

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER 20 February 2025

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Kia ora e te Whānau

Our Marian Values are at the heart of all we do at Stella Maris. As we have begun the school year the classes have been unpacking the Marian Values and what they mean to us as individuals, in our class and in the wider school. You might like to discuss the values at home and how we all can take the values with us where ever we are – at school, at home, at sports, with friends, at church...

Whakapono – Faith Inspired by Mary's unwavering trust in God, we foster an environment where we are encouraged to develop a personal relationship with Christ, guided by Mary's example of humility, devotion and obedience to God's will.

Aroha – Love Inspired by the compassionate heart of Mary, we foster a safe and nurturing environment where love is celebrated, practised and instilled in the hearts of our students, staff and families.

Whakaaronui – Wisdom Our commitment to the Marian Value of wisdom is a guiding light that illuminates our path as we strive to build a solid foundation of knowledge, faith and wisdom.

Whanaungatanga – Belonging By embracing the value of belonging, we aim to create a school environment that mirrors the love and acceptance of Mary, nurturing the growth and well-being of each individual.

Kaitiakitanga – Guardianship Inspired by the example of Mary, who cared for and protected Jesus, we embrace our role as caretakers of God's creation and seek to inspire others with our actions and dedication to preserve and protect the world around us.

Āwhina – Service We work together to shape responsible, caring and socially conscious individuals who embody the spirit of Mary, our guiding light.



SchoolDocs: 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** We will have the username and password in the newsletter each week.


Meet the Teacher: Parents and caregivers are invited to 'Meet the Teacher' next Friday 28 February. There will be two sessions: The Mārama Team (Yr 1-3) 3:30pm-4:15pm, and The Ahi Team (Yr 4-6) 4:15pm – 5:00pm. Each of the sessions will begin in the hall as a whole team, and then you will be invited to the classrooms to meet your child's teacher and learn about the specific routines of the class. We look forward to seeing you all then.









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

Catherine Cyprian
Principal



TEN TIPS FROM POPE FRANCIS



-  **1** Be tolerant of people, who are different to you.
-  **2** Always be ready to help others and don't be selfish.
-  **3** Be gentle, kind and humble.
-  **4** Never be too busy to share your time with your loved ones.
-  **5** Sundays should be days of rest, spent with your family.
-  **6** Help young people find worthwhile employment.
-  **7** Take Care of the environment.
-  **8** Avoid negative thoughts, be positive when talking about others.
-  **9** Respect other's opinions and inspire them to grow in Christ.
-  **10** Actively work to achieve peace.

AHI TEAM NEWS

The team is well underway with their Athletics training. We remind students that they can wear their PE gear to school on Tuesdays, with their school uniform in their bag. We encourage students to bring trainers for Sports, which they can wear when running on the concrete path around the field as part of fitness. Students have been learning how to use devices to support their learning. Students have sorted their school emails and are learning about the Google systems we use. Recently, the Year 4's learned how to create slideshows about themselves, which they may have shared with you. If your child is bringing their device to school please ensure that the Google systems - such as Drive, Classroom, Docs, Slides are unblocked as we have had some issues with access on some Samsung devices and Chromebooks.

MĀRAMA TEAM NEWS

Kia ora, Mārama Whanau. Our tamariki are settling well into learning and are becoming more confident with class routines and expectations. Thank you to St Lucy class for leading our Mārama Assembly on Monday. Our new students were welcomed and we learnt about the "Power of YET". This week our teachers have been attending a three-day professional development course for English, in line with the new English Curriculum - so we are all, tamariki and kaiako alike, learning together.

PTFA NEWS

Keen To Get Involved In The PTFA For 2025?

The Stella Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA) are a group of parents who meet on a regular basis to discuss and plan various activities, like our school discos, Fun lunches, Splash & Dash. Through these annual fundraisers, we can provide some of the "extras" that will enhance our children's experience at Stella. The PTFA also aims to promote community spirit amongst the school staff, BOT and parents. If you have children who have been at the school for some time or are new to the school, it's a great way to become a part of the school community, meeting new parents and teachers - we'd love to see you there!

