



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2020 school year and to St Nicholas. I am looking forward to working with your child and getting to know you. I hope you have had a wonderful, relaxing time with your family over the holiday season. I enjoyed quality time with my family and made the most of the great weather.

I live locally and have 2 children, Lockie 7 and Millie 4. I have been teaching since 2006 and this is my fourth year at Stella Maris, previously I was at St Joseph's for 9 years. I run a happy and busy class and I hope to have all children feeling welcomed and confident to share their ideas whilst having some fun along the way.

Some things to note:

#### Parent help

Please let me know if you are available for parent help within the classroom; story writing, pencil sharpening, desk cleaning, publishing children's stories.

We have storywriting Monday to Thursday 9am-9.50am and it would be great if we could get regular help with this. I will put a timetable on the classroom door, please fill this out with the days you are able to help.

#### School times

The school bell rings at 8.45am to start the day. Children need to be at school by 8.35am to ensure that they have unpacked their bags, taken their shoes off, said good morning to their friends and are ready to start the day. We begin with prayers each morning and it is distracting to the class when children arrive late and begin unpacking their bags.

#### News

On a Monday and a Friday children are encouraged to bring in interesting news items- we will use these as prompts for both oral language and written language. Ideas- photos, brochures, tickets. Toys are not to be brought into school please!

#### Poem

Each week we will learn a new poem(s) and the poem book will come home on a Friday. Your child will need to return this to the shelf on a Monday.

#### Library

Our library day is a Friday, children will be able to borrow 2 books at a time.

#### Journey

As our concept this term is journey, I would love to hear of any journeys you took in the holidays; a journey to the beach to collect cockles, a journey to visit grandparents. Please discuss these with your child and I would appreciate it if all children could have a photo from their summer holiday emailed to me.

My email address is [diana@stellamaris.school.nz](mailto:diana@stellamaris.school.nz) please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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