

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

Welcome back to school for the new term. We offer a special welcome to our new families and students who have joined us, we look forward to getting to know you as you settle into the school community. We also welcome Mrs Isla MacDiarmid who has joined the staff as the teacher of St Anne class – the Year 0 class that has opened this week.

Last week was a week of mixed emotions for us all as we celebrated the joy of the resurrection of Jesus, and strengthened our hope for our loved ones and ourselves, we also mourned the loss of our Holy Father, Pope Francis. Through Easter and our time of mourning we have heard the same message – a call to show mercy, care and compassion to those in need, and to love Our Lord and one another. As the Cardinals prepare for Conclave and the decision they are about to make we pray:

Lord God, we give thanks for your faithful servant, Pope Francis, for the years he served You and your Church. We thank you for his leadership, his compassion, and his unwavering faith. Grant him eternal joy and rest, and may his legacy of hope and peace continue to inspire us. We ask that you guide the Church as it enters this time of transition, and inspire the Cardinals as they choose his successor. Amen



Book fair: Next week we are holding our annual Book Fair. This event is a fundraising event for our school library. There are book sales in the library before and after school, and at lunchtime each day next week. You are welcome to make purchases at any of these times. The week will culminate with the Book Character Parade on Friday, 9 May at 11:30am – you are welcome to attend this. Weather permitting the parade will be held outside, otherwise it will be held in the hall.

Mums' Day: We invite all mums to join us at school on Friday 16 May from 8:45am – 11:30am to share in the learning the children are doing in class. You are invited to spend time in your child/ren's class until 11am, at which time we invite mums and staff to the hall for morning tea.

Uniform: As we have returned to school for the new term we have transitioned into winter uniform. The long sleeved blouse or polo is optional, but any thermals worn underneath must not be visible. Shoes are plain black school shoes – no colours or white soles. They can be lace up, buckle or Velcro. Socks are plain black knee high socks. A reminder also that longer hair is to be tied up fully and off the face. No jewellery apart from plain, small stud earrings, and a religious or cultural piece, no make-up, no nail polish. We appreciate your support in helping our students wear their uniform correctly, tidily and with pride.

This term is a slightly shorter term, only nine weeks, and there are two long weekends (King's Birthday and Matariki) – please keep an eye on the calendar and newsletter for upcoming events and invites.

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

Catherine Cyprian
Principal



DRS Message

We celebrated the resurrection of Jesus during the school holidays but as we return to school we are blessed to be able to explore Easter lessons with our classes. Easter lessons focus on the Resurrection of Jesus and the events that occurred after this. Throughout the school we explore the many stories of Jesus interacting with his disciples and how this period of time sets the scene for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Below are a few of the Learning Intentions across all levels of the school for Easter.

- ◆ Recognise Easter Sunday as the day Jesus rose from the dead.
- ◆ Recognise Easter Sunday as the happiest of days for God's people.
- ◆ Recognise the words Jesus spoke to His friends after he rose from the dead.
- ◆ Explore the story of the Road to Emmaus.
- ◆ Identify the feelings of those involved in the Easter Stories.
- ◆ Recognise that we have everlasting life because of the Resurrection.
- ◆ Explain how Easter helps Christians have hope.
- ◆ Explain the meaning of new life at Easter.
- ◆ Recognise some differences and similarities in the gospel accounts of the first Easter story.
- ◆ Explain why the stories that occur after Easter are so important.
- ◆ Identify what the Resurrection of Jesus means for Christians today.
- ◆ Identify how Christians show joy in the Easter celebrations.
- ◆ Explain the meaning of the Easter Candle.
- ◆ Explain how Christians today meet the risen Jesus in the celebrations of the Eucharist.

The Teacher prayer from the Liturgical Year resources is below.

*Jesus - as we share in the waiting for your birth
during Advent, give us patience.*

Jesus - as we remember your coming at Christmas, give us joy.

*Jesus - as we walk with you on your Lenten journey
to the cross, give us strength.*

Jesus - as we die and rise with you to a new life, give us energy.

