

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

It was lovely to celebrate our mums last Friday during our annual Mums' Day. Thank you to everyone who was able to come along and join the students in the classroom – as I walked around the school I saw many activities, including mums taking part in structured literacy sessions, maths sessions, art sessions and being willing to share information in interviews. Thank you to the dads who organised and oversaw the morning tea, to families for providing the very generous plates of food, and to the staff for hosting the day. These days are a very special part of our school calendar.

This week we celebrate and thank our Support Staff - our office administrators, teacher aides and our property managers. Each of our support staff is an exemplary model of our Marian Values, as through their Aroha | Love, Whakaaronui | Wisdom, Āwhina | Service and Whakapono | Faith they help to build a strong sense of Whanaungatanga | Belonging for all of our students, staff and families within our school. There is so much they do for us all, both seen and unseen.

For all that they do we say a huge thank you.



Lorraine Budding, Katherine Craig, Steve Flemwell, Brooke Fowler, Nicky Jordan, Kevin Kemble, Kefu Liu, Karen Lloyd, Sarin Lork, Sandy McCauley, Brooke McKenzie, Mon McKernan, Sandy Morgan, Luciana Moura, Carol Powell, Mel Shimwell, Colleen Smith, Catherine White, Bec Wood, Lola Wilson.



Wanted: If you have any old magazines at home that you no longer want could we please have these at school – there will be a box left in the main atrium for them to be placed in over the next week. Thank you.

A reminder that there are two public holidays this term. School will be closed on Monday 2nd June for King's Birthday, and Friday 20th June for Matariki.

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

Catherine Cyprian
Principal



DRS Message

With the arrival of Father Chris and Father James in our parish we have been able to return to in school Masses at Stella. This term we are having Atrium Masses and we will be organising some class Masses for next term. These opportunities provide our students with up close interactions with the Mass. We are blessed with Priests who explain the process and lead the children through each part of the Mass. As our students get older they engage more fully in leading the readings and many of the prayers and for those who have received their first communion they receive the Eucharist.

We aim to help students learn the order of the Mass, its significance to Catholics today and that Mass is a very special encounter with Jesus that is necessary on a regular basis, not simply at special occasions. We encounter the very real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. We explore the language and culture of our Catholic faith. We explore Jesus' sacrifice and fulfil His command of "Do this in memory of me!" In some ways we look at Mass as coming together for a holy meal with our beloved brother, Jesus. Perhaps we can also be like the Disciples on the road to Emmaus who found out it was "in the breaking of the bread we come to truly recognise and know Him."

*"Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them;
for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
(Matthew 19:14)*

TEAM NEWS

Mārama Team

Kia ora Whanau.

It was a wonderful turn-out for our Mums' Day last Friday - and the sun shone upon us! Thank you for sharing the morning in the classrooms with us - our tamariki were so pleased and proud to have you with us and to show you what they get up to on a school day. Most classes showed a sneak peek at some of the things we do during our structured literacy lessons - we hope you enjoyed the experience.

Ka kite and blessings,
Marama Team.

Ahi Team

This week our Interschool Football teams are competing at their tournament. We wish all involved the best of luck. On Wednesday, St Joachim, Peter and Anthony celebrated their Mass together in the school hall. It was a lovely service with our students reading and singing reverently. On Monday we sent information home about the Positive Puberty Plus© (Year 5) and Tū Tika© (Year 6) programmes. It has also been attached to HERO. Please ensure that you have read this information. We would like to thank St Patrick for their lovely liturgy on Thursday. Also, thank you to all our Mums who joined us for our Mums' Day last Friday. We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did.

A Beautiful Creation By St Lucy Class And Their Mums



SCHOOL NEWS

Certificates Awarded

St Leo: Charlie Robertson, Connor Swartz, Elena Ramsey, Blair O'Keefe.

St Anne: Georgia Malcon, Jeroen Rol.

St Benedict: Louis Tran, Christopher Hammond, Erin Ganelo

St Nicholas: Astro Marcellino, Aurora Hillier, Noah Deniega, Kiaan Hansee.

St Francis: Sienna Francis, Arth Suvarna.

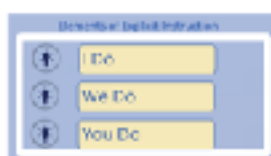
St Lucy: Sully Russell, Nalah Oliver, Logan Millar.

Writing

The Mārama team is now using "The Grammar Project" as their Structured Literacy programme for writing. The key principles of this programme are:

- Students need explicit instruction in writing
- Sentences are the building blocks of all writing
- When embedded in the curriculum, writing instruction is a powerful tool.
- The content of the curriculum drives the rigor of the writing activities.
- Grammar is best taught in the context of student writing
- The two most important of the writing process are planning and revising

Writing is taught explicitly and systematically.



Morning Prayer

On Wednesday 28th May at 8.45am there will be prayers taking place in the prayer room in the library. Please do come along and join us.



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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Reference child's name and activity name.

Hockey

Stella Cheetahs. Year 3 played an amazing game against the Wainui Warriors. They won 3-1! Sienna was our player of the day for her great skills & she scored a goal!

A Kumon advertisement for the Silverdale Education Centre. It features a woman holding a certificate. The text says: 'Your child can strengthen essential maths and English skills with Kumon. Contact your local Kumon centre to secure your child's place in the May Free Trial!'. Below this, it provides contact information: 'KJMON SILVERDALE EDUCATION CENTRE', 'Instructor: Rebecca Lu', 'kumon.silverdale1@gmail.com', 'tel: 021 6682 8658'. It also lists the schedule: 'OPEN: TUE & FRI: 3:30-6:30PM | SUN: 2:30-5:30PM' and 'VIRTUAL CLASS: WED 3:30-6:30PM'. At the bottom, it says 'Terms and conditions apply. Visit nz.kumonglobal.com'. A large 'May Free Trial' logo is on the right.

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

22 May	Year 5/6 Inter school Football
28 May	Catholic Schools Fun Lunch
30 May	Rosmini Open Day 1.30 - 3.00pm Year 6 Boys
02 Jun	King's Birthday - School Closed
12 Jun	Year 5/6 Inter school Rippa Rugby
13 Jun	Glitter and Glow Disco
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

YOUR LOCAL ELECTRICIAN






0800 TOP MARK | 0800 867 687

www.topmarkelectrical.co.nz

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

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