leave the winter bugs behind as we head into term 4.

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

Catherine Cyprian
Principal



DRS Message

Term 4 Strats off in October, the month we dedicate to praying the Rosary here at Stella Maris. The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7th. The Rosary is, at heart, a Christo-centric prayer with all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety. As Pope St John Paul II said: "To recite the Rosary is nothing other than to contemplate with Mary the face of Christ."

Each class prays a Decade of the Rosary every day in class and we come together on Thursdays during October for a whole school rosary.

Huruhuru will lead our Whole school Rosary on 17th October at 9am.

Mokeyhu will lead our Whole school Rosary on 24th October at 9am.

Matikao will lead our Whole school on 31st October at 9am.

We aim to teach our students that the Rosary, in Catholic tradition, is said to have been instituted by the Blessed Virgin in the 13th century. Mary is said to have appeared to St Dominic and encouraged us to pray the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be karakia regularly. This was easier for lay Christians to show devotion through these karakia as reading psalms was often not possible. Praying the Rosary encourages us to meditate upon events surrounding the life of Jesus. We encourage our children to bring their sorrows, joys and wonderings to mind as we explore the many moments within the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries. This exploration of traditional prayer helps our students to learn habits, skills and attitudes related to different forms of karakia. We also want them to know that this taonga of traditional prayer has been used for centuries by people to spend time with God and has been passed down to us to continue to help us grow ever closer to a full relationship with God.

Prayer is turning the heart toward God. When a person prays, they enter into a living relationship with God. (*Catholic Faith and Catechism for Youth #469*).

*We pray that by reflecting on the Mysteries of the Rosary
we might encounter Christ in new ways.*

*May the Blessed Virgin Mary,
our Lady of the Rosary,
continue to inspire us
to a life of discipleship.*

Amen.



TEAM NEWS

Matikao

Kia ora Whanau. Wheelathon! - magic! Thanks to all who supported the tamariki as they biked, scootered, roller-skated and ran around the track. An amazing result for fund-raising. As Term 3 draws to a close, and before we throw ourselves into holiday mode, it is good to take a moment to reflect on all the learning, laughter and love of the term. What new discoveries have we made?- about ourselves? about our world? There is much for which to be grateful and, as our Liturgy this morning reminded us, our life is rich in God's blessings. We hope you have some time as a whanau to sit and think and give thanks over the next few weeks.

Safe travels, happy times - e ma te Atua koutou e manaaki.

Mokehu

Kia Ora whanau, this week our focus has been on the Wheel-a-thon! What a great day this was, sunshine combined with sausages and cupcakes! The children all worked so hard on the day and showed great perseverance and determination. Some children clocked 10km around the track in 30minutes. All children had a smile on their face and there was great moments of sportsmanship. It was wonderful to hear the words of encouragement. A big thank you to the PTFA and St Joseph for their wonderful help.

We wish you all wonderful holidays.

Huruhuru

Term 3 has quickly come to an end. For Huruhuru Team this included Dance, The NED Show, Olympics speaker, Mass at St Johns Church, Interschool Hockey, Interschool Cross Country, Leadership roles during Open Day for some of our Y6 students, Kahui Aka Kapa Haka Performance at Rosmini College, Dad's Day, NZ Playhouse - The Reluctant Dragon, and Wheel-a-thon with leadership from students in St Joseph.

Next term we have a number of events as we head towards the end of the year. These include Interschool Softball, swimming lessons, camp and a number of Year 6 meetings in preparation for Year 7 in 2025.

We wish all our families a happy holiday and look forward to seeing you all at the beginning of term 4.

Congratulations

Students who participated in the Canterbury University Kiwi CEM Competitions for English, Maths and Science received their certificates and results this week.

Twenty three year five and six students completed the NZ curriculum-based competition last term.

We would like to make special note of those who achieved either Excellence or Merit in these competitions:

Alicia Chan, St Dominic: Excellence in Maths and English

Elise Shun, St Augustine: Excellence in English

Randil Ekanayake, St Joseph: Merit in Maths

Cruz Fisher, St Dominic: Merit in Maths

Enricko Querido, St Patrick: Merit in Maths

Shania Limrick, St Dominic: Merit in English

James Friday, St Joseph: Merit in Science

Congratulations to these students and all those who participated in the competition

SCHOOL NEWS

Spread The Word "IT'S GRANDPARENTS DAY AT STELLA MARIS" Tuesday 29 October

Mark your diaries for one of the highlights of the year, when welcome our Grandparents to school to spend time in the classroom and be treated to a morning tea prepared by our families.