Annual AGM Will Be Held 12 March, 7PM @ Stella Maris

Our current members are stepping down, creating the opportunity for some fresh new faces to continue the wonderful work they have been doing. No events have been planned for 2025....Leaving the option to bring your own creative flare or have some of our experienced members share their knowledge with you. Grab a friend and give it a go. It is a rewarding feeling being able to give back to the school. Many previous members have juggled work and PTFA. Many hands make light work. We look forward to meeting you at the AGM. (Zoom link available) - Lani & The PTFA.

SCHOOL NEWS

Stationery Payments

Stationery was distributed to students at the start of the school year. Your children should have brought home an itemised account. This is due for payment. If you are not sure of the amount please contact the school office and we can help.

Ash Wednesday Mass

On Wednesday 5th March, the whole school will be travelling by bus to attend Ash Wednesday Mass at St John the Evangelist Church, Orewa. **Children will need to be at school well before the 8:45am bell, buses will be leaving school promptly at 9am** for the 9:30am service.

Parents' Prayer Group - Stella Maris

Come and meet for a short prayer time prior to collecting your children from school at the end of the day. Held in the prayer room, in the school library. All parents, carers grandparents and friends are invited to pray for the intentions of our school community. Never underestimate the power of prayer. Thursday 27th February 2:30pm.

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Baptism Preparation Programme

The RCIC Programme (Baptism Preparation Programme for children aged 8+) will begin on March 16th at St. John's Parish in Orewa at 9.15am. This programme will include three sessions for the children and the parents (March 16, March 23 and March 30). These children will then be baptised on April 5 at 11am. Please note that you and your child will need to attend each of the three sessions of this programme to complete the necessary preparation for the preparation of the Sacrament of Baptism. If you are interested or would like some additional information, please contact: Brenda brenda.neville@hibiscuscoastparish.org.nz

COMMUNITY NEWS

2025 Registrations For Silverdale United Rugby And Sports Club Are Open

There is a new IT Platform implemented by NZR called Rugby Xplorer. We have created a page on our website with all fee information and links to get the job done. **Please Visit this Page for the exact instructions.** Everyone (All Players, Parents of Junior Players, Coaches, Managers and even Supporters) will be asked to complete a payment before the registration is accepted. Those unable to make payment (and we all know just how tough times are at the moment) need to reach out to any of our staff; Myka juniorrugby@silverdalerugby.co.nz, Amy seniorrugby@silverdale.co.nz or Graeme on manager@silverdalerugby.co.nz. We will generate a code that will allow you to complete the registration. **Juniors Parent Muster** - Please save the following dates for a visit to the CLUB on the afternoons of 25th, 26th and 27th of Feb to get yourself weighed. You will still need to complete the online registration ABOVE before coming to these weigh-ins.

Carmel College Open Days 27 and 28 February For Year 6 Students and Parents,

The days and times are as follows:

27 February Thursday 1.30-3pm

28 February Friday 9-10.30am

Applications for 2026 close on 21 March 2025



Yummy Sticker Free Sports Gear Promotion

Last year we were able to get just over \$600 dollars worth of PE and Sports equipment thanks to your yummy sticker collecting!



I will be distributing new yummy sticker sheets shortly.

Let's see if we can get even more stickers this year so we can get even more fun gear to play with!

Mrs Hogg



ST MARY'S COLLEGE
2025 OPEN DAY
Thursday 6 March 2025

Two sessions available, commencing 2.30pm & 6.00pm
Both sessions deliver the same information



Join our Mercy Family

Enrolments for 2026 open Monday 10 February for Year 7 and Year 9 students and a limited number of places at other year levels

St Mary's College has no zoning restrictions

Enrolment and application information are available on our website

www.stmaryak.school.nz

11 New Street, Ponsonby, Auckland

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Rebecca Lu

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MATHEMATICS ENGLISH

Mark Your Diaries

28 Feb	Meet the teacher
05 Mar	Ash Wednesday Mass - St John's Church 9.30am
17 Mar	St Patricks Day Green Mufti 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

Auckland Anniversary	Mon	Jan 27
Waitangi Day	Thur	Feb 6
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

Family Whānau Book Resource Link

<http://www.faithalive.org.nz/assets/Resources/Family-whanau-book.pdf>

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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

**“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**