Jesus - as we recall your Spirit coming at Pentecost, give us peace.

*Jesus - as we remember all your holy people, make our lives holy so that
we can lead others to know, love and serve you.*

Amen.

TEAM NEWS

Ahi Team

Welcome back to Term 2. We have a very busy 9 week term ahead of us. Currently, the students are preparing to write an informative speech that they will present to their class. More information will come about this in our Team Newsletter this term. One of the requirements is that all speeches are to be written at school and students will be supported by the teachers. However, students may want to talk about possible speech topics with their family. An Ahi Team Term newsletter will be coming home on Friday to discuss the events for our team. Please look out for this as it will hold important dates for families to be aware of.

Mārama Team

Kia ora Tatou. Welcome back to a new term of learning! We hope that all the blessings of Easter and the glory of Jesus' Resurrection remain with us throughout Term 2. This week we celebrated the life of Pope Francis at a whole school liturgy on Monday and we pray that his successor will be as compassionate, forward-thinking and as loving as he was. The tamariki enjoyed the football skills sessions on Tuesday - perhaps developing budding, future Liverpool players! We look forward to continuing to work with you, guiding our tamariki in the term ahead.

SCHOOL NEWS

School Attendance Dues Financial Assistance

Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of Attendance Dues for preference students attending both primary and secondary Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese.

Families facing financial difficulties can contact their school office, their Parish Priest, or Auckland Common Fund Ltd at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland on 09-360-3040 for further information.

Application forms for this assistance are available from school and parish offices, or can be downloaded from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland Website: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools-2/>

Payments Now Due

Payment for the following sports teams and activities are due. Netball, Hockey, Year 5/6 Maths Buddy, ICAS Exams. Please make payment at the school office or via internet payment to account. Thank you.

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Reference child's name and activity name.

Congratulations

Carter Still is part of Auckland United U9 academy squad for football. They competed in the Auckland International Cup - 4 day tournament last week. It was 4 huge days with 16 teams competing. Wasn't an easy feat but they made it to the finals and were crowned U9 champions for 2025.



Basketball

Year 5/6 Whittakers. What an amazing start to Term 2! The team deservedly won the game against Kingsway Flame 8-6. Our defence was strong and our offence quick. Special mention went to player of the day Charlie Schmidt and Jordan Johansen. Great Game Team! Let's keep it up.

Year 1 Stella Swish recap from last two games of the term: The Swish won the game (5-4). This team has shown great improvement since the start of the season. Brooklyn Comber came away from the game with the Player of Day Ball. Brooklyn continues to learn from his coaches and practises. He is really picking up the game quickly and having fun with his friends! The final game of the term was another win of 4-1. PJ was the player of the day showing great enthusiasm with a go-getter attitude!

Year 2 Stella Dunkers recap from the last two games of the term: The Dunkers had another dominating win (12-0). Hayley J. took home the Player of Day Ball for her amazing performance. She helped rack up the score and was making passes to her teammates, something the team has been practising each week. The Dunkers dominated the final game (11-1). Noah took home the Player of the Day Ball for passing and sharing the ball along with his insanely good dribbling and ball handling skills!

