

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

Last week I had the privilege of attending the NZ Catholic Primary Principals' conference in Wellington. Many of the speakers we listened to spoke of the importance of connections – with family, friends, colleagues, and most importantly with God. Vince Ford, children's author, spoke of the connections we make through the stories of our ancestors, of our current time, and the connections we make with Jesus through the stories He told. Maggie Craig spoke first of divine Hope, and then the theology of friendship. Marcus Winter, aka The Sandman spoke of the power of telling stories to connect and share, something that he does through art. Below is the link to one of his stories that he tells of Matariki. The time shared with Catholic principals from across the country was a valuable time for us to connect, to share the stories of our schools and our connection through our faith. [The Stars of Matariki - told by the Sandman, Marcus Winter](#)



*We invite you to join us for
Matariki Liturgy and Breakfast
Thursday 19th June
Liturgy will begin at 7:30am
Followed by breakfast at 8:00am
(NB: Bring your own cereal bowl, spoon and cup)*

The liturgy will be held out in front of the school looking across the field, towards the east. If the weather is not outdoor friendly we will move into the hall.

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

These food items can be placed in the boxes in the main atrium in the days leading up to the liturgy and breakfast. Thank you for your support. Gluten free and dairy free options will be available.

Local café, Millies is setting up a coffee cart at which you will be able to purchase a hot drink. They are giving a percentage of their takings back to the school. We look forward to you all joining us for this beautiful celebration.

Firewise: Today the Year 0-2 classes participated in Firewise sessions facilitated by our local fire service. They learnt what to do in the event of a fire, and may come home to discuss with you an evacuation plan should there be a fire in your home, something we should all think about.

There is an air of excitement as the students prepare for the Glitter and Glow Disco tomorrow evening. I have had several conversations with our younger students as they plan what they are going to wear that glitters or glows. Thank you to the PTFA for providing this fun event for our students.

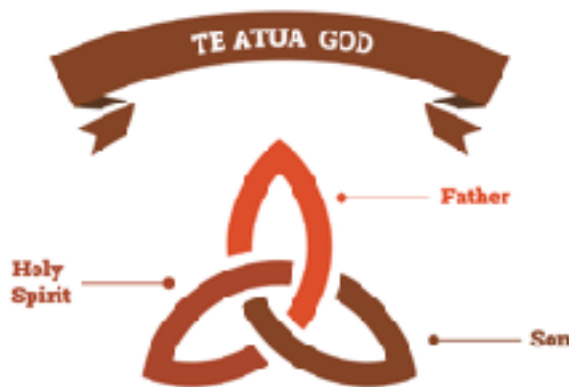
Ma te Atua koutou e manaaki – May God bless you all

Catherine Cyprian
Principal



DRS Message

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. It is a liturgical celebration in the Roman Catholic Church that honors the doctrine of the Trinity, which is the belief that God exists as one being in three co-equal persons: Father, Son (Jesus Christ), and Holy Spirit. We explore this when we focus on the Theme, Te Atua-God that considers each person of the Trinity: God the Father, Jesus and Holy Spirit. It addresses God's relationship with us — individually and collectively, and our relationship with God. God is understood in the Catholic faith to be a unity of three 'persons' – the Trinity. The three 'persons', as expressed in the Sign of the Cross, are God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit. These three form a dynamic relationship of overflowing creative and sacrificial love. The purpose of human beings is to live in this loving relationship with God and live out this love in their human relationships.



Father, we thank you for making us and for loving us so much.

You are our wonderful Creator!

Jesus, we thank you for being our Savior and our friend.

You help us to be brave and kind.

Holy Spirit, we thank you for filling our hearts with joy and for helping us to be good. You are our comfort and guide.

We love you all, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen

TEAM NEWS

Mārama Team

Kia ora Whanau.

We had a wonderful celebration day for the birthday of the Church last Friday. The colours of Pentecost were everywhere! We began with a Pentecost liturgy hosted by St Lucy which was beautifully done. It was great that so many of you were able to join us to re-welcome the Holy Spirit into our lives. The celebrations continued throughout the day with a disco, Pentecost themed art and poetry and lots of singing. Next on the agenda is the school disco on Friday 13th, followed by Matariki celebrations next week! The learning continues - but so does the fun! Nga mihi and blessings, the Mārama Team.

Ahi Team

This week, our 10 x Year 5/6 finalists participated in the Ahi Speech Competition. The competitors were Tonina Tomlinson, Milla Chou, Isla O'Neill, Maxim Teterim, Sophia Bell, Miguel Bugarin, Georgia Morton-Jones, Lily River-Simons, Ava Macken, and Rose Walker. We congratulate these students. The two winning students were Sophia Bell and Rose Walker. These students will represent the school at the North Shore Catholic Schools Speech Competition next week. We wish them both well. The Year 4 students will hold their speech sharing session at a later date. The Whānau/Parents Information Evening for the Y5 Positive Puberty Plus©Programme and Y6 Tū Tika©Programme will be held on Thursday, 12th June at 6 pm in the school hall. It will run for approximately 60 minutes. An educator from Nest Consulting will run through the programmes and answer any questions that you may have. Please note, this is not a session for students.

SCHOOL NEWS

A Big THANK YOU For Your
Pentecost Can Donations



Confirmation

Please pray for all the Stella Maris students who are being confirmed on June 21st in our parish. It is wonderful to see so many of them committed to deepening their faith. May they and their families be blessed on this special day. A huge thank you to the leaders and helpers for their continued help, guidance and support. It is very much appreciated. Brenda Neville - Sacramental Coordinator



Mark Your Diaries

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




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- Parish Priest -
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- Parish Secretary -
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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**