

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

Thank you to the PTFA and the team of helpers for the fun lunch yesterday, this was enjoyed by the students. If you are considering joining the PTFA or would like to learn more about what they do please come along to the PTFA meeting being held next Tuesday 3 June, 7pm in the school staffroom, all are welcome. We are all looking forward to the school disco for the students on Friday 13 June. Refer to the poster further on in the newsletter for details.

Picking up students for appointments – If your child has an appointment during the school day we ask that you please email the class teacher to let them know so they can help ensure the student is ready at the required time. When picking the child up you must go to the office to sign the student out, and the office staff will call them up for you, this will help to minimise interruptions to the class.

School fields - We have reached the time of year where our fields and grass areas are becoming muddy and may be closed at times. On the days the fields are open students will require a change of clothes to play on all grass areas – please ensure they also have a towel to wipe themselves down with, and a bag to put muddy clothes in to bring home.

School Board elections – In September of this year the triennial School Board elections will be held. Both parents or caregivers are eligible to be nominated, and to vote in the elections. To ensure you receive the information for this please make sure that, by the end of this term, the school holds up to date contact details for both parents. We require email, phone and physical address.

Curriculum Day - Teacher only day, Term 3 – This year the Ministry of Education has provided to schools two days that can be used for Curriculum Days (Teacher Only Days) for professional development around the new Mathematics Curriculum. We will be holding the first of these days on Friday 25 July – the end of week 2 of term 3. The school will be closed on this day.

Matariki liturgy and breakfast – To celebrate Matariki we will be holding a school community liturgy and breakfast on Thursday 19 June at **7:30am**. Families are invited to join us for this special celebration. More information will be sent home next week, in the meantime please mark the date in your calendars.

A reminder that school is closed next Monday, 2 June for King's Birthday, and also on Friday 20 June for the Matariki weekend.

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

Catherine Cyprian
Principal





DRS Message

"You'll never walk alone!"

Oscar Hammerstein's famous song for the stage show *Carousel* fits perfectly with the message from Jesus to His disciples prior to His Ascension into Heaven. More recently sung by ecstatic Liverpool fans worldwide celebrating winning the Premier League again, we hear a message about walking on through tough times, rising above a storm and real hope because we will not be alone and at the end of the storm a Golden Sky will shine bright.

As Jesus ascended into Heaven His disciples would have once again felt apprehension as He left them but perhaps some comfort in knowing someone was coming to walk with them. Everything Jesus had told them had happened, so while not completely understanding what was about to happen they would have known to be prepared. The Holy Spirit would come to them to give them strength to follow the Great Commission- "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you."

John 14:26: "But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you".

We too can find strength in this. The Holy Spirit comes to us as well. We are offered guidance, gifts and strength to walk through tough times, to do our part in following the Great Commission. We know we are never alone. We know Jesus promised us an advocate, a helper, a guide and that guide, the Holy Spirit, is always with us!

*Walk on, walk on
With hope in your heart
And you'll never walk alone
You'll never walk alone.
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TEAM NEWS

Mārama Team

Kia ora Whanau. On Wednesday we celebrated Catholic School's Day and were reminded of how fortunate we are to be at Stella Maris where our Special Character guides us to be closer to Jesus and to Mary. This was celebrated across the country - a very special day, indeed. Last week we were able to be a part of the National Simultaneous Storytime during which **over 2.2 million** people took part in reading ***The Truck Cat*** across Australia and New Zealand! It was a lovely follow-up to our Book Week, celebrating reading together. In Week 7 we hope to have a visit from the Firewise Team (and hopefully a shiny red fire engine!) as follow up to our lessons on fire safety in the next few weeks. Thank you to St Francis who led the whole school in our Charism assembly on Monday, sharing the important message of 'team work makes the dream work.' A reminder - Please name all your child's school uniform! Ka kite and blessings, Mārama Team.

Charism Awards

Jacob McHardy ~ Charlotte Gibson ~ Logan Miller

Ahi Team

Congratulations to our Inter-School Football Teams for their participation in the tournament. Thank you to Ms Hunt for organising and training these teams. Our next tournament is Rippa Rugby on 12th June, with Mrs Bessone and Ms Kain. Please bring in the return slips as soon as possible. Last week, we sent home information for our Year 5 and 6 students about our Nest Puberty Programmes. This is also attached to HERO. We only require the slips to be returned if parents are attending the parent evening session, or if your child will not be participating in the programme.

