

# Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER 17 October 2024

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Kia ora e te Whānau

Welcome back to school for the new term, and a special welcome to the new families who have joined our school community. We hope that everyone enjoyed some time for relaxing and fun over the term break.

This term our concept for inquiry is Peace. Students will be exploring the concept of Peace through The Arts, Religious Education – particularly as we come to the season of Advent and Christmas, and Social Sciences.

Each of the teams across the school have different questions to focus their inquiry:

**Matikao:** What does peace look like, sound like, feel like? How can I be a peacemaker?

**Mokeyhu:** How can I live and spread the message of Peace?

**Huruhuru:** How can we be peacemakers in our communities?

**October, Month of the Rosary:** October is a special time in our school calendar as we pray a decade of the Rosary daily in class and as a whole school on Thursdays. We say a huge thank you to the Pilgrim Queen Family of Our Lady of Guadalupe group for the lovely gift of a Rosary and prayer card for every child in the school. I had many special moments on Monday as I delivered these to the classes. By praying the Rosary regularly we learn about the principal events in the history of our salvation, through the stories of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Maybe you could find time as a family to pray a decade of the Rosary several times in October. The children will be able to help lead it, and you might find these links helpful:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/rosary/>

<https://hallow.com/blog/how-to-pray-the-rosary/>

<https://rosarycenter.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary>

**Grandparents' Day:** All grandparents, or someone special to our students, are invited to join the children in class on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October, 8:45am – 11:30am. This has always been a treasured day in our school community, and we look forward to sharing

this time with grandparents.

**Uniform reminders:** Term 4 means we make the move to summer uniform. School hats are compulsory when students are outside, please ensure they have their hat at school each day. Footwear is a plain black school sandal – no coloured soles or markings. The term has started off quite cold so students may continue wearing black school shoes and socks if they wish.

**Labour Day:** A reminder that school is closed on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October for the Labour Day public holiday.

**Teacher Only Day:** School will be closed on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November for a Teacher Only Day allowing staff to participate in professional development related to the new English and Maths curriculum documents.

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki – May God bless you

Catherine Cyprian  
Principal



## DRS Message

This term in our RE programme at Stella Maris we focus on the “Being Church” theme. Being Church encompasses Catholic Christian practice; how we should live our best life, one which embeds and lives out the teachings of Jesus. It is important that young people are given the tools to examine modern culture in the light of Catholic Tradition and teaching, and understand how Christian thinking interrogates and sometimes counters that culture. Being Church requires the teaching of Christian virtues and values and the Church’s teachings concerning social justice. Where possible young people should be given the chance to serve others in practical ways – to put their learning into practice.

### Our Year 1-2 content areas aim to have children

- Develop an understanding that I am part of God’s family, and what I do and how I behave towards others is important.
- Recognise that the Church has rituals, symbols and holy things, and I can learn what to do and say to be part of them.

### Our Year 3-4 content areas aim to have children

- Grow in understanding of what a Sacrament is and what they do.
- Explore the seven Sacraments: what are they and how can they be part of my journey?

### Our Year 5-6 content areas aim to have children

- Develop an understanding of the 9 principles of Catholic Social Teaching and that they come from Jesus’ teaching.
- Explore and show how I can live these teachings.

We also focus our prayer times at Stella Maris on the Rosary in October with daily rosaries in class and weekly whole school rosaries led by different teams. This year we have been blessed with a set of rosary beads gifted for each child. Everyone at Stella Maris would like to thank our HBC Parish group, the Pilgrim Queen family of the Lady of Guadalupe who donated these to each student. These gifts have excited our students and through our continued dedication to praying the rosary, brought us closer to Jesus. We thank you all for your prayers and support as we guide our students to encounter our Saviour, Jesus.



## TEAM NEWS

### Matikao

Kia ora, Whanau. Term 4 begins and it will be a busy one, but one filled with learning, laughter and love. The promise of daily swimming lessons has excited our tamariki already and with Grandparent's Day, athletics and our Nativity celebration on the horizon our days will be filled! Our term concept of Rangimarie/Peace may truly be actively sought! A reminder that we have the 'no hat, no outside play' policy so please ensure your child has a clearly named hat at school each day. And we are back into sandals this term so please ensure these are named, too. Keep an eye on the book bags for notices and keep up the daily reading please. May God bless us all as we embark together on this final exciting term of 2024.

