

# Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER 3 April 2025

## NEWSLETTER

Kia ora e te Whānau

As we continue our Lenten journey towards Easter you might like to consider joining either the parish or the school for the Stations of the Cross.

The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station. At each station, the individual recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ's last day. Specific prayers are recited, then the individual moves to the next station until all 14 are complete.

Below are a couple of links that you might like to have a look at:

[Stations of the Cross Series](#)

[Stations of the Cross Prayers](#)

**Stations of the Cross in the Parish:** During Lent the parish offers Stations of the Cross every Friday, 7pm at St John's, and every Sunday, 4pm at St Francis. This Friday evening, 4th April, a group of Year 5/6 students from Stella Maris will be leading the Stations of the cross at St John's at 7pm. You are all welcome to come along. Or you may like to attend one of the services in the parish on Good Friday (Stations of the Cross – 10am at St Francis, or The Lord's Passion at 3pm at St John's).

**Stations of the Cross at Stella Maris:** Next Friday, 11th April, St Anthony class will be leading the school Stations of the Cross in the school hall at 9:15am. You are very welcome to attend this prayerful liturgy. We ask that you are seated by 9:05am, and that you arrive, wait, and leave in silence as this liturgy is a very solemn time.



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

Catherine Cyprian  
Principal



## DRS Message

St Anthony class is continuing to prepare to lead our Stations of the Cross. The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Via Dolorosa, are a spiritual journey through the events of Jesus' last hours, from his condemnation to his burial. By contemplating these events, believers can deepen their understanding of Jesus' sacrifice and the depth of God's love for humanity. We talk about how we are blessed to be able to share this story with the school and what a special opportunity it is to be part of this Liturgy. It always amazes me how prayerful, respectful and full of love this Liturgy becomes. The Year 5 and 6 students most definitely step into a leadership role in how they share this harrowing journey with the school. We use masks as a technique to help enhance the frozen action within each of the Stations and to heighten the emotions within the scenes. We are tremendously proud of the maturity our students demonstrate throughout this process. This is one of our most prayerful and solemn liturgies and we warmly invite you all to join us on Friday 11th April. We start at 9:15 and ask all visitors to be seated and silent in our school hall by 9:05. We look forward to sharing this prayerful time with you all.

*We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because  
by your holy cross you have redeemed the world!  
Amen.*



*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.

## TEAM NEWS

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### AHI TEAM NEWS

Our interschool athletics event is running on Thursday, weather-dependent. We wish all our participants well as they head off to represent the school. Thank you to Ms Kain for organising this event and to all the parent helpers. Next Friday St Anthony will be leading the school in Stations of the Cross at 9:15am in the hall. You are welcome to join us for this special liturgy. Each class has made several posts on HERO about our learning this term. We will continue to use this forum to show what we have learned throughout the year. Please look out for these.

### MĀRAMA TEAM NEWS

Kia ora, Whanau. What a wonderful morning we had planned to celebrate the athletics skills the children have developed over the term! The tamariki have all worked really hard at honing their skills over the term and had a lot of fun at the same time. They were disappointed that due to the poor weather they were unable to show you what they have learned. As next week is a very busy one we are unable to find time to reschedule - sadly we will just have to wait for next year! One week of the term to go - let's make it a great one! Ngā mihi nui!

## SCHOOL NEWS



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

**Kindo Orders Have Now Closed**



**SALE TOMORROW IN THE FOYER AT 2.30PM**

### Maths Buddy Ahi Team

All year 4-6 students have been registered for Maths Buddy. The cost of this is \$25.00. Thank you to those who have already paid. We do have a number of payments that are still outstanding. Payment can be made through internet banking or at the school office.

### Health And Safety Reminder

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

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

### RCIC Programme 2025

Please pray for the following children who will be baptised in our parish this weekend! These children and their parents have completed the RCIC Programme which prepared them for baptism.

*Rose Walker  
Dilran Ekanayake  
Randil Ekanayake  
Sloan McCafferty  
Amberose Lin  
Liam Lin  
Agnes Gibson  
Nathan Cross  
Kaelem Cross  
Sloane Waru  
Bowie Waru  
Jaxon Howe  
Ivy Keegan-Wilson  
Lille-anna Collins  
Flori Elliman*

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

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

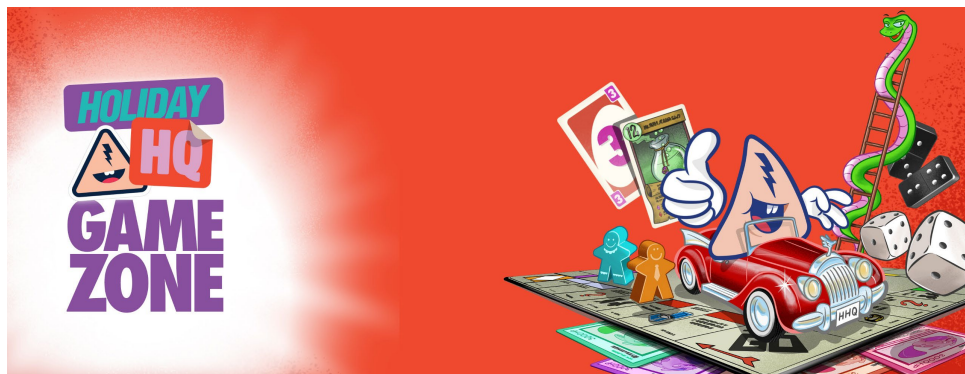
*Please come and join us as we journey with Jesus to the Cross in a  
moving Liturgy led by one of our Year 5 and 6 classes.*

*Date: Friday 11th April.*

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

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





**Holiday HQ**

Holiday HQ the ultimate destination for kids looking for an unforgettable break from the school routine!

From exciting outdoor escapades to creative workshops, cooking classes and interactive learning sessions - our expert educators provide a dynamic blend of engaging activities and enriching experiences.

skids Support Office  
 Freephone: 0800 274 172  
 Phone: (09) 576 6602  
 skids.co.nz

**Autumn Holidays 2025**

Level up these April Holidays at Holiday HQ!

Get ready for non-stop games, challenges and activities to keep kids engaged, active and having fun all day long. Whether you're heading off on an exciting excursion, exploring the wonders of STEM, or mastering life-sized games, it's an unforgettable experience where every move counts!

14 -24 April 2025



## Mark Your Diaries

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](mailto: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**