

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

Last Saturday I had the pleasure of attending the liturgy at which over 60 of our students were confirmed in the Holy Spirit. It was a beautiful ceremony, and it was lovely to see the church filled with so many families celebrating this special time in the children's faith journey. We keep these children in our prayers as they continue their journey and prepare to receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time a few weeks.

This term our classes have enjoyed participating in Mass here at school. Each fortnight Fr Chris has celebrated these special Masses with atrium groups of classes. Not only have these times given our students the experience of celebrating the Holy Eucharist, but they were a time for them to come to know our Parish Priest. We thank Fr Chris for sharing his time with us at Stella Maris.

We have had a full term this term with all of the new learning for both our students and staff, Matariki, the disco, fun lunches, inter-school sports days, winter sports teams playing in their respective competitions, and the Masses. A huge thank you goes to everyone for the part you have played in supporting the students in their learning, and providing fun events for them also. I wish everyone a safe and happy term break and look forward to sharing the new term with everyone.

Ma te Atua koutou e Manaaki – may God bless you all

Catherine Cyprian
Principal

Reminders:

YCC Mufti Day: Tomorrow is a gold coin mufti day (non uniform day) to raise funds for Caritas to support St Leo's School in Kiribati to build permanent classrooms.

HBC Parish Youth group: Our year 6 students are invited to join the parish youth group tomorrow evening, 27th June at the St John's church hall, 6:30pm -8:00pm, to meet with other youth who share our faith, for reflection, food and games. It is free of charge and is a fortnightly event.

Parent Teacher Conferences: Have you booked your time to meet with the classroom teachers for either 16th or 17th July (first week of term 3)?

Teacher Only Day for Curriculum Development: Friday 25th July (end of week 2 next term) the school will be closed so that our staff can participate in professional development based around the Mathematics Curriculum.

Congratulations To Term Two Charism Award Recipients

Nathaniel Fong ~ Isla O'Neill ~ Millie Pearson ~ Aoife Hogg ~ Hermes Son ~ Milly Thomas



DRS Message

As we finish another term it is important to recognise the amount of effort people around the school have put into the Special Character at Stella Maris. We have been led by teachers and classes in liturgies celebrating the Resurrection Stations, Pentecost, celebrating our Charism and a beautiful morning Liturgy celebrating Matariki. We have had four Atrium masses led by classes and Father Chris who we are blessed to have so involved in our school. We have had special celebrations to acknowledge the birthday of our church at Pentecost with team discos during school time. We have continued to develop our use of the new RE curriculum resources as our Year 5 and 6 teachers have attended Professional Development designed to help them deliver the RE curriculum. We have mourned the passing of our beloved Pope Francis and welcomed a new chapter in our Catholic history as Pope Leo was selected in Rome. Our wonderful PTFA have helped us celebrate catholic schools day with one of their special lunches. Our Year 6 students have visited Carmel and Rosmini as part of their transition to secondary school for next year. Our Special Character is alive and vibrant here at school and every person involved in the school contributes immensely. In the true sense of the word "catholic" we recognise that our faith is universal, is for all and our role is to contribute to the spreading of our faith in whatever way we can.

Lord God, we thank you for the gift of Catholic education, for the opportunity to learn and grow in faith, and for the dedicated teachers and staff who guide us. We pray that our school may be a place where:

Faith flourishes:

May we deepen our relationship with you, Jesus Christ, through prayer, sacraments, and the study of your word.

Learning is inspired:

May our minds be open to knowledge and understanding, and may we use our gifts to serve others.

Love is reflected:

May we treat each other with kindness, respect, and compassion, reflecting your love in all our interactions.

Service is embraced:

May we be mindful of those in need and seek opportunities to serve our community and the wider world.

Truth is revealed:

May we seek the truth in all things, guided by your teachings and the wisdom of your Church.

Amen.

TEAM NEWS

Mārama Team

Kia ora Whanau.

Well, another term draws to a close - and what a wonderful term it has been! Our tamariki have made us proud with all they have achieved this term, learning more about the coming of Te Wairua Tapu at Pentecost, the significance of Matariki and of course our Literacy and Maths learning. Please keep up the reading over the holiday, and remember to share your child's Te Rongopai learning in their RE book with them, and write a comment related to the content, please. We wish you all a safe and happy holiday with your whanau and look forward to seeing our tamariki back, all bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, for a new term of learning and happiness.

Ma te Atua koutou ē Manaaki, the Mārama Team.

