

# Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

As term one comes to a close we remember that we are about to enter a very important time of the liturgical year for us as Catholics.

This Sunday is Palm Sunday - the last Sunday of Lent, and the beginning of Holy Week. Palm Sunday commemorates the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem, during which clothing, branches and palms were laid in His path. At the Sunday Masses this weekend we will receive palms on our arrival, these are blessed during the Mass and we sing "Hosanna" to honour and praise Our Lord. We are encouraged to keep the palms in our homes for the year, even as they dry and turn brown, then return them to the church after a year to be burned for ashes for Ash Wednesday. At Mass on Palm Sunday, also known as Passion Sunday, we will hear the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ for the first time this season. The Passion reading describes the last week of Jesus' life.

Next Thursday is Holy Thursday – the beginning of the Easter Triduum - Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. On Holy Thursday we participate in the Mass of the Last Supper, on Good Friday we recall the Passion and crucifixion of Jesus, at the Easter Saturday Vigil the paschal candle is lit from the Easter fire – a ceremony of darkness and light. The Triduum finishes with the Resurrection on Easter Sunday, a time when we celebrate that darkness is overcome by light.

I encourage you and your family to join the parish in the Holy Week and Easter services. The timetable for the parish services can be found further on in the newsletter.

I wish you all a very happy and holy Easter, and a restful break from school routines. We look forward to everyone returning safely on Monday 28th April.

## CARPARK SAFETY

Children (and adults) are to hold balls still – no bouncing, tossing, or kicking balls.

All bikes and scooters are to be walked through the carpark and the school when taking them to and from the bike stands.

When you are using the **drop off and pick up zone**, we ask the following:

### **At the start of the day:**

Move as far forward as you can so that other vehicles can come in behind you.

Do not stop in the drop off zone unless your child/ren is ready to hop out of the car immediately – if they are still putting on shoes, packing bags, doing hair... please park while they do this. Stopping in the drop off creates a backup of traffic.

### **At the end of the day:**

Move as far forward as you can so that other vehicles can come in behind you.

Do not stop in the pick-up zone unless your child is there for pick up, do not leave your vehicle.

**Look over your shoulder when pulling out of the drop off/pick up area – we have had a few near misses in the last few days.**

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

Catherine Cyprian  
Principal



## DRS Message

This Friday, we reverently remember the Stations of the Cross as a school. Brilliantly led by St Anthony class. The Stations of the Cross is a form of prayer used traditionally in Lent. Each of the 14 Stations retells parts of Jesus' Passion (his suffering and death) through images and words. These Stations of the Cross introduce children to Jesus' Passion, breaking it down into stages that they can reflect upon and remember. The Stations are more than the retelling of a story: they are a prayerful participation in the event that lies at the heart of Christianity – Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. It is traditional to recite all Stations in one act of worship. The Stations of the Cross or the Way of the Cross, also known as the Way of Sorrows are a series of images depicting Jesus on the day of His crucifixion and accompanying prayers. At Stella Maris we don't end our Liturgies related to this there. We come together again to pray the Stations of the Resurrection in week two of term two. This will be led by St Dominic class. These pick up from where our Stations of the Cross finish. Jesus in the Tomb. It is vital we remember that although during Holy Week we journey with Jesus through His suffering, we too can enjoy the Resurrection on Easter Sunday and be filled with the love and guidance of the Holy Spirit to work together to bring about the Kingdom of God here and now.

*Heavenly Father, your Son, Jesus, showed his great love for us by  
making the long, slow journey to his death.  
Because of his suffering and death,  
we have been freed from our sins.  
Because of his suffering and death,  
we are promised a place with you in heaven.  
We unite ourselves to him by following in his footsteps  
along the Way of the Cross.  
In doing this, may we learn to follow His way of love in all that we do.  
We ask this, Father, in the name of your Son,  
Jesus, who lived and died for us.  
Amen.*

## TEAM NEWS

### Ahi Team

Our first term of 2025 is coming to an end. During the term, the Ahi team has had a Y4-6 Athletics day, as well as interschool cricket and athletics for our Year 5/6 students. We have attended Ash Wednesday Mass where many of our students read to the congregation. We have participated in goal setting alongside our parents. We have led Whole School and Team Assemblies, Liturgies and Stations of the Cross. We have volunteered for Acts of Service within the school, such as librarians and PE shed monitors. We are pleased at how we have begun our school year and look forward to our very busy Term 2.

### Mārama Team

Kia ora Whanau,

And so the first term ends! A holiday will do us all the world of good, no doubt - there are many tired little ones (and big ones) around. We thank you for your support throughout the term and take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and very blessed Easter time with your tamariki.

Ma te Atua koutou e manaaki.

