

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER 14 November 2024

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Kia ora e te Whānau

This week has seen our Yr 1-4 students taking part in swimming lessons up at the Northern Arena. Not only do the students improve on their swimming skills, they also develop their self-management skills and their fitness and resilience. As the student get themselves organised, making sure they have all they need and head off to the pools regardless of the weather they are working on building that important sense of independence. By the end of next week their fitness levels will have risen as well with the walking and swimming each day. A huge thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who are helping out with walking to and from the pools to ensure the safety of all students.

Earlier this term I informed you that we are restructuring the school in 2025 to bring it in line with new curriculum and the phases of learning. Next year we will have two teams – one team will be Yr 0-3 (phase one) and the other team will be Yr 4-6 (phase two). We had initially planned to have straight year group classes across the school, however with an unexpected number of new enrolments in the year 6 group we are now going to maintain the composite Yr 5/6 classes to keep the class sizes below 30. All other year groups will be single year levels.

Team 1 – Year 0-3

Yr 0/1 Erica Mainwaring

Yr 1 Amanda Bates

Yr 2 Karl Hobman and Jenny Bentley (2 classes)

Yr 3 Diana Pearson and Marie Woodard (2 classes)

Team 2 – Year 4-6

Yr 4 Michelle Kleingeld and Rebecca Dragicevich/Nada Boric (2 classes)

Yr 5/6 Tracey Law, Tina Hunt, Natasha Kain, Phoebe Cunningham Tyler, Brenda Neville (5 classes)

If you have a younger child who is turning 5 next year, or you know of any family or friends who are considering enrolling their child/ren at Stella Maris please encourage them to get their enrolments to the office as soon as possible. Knowing the numbers as soon as we are able helps us with our planning for next year.

A reminder that **tomorrow is a teacher only day and the school will be closed**. All of our staff will be participating in professional development for the new Mathematics Curriculum.

I hope you have all got Friday 6th December locked into your calendars for the Splash and Dash from 3-6pm. This is a fun school community get together afternoon and is our final fundraiser for the year. The PTFA have been working hard behind the scenes preparing for the event. We hope to see you all there.

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

Catherine Cyprian
Principal



DRS Message

In his latest encyclical *Dilexit Nos*, “He Loved us”, the Holy Father teaches us that devotion to the heart of Jesus can open our own hearts to renewed ways we can love and be loved. Pope Francis particularly mentions the need for us to work for unity and peace in our world - a unity and peace that can only be brought about by love.

Pope Francis writes, “Jesus is now waiting for you to give him the chance to bring light to your life. Then, share that light in service to others. Speak of Christ, by witness or by word, in such a way that others seek to love him”

Later this term we celebrate many of the students in our school who have offered service to others through their roles in school service groups. We also recognise that not every act of service is recognised, that we hopefully perform many services through our love for each other and our love for Christ. We are truly blessed at Stella Maris as our students demonstrate this understanding very early in their journey through our school. We encourage all to seek opportunities for these little acts of Awhina/service and it becomes an integral part of living our Marian values.

*Always-present God,
help us to be present to all who need us.
Give us the ability to model your attentive, loving gaze
when we view our world, our family and our friends,
who are seen and loved by you first.
Finally, may our availability be marked by a desire
to be like your Son:
open to being sent,
open to being loved,
open to becoming love in the world.
Amen*

TEAM NEWS

Matikao

Kia ora, Matikao Whanau. Swimming has been awesome this week! The children have been so eager and excited about their lessons and have followed instructions for safety and wellbeing beautifully, while still having fun. A big thank you to all our parent helpers who have helped to make the daily trip up and down to the pool run like a well-oiled machine. Same again next week, please! Once swimming lessons have finished, we will turn again to athletics, so please ensure your child has PE kit at school each day. And please remember that named hats are essential to be sunsmart! Reminders also that the summer uniform calls for black sandals, which should also be named, and that we are a **water-only** school – no other drinks should be coming to school. Thank you for helping to show our tamariki that it is important to follow school rules.

Nga mihi, Team Matikao.

Mokehu

Kiaora Whanau, it has been a successful first week of swimming for the Mokehu team. Most of the children have been able to manage themselves well with the walk to and from swimming, remembering their swim gear and getting changed quickly. It has been great to see this independence develop. To help continue to grow this independence we encourage the children to be carrying their own school bags in and out of school, unpacking their bags and lunchboxes and helping with getting themselves ready for the following day. We find that children who are able to manage themselves efficiently, cope well in the classroom situation. Once again, thank you to all the parents who have helped with the walk to and from Northern Arena.

Huruhuru

Camp Reminders:

1. Cost of camp is due at the end of November.
2. Medical Information - please email if you need to update any of your child’s medical info.

Next Tuesday we are holding our Huruhuru Athletics Day. We will begin the day with sprints heats/finals before students rotate the field events. Please ensure your child has their PE gear, sunscreen and hat for this event.

A reminder that children are not permitted to contact parents by email or messenger during school hours. If there are any issues during the day, the school will contact parents to ensure students are supported appropriately.

SCHOOL NEWS

Calendar Art - Second Chance Ordering Now Open!