Ahi Team

Another term has now come to an end. We have enjoyed Book Week, Resurrection Stations, Liturgies, Masses at school, and Mums Day. We participated in the Interschool Football Tournament and danced at the disco. We wrote and presented Speeches, and some of us entered the Kiwi Competitions. We celebrated Matariki with the school and ended the term with the Year 5 and 6's attending our Puberty programme sessions. Along with this we worked in the areas of the curriculum, including maths and literacy. We hope all students have an enjoyable holiday and we look forward to beginning term 3.

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

- 18 July - Second Hand Uniform Sale
- 8 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
- 5 December - Splash and Dash 🌊
- Colour Run - early 2026 🌈

Congratulations

Well done to Stella Maris Students who competed at the recent National Dance Challenge and WON their section. Fantastic!



SPORTS NEWS

Hockey

Stella Cheetahs Year 3. Congratulations to Logan for this week's player of the day, with a tough game against Red Beach. You played so well Logan!

Basketball

The Stella Whittakers Year 5 and 6 basketball team has wrapped up a brilliant season full of effort, improvement, and team spirit. Win or lose, they supported each other and gave their best. To celebrate each player was recognised with a special fun award:

🏆 "The Game Changer" – Performance MVP

Jordyn Johansen. For consistently making big plays and being a standout performer in every game.

💡 "The Captain" – Leadership MVP

Christian Comber: For inspiring the team, leading with confidence, and always setting a great example.

🛡️ "The Brick Wall" – Lockdown Defender Award

Rikard Candy: For his strong defensive presence and ability to shut down the opposition.

🔥 "The Engine" – Mr. Hustle Award

Jmar Khyane Apilado: For giving 100% effort every time he stepped on the court—chasing, diving, and never giving up.

⚡ "Mr. Lightning" – Energy Award

George Hammond: For bringing high energy and enthusiasm to every game and training session.

🧠 "Coach on the Court" – Floor General Award

Ryan Campion: For his smart decision-making, calm leadership, and ability to control the pace of the game.

👉 "The Glue Guy" – Best Teammate Award

Ryan Boughtwood: For always supporting teammates, encouraging others, and playing with great team spirit.

🏀 "Mr. Clutch" – Clutch Player Award

Alfonso Abuyabor: For stepping up in key moments and delivering when the team needed him most.

📈 "The Breakthrough" – Most Improved Player

Charlie Schmidt: For showing fantastic growth in confidence, skill, and contribution throughout the season.

In last night's basketball finals we came 2nd out of 38 teams! We just missed out on first in the last seconds of the game. Christian was Player of the Day. It rounds off an incredible season.

Year Two Dunkers

What an amazing season for our Year 2 Stella Dunkers! They faced the Orewa Beach Dunkers in yesterday's championship, a nail-biter where OB led 4-3 at halftime. But our Stella Dunkers brought the sweat, heart, and spirit in the final half, hustling hard and electrifying the crowd! They finished an awesome **2nd in the league!** Huge congrats to **Hailey, Frankie, Astro, Gray, Matias, Harrison, Zach, Noah, and Dominic** and their wonderful coach, **Desiree!** So proud of these little players and the sportsmanship they've learned.

GOLD COIN MUFTI DAY

FRIDAY 27 JUNE

*Raising Funds for
St Leo Secondary School
Kiribati*



Caritas promotes authentic human development. This means development of the whole person. It provides for their economic, cultural, political, social and spiritual wellbeing.

YCC Day will be celebrated on Friday, 27 June.

This year, we are standing in solidarity with **St Leo's Secondary School in Kiribati.**

By coming together as one, we can help the students and teachers at St Leo's achieve something they've always dreamed of — permanent classrooms where students can learn, grow, and thrive. Just imagine how much this will support their learning every day!

As Pilgrims of Hope, we are called to walk with faith and love, bringing change where it is needed most.

This YCC Day, let's be a light of hope for the students of Kiribati. Together, we can help make their dream a reality.

Wednesday 16th July commencing at 1.15pm
Thursday 17th July commencing at 3.15 pm

Parent Teacher Interview

Bookings are to be made online by visiting

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

(Bookings will be open from the 23rd June)

Our School Access Number is jutct

**Please ensure you have booked
in for this important process**

Message from the Chair of Stella Maris Board of Trustees

As the end of the school term approaches and as we look forward to the September Board of Trustees elections, it also marks the end of my final term as part of the Stella Maris Board of Trustees. After many incredibly fulfilling years, I've decided not to seek re-election. It's been an immense privilege to serve this community, and I'm immensely proud of what we have accomplished together.

I want to extend my sincere gratitude to every member of the Board for their tireless work and commitment. Their diverse perspectives and shared dedication have been invaluable. To our principal and staff, thank you for your incredible hard work, your passion for education, and for truly making a difference in the lives of our children every day. And to our parents and students, thank you for your trust, your engagement, and for making Stella such a vibrant and special place.

