

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER 20 March 2025

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Kia ora e te Whānau

EMERGENCY LOCKDOWN PRACTICE – MONDAY 24TH MARCH

As part of keeping our school safe we need to be able to respond safely and quickly to a range of emergency situations. To help ensure that everyone knows what to do in an emergency situation we hold regular drills and practices here at school.

As part of maintaining our emergency procedures in our school, we are holding a Lockdown **PRACTICE** on Monday, 24th March.

We work alongside an independent company, Harrison Tew[®], who specialises in emergency management planning for schools, whose procedures have been successfully implemented in hundreds of schools throughout New Zealand.

On Monday morning specialised training is being conducted with our senior leadership and staff by Harrison Tew[®]. The students will also receive information on how to respond in an emergency directed at their respective age groups from either their teacher or Harrison Tew[®].

We will then be conducting a lockdown **practice** under the guidance and support of Harrison Tew[®].

During the exercise you will receive a notification from the school via the School App, so please make sure you have downloaded the App and have notifications turned on. The notification will emphasise that this is an exercise/practice and will explain that all updated information will then be posted on the school website. I ask that you **do not** attend the school or phone when you receive the notification as we will not be able to respond during this time.

As we prepare for this exercise, now is a good time to ensure that your contact details and emergency contact details are up to date and correct, so that we have the necessary information should it be required in an emergency.

In a genuine incident, should you become aware of a lockdown or evacuation at the school, I ask that you do not attend the school or phone, as we will not be able to respond. Your presence or contact may make it more difficult for us or the emergency services to manage a situation.

We thank you for your support.

Kind regards
Catherine Cyprian



DRS Message

Our theme in RE this term is Te Atua-God. Over the last few years we have been exploring our new RE curriculum and have created Hero goals within each theme of the curriculum. This week at Stella Maris we have been meeting with parents and whanau setting goals for the year in each curriculum area. The RE goals have been based on the Achievement Objectives within each theme and we have designed these to make them specific for us at Stella Maris. You will see that they become progressively more complex over the years.

Year 1

I can talk about how God loves me.

I can talk to God and Jesus.

Year 2

I can name the parts of the Trinity.

Talk about how Jesus is my friend and is with me throughout my life.

Year 3

I can identify the fruits of the Holy Spirit in the words and actions of others and myself .

I can identify moments in our lives where God is present.

Year 4

I can use a symbol to help explain how the Holy Trinity is 3 in 1.

I can recall the story of Pentecost.

Year 5

I can give examples of how Jesus teaches me to be a disciple.

I can explain how the Saints in heaven teach me to answer God's call.

Year 6

I can demonstrate what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

I can investigate people who stood up for justice and truth because of their Faith.

At Stella Maris RE is our first and most important curriculum and these goals are a small snapshot over one term of our learning within the RE curriculum each year. RE books and learning should come home near the end of the term with a Self Assessment task. This will be a great indicator of your child's learning and offer a tremendous starting point for conversations about your child's learning in RE.

*God of learning,
we ask that our children at Stella Maris receive the gift of Faith.
May they realise how much You love them.
May they be filled with Your presence.
May they grow in relationship with Your Son, Jesus.
Amen.*

AHI TEAM NEWS

Last week 17 students represented the school at the Interschool Cricket Tournament. Congratulations to the Girl's team for their second place, and to both teams for their positive energy, sportsmanship and for demonstrating our Marian Values. This week we held our Ahi Athletics Day. Congratulations to all students who participated. Thank you to all adults that supported us on the day. The Year 5/6 students who are selected for the Interschool Athletics Day will be notified in due course. We thank all families that have joined us for our goal-setting sessions this week. We always find these a rewarding way to set our students up for a positive start to the year.

MĀRAMA TEAM NEWS

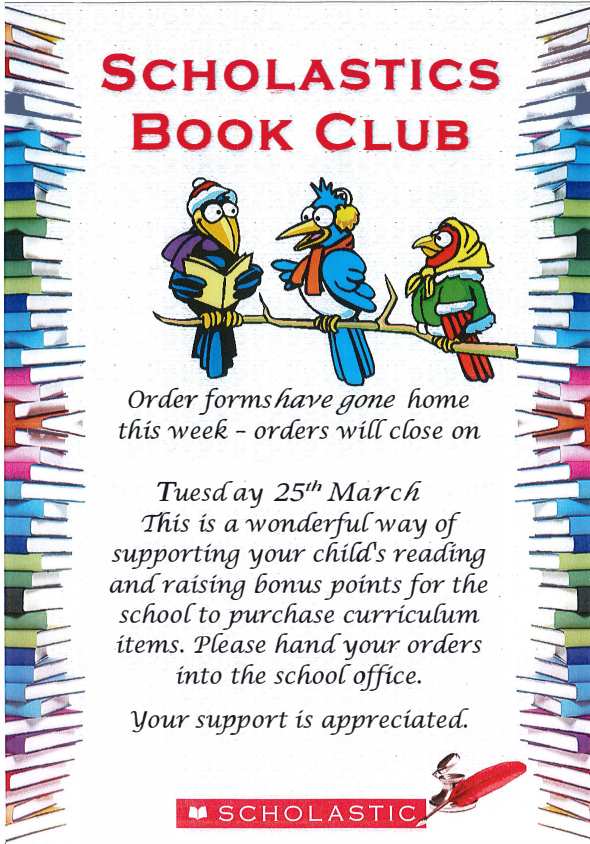
Kia ora Whanau.