Charism Awards

Lucas Didican ~ Sam Bell ~ Rosemary Kirk-Jones

SCHOOL NEWS

Certificates Awarded

- St Leo** Georgia Macdonald, Oakley Kemble
St Anne Liam Walker, Braxton Collins
St Benedict Elliot Hogg, Eleanor Bell
St Mary Bailey Zahorodny, Chloe Morton-Jones.
St Nicholas Harrison Tezel Hay, Phoenix Barrett
St Francis Genoveva Martin Buitron, Reyan Mukherjee
St Lucy Lexi O'Shea, Makenna Scott
St Peter Aoife Byrne, Oliver Morton-Jones, Jacob Walker
St Augustine Izaak Griffiths, Sofia Pereira, Piper Humphreys
St Joachim Alfonzo Abuyabor, Paige Elliot, Tonina Tomlinson
St Anthony Amelia Bayly, Alex Arnott
St Dominic Emma Quevedo Ayala, Anna Hwang
St Patrick Isla Ashman, James McColl
St Joseph Ada Shimwell-Painter, Emily Alder



Payments Now Due

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

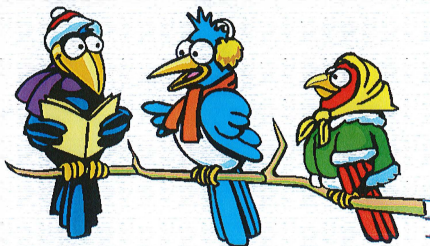
Stella Maris Primary School Board
12 3046 0362238 00

Reference child's name and activity name.

Administration Assistant – Auckland Common Fund Limited– Part Time 24 Hrs Per Week

The Catholic Diocese of Auckland is seeking a methodical, cheerful, dedicated, and highly efficient person for the role of Administration Assistant to the Operations Manager, Auckland Common Fund Limited to provide administration and operational support. This is a part-time role of 24 hours per week, Monday to Friday, with flexibility of hours between 9.30am and 3.30pm. Days/hours flexible for the right candidate. Excellent interpersonal, verbal, and written communication skills, along with proficient IT competency in Word, Excel, knowledge/experience of Internal Database or CRM systems (Trello) and Document Management Tools i.e. SharePoint. It would be advantageous to have knowledge of Credit Rating Platforms. Can work under own initiative and have a can-do approach to work and is accurate and organised. For more details, and a full position description, please visit the Diocesan website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/> Applications close on 20 June 2025.

SCHOLASTICS BOOK CLUB



Order forms have gone home this week – orders will close on

*Thursday 5th June
This is a wonderful way of supporting your child's reading and raising bonus points for the school to purchase curriculum items. Please hand your orders into the school office.*

Your support is appreciated.

 SCHOLASTIC



New Curriculum Abbreviations and Phases



In our new English and Maths curriculums there are abbreviations and phrases that you will hear often. When teachers are reporting on your child's progress, they may use the following:

English Curriculum

- Cvc word = Consonant, vowel, consonant eg cat
- Ccvc word = Consonant, consonant, vowel, consonant eg ship
- Phoneme = Smallest unit of speech sound in a spoken word eg played - p / l / a / y / d
- Grapheme = A letter or letters that represent a sound eg played - p / l / ay / d
- Morpheme = Smallest possible meaningful unit in a word base words, prefixes and suffixes all carry meaning eg 'play + ed' - fun activity, past tense
- Phonemic awareness = The ability to isolate, segment and blend the smallest unit of sound (phoneme) in words
- Digraph = A combination of two letters representing one sound, as in *ph* and *ey*.
- Decoding = Is the ability to "sound out" words, recognising letter patterns and blending sounds to form words
- Encoding = The process of translating spoken sounds into written symbols (letters) to spell words.

Mathematics Curriculum

- Operations = addition, subtraction, multiplication, division
- Subtise = to perceive the number of (a group of items) at a glance and without counting
- Base 10 structure = The base-ten system, which we call the "decimal" system, requires a total of ten different symbols/digits to write any number. They are, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. The decimal system is also an example of a positional base system, which simply means that the position of a digit gives its place value.
- Rational number = Is any number that can be written as a fraction, where both the denominator and the numerator are integers and the denominator is a number other than 0.
- Financial Mathematics = Representing money values in multiple ways using notes and coins.

If you have any questions about what your child is learning in class please contact your child's teacher in the first instance.

Mrs Hogg

Mark Your Diaries

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| 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 Ripa Rugby |
| 13 Jun | Second Hand Uniform Sale 8:15am |
| 13 Jun | Glitter and Glow Disco |
| 19 Jun | Matariki Liturgy and Breakfast 7:30am |
| 20 Jun | Matariki - School Closed |
| 27 Jun | Term Two Ends 2.45pm |
| 14 Jul | Term Three Starts 8.45pm |
| 25 Jul | Teacher Only Day |

2025 School Term Dates

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| 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

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

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 

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**