Basketball Stella Lakers

Congratulations Team! A huge well done for finishing second overall in the Year 3 and 4 basketball league! What an achievement, especially after such a tough game against Orewa Primary. Shoutouts to our stars: • MVP of the term: Miguel • Most Improved Player: James • Best Defence: Rikard • Best Offence: George • Best Blocker: Alex • Perfect Passer: Zeya • Super Setter: Thomas Fantastic effort from everyone this season! Keep up the great work!



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

Sports Shoes For Fiji

A great response from you so far - many thanks. We will keep the collection box in the atrium into next term so that you have more time to sort and share. Looking forward to some more welcome additions for this very worthy cause. Nga mihi, Amanda Bates

COMMUNITY NEWS

OREWA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB
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25 JUNIOR SURF SCHOLARSHIPS
Up For Grabs

Experience the family friendly Junior Surf program at Orewa's safe and convenient beach for children aged 3-13, where strong foundations of surf knowledge and skills are learnt while having fun!

We have 25 Scholarships available! If you would like to be considered for this amazing opportunity, please complete an application form sharing why you would like to receive a Junior Surf 24-25 Season Scholarship worth \$160pp, plus a free 18 Via Vest.

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Applications Close 18 Oct 2024

*Scholarship available to new Members aged 3-13 only
*Members will be chosen at the discretion of OSLSC & MDC

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Dance at Stella Maris!

Splat! Are offering a dance class at Stella Maris on Tuesdays from 3:00pm-3:45pm

Our creative dance programme teaches dance skills through fun games and learning awesome routines

Sign up for the term, or for a free trial lesson at www.splatnz.com

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Board of Trustee - Term 3 News

Kia ora e te Whānau

Already we have come to the end of term 3 – and what a fun and jam-packed term it has been!

It was a special highlight this term for the school to attend mass with our Parish celebrating the Feast Day of Our Lady of the Assumption, also our School's Feast Day on the 15th August. Pope Paul VI wrote succinctly: "Mary is held up as an example to the faithful for the way in which in her own particular life she fully and responsibly accepted the word of God and did it.... She is worthy of imitation because she was the first and most perfect of Christ's disciples."

Our Lady has many inspirational qualities, such as her faith, love, humility, trust, obedience, service and wisdom, that have helped to form our school's Marian Values that were revised last year. Our Marian Values of Faith, Love, Service, Belonging, Guardianship and Wisdom are the heart of our school and encourage us to be the best we can be so we can Shine for God.

It was heart-warming to see the way the students participated in the cross country, putting love into action as the seniors supported the younger children, everyone cheering for each other no matter what place they were, each running their best races and truly Shining for God – what an inspiration you all are!

This term it was a privilege to see the North Shore Catholic Schools Kapa Haka Showcase at Rosmini College. Our students were incredible with such a professional and captivating performance. Thank you so much Ms Hunt for the passion and dedication you bring to our Kapa Haka students, you are such a great blessing to our school.

This term we had the Wheelathon, the Crazy Hair Disco, Dad's Day fun lunch and Quiz night, thank you to the PTFA and everyone for your time, generous contributions and service to our school which is so greatly appreciated. A big thank you also to Walker Developments, McColl Building Services and Streeter Pools for sponsoring the new gazebos – I have to say they looked so smart at the Interschool Cross Country Event this term at Shakespear Park and the Wheelathon yesterday!

I would like to thank you all for your participation in our Health Survey this term, your feedback is so important to us and helps the school deliver a Health Curriculum that is responsive to the needs and values of our students and community.

This next term I would like to draw your attention to one of our four Strategic Goals which is **"to build and enhance relationships in a safe and inclusive environment within our school, parish and the wider community"**. This year we are reflecting on ways to streamline the way we communicate with our community to ensure our methods are impactful, timely and relevant. As a result, in Term 4 we will be asking for your participation in another survey that will give us important feedback regarding this and help us ensure that the communication channels used are effective and reflect the needs of the community.