## SCHOOL NEWS



In Term 2, we will be continuing to focus on mindfulness in the classroom by using the Pause Breathe Smile programme that was implemented in 2023. Mindfulness is the practice of paying full attention to the present moment. For our students, it involves being aware of their thoughts and feelings, and giving strategies to help them manage stress, improve focus, and develop emotional resilience, enabling them to cope with the normal ups and downs of life. Using mindfulness encourages students to build a greater self-awareness, leading to a calmer, more balanced learning environment. This adds to our Growth Mindset and The Power of Yet learning that is ongoing in classes.

Diana Pearson



Some fabulous artwork from St Augustine Class

## 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

### RCIC Programme 2025

Congratulations to the Stella Maris children who were baptised in our parish this weekend! These children and their parents have completed the RCIC Programme which prepared them for baptism. Please pray for these children as they continue to deepen their faith in Jesus. We warmly welcome them and their families to our Christian family.

*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*



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.

*Stella Maris Primary warmly invites  
all parents, whānau 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.***





# PTFA

## TERM 1 UPDATE

New year, new committee! How exciting!

We warmly welcome Katie Dee as our newly appointed 2025 Chairperson.

Alongside, Beth Walker our new fun lunch Coordinator and Secretary.

Beth already a shining star, rolling

her sleeves up and hosting her first sausage sizzle last Friday in the rain, nonetheless.

The reports were of very happy customers. A huge thank you to Beth and her crew of helpers/bakers. The effort is always greatly felt and appreciated by the school community, a lovely way to end the first term.

Dates have been set for the 2025 PTFA event calendar so keep our eye out in the newsletter for updates as Katie and her team settle in. We sincerely thank those who have also come forward and put their hands up to assist in organising the PTFA events, such as the Disco and Splash & Dash. There is so much volunteer work and effort that is needed to successfully run these events and ensure they still happen.

Please support these teams where you can. It's all about creating everlasting fun school memories for our children/tamariki.

**PTFA 2nd Hand Uniform sales** are held at the beginning and end of each term.

Donation box for old uniforms in foyer near office. Donations are always warmly welcomed.

Donations of shoes in good condition are lightly accepted and then offered at uniform sales free of charge.

**Pastoral Care / Frozen Meals** - As part of the PTFA we manage frozen meals for families who may need them. We ask our school community for meal donations. These meals are stored and frozen, then distributed to families who may need them for whatever reason. Containers are available at school for meals to be made and stored in. Please chat to our lovely school office or Kelly McColl (Pastoral Care Coordinator) if you know someone in our school community who may be in need or if you are keen and able to donate a meal or two.

### **Facebook:**

Friends of Stella Maris - Facebook PAGE & Parents and Friends of Stella Maris (Silverdale) Facebook GROUP are great ways to keep up to date.

### **Sponsorship/Donations:**

Are you or your business interested in sponsoring a PTFA Event? We'd love to hear from you.

### **Contact us:**

[stellaptfa@stellamaris.school.nz](mailto:stellaptfa@stellamaris.school.nz)

*Please note the above are managed by volunteer committee members.  
Replies, at times may be delayed.*

Wishing everyone a safe and happy easter holidays. May your days be filled with god's blessings.

Arohanui,  
Lani Baxter-Mackay

# STELLA MARIS PTFA 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## TERM 2

- 9 May – Favourite Book Character Parade Day 
- 9 May – Second Hand Uniform Sale
- 16 May – Mother's Day Activities and Morning Tea 
- 28 May – Catholic Schools Day Fun Lunch
- 6 June – Pentecost Mufti Day
- 13 June – Stella Maris School Disco 
- 13 June – Second Hand Uniform Sale
- 19 June – Matariki Breakfast 

## TERM 3

- 25 July – Second Hand Uniform Sale
- 15 August – PTFA Fun Lunch 
- 22 August – Stella Maris Quiz Night – Parents Only 
- 5 September – Father's Day Activities and Morning Tea 
- 12 September – Second Hand Uniform Sale
- 16 September – Wheel-A-Thon Fundraiser 
- 16 September – Sausage Sizzle Fun Lunch 

## TERM 4

- 10 October – Second Hand Uniform Sale
- 28 October – Grandparent's Day and Morning Tea 
- 21 November – Mufti Day and Gourmet Food Hamper Donation
- December – Splash and Dash and Colour Run – date TBC



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### TERM ONE UPDATE

"The Board of Trustees would like to take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation for the incredible contributions of our staff, students, and caregivers.

To our **staff**: Your passion, expertise, and unwavering dedication to our students are truly inspiring. Thank you for your hard work, creativity, and the positive impact you have on the lives of our tonga.

To our **students**: Your energy, curiosity, and willingness to learn make our school a vibrant and exciting environment. Thank you for your engagement, your respect, and for making our school community a God filled blessed environment.

To our **caregivers**: Your ongoing support, involvement, and partnership are invaluable to the success of our students and the school as a whole. Thank you for your trust, your collaboration, and your commitment to your children's education.

Together, you form the heart of Stella, and we are immensely blessed for your collective efforts.