### Mokehu

Kiaora parents, welcome back to term 4. This term our school wide focus is Peace and the children will be focussing on the question; How can I bring/show/spread/live the message of Peace? In RE we will be exploring the Loved strand and learning about the Sacraments. Next Thursday the Mokehu children who have recently completed their Sacramental Programme will be leading the school in Liturgy at 9am. We are also looking forward to Grandparents Day in week 3, and a reminder that all 7 Shine Challenges should be completed by Friday 1st November- week 3.

### Huruhuru

Welcome back to our new term. We have several team events this term, including Interschool Softball Tournament, Year 6 Day with other North Shore Catholic Schools at St Mary School, Huruhuru Athletics Day, Swimming lessons, Camp, and our final week of school that includes our Year 6 Graduation. Please note, the Interschool Athletics Day will NOT be held this term. The Hibiscus Coast Sports Group has changed it to Term 1 from next year. Senior Sports students from Orewa College will be involved in the running of this event in 2025 as part of their study. While this may be disappointing for our current Year 6 students, we appreciate the extra support we will receive to run this large tournament in the future.

## SCHOOL NEWS



### Spread The Word

**Tuesday 29 October 8:45 - 11:30**

One of the highlights of the year, when we invite and welcome our Grandparents to school to spend time in the classroom and be treated to a morning tea prepared by our families. We ask families to please bring a small plate of food. A reminder we are a nut free school. Please label gluten free plates. As in previous years **Family Life Christian Gift stall** will be in the foyer.

### Can You Help?

Volunteers needed to make sure the urn is hot for our treasured grandparents when they visit on Grandparents Day.

**Volunteers needed from 9am-11.30am**

(Setting up morning tea,  
serving tea and coffee, clean up)

Please email [stellaptfa@stellamaris.school.nz](mailto:stellaptfa@stellamaris.school.nz)

 **Mufti Day** 

**Raising money for  
Connie's Home,  
Chiang Mai, Thailand  
FRIDAY 18th October**

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This Friday, all of the children from Stella Maris will be wearing mufti clothes to raise money for Connie's Home in Chiang Mai, Thailand, which is a home that looks after vulnerable children.

These children live in Connie's Home because they come from extremely poor backgrounds, with no money for food or shelter, they may have lost their parents, been born with a disability or have been forced to live on the streets.

Connie's Home was set up in 2009 and cares for children waiting adoption. It is run by American's, Connie and Richard Cummins, who have dedicated their lives to caring for high needs and sick children.

Connie's Home was once the loving first home for one of our Stella students.

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



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## Calendar Art - Ordering Now Open!

We are very excited to announce that Calendar art ordering is now open - and we have made it super easy!

Head to

1. [www.kidsartworks.com](http://www.kidsartworks.com)
2. Entrance code is KZ1169
3. Enter your Child's class and name as directed.

You will now be able to see your Child's artwork and place your order all on the website!!!

Ordering Closes on the 28th October. So get in early so it's not forgotten! They make great gifts for Christmas! And awesome cards!!

**Second Hand Uniform Sale  
Friday 25 October  
8.15am In The School Foyer**

## Basketball

Stella Rockets played a sizzler of a game winning 18-16 against Orewa Beach Primary. Caspian welcome to the team and wow, you also walked away with player of the day! Well done and well done team!



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Annual North Shore Rosary Procession

Please join in praying the Rosary in a procession at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Glenfield on SUNDAY, 20th October, 2024 at 2 p.m. Those who are unable to walk, please stay in church to pray. The procession will culminate with Benediction and shared cuppa.

## SCHOLASTICS BOOK CLUB

*Order forms have gone home this week - orders will close on*

*Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October*  
*This is a wonderful way of supporting your child's reading and raising bonus points for the school to purchase curriculum items. Please hand your orders into the school office.*

*Your support is appreciated.*

## SPORTS NEWS

### Summer Football - Start Date

Due to the closure of the grounds, the start date for Summer football has been postponed until November 4th.

## Seek His gifts

**SPEAKER: INGRID D'SOUZA**  
*Romans 8:26*

**15 October, 7.30- 9.30pm**

**St Thomas More Church, 336 Wairau Rd, Glenfield**

Praise & Worship | Talk | Prayer ministry | Gifts of the Spirit  
North Shore Dove Women's Catholic Fellowship



A large yellow sun with triangular rays is centered at the top, flanked by two white clouds on a blue background.

