

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

Welcome back to school for the new term. The students have settled back into class routines well and as I have gone around the school visiting classes at different times I have seen everyone highly engaged in the new term's learning.

We have a very busy term planned and I encourage you to keep an eye on the dates for upcoming events at the end of the weekly newsletter. Next week we have the Open Day for prospective enrolments. If you know of families or friends who have children turning 5 next year, or are maybe considering Stella Maris as their school of choice please encourage them to come along to the Open Day next Wednesday morning. In Week 3 and 4 we have the Dance Curriculum, and Week 5 and 6 Harold the giraffe is visiting with the Life Education caravan. The Year 5/6 classes are participating in class Masses throughout the term. There is the school cross country, and several inter-school sports events for the Year 5/6 students. Then there is the Quiz Night for parents and the Wheel-a-thon at the end of the term.

Please keep an eye on your inboxes for email information related to the upcoming School Board elections. If you are considering standing for election and would like to understand what the Board's role is in the school you are welcome to come and have a chat with me.

A reminder that next Friday, 25th July is Teacher Only Day and the school will be closed as the staff will be participating in professional development for the new maths curriculum.

Ma te Atua koutou e Manaaki

Catherine Cyprian
Principal

STELLA MARIS SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS 2025

The boards of all state and state integrated schools are required to hold elections every three years, and this will be happening again in 2025.

The School Board is an important part of our school as they set the strategic direction for our school, consult with our school community about our school, ensure the schools funding is spent wisely and ensure that we are giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi within our school.

As a state integrated school, at Stella Maris the School Board is made up of 5 parent elected representatives, 4 Proprietor's Appointees (appointed by the Catholic Diocese), the principal and a staff elected representative. The purpose of the upcoming election is for our school community to nominate and elect the parent elected representatives.

The current board have made the decision to appoint Election Pilot as the Returning Officer for our election and for the election to be provided online. They have been assisting schools with elections for over 20 years and have been the only election provider accredited by the Ministry of Education to provide online election services since online elections started in 2022. Nomination and voting forms will be sent to all eligible voters by email directly from Election Pilot. If we don't have an email address for you, nomination and voting papers will be sent by post so no one will miss out.

School Board Elections must be held in accordance with the provisions in the Education and Training Act 2020 and the Education (Board Elections) Regulations 2022. Your name and contact details have been provided to Election Pilot to enable the provision of elections services for our school as required by legislation. They will use your contact details for the provision of election services for Stella Maris Primary School only, and your details will be deleted 60 days after the election date as required by legislation.

If you have any questions about the election process, please contact the Returning Officer directly on 0800 VOTENZ (0800 868 369) or election@electionpilot.nz

We will continue to keep you updated through the various stages of the election process, and our election date is 10 September 2025.



DRS Message

This term our Year 1-4 students are exploring the A Tatou-Whakapapa- Our Story theme and our Year 5-6 classes are exploring the Te Rongopai- Good News theme.

A Tatou Whakapapa focuses on the Church's story so far, but also on the young people's own story, the story of their school, people and land. It addresses such questions as where did the Church come from, what are the stories of the Church, and where do these stories intersect with my own life? It considers the Church's story as a shared story that has influenced the whole world and our own land from the perspective of 'this is my own story and our story', rather than just 'their story'.

Te Rongopai focuses on Sacred Scripture in the Tradition of the Church, as God's relationship with people, with us (Revelation 33). It addresses such questions as what does the Bible contain, where did it come from and what do the stories mean for me? It highlights the 'joy of the Gospel' and addresses the complexity of revelation and interpretation as appropriate to different ages of young people. It invites and equips young people with ways of reading and praying Sacred Scripture.

We have class masses for Ahi team this term who also continue their Professional Development in our new RE curriculum. We also look forward to sharing our School Feast day with our Parish community on Friday 15th August at St John's in Orewa.

A busy term in Religious Education at Stella in what is our first and most important curriculum.

*Almighty and everlasting God,
who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the Mother of your Son,
body and soul into heavenly glory, grant, we pray, that, always attentive to the
things that are above, we may merit to be sharers of her glory.
Amen.*

TEAM NEWS

Mārama Team

Kia ora Whanau.

