

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

On the 20th June Aotearoa New Zealand will celebrate Matariki, the Māori New Year. Matariki is star cluster that reappears in our skies around this time each year. The reappearance of Matariki in our skies brings the past year to a close and marks the beginning of the new year.

The star cluster is well known throughout the world and can be seen around the globe at different times of the year. Matariki goes by different names around the world, in English it is called by its ancient Greek name, Pleiades or the Seven Sisters, in Japan it is Subaru (the logo of the Subaru car represents the star cluster), in Hawaii it is Makali'i.

In Aotearoa New Zealand Mātauranga Māori (ancestral knowledge and wisdom) is at the heart of celebrations. It is a time to honour those we have lost in the past year, to give thanks for all that we have and to look forward to the promise of a new year. It is a time to plan and write down our wishes for the new year. Matariki is about connecting with your home and whānau.

At Stella Maris, in the week leading up to the Matariki long weekend, we will be celebrating in a variety of ways. In class the students will learn about Matariki, and in the afternoons they will be in mixed year level groups taking part in music and art activities and telling stories related to learning about Mātauranga Māori and Matariki.

The week will culminate in a liturgy and shared breakfast to which you are all invited.

***We invite you to join us for
Matariki Liturgy and Breakfast
Thursday 27th June
Liturgy will begin at 7:30am
Followed by breakfast at 8:00am***



Breakfast will be cereal, fruit and yoghurt. As Matariki is a time of sharing, and to help with catering we are asking for families to donate the following food items:

Nazareth families – one box of Weetbix per family

Bethlehem families – one packet/box of Cornflakes per family

Galilee families – one packet/box of Ricies per family

Jerusalem families – one tin of peaches per family

Your support in this would be greatly appreciated. We will organise gluten free and non-dairy options. We look forward to you joining us to celebrate this special time in Aotearoa, New Zealand's calendar.

Magazines 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 you to place them in. Thank you.

Please also note that school will be closed on Friday 20th June for the Matariki public holiday.

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki – May God bless you

Catherine Cyprian
Principal



DRS Message

Throughout this week we have been preparing to celebrate the Liturgical feast of Pentecost. We aim to explore how this is the time we celebrate the 'Birthday' of our church. Lessons throughout the school will explore these learning intentions;

- Recall the Pentecost story.
- Identify who was present when the Holy Spirit came.
- Recognise how the Holy Spirit came like wind and fire.
- Identify how the actions of wind and fire are like the Holy Spirit.
- Identify some of the things that happen when a person or group is born.
- Relate some of these things to the birth of the Church.
- Recall the people present at the first Pentecost.
- Recognise that Mary was in the upper room praying with the apostles when the Holy Spirit, Te Wairua Tapu came.
- Identify the founding members of the Church.
- Recognise the effects of the Spirit in the lives of the foundation members of the Church.
- Recall the story of the first Pentecost in the life of the Church.
- Recognise ways the Holy Spirit, Te Wairua Tapu, gives life to the Church today.

We start our celebrations at school on Friday with a prayerful Liturgy led by St Lucy exploring aspects of Pentecost. Red, Yellow and orange mufti is worn by all as a symbol that we are all guided by the Holy Spirit. We certainly hope that the joy and excitement of this special day at our school, the Disco, dancing and music, the excitement of mufti and the extra Pentecost learning opens our hearts to the Holy Spirit and strengthens us for the remainder of the Churches year.

*Come Holy Spirit.
Fill the hearts of Your faithful.
Kindle in them the fire of Your love.
Amen*

TEAM NEWS

Mārama Team

Kia ora, Whanau. We are looking forward to a sea of orange, yellow and red rolling into school tomorrow morning as we celebrate the birthday of the Church – Pentecost. The St Leo atrium Mass with Father Chris was a lovely experience on Wednesday and brought the children more understanding of the parts of the Mass.

A request to encourage the children to take good care of all books that come home from school, including library books. It is a good idea to return the library books to the book bag after reading, as there are quite a few overdue, which means the children can not take out a new book.

Ka kite and blessings, Mārama Team.

Ahi Team

This term Ahi team have been writing and delivering informative speeches to their classes. The speech topics were based on New Zealand, and could include people, ideas/innovations, and objects that were New Zealand designs. Each Year 5/6 class then selected 2 students to participate in the school competition which is being held on Monday 9th June at 9am in the school hall. Parents are welcome to attend. The two Year 4 classes will be holding a separate time to share some of their speeches at a later date.

Next week the Interschool Ripa Rugby team will compete at their tournament. We wish them all the best of luck. Next Thursday 12 June is also our Parents Meeting for our Year 5/6 Puberty Talks. This will be held in the school hall at 6pm. All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

SCHOOL NEWS

Pentecost Celebrations Tomorrow - Wear Red, Orange Or Yellow And Bring A Can.

A reminder to all to wear red, orange or yellow mufti on Friday to celebrate the birthday of our Church- Pentecost. **Please bring a can for the Love Soup collection** if you are able. We celebrate at school with a Liturgy at 9am and team discos throughout the day.

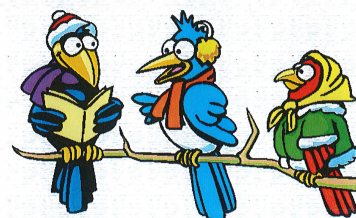


Stella Star

Congratulations to Lexi O'Shea (St Lucy) who hosted her friends for a Pink Ribbon Breakfast and raised an amazing \$529 for the Breast Cancer Foundation. This is an amazing gesture and shows our Marian Values in action. Ka pai Lexi! Love your work.



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.



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.

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12 3046 0362238 00

Reference child's name and activity name.

Stemquest Holiday Programme – June/July

Looking for a fun, flexible, and enriching school holiday option? STEMquest offers hands-on activities, creative challenges, and social fun for kids aged 5–12! 📅 Daily

Themes: 🖨️ Coding 🍰 Baking 🛠️ Crafting 🧠 Brain Games ⚡ Minecraft 🌿 Potions 🏎️ Racing 🧱 LEGO 🌱

Eco Challenges 💧 Water Play. 30 June – 4 July Stanmore Bay, Half & Full Day Options.

Register here: <https://forms.gle/r5u9omT1cRxQHT8c7>

The Classic Collab

Does your child love to dance? Are you looking for a comprehensive school holiday program for the July school holidays? The Classical Collab have an incredible opportunity for you! For dancers aged 7 and up, come and join our youth company and see what it's like to dance and create in preparation for a performance at the incredible Q Theatre on the last day.

<https://www.theclassicalcollab.co.nz/projects/current>

STELLA MARIS PTFA PRESENTS

Glitter & Glow Disco



 **Friday 13th June**

**Tickets \$15 includes a
slice of pizza!**

Session one drop off year 0-3 4:30pm-6pm

Session two drop off year 4-6 6:30pm-8pm

Tickets & Disco dollars available on Kindo

Mark Your Diaries

06 Jun	Pentecost Celebrations - Wear red orange or yellow
12 Jun	Year 5/6 Inter school Rippa 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

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

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