

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER 13 March 2025

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Kia ora e te Whānau

Thank You!

Last night our PTFA held their AGM and we said farewell to a number of our longstanding members. Lani Baxter Mackay, Kelly Alder, Jaime Davies and Rachel Wakelin have stepped down from the PTFA. We thank Lani for her leadership of the PTFA in her role as Chairperson, Kelly and Jaime for all of their work on the fundraising team both behind the scenes and at events, and Rachel for her work as secretary. This group, along with the other members of the PTFA, are true Stella Stars, the work they have done has been for our students and our school, and they have done it so willingly modelling our Marian Values along the way. Thank you Lani, Kelly, Jaime and Rachel, and your team for all you do for our school.

A number of members are remaining on the PTFA. Michelle Arnott will continue as treasurer,

Belinda Scott will continue running the second hand uniform sales, Jen O'Keefe is moving to supporting role in fun lunches rather than leading this, Kelly McColl will continue to organise the pastoral care and meals.

We also welcomed a few new members – Stoy Heinrich, Alana Brannan, Beth Walker and Jane Hosking. We look forward to working with you all in this role.

The next PTFA meeting is set for 2nd April, 7pm in the staffroom, all are welcome to come along. While the PTFA does involve a lot of work it is a great way to meet others and have some fun while achieving the fundraising goals for school projects.

Thank You!

Goal Setting Interviews: You have been invited to meet with your child and their teacher to set some goals to support their learning next Wednesday and Thursday. Please make sure you have booked your time for this. A reminder that school will remain open for the full school day on Wednesday 19 March. Class teachers will be available for the conferences from 1:15pm in their classrooms, and Senior Leadership and teacher aides will be providing supervision for students from the end of lunchtime until 2:45pm. The Mārama (Year 0-3) students will gather in the library for the afternoon, and the Ahi (Year 4-6) students will gather in the hall for the afternoon. If you wish to pick your child up early you will need to sign them out at the school office as usual. If you have a conference booked between 1:15 and 2:45pm you can pick your child up from either the library or the hall to join you. End of school pick up will run as usual at 2:45pm and the buses will run at the usual time.

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki – May God bless you

Catherine Cyprian
Principal



DRS Message

Parents often ask how can we ask about what our children are learning in RE? What are some things we could talk about as a whanau? One resource that is a few years old now but still has some effective use today is the old "Whanau books" that each whanau used to encourage to purchase upon arrival at a Catholic school. I have attached some starter questions from this resource that may assist with setting up conversations around what we are learning in RE.

Conversation Starters Some Ideas To Get Parents And Children Talking.

- What are you talking about in Religious Education at the moment?
- How are you finding the lessons on?
- Tell me about your RE lesson today.
- I am interested in what you are learning about
- What have you learned about
- I noticed in your RE book – what was the lesson about?
- Do you need some help with.....? What could we do?
- Gran/Grandad would be interested in this – why don't you talk about it with them?
- I can remember learning about this – tell me what you know about it
- Things have changed since I learnt this – I would like you to teach me how it is now
- Would it help if you explained what you are learning to me?
- I might have some information on that – tell me about it
- We could work on this together if you like
- What is the most important thing you learned in RE this week? Why is it important?
- Talk to me about
- How about I tell you when
- Do you remember when
- Do you know what I really like about
- One of the things I find hard to do is
- I think you are really good at
- Something that makes me feel sad/happy/upset is
- What do you do if you have a problem?
- Let's see if we can work on a way to make this better.
- What would you say your attitude to is?
- Would you say that is a positive attitude? Why?
- What is your opinion of the situation?
- If you could change what you have done, how would you do it differently?
- Think about how you behaved and then we could talk about it
- You are an optimistic/helpful/caring/fair/friendly person so what could you do to help the situation?

AHI TEAM NEWS

This week, students will be bringing home information about the Shine Challenges for their year level. Please encourage your child to work through these challenges throughout the year. Next week is a busy week for the team, starting with Ahi Athletics Day on Tuesday 18th March. There is information on HERO about this event. Our goal-setting days are Wednesday and Thursday. Students will complete some parts of their goal-setting beforehand at school. It is important that students attend their goal-setting interview to discuss their next learning steps.

MĀRAMA TEAM NEWS

Kia ora koutou! Our Lenten Journey is well underway and the tamariki are looking for ways they can show an extra bit of kindness, sharing and using gentle words and hands at school. We are hoping this is spilling over into their whanau time, too. The Team is looking forward to having some time with you all at the goal-setting evenings next week. Don't forget to book your slot! Meantime, enjoy this sunny early Autumn weather! Ngā mihi nui!

SCHOOL NEWS

Health And Safety Reminder

If you visit the school during school hours you are required to sign in and out at the school office.



