

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

Last night, NZT, the Cardinals from across the world entered Conclave to begin the election process for our new pope. As I write this the first vote was completed and the outcome of no decision was communicated to the world with the black smoke rising above the Sistine Chapel. We offer our prayers for the Cardinals as they continue their deliberations to make the decision.

*Our God and King,
Protect Your Church in this time of transition.
Guide the Cardinals in their sacred duty.
Grant them Wisdom and Courage, Hope and Charity,
and the Faith they need to discern Your Holy Will.
Amen*

The Book Character Parade is a highlight of our school calendar. Tomorrow, Friday, students are invited to come dressed as a character from a book they have enjoyed reading. The weather is not looking great for tomorrow. **IF** the weather holds we will bring the whole school together on the courts at 11:30am for the parade. If the weather is not great we will hold the parade in the hall in two groups - 11:30am Marama (Yr 0-3), and 12pm Ahi (Yr 4-6). We will make the decision on this tomorrow morning.

Parent Portal: Over the weekend you may have heard the Minister of Education announce the launch of a Parent Portal – an online resource to provide information for parents and caregivers to support their child's learning. This resource is a breakdown of the new English and Mathematics curriculum. If you wish to view the resource, [The Parent Portal can be accessed here](#)

Mums' Day: A reminder that next Friday, 16th May that 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. We ask each family to provide a plate of finger food for the morning tea.

St Nicholas class led the Mārama assembly on Monday with a theme around Mother's Day. They shared some extended sentences they had written called "In my Mother's Handbag"

In my mum's handbag she has a phone to ring dad, a computer to do work, and tissues to wipe her nose. Zachary

In my mother's handbag she has a phone to call my dad, wet wipes that she never uses, and a water bottle for me and my sister to drink. Aaryan

In my mother's handbag she has milk and diapers for my baby sister, a water bottle in case she gets thirsty, and snacks for me and my sister. Sofia

In my mother's handbag she has a laptop so she can work, a phone so she can call her boss, and a receipt from Woolworths for food to eat. Dixie

In my mummy's handbag she has a phone to send messages, snacks in case we get hungry, and hand sanitizer to wash our hands. Allison

In my mummy's handbag she has mints to make her breath smell nice, a phone to ring my dad, and a plaster in case she gets hurt. Hazel

In my mum's handbag she has receipts from the supermarket, a wallet to buy stuff, and glasses so she can read. Camellia

In my mummy's handbag she has perfume to smell beautiful, keys to drive me to school, and a phone to call my daddy. Hailey

We wish all of our mothers a very happy and blessed day on Sunday.

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

Catherine Cyprian
Principal



DRS Message

This term our Year 1 to 4 classes will be exploring the Theme- Te Rongopai in RE lessons.

Te Rongopai Good News: Focuses on Sacred Scripture in the Tradition of the Church, as God's relationship with people, with us. It addresses such questions as what does the Bible contain, where did it come from and what do the stories mean for me? It highlights the 'joy of the Gospel' and addresses the complexity of revelation and interpretation as appropriate to different ages of young people. It invites and equips young people with ways of reading and praying Sacred Scripture.

Year 1 and 2 classes.

- Introduce key stories about Jesus.
- Develop an understanding of the context of these Bible stories.

Year 3 and 4 classes.

- Explore what Jesus teaches us through stories that have a message.
- Recognise that Jesus had messages which help us know what to do and how to be happy.

Due to the resources not being fully developed yet our Year 5 and 6 classes will be exploring Ā Tātou Whakapapa- Our Story.

Ā Tātou Whakapapa Our Story: Focuses on the Church's story so far, but also on the young people's own story, the story of their school, people and land. It addresses such questions as where did the Church come from, what are the stories of the Church, and where do these stories intersect with my own life? It considers the Church's story as a shared story that has influenced the whole world and our own land from the perspective of 'this is my own story and our story', rather than just 'their story'.

Year 5 and 6 classes.

- Understand that I am part of a school that has a special history and charisms grounded in the person of Christ.
- Explore how I am part of a community in a particular place that has its own people with special gifts, culture, knowledge and wisdom.

We will also explore the historical time we are seeing in our Church as a new Pope is elected. We hope our children become engaged in learning about this process and our new Pope and see the importance of His role in guiding our Church at this challenging time in our world.

Holy Spirit, enlighten the Church at this time, especially all the cardinals you call to take part in the conclave. Grant them wisdom and holiness so that all may cooperate with your inspiration and guidance to elect the next Vicar of Christ, your chosen servant. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

TEAM NEWS

Mārama Team

Kia ora ,Whanau. Book Week fever certainly took hold this week! Visits to the library to view the books etc on sale were a high priority earlier in the week. Thank you to all who supported the fund-raising by purchasing from the wonderful range available. Purchases will still be able to be made on Friday morning if you have missed out. We have made book marks and had visiting story readers each lunch time – lots of fun! And now dressing up as a book character for the Book Character parade on Friday (11.30) is the main focus! The children may come in their costumes and stay in them for the day. We look forward to seeing many of you there to watch the fun – and feel free to dress up yourselves! The more, the merrier! Ka kite! Blessings from the Mārama Team.

Ahi Team

On Wednesday, St Joseph, St Augustine, St Patrick and St Dominic participated in a Mass led by Fr Chris. The children were beautifully engaged and reverent during the Mass, with several students reading prayers and scripture. It was extra special as it was the 14th anniversary of Fr Chris' ordination. St Peter, St Joachim and St Anthony will hold their Mass in week 4. There is great excitement this week with Book Week, and we are looking forward to our Book Parade on Friday.

Mārama Team Certificates

St Mary: Matais Lunt, Nixon Adams, Finn Dragicevich, Stella Corfield

St Leo: Koa Ailincal, Jett Still, Ella Bradford, Brodie Cheval

St Benedict: Macky Zahorodny, Dilran Ekanayake, Bren Thomas, Ava Coulam

St Francis: Abi Johansen, Georgia Walker

St Nicholas: Aaryan Nottath, Hazel Wilson, Luna Ross, Peyton Gatfield

St Lucy: Marco Tome, Mikayla Chou

SCHOOL NEWS

Book Character Parade Tomorrow

Book Fair Ends Tomorrow

Mum's Day



Come and join your child/ren at school on
Friday 16th May

8:45am - 11:30am

Time in the classroom
followed by morning tea in the hall

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.

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12 3046 0362238 00

Reference child's name and activity name.



*Uniform Sale
Tomorrow in the school foyer
8:15am*



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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

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 - 11:30am
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 Rippa 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 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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<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