I leave this role with a heart full of gratitude and immense pride and optimism for the future of our school. I am confident that the Board will continue to build upon the strong foundations we've laid together, and lead our school to even greater heights.

As we prepare for the upcoming Board elections this September, we're also actively seeking dedicated individuals to step forward and contribute to the continued success of our school. If you're passionate about education and committed to our community, we warmly encourage you to consider putting your name forward for a position on the Board of Trustees.

I look forward to supporting the school from the sidelines as a proud member of this community.

Thank you for everything.

God bless I Ma the Atua koe e manaaki,

Carl Mainwaring"

STELLA MARIS PTFA TERM 2 RECAP

The Stella Maris PTFA has had a busy start to the year, with a new elected team (Katie Dee – Chair, Tom Dee – Deputy Chair, Elizabeth Walker – Secretary and Fun Lunches, and Michelle Arnott – Treasurer), and a growing group of PTFA members.

In Term 2 we have enjoyed Matariki Breakfast, the Mother's Day morning activities, a popular pizza and ice block fun lunch, two busy second-hand uniform sales and the highlight of the term the Glitter and Glow Disco. The one and only and much anticipated disco of the year was an absolute hit with over 250 students dancing the night away! Big thanks to the organising team for creating such a memorable event for our kids. We made a whopping \$6000 profit – incredible! At the Matariki breakfast last week we had Millie's café selling hot drinks. This was our first time working with Millies in this way and there were a few teething issues with pricing, size, waiting times etc. We have given our feedback to them and will work with them on making some changes if we are to use Millies again. They kindly increased their return to us to 35% (over \$300) so thank you for your support, and to Millies for trialling this new idea. Thanks so much to our families and students for supporting all these events, our amazing organising teams, and to our staff and helpers who are crucial to making these events happen.

Reflecting on our previous PTFA's efforts and the huge contributions they have made, we are thankful to now be in the position to be able to purchase two new football/rugby goals for the school which will be arriving soon. We know these will be so well used by our students and can't wait to see them in action! We are also inching closer to our fundraising goal to upgrade the junior playground. Caretaker Steve is in talks with the playground company, and it is looking like we will be able to go ahead with this project towards the end of the year. Watch this space and keep an eye out on the PTFA notice board for concept plans.

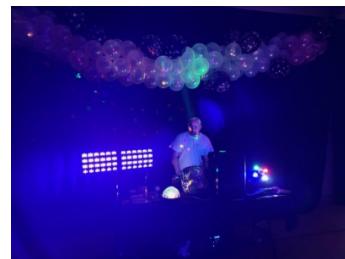
Looking forward to Term 3 we have an exciting line up of events and activities ahead including the Quiz Night, Wheelathon, Father's Day, and two more fun lunches and second-hand uniform sales. Also to note the Splash and Dash (term 4) is now confirmed for Friday 5th December. We will not be including a colour run this year, the colour run will take place as a separate event in the near future.

Wondering how you can help? We hold monthly PTFA meetings, and everyone is invited to attend and give input. Our next meeting is on 22nd July 7.15pm in the school staff room. We would love to see you there! You can also continue to support the PTFA and our school community by helping out at events, donating second hand uniforms (box in the office), answering our call outs for donations and sponsorship, coming along to the events, and sharing business connections or skills. No support, donation, or help is too small, and every bit makes a difference.

You will have seen our call out in recent newsletters for donations specifically for the **Quiz Night and Splash & Dash live and silent auctions**. It would be great to see some awesome offers come through. Let's think outside the box with these – are you in the printing industry and can donate a voucher for signage or printing services that a Stella family business would benefit from bidding on? Maybe you are a tradie and could donate some hours of work which could in turn result in future work for your business? Do you own a bach and could offer up a weekend away? Are you a keen fisherman and could host a fishing trip? Maybe you work in the food industry and could donate some meat for our next bbq? We are open to anything and everything and hope to hear from you! Email us at fundraising@stellamaris.school.nz.

Have a wonderful end of term break and we look forward to working alongside you, our wonderful school community, next term.

Katie & the PTFA team.



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NEWSLETTER 26 June 2025

Mark Your Diaries

27 Jun	YCC Gold Coin Mufti Day
27 Jun	Term Two Ends 2.45pm
14 Jul	Term Three Starts 8.45pm
16 Jul	Parent Teacher Interviews start 1:15pm
17 Jul	Parent Teacher Interviews continue 3:15pm
18 Jul	Second Hand Uniform Sale in the foyer 8:15-8:45
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

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**