

# Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER 27 March 2025

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Kia ora e te Whānau

Thank you to all of the families who came along to the goal setting sessions with the class teachers last week. These goals will help to support your child/ren as they continue their learning for this school year. It is important that school and home work together to support the children in their learning and this is one way we can do this.

Thank you to all who were able to give a can of food last week for the collection for Love Soup, an initiative that is supported by our parish. The generous donations were collected on Monday and delivered to Love Soup to help those on the Coast who are in need.

**School Board Update:** There have been a few changes on the School Board since the start of the school year. Richard Bayly's resignation took affect at the beginning of the year, and we welcomed Sheree Buchanan (parent representative) and Fr Chris Denham (Proprietor's appointee) to the Board. Trish Hammond has stepped down as the Presiding Member (Chair), but remains on the Board. Carl Mainwaring has been elected by the Board as the Presiding Member. We thank Trish for all she has done for the school and Board in her time as Presiding Member, and look forward to her continued contribution to the Board as a Proprietor's Rep.

**PTFA:** The next PTFA meeting is next Wednesday 2nd April, 7pm in the staffroom. At this meeting we will be setting the schedule for fundraising activities for the year. If you would like to be involved in the PTFA you are very welcome to come along and join in the meeting. The goal for the PTFA this year is to raise the remaining funds required for the upgrade of the junior playground, including replacing the bark with a safety matting. As a school we have so far raised about half of the funds required for this project.

**Uniform reminders** – Term 2 sees the change to the winter uniform. A reminder that when you are purchasing winter shoes for the children they must be plain black school shoes – lace ups, buckles, or Velcro. NO coloured soles on shoes. Children may continue to wear the short sleeved tops through winter, but if wearing something underneath for warmth, it must not be visible.

Other uniform reminders: no make up to be worn to school, earrings are to be a small plain stud (no sleepers), hair is to tied up and off the face with plain black hair accessories.

**RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children)** – there are a number of our students who are participating in the RCIC programme and will be baptised next weekend. We ask that you keep the following children in your prayers as they continue to prepare for the Sacrament of Baptism.

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

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

Catherine Cyprian  
Principal



## DRS Message

One of the three pillars of lent is Prayer. Prayer helps us deepen our relationship with God, seek forgiveness and prepare for the celebration of Easter. It can be a perfect time for us to work on a spiritual renewal. Some ideas for strengthening our prayer life during Lent are...

- **Praying with the Bible:** Personalise scripture by putting your name in it.
- **Praying through the Bible:** Reflect on the meaning of scripture and how it applies to your life.
- **Practicing the presence of God:** Cultivate a sense of God's presence in your daily life.
- **Hearing God:** Pay attention to your inner thoughts and feelings, as God may speak to you through them.
- **Praying with lament:** Pour out your heart to God, expressing your suffering and even anger.
- **Praying the Stations of the Cross:** A traditional Catholic devotion that focuses on the suffering and death of Jesus.
- **Praying for forgiveness and strength:** Ask God for forgiveness of your sins and the strength to follow his call.

"Pray without ceasing" - **Thessalonians 5:17**

"Prayer is a surge of the heart, it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." - **St. Therese of Lisieux**

"Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God." - **St. John Damascene**

"It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without heart." - **Mahatma Gandhi**

"Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him."

- **St. Augustine**

"Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of Containing God's gift of himself." - **Mother Theresa**

"Do not make prayer a monologue...make it a conversation." - **Author Unknown**

"Prayer is the song of the heart. It reaches the ear of God even if it is mingled with the cry and tumult of a thousand men."

- **Kahlil Gibran**

".....a vital and personal relationship with the living and true God. This relationship is prayer."

- **para. 2558 Catechism of the Catholic Church**

"Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you." - **St. Augustine**

## Parents' Prayer Time - Stella Maris -

**Come and meet for a short prayer time at Stella Maris, next Wednesday 2nd April, 8.45am 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.**

## AHI TEAM NEWS

In Ahi Team, devices are used to support our learning programmes each day. They may be used for Maths Buddy, as online dictionaries, creating slideshows to lead class prayers, researching information, presenting learning, designing posters, reading Epic books, taking photos of our learning as evidence, among other uses. We have always had a store of ipads that students can borrow from the school each day, however, we now find we no longer have enough for all students. Each day it is a case of first in, first served. We are hopeful that some students who have devices at home may be allowed to bring them to school to free up the school ones for those who are unable to access one. We appreciate your support with this matter. Also, a reminder for those who are still to pay their Maths Buddy fees. The cost for this is \$25.

