



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Last year Stella Maris school switched their student management system to Hero. This year staff have been working hard to learn the new system that will provide detailed information for families and whanau about student learning.

Because of this change, the mid-year and end of year reports are going to look different. This year, you will still receive a hard copy of your child/ren's report, but it will have information presented in a different way.

Curriculum information and goal-setting will form a report designed to build year on year so that over time you will have access to written posts, images and work samples all in one place.

Included in the mid-year reports this year, you will receive a page explaining each part of the report and how it relates to your child/ren's learning journey. This will be to clarify the changes in the presentation.

As always, we will be holding parent/teacher conferences to discuss the reports at the beginning of Term 3. The information about these is in the school newsletter and Beacon.

Next year we intend on 'going live' to parents to provide real-time reporting. This will mean that towards the end of this year you will receive instructions about how to log into Hero and how to access your child/ren's learning at different times throughout the year.

We are excited about the features that Hero has to offer families. These include the ability for parents and caregivers to

- read and comment on posts relating to your child's learning
- view information on your child's progress and goals
- respond to school notices such as surveys and trip permission requests
- view school term dates
- view a school calendar of events
- notify the school if your child is absent or late
- customise your account by adding a profile image
- select how you wish to receive notifications
- view your school account

More information about these features will be shared when we are ready to go 'live' next year. In the meantime, Mid-Year Reports will be sent home on the last day of term as usual, alongside the additional supporting information.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at olwyn@stellamaris.school.nz if you have questions.

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