If you would like to read more about our School's Strategic Plan and this year's Annual Implementation Plan, you can find this on our school's website:

<http://www.stellamaris.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Strategic-Plan-2024-to-2025.pdf>

Once again, I would like to thank each of you for the important role you play in making our school so special, for supporting our precious Tamariki, putting our Marian Values into action and helping us to fulfil the mission of our school:

"As A Christ Centred Community, inspired by Mary and Our Catholic Faith, we will support, challenge and empower each other to strive for personal excellence, to navigate life's journey".

May God bless you in abundance and may Mary extend her maternal protection over you and your precious whānau

Ngā mihi nui
Trish Hammond

Stella Maris PTFA | Term 3 Recap!

Crazy hair disco! Dad's Days! Wheel-a-thon! Sausage sizzle! So much fun! Thank you, Whanau, for wholeheartedly supporting our term 3 events! We still receive smiles and hoorays from the students when we talk and reflect on events from term 3. We are well under-way for our fundraising goal and The Board of Trustees are currently exploring our options for the junior playground revamp with local businesses.

There are many ways you can support the PTFA like engaging with posts on social media, volunteering at planned events, answering our call outs for bakers or items to be donated, sharing business connections or skills, coming along to events, donating out-grown uniforms (box in the office).

Each little bit makes a huge difference. We hold monthly meetings – everyone is invited and it's a great way to find out how it all works and how you can get involved. There is no minimum commitment.

The Head of Fundraising committee position will be available for 2025 for those who may be interested in planning events such as Discos.. This has previously been a shared position. The PTFA are always open to new ideas. Planning meeting and AGM is held in Term 1, 2025.

Volunteer Call out Term 4

29th October – Grandparents Morning Tea – We need helpers to make sure our visiting grandparents are well looked after and ensure the urn stays hot!

6th December – Splash & Dash – We need help with set up, during and after.
Can you spare an hour or 2 on the day – Volunteers needed from 1pm onwards.

A huge thank you to Tara and her quiz night crew Emma and Elizabeth. They answered our call out for someone who was willing to organise a 'not to be missed' fundraising opportunity at the RSA in Stanmore Bay. It was so refreshing to have some new faces organise a fundraising event and the feedback has been tremendous. How lovely to see so many of our parents, families and friends enjoying themselves.

We look forward to hosting Splash & Dash in Term 4. Keep an eye out for updates! We wish everyone a wonderful holiday break. Nga mihi,
Lani & the PTFA



To all the businesses and individuals who kindly donated items towards the silent auction! To all the families who purchased these items and to those who bought raffle tickets. Huge appreciation. Thank you! 🙌🙌🙌

We raised \$3640.25 for our school and playground upgrade initiatives!

The RSA almost made the same amount they collect at the bar on ANZAC Day - they are super happy! The restaurant also had a roaring trade! The RSA managed gain a few new members too! 🙌



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Parents and Friends of Stella Maris (Silverdale NZ)

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WHEEL-A-THON

Donation pages close:
SUNDAY 14th October, there is still time over the holidays to get those donations in 😊



SCORCHING SUMMER SPORTS

SUMMER SPORTS IN TERM 4



Join us as we help develop the next generation, with our weekly multi-sport programme that will provide an essential base for children's motor skills and help build confidence and coordination!

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INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

MULTI-SPORT PROGRAMME

This term, we will focus on the following sports:

- Cricket
- T-Ball
- Athletics
- Dodgeball
- Touch Rugby

This weekly programme gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings - giving them confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.

Programmes will be run once weekly for one hour designed for Year 0-4 students (Years 5-6 are also welcome)

Stamora Bay School: Monday's at 2:55pm
 Orewa Primary School: Tuesday's at 3:00pm
 Silverdale School: Tuesday's at 3:05pm
 Dairy Flat School: Wednesday's at 2:55pm
 Red Beach School: Thursday's at 3:05pm
 Stella Maris School: Friday's at 2:50pm
 Whangaparaoa School: Friday's at 3:05pm

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Term 3

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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 ninja.</p> 
<p>26-30 August</p> <p>Journey Around the World</p> <p>It's 'Global Kid' bonanza. Explore the world through food, games and craft as we learn the difference between Hemisphere.</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>Road to Dahl Week</p> <p>Celebrating the wonderful works of Roald 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 as we journey back in time to discover what dinosaurs carried the earth.</p> 

Choose your **ADVENTURE**

RISE THEN SHINE STAY AND PLAY



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Mark Your Diaries

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 8.45am
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

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All other Payments

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### 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**