A new term begins - and it will be a busy one! Please be sure to read the newsletter and beacons regularly so you can stay up-to-date with everything that is going on. It was wonderful to catch up with so many of you this week to look at the progress the children have made and to discuss next steps for our tamariki. This is always a valuable time for us, the teachers, and hopefully for you, too. Thank you for sharing the learning journey with us.

A reminder that we encourage our children to be independent, so please let them come into class on their own and unpack their own bags in the mornings. We trust that you all had some quality whanau time over the holidays and are all refreshed and ready to dive into Term 3!

Ma te Atua koutou ē Manaaki,
the Mārama Team.

Ahi Team

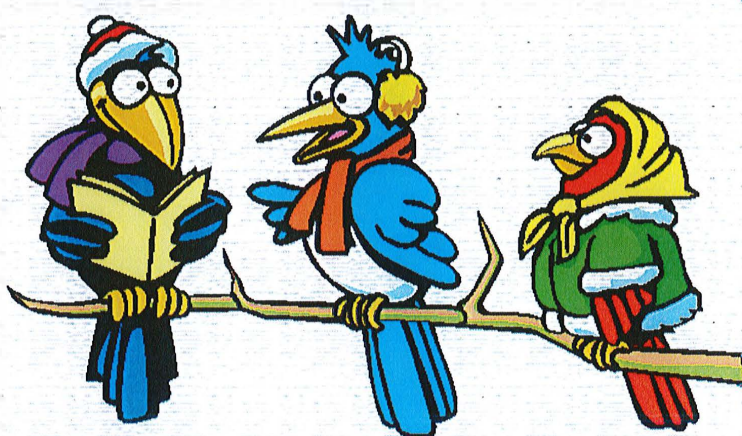
Welcome back to all our families. It's hard to believe we are halfway through the year. With it being Parent Interview week, we look forward to talking with you about your child.

This term we have a large number of events occurring, so we encourage you to refer to the school newsletters and HERO for information about these. We will be sending home an Ahi Team Letter this week, so please look out for this. It will also be available on HERO.

Please ensure your child's dance lessons have been paid for and the slip returned by the Friday of Week 1.

Thank you for your continued support of our team.

SCHOLASTICS BOOK CLUB



*Order forms have gone home
this week - orders will close on*

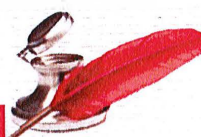
Thursday 24th July

*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



STELLA MARIS PARENTS

*Oscars
Theme*

QUIZ NIGHT

Hosted by Karl Hobman

**FRIDAY
AUGUST 22**

AT HIBISCUS COAST RSA
DOORS OPEN AT 5:00PM

TICKETS

\$30

PER PERSON

**TEAMS OF 6,8,10,12 OR
SINGLES
AVAILABLE TO
PURCHASE ON KINDO**

The Events

HAPPY HOUR 5-6:30PM

BUFFET DINNER \$28/PP
STARTING AT 5:30PM
DRINK SPECIALS ALL NIGHT

LIVE BAND PERFORMANCE
BY OUR VERY OWN
ROY OLIVER & ADAM STEVENSON
FROM CAPITAL THEATRE

LIVE AUCTION FOR PRIZES

FOR MORE INFORMATION: TARA@NEEDRECRUITMENT.CO.NZ

STELLA MARIS PTFA 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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



Mark Your Diaries

18 Jul	Second Hand Uniform Sale in the foyer 8:15-8:45
23 Jul	OPEN DAY for new enrolments 9am - 12pm
25 Jul	Teacher Only Day
28 Jul	Dance Curriculum starts for all students 2 week
15 Aug	School feast Day - Feast of the Assumption Mass
22 Aug	Whole school cross country 1pm
25 Aug	Class, sibling portrait photos
26 Aug	Team, Group Photos
29 Aug	NZ Playhouse - The Boy Who Cried Wolf
11 Sep	Inter school Cross Country
12 Sep	Second Hand Uniform Sale 2:30pm

2025 School Term Dates

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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*** Free Enrolment**

Save \$100 Per Child Must Enrol Before 10 August!

Kumon Maths and English develop:

- Calculation and reading ability
- Concentration
- A daily study and reading habit

Don't wait, as spaces are limited. Contact your local Kumon centre now.

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KUMON

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teresa@netballnorthharbour.co.nz

Parish Office

– Parish Priest –
Father Chris
09 426 5599 ext 2

– Parish Secretary –
Theresa Fouché
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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**