God bless | Ma te Atua koe e manaaki

**Carl Mainwaring** | Presiding Member Stella Maris BOT"



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14th - 24th April 2025

April

Monday 14<sup>th</sup>

**SONIC ADVENTURE**  
Join us for a speedy day of fun as we'll be making Sonic rings and playing exciting Sonic-themed games. Get ready to race, jump, and explore the world of Sonic!



Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>

**TRIP: AUCKLAND ZOO**  
Come along for a wild day of fun as we'll explore the amazing animals, learn about wildlife conservation, & have fun discovering animals from around the world.



Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>

**ITEM QUEST**  
Unleash your inner engineer with our KEXE build workshop with our friends from BlueCloud Lutsol creative construction throughout the day!



Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>

**HOPKITTY HOP**  
Hop into the holiday spirit as we'll create delicious choc nests & going on bunny style scavenger hunt! Get ready for treats, treasure & plenty of Easter fun!



Friday 18<sup>th</sup>

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
SITE CLOSED

April

Monday 20<sup>th</sup>

**EASTER MONDAY**  
SITE CLOSED

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

**WHIP IT UP**  
Get ready to craft & create today! Flax toothpicks, fruit, paint & other fun stuff, unleash your creativity & see how your team handmade creations.



Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

**LIVE ACTION PLAY**  
Get moving with life sized challenges! Step into the world of the Dragon for an action-packed day!



Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>

**POWER UP PLAY**  
Get ready for adventure with our own version of the Amazing Race! Teams race through fun challenges, solve clues, & compete to win!



Friday 25<sup>th</sup>

**ANZAC DAY**  
SITE CLOSED



CENTRESTAGE YOUTH THEATRE'S PRODUCTION

**Disney THE LITTLE MERMAID JR.**

Music by Alan Menken  
Lyrics by Howard Ashman & Glenn Slater  
Book by Doug Wright

Based on the Hans Christian Andersen story and the Disney film  
Music Adapted and Arranged by David Weinstein

**APRIL 12 - 19, 2025**

CENTRESTAGE THEATRE  
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[centrestagetheatre.co.nz](https://centrestagetheatre.co.nz)  
09 426 7282

Jointed exclusively Music Theatre International (Auckland)

## Children's Art Classes at Pioneer village in Silverdale

(In the Old Library)

with tutor/artist Susannah Law

for ages 7 years & upwards on  
Wednesdays at 3-45-5pm.

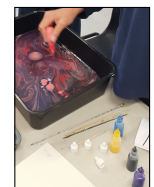
Every term we do painting, drawing and modelling to a different theme

\$160 per term for 8 weeks-Starts 2nd week of term.

To enquire contact Sue 0272592897

Or email; [studio22@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:studio22@slingshot.co.nz).

Further details; [www.susannahlaw.co.nz](http://www.susannahlaw.co.nz)




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PROVIDE WHITE ARER  
WOL KINGSLEY  
CHICK SAAC

**THE KING OF KINGS**

A Story Told by Charles Dickens

IN CINEMAS APRIL 10



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NEWSLETTER 10 April 2025

## Mark Your Diaries

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

## 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

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### PTFA Bank Details

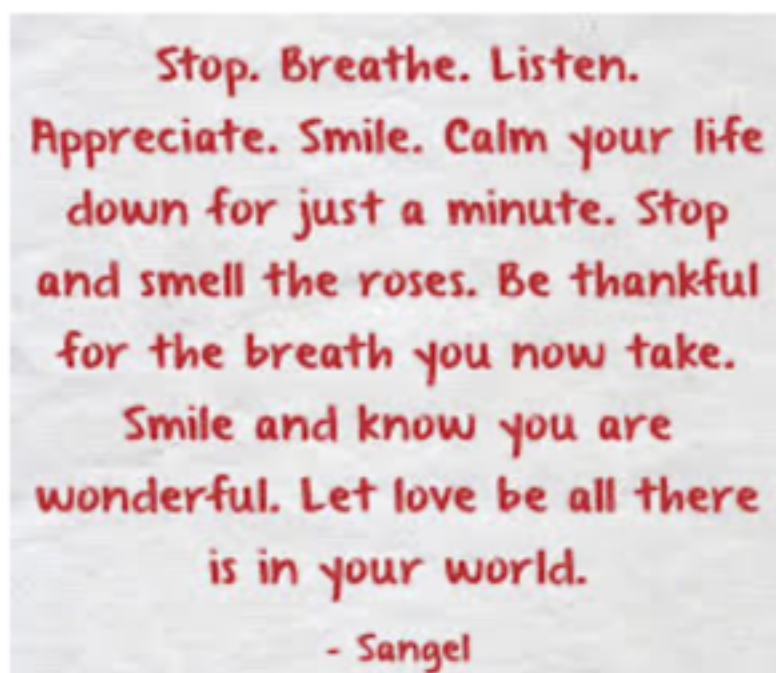
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### Waitemata Health

[www.webhealth.co.nz](http://www.webhealth.co.nz)

Auckland Youth

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