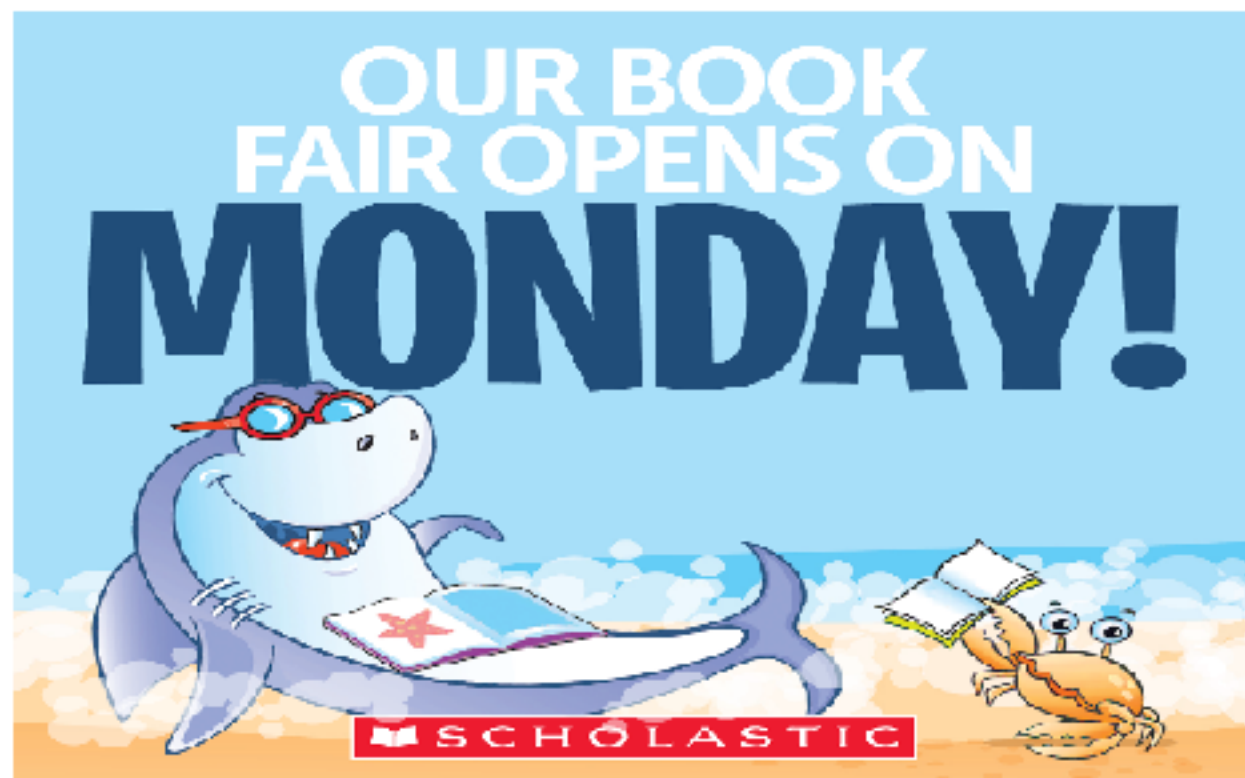
Resurrection Stations Liturgy

We are moving our Resurrection Stations Liturgy to Thursday 15th May. 9am start. All are welcome to join us celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus and the events leading up to His Ascension into Heaven.

Sacramental Programme

72 children in our parish begin their sacramental faith journey this Sunday, May 4th. They are being presented to the parish family during the 10.30 mass this Sunday at St. John's Church. We are excited for the children and their families. Please keep them all in your prayers.





Please come and support our school library!

The Book Fair starts next week, running from Monday 5th May through to Friday 9th May, closing after lunch on Friday. Students will have the opportunity to visit the library beforehand to browse the books, posters, and other goodies, and create their "wish lists" before sales begin.

The Book Fair will be open for purchases:

- Before school from 8:15 to 8:45am
- At lunchtime
- After school from 2:45 to 3:15pm

Friday 9th May The Book Character Parade will start at 11.30am. Children come to school dressed up as their favourite book character. Families are welcome to come along to enjoy the parade.

We hope to see you there!

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



Mark Your Diaries

01 May	Book Fair Week
09 May	Second Hand Uniform sale 8:15am - School foyer
09 May	Book Character Parade 11:30am
11 May	Mother's Day
15 May	Resurrection Stations 9.00am
16 May	Mums Day at Stella Maris 8:45 - 11:20am
22 May	Year 5/6 Inter school Football
30 May	Rosmini Open Day 1.30 - 3.00pm Year 6 Boys
02 Jun	King's Birthday - School Closed
12 Jun	Inter school Ripa Rugby
20 Jun	Matariki - School Closed
27 Jun	Term Two Ends 2.45pm
14 Jul	Term Three Starts 8.45pm

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

Kiing's Birthday	Mon	Jun 2
Matariki	Fri	Jun 20
Labour Day	Mon	Oct 27

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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

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**