As the term marches on, so do we – keeping busy with our teaching and learning and endeavouring to spread happiness as we go. A definite chill in the morning air now – but not in the classrooms where our learning is bubbling and fizzing! The Mārama Team is enjoying the opportunity to meet with you as we set goals for our Tamariki moving forward. Past the halfway mark now in Term 1 and still much to be done. So on we go together! Blessings to all.

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.




SCHOLASTICS BOOK CLUB

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

Tuesday 25th March
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.

 SCHOLASTIC

SPORTS NEWS

Netball

Please return Netball notices to the school office by tomorrow 21 March Thank you.

CHURCH NEWS

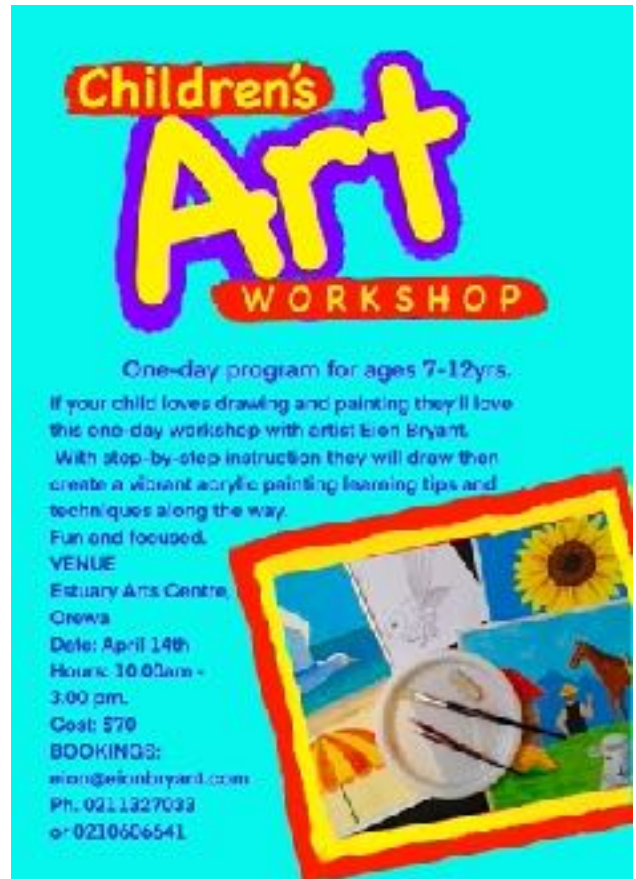
Sacramental Programme 2025

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.

RCIC- Right Of Christian Initiation Of Children

Please pray for the following students who are preparing for Baptism:

- Randil Ekanayake, Agnes Gibson, Rose Walker
- Ivy Keegan-Wilson, Kaelem Cross, Amberose Lin, Liam Lin
- Lillie-Anna Collins, Jaxon Howe, Milla-Rose Slattery, Nathan Cross, Sloane Waru, Sloan McCafferty.



Children's Art WORKSHOP


One-day program for ages 7-12yrs.

If your child loves drawing and painting they'll love this one-day workshop with artist Elen Bryant. With step-by-step instruction they will draw then create a vibrant acrylic painting learning tips and techniques along the way. Fun and focused.

VENUE
 Estuary Arts Centre, Onawa

Date: April 14th
Hours: 10:00am - 3:00 pm.
Cost: \$70

BOOKINGS:
elon@elenbryant.com
 Ph. 021 1327033
 or 0210606541




Stella Maris PTFA presents

SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND CUPCAKE FUN LUNCH

FRIDAY
4TH APRIL

SAUSAGES \$2
*GF AVAIL.
CUPCAKES \$3

Orders open on Kindo now!
Kindo orders must close by 2pm on 2 April







Holy Week & Easter
MASS TIMES

Holy Thursday - 17 April
Mass of the Lord's Supper,
7.30pm, St Francis' Church, Manly.

Good Friday - 18 April
Stations of the Cross, 10.00am
St Francis' Church, Manly.

Celebration of the
Lord's Passion, 3.00pm,
St John's Church, Orewa.

Holy Saturday - 19 April
Easter Vigil Mass, 8.00pm,
St John's Church, Orewa.

Easter Sunday - 20 April
Easter Mass, 8.30am,
St Francis' Church, Manly.

Easter Mass, 10.30am,
St John's Church, Orewa.

Mark Your Diaries

24 Mar	Ahi Team Assembly 9am
24 Mar	Lockdown Drill
27 Mar	Whole school Liturgy 9am Led by St Peter
31 Mar	Marama Team Assembly 9am in the hall
03 Apr	Interschool Athletics
04 Apr	Sausage Sizzle Fun Lunch
04 Apr	Second Hand Uniform Sale 2.30pm
07 Apr	Whole School Assembly 9am in the hall
11 Apr	Stations of the Cross at Stella Maris
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



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**

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

**“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**