## MĀRAMA TEAM NEWS

Kia ora, Whanau. It was wonderful to meet so many of you for our goal-setting sessions last week and to be able to share the goals for our tamariki as they move forward in their growing and in their learning. It is in working together that we will see the greatest success – so we thank you for continuing to walk with us on this learning journey. We are practising our athletic skills each week and hope to have a celebration of our achievements on Thursday 3rd April – Week 9. It will begin following the whole school Liturgy in the hall at 9am. You will all be welcome to share the morning with us – more details to follow. Meanwhile, enjoy the continuing sunshine. Ma te Atua koutou ē manaaki.

## 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.



*Thank you for your generous donations to the recent care and share collection*

### Basketball

**The Stella Breakers** had an amazing game showcasing outstanding defence, speed and steals taking their win against the Coast Rockets 9-3 with Player of the Day going to Elijah for incredible defence, dribbling and overall energy and resilience on the court.

Congratulations to the **Year 5/6 Stella Whittakers** team on their amazing success over the past two weeks, including the last match against the Wainui Hawks, with a very close game, winning 10-9. The boys all played incredibly well, with great defence and shooting. The previous week they won against Kingsway Flash, 12-10. Special mentions go to Ryan Boughtwood and Alfonso Abuyabor for being named Players of the Day. Keep it up Whittakers!

**The Year 2 Stella Dunkers** have been busy for the past three weeks. Two weeks ago, they stormed past the Dairy Flat Lions with a 7-1 victory (though they were a little *too* helpful, scoring an own goal!). Dom Klassen was on fire, earning the Player of the Day Ball with his scoring and assist skills. Last week's game was a nail-biter. Spectators were on the edge of their seats as the Dunkers poured their hearts and souls into the match. Unfortunately, the Dunkers suffered their first loss to the Baby Ballers, with a final score of 6-5. Despite the setback, Frankie Mayhew took home the Play of the Day Ball for her defensive skills and three goals! This week, the Dunkers crushed the Kingsway Jets with a resounding 14-0 victory! Even with such a massive win, the team played hard, focusing on passing and blocking. Astro Marcellino earned the Player of the Day Ball, showcasing a can-do attitude, attacking the court, and applying his practice learnings! Well done!

**The Year 1 Stella Swish** had their first win two weeks ago against the Rockets, with a final score of 4-3! Our little Swish also decided to be generous, contributing a point to the other team, but they still emerged victorious! Ezekiel Pereira took home the Player of the Day Ball for his awesome goal and teamwork! Last week, the Swish faced the Whanga Thunder, resulting in a 4-2 loss. The Swish showed significant improvement in both defence and offence, attacking the court with determination. Elliot Hogg earned the Play of the Day Ball, displaying quick footwork, teamwork, and scoring his first goal! This week, the Swish came ready to play, securing a 5-0 win! These young players have been hustling and practicing with the Year 2 Dunkers each week, and their progress is evident. They are attacking the ball with confidence and playing solid defence! Brodie Cheval took home the Player of the Day Ball for his outstanding performance, lighting up the court and scoring relentlessly!

### 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](mailto:Brenda.neville@hibiscuscoastparish.org.nz) to have it sent to you. The programme begins in term 2.

Stella Maris PTFA presents  
**SAUSAGE SIZZLE  
AND  
CUPCAKE FUN LUNCH**

FRIDAY  
4TH APRIL

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

*Stella Maris Primary warmly invites  
all parents, whanau and parishioners to our*

## ***Stations of the Cross Liturgy***

*Please come and join us as we journey with Jesus to the Cross in a  
moving Liturgy led by one of our Year 5 and 6 classes.*

*Date: Friday 11th April.*

*Time: 9:15 am. (Please arrive by 9:05 for seating).*

*Venue: School Hall, Stella Maris Primary, Silverdale.*





*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.



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Gabriella (13)

"It made writing easier for me and covered aspects of writing I didn't really understand."  
Anna (12)



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Saturday 5 April

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Saturday 12 April

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## Mark Your Diaries

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 and Cupcake 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
<b>11 Apr</b>	<b>TERM ONE ENDS 2:45pm</b>
<b>28 Apr</b>	<b>TERM TWO COMMENCES 8:45am</b>

## 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

<b>Easter</b>	<b>Fri 18 - Tue 22 Apr</b>
<b>ANZAC DAY</b>	<b>Fri Apr 25</b>
<b>King's Birthday</b>	<b>Mon Jun 2</b>
<b>Matariki</b>	<b>Fri Jun 20</b>
<b>Labour Day</b>	<b>Mon Oct 27</b>



## 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.webhealth.co.nz)

Auckland Youth

[www.akyouth.org.nz](http://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**