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

1. www.kidsartworks.com
2. Entrance code is KZ1169
3. Enter your Childs class and name as directed.

You will now be able to see your Childs artwork and place your order all on the website!!! **Ordering Closes on the 25 November.** They make great gifts for Christmas! And awesome cards!!

Sports Team Subs Now Overdue

Summer Hockey	Yr 5/6 \$20.00	Yr 0-4 \$17.00
Touch Rugby	\$45.00	
Football	\$40.00	

Please pay into Stella Maris Account 12 3046 0362238 00
Reference - Name and Sport. Thank you.

Teacher Only Day Tomorrow

A reminder that tomorrow 15th November, is a teacher only day and that school will be closed for students.

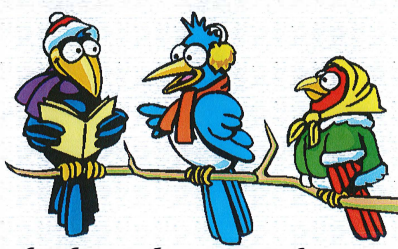
Blue Day Mufti Day For Diabetes Awareness

Thank you for your generous donations, a total of \$692.50 was raised.

Parents' Prayer Group

Thursday 28th November, 2:20pm, in the prayer room in the library. Never underestimate the power of prayer. All parents, carers, grandparents and friends are invited to join the parent prayer group to pray for the intentions of our school community. All are welcome. Louise Dobson, 021 590 271


SCHOLASTICS BOOK CLUB



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

Thursday 21st November
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.





CHRISTMAS SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

GINGERBREAD HOUSE
OR
PAINT YOUR OWN COOKIES
OR
CHRISTMAS CUPCAKES




Time - 10:30 am - 12:30 pm.
Date - 17, 19, 20 & 23 December
Venue- Lake House Art Centre
Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna

Your children will take home their decorated masterpieces

Contact for further information -
Camille on 0278390087
camillescustomcakes@xtra.co.nz



Gingerbread house \$65 child
Paint 6 Christmas cookies \$50
Decorate 6 Christmas Cupcakes \$50 per child

Hibiscus Coast Catholic Parish Presents the Childrens CHRISTMAS PARTY 2024

WHEN: 8th December 2024, 2pm to 4.00pm

Where: St Johns Church Hall, Orewa

Who: All Parish Children

What to do:
 Register by text/email to either of the following Children's Liturgy leaders and include the name(s) and age(s) of your children attending.

Teri Vicars
 (m) 022 302 5033
 (e) tjaftha@gmail.com

Lennox Sario
 (m) 027 279 3923
 (e) lennexmaries@gmail.com





SPLASH & DASH

FAMILY FUN EVENT

TICKETS \$15

INCLUDES

- **INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSE**
- **WATER SLIDE**
- **ACCESS TO COOPER AND CO CHILL ZONE**
- **1X FREE PRINT AT THE PHOTO BOOTH**

DECEMBER 6, 2024
3PM - 6PM

Stella Maris Primary School

Tickets Available on Kindo NoW



SPLASH & DASH

DONATIONS

THE PTFA ARE REACHING OUT FOR DONATIONS FOR THE SPLASH AND DASH. WE UNDERSTAND ITS BEEN A BUSY YEAR OF FUNDRAISING AND WE APPRICIATE EACH AND EVERY DONATION

JOLLY JARS

FILL THOSE JARS WITH BITS AND BOBS AND DROP THEM INTO THE BOX PROVIDED IN THE MAIN ENTRANCE. WE HAVE BEEN COLLECTING JARS SO WILL LEAVE THOSE IN THE MAIN ENTRANCE FOR YOU TO HELP YOURSELF



CHOCOLATE

THIS WILL BE USED FOR THE CHUCK A CHOC SINGLE BARS OR SLABS ANYTHING IS APPRICIATED



BAKE SALE

THIS YEAR WE WILL BE DOING A BAKE SALE. THE WEEK BEOPRE THE EVENT WE WILL PROVIDE CAKE BOXES FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO BAKE, WE WILL THEN SELL THESE ON THE DAY. CAKES, CUPCAKES, COOKIES, SLICES

MONEY DONATION

WE UNDERSTAND THAT LIFE IS BUSY AND SOMETIMES IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO HELP OUT OR PROVIDE DONATIONS SHOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A \$30 DONATION TOWARDS THE EVENT PLEASE USE THE ACCOUNT NUMBER BELOW

STELLA MARIS PTFA
REF: S&D DONATION
12-3046-0376269-00

DECEMBER 6, 2024 • 3PM - 6PM

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Mark Your Diaries

15 Nov	Teacher Only Day - School Closed
19 Nov	Huruhuru - Year 5-6 Athletics Day (new date)
25 Nov	Year 5-6 Swimming starts - Northern Arena
28 Nov	Matikao - Year 0-2 Athletics 1:00pm
03 Dec	Mokahu - Year 3-4 Athletics 9:00am –12:20pm
06 Dec	Splash 'n Dash 3.00-6.00pm
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 4 Monday 14 Oct - Friday 20 Dec

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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 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**