Monday 17th March 2025
Parish Care and Share
Please bring a can or a
non-perishable item
to donate to Love Soup
Thank you



SPORTS NEWS

Basketball

The year 2, Stella Swish, gave it their all this game, battling the Nutumea Nets. Score was a 0-2 with the Nets taking the win. But, the Swish we're looking super strong this week. The Swish played 100 percent better than last week by upping their defensive game! They were working hard at attempting to score some baskets! Cooper Walker took away the player of the day as he was determined to make a "swish," never giving up! Great mahi!

The year 2 Stella Dunkers came away with another incredible win with a score of 12-1, dominating the Gulf Harbour Sharks! With 9 players at the game, the team did a great job subbing in and out, making sure each Dunker got court time! Teamwork at its finest! The Dunkers have a strong defence and maintained control of the ball most of the game. Zach O'Shea secured the player of the day for finding Mānawanui around subbing! His passion to play well is contagious! Great job team!

Netball

Please return Netball notices to the school office by 21 March Thank you. Mrs Bentley and Mrs Woodard

Flippaball

Hi! If anyone from Year5/6 and Year 3/4 is keen to play Flippaball in the Sunday leagues for term 2 at Stanmore Bay Pools, please dm me or Email me at rochellemcardeno@gmail.com. Games are 20 mins on Sundays, from 4pm to 6pm. Flippa ball is played on the shallow end of the pool and is a great gateway to playing waterpolo. The kids will be coached by former Stella alumni Marco and Rieleigh who currently reps their schools for Rosmini and Carmel. Thank you.

Great Team Spirit at the Interschool Cricket Today



CHURCH NEWS

Sacramental Programme 2025

Enrolments open on Monday, March 17 and close on Friday, April 11 for the Sacramental Programme. This programme is for children aged 8+ (or in Year 4) who have already been baptised and would like to be prepared for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. Please pick up an enrolment form at the school office or the parish office or email Brenda.neville@hibiscuscoastparish.org.nz to have it sent to you. The programme begins in term 2.

Goal Setting Interviews

Wednesday 19 March commencing at 1.15pm–7pm
or Thursday 20 March commencing at 3.15pm–5.45pm



Bookings are to be made online by visiting

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Our School Access Number is **qnxhf**

**Please ensure you have booked your child
in for this important process**



Language Comprehension x Word Recognition = Skilled Reading

Scarborough's Reading Rope

Language Comprehension **LC**

Background Knowledge

facts, concepts, etc.

Vocabulary

breadth, precision, links, etc.

Language Structures

syntax, semantics, etc.

Verbal Reasoning

inference, metaphor, etc.

Literacy Knowledge

print concepts, genres, etc.

Word Recognition **D**

Phonological Awareness

syllables, phonemes, etc.

Decoding

alphabetic principle, letter-sound correspondences

Sight Recognition

of familiar words

INCREASINGLY STRATEGIC

Skilled Reading **RC**

INCREASINGLY AUTOMATIC

$$\text{LC} \times \text{D} = \text{RC}$$

Fluent word recognition and comprehension.

This interpretation of the Reading Rope incorporates Gough & Tunmer's (1986) Simple View of Reading.



LEST WE FORGET

ANZAC DAY

25 April 2025

Dawn Service	0600 hrs
Silverdale Service	0900 hrs
Civic Service	1100 hrs

Following the Service

NEW ZEALAND VETERAN BAND CONCERT

Sausage Sizzle, Restaurant Open

All Welcome
Hibiscus Coast RSA

Mark Your Diaries

17 Mar	Care and Share - Bring a can
18 Mar	Ahi Athletics Day
19 Mar	Goal Setting Interviews - School will remain open
20 Mar	Goal Setting Interviews Continue from 3.15pm
03 Apr	Interschool Athletics
11 Apr	Stations of the Cross
11 Apr	TERM ONE ENDS 2:45pm
28 Apr	TERM TWO COMMENCES 8:45am

2025 School Term Dates

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

Easter	Fri 18 – Tue 22 Apr
ANZAC DAY	Fri Apr 25
King's Birthday	Mon Jun 2
Matariki	Fri Jun 20
Labour Day	Mon Oct 27



Telephone

Netball

– Cancellation Contact –
teresa@netballnorthharbour.co.nz

Parish Office

– Parish Priest –
Father Chris
09 426 5599 ext 2

– Parish Secretary –
Theresa Fouché
09 426 5599

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

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
Auckland Youth
www.akyouth.org.nz

SchoolDocs/Policies: We have moved all of our policies to SchoolDocs. If you need to access any of the policies you can click on the link on the school website – look for the SchoolDocs link under the Community page. You will need the following username and password to access them.

<https://stellamaris.schooldocs.co.nz> Username: **stellamaris** Password: **shine**

**“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**