# **SPLASH & DASH**

## **CALLING ALL LOCAL BUSINESSES**

**WE ARE EXCITED TO START PLANNING OUR UPCOMING ANNUAL SCHOOL SPLASH AND DASH PICNIC. THIS WILL BE OUR THIRD YEAR HOSTING THIS EVENT FOR THE SCHOOL AND EACH YEAR WE HOPE TO MAKE IT EVEN BIGGER AND BETTER THAN THE LAST.**

**LAST YEAR WE MANAGED TO RAISE \$10,000 TOWARDS OUR FUNDRAISING GOAL.**

**OUR GOAL IS TO PROVIDE AN ENJOYABLE AND MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE FOR ALL THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY. THE SPLASH AND DASH PICNIC WILL INCLUDE GAMES, ACTIVITIES, FOOD, REFRESHMENTS, RAFFLES, SILENT AUCTIONS AND OF COURSE PLENTY OF WATER FUN PLAY.**

**WE ARE REACHING OUT EARLY THIS YEAR TO REQUEST ANY DONATIONS, VOUCHERS OR PRODUCTS TO HELP FUNDRAISE FOR OUR PLAYGROUND FLOOR UPGRADE WHICH IS THE NEXT FUNDRAISING GOAL WE ARE WORKING TOWARDS. WE WOULD USE THESE IN A SILENT AUCTION. NO ITEM OR VOUCHER IS TOO SMALL, AND WE APPRECIATE ANYTHING YOU ARE ABLE TO DONATE. WE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO RAISE AS MUCH AS WE DID WITHOUT THE AMAZING BUSINESSES WHO DONATED MONEY OR ITEMS FOR ACTION LAST YEAR AND WE ARE FOREVER GRATEFUL FOR THOSE BUSINESSES. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED A LIST OF THE SPONSORS FROM LAST YEAR. WE WOULD DISPLAY YOUR LOGO ON OUR ADVERTISING FOR THE DAY AND LEADING UP TO THE EVENT WHICH IS ON THE 6TH OF DECEMBER.**

**WHILE OUR EVENT IS STILL SMALL WE HOPE TO GROW IT EACH YEAR AND THIS ISN'T POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF LOCAL BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY. YOUR SUPPORT WILL NOT ONLY HELP US TO MAKE THIS EVENT POSSIBLE BUT WILL ALSO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY TO COME TOGETHER AND CELEBRATE THE END OF ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR.**

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND SUPPORT.**

**THE STELLA MARIS PTFA**

**PLEASE EMAIL KELLY AT [FUNDRAISING@STELLAMARIS.SCHOOL.NZ](mailto:FUNDRAISING@STELLAMARIS.SCHOOL.NZ)**

**DECEMBER 6, 2024 • 3PM - 6PM**

**Stella Maris Primary School**

# GIVE ATHLETICS A GO!

*Athletics is for everybody!*

Join your local Athletics Club today!

find your local club at [athletics.org.nz](http://athletics.org.nz)



THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS



## English With Allie



**Online After School Lessons for Students:**

- ~ Years 5-10
- ~ Online group lessons (maximum of 4 students)
- ~ Online one to one lessons

**Course 1: Academic Written Language & Skills**  
(For Fluent & Near Fluent Speakers)

**Course 2: Academic English Language (ESOL)**  
(Not Yet Fluent Speakers)

**\*\* Enrolling Now for Term 4 2024 \*\***  
&

**\*\* Accepting Enrolments for Term 1, 2025 \*\***  
*Limited Spaces Available*



**Allie Rankine:**

- Qualified & Registered New Zealand Teacher
- Over 35 years of teaching experience (primary, intermediate, secondary, tertiary & adults)
- Specialising in English, ESOL, IELTS, TESOL
- Former Director of Studies

For more information please contact me at:  
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# WIN A RETURN FLIGHT TO FIJI FOR TWO\* WITH FIJI AIRWAYS



**VISIT THE TRAVEL BROKERS EXPO TO ENTER THE DRAW AND DISCOVER MORE GREAT OFFERS**

National Hockey Centre  
159 Bush Road, Albany

**SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER 2024 10am – 1.00pm**



Register by email to [debra.barnett@ttb.co.nz](mailto:debra.barnett@ttb.co.nz) to attend and be in the prize draw.

\*Terms and conditions apply.



LUXURY GOLD

INSIGHT VACATIONS



## Mark Your Diaries

<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
<b>28 Oct</b>	<b>Labour Day - School Closed</b>
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
<b>15 Nov</b>	<b>Teacher Only Day - School Closed</b>
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

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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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| <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 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**