

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER 24 July 2025

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Kia ora e te Whānau

In last week's Gospel, and in the liturgy led by St Augustine class this morning, we were invited by God to put Him at the centre of our lives. Through the story of Martha and Mary welcoming Jesus into their home (Luke 10:38-42) we were reminded of the importance of both hospitality and the need to focus on God alone, in the busyness of our lives to make sure we make time to spend with Jesus, to listen to Jesus, to pray to Jesus. Thank you to St Augustine class for reminding us of this message.

Yesterday we held our open day, and we welcomed a number of prospective enrolments. Some of our year 6 students acted as guides and showed them around the school, sharing their knowledge, aroha and pride for our school. We are beginning our planning for 2026, if you have yet to enrol a younger sibling who is due to start school next year we ask that you send or drop their enrolment forms into the office as soon as possible.

Carpark Safety: Our carpark is a very busy place at the beginning and end of the school day with a lot of vehicle and pedestrian traffic. To ensure the safety of all we ask that you

- ★ Use the footpaths and crossings (do not cut across the middle of the carpark or roundabout)
- ★ please keep your speed down in the carpark,
- ★ do not park on yellow lines or across the crossings
- ★ move as far forward as you can when using the pickup/drop off zone so other vehicles can come in behind
- ★ do not park and leave your vehicle in the pickup/drop off zone
- ★ all balls are to be carried in the carpark (no tossing, dribbling or kicking balls – adults included) and walk bikes or scooters.

Teacher Only Day tomorrow: A reminder that school is closed tomorrow for the staff to participate in professional development related to the new Maths Curriculum.

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

Catherine Cyprian
Principal

Stella Maris School Board Elections 2025

Please check your emails for nominations forms. If you would like a hard copy, please ask at the school office. Nominations close 12 noon, Wednesday 6th September. Voting papers will be emailed to you. Election day is Wednesday 10 September.



DRS Message

The Gospel for Sunday 27th July explores Jesus teaching us how to pray. Each line in the Our Father has great meaning for us.

We pray...

Our Father

Jesus asked us to call you "Father" and so we do. You love all of us with great tenderness like our Mothers and Fathers love us.

In Heaven

Heaven is your home, but you are always with us.

Hallowed be your name

Your name is Holy and we ask for your name to be respected, loved and honoured by all people.

Your Kingdom come,

We express to you our desire to see your kingdom grow in us and around us.

Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven

Help us to do what you want us to do.

Give us this day our daily bread,

We ask for food to sustain our bodies. Feed also, our souls with the Bread of Life.

Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us,

Forgive us for the things we do wrong and help us to forgive those that hurt us.

Save us from the times of trial

Help us to walk the right path that leads us to you.

And deliver us from evil.

There are many evil forces in the world that sow hatred, selfishness and violence. We ask you for the courage to resist and overcome them.

TEAM NEWS

Mārama Team

Kia ora Whanau.

Next week our Dance Curriculum lessons begin. The children will have a dance session each day over Weeks 3 and 4, culminating in a dance performance, to which you are all invited, on the final Friday - August 7th - between 9 and 10.30. In our classes we have been exploring the Marian Value of Service/Āwhina. We have learnt that by helping others not only does it make the people we are helping feel good, but it also helps us to feel good too. We encourage you to get your children helping at home. Ka pai. Please remember the importance of daily reading at home with you and to you - it forms a great base for all other learning. Next week, our Mārama team assembly will be held in the library due to the Dance Curriculum lessons. Because of space limitations, we ask that parents don't attend this assembly. Thank you. A reminder that our New Entrant children should be collected from their atrium at 2.45 - until they have developed the confidence to go to the pick-up area independently.

Ma te Atua koutou ē Manaaki,
the Mārama Team.

Ahi Team

At the start of this term we will not be coming together as the Ahi Team for our sport sessions on Tuesday. As the field is often out of action in the winter terms, each class will choose a time to use the court during the week. We suggest students have their PE gear each day. Cross country training is taking place daily, and students can wear their PE gear and suitable shoes for training if they wish.

A number of notices have been sent home at the end of term 2 and beginning of term 3. Please ensure families have returned Dance, School Mass and Kapa Haka forms as required. The Kapa Haka group are performing at the Kapa Haka Showcase at Rosmini on Thursday 7th August.

Our class masses will be held at school this term. Families are welcome to attend.

30 July	St Patrick	6 Aug	St Joseph	13 Aug	St Anthony	20 Aug	St Dominic
27 Aug	St Joachim	3 Sept	St Peter	10 Sept	St Augustine		



Here are some thoughts about our wonderful Miss Cyprian from Stella Maris Students:

“Why is Miss Cyprian an amazing Principal?”

She helps us be kind, She always has a smile, She is lovely, She is Aroha to us, She welcomes new people, She has been here a long time!, She knows our names, She is fair, she listens.

“What is Miss Cyprian’s Job?”

She runs the school, She works in the office, She looks after the school, She gives out certificates and bookmarks, She takes care of people, She makes sure everyone is safe, She welcomes us with 3 kete.

Blessing for our Principal

"In wisdom and grace, you lead the way. Guiding us through each school day.

With strength and patience, you inspire,

A beacon of hope lifting us higher.

May Blessings surround you every hour,

Granting you courage, wisdom and power.

In your heart, let joy and peace reside,

As you lead with love and God as your guide"

**TEACHER ONLY DAY
TOMORROW FRIDAY 25 JULY**

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**SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY  
CHANGE OF DATE  
NOW  
TUESDAY 19TH AUGUST 1pm**

## Parent Prayer Group

You are invited to come and join in prayer at Stella Maris. The next prayer group gathering will be at 8.45 - 9am, on Thursday 31st August in the school library prayer room .

## First Holy Communion Mass

The 72 children completing this year’s Sacramental Programme will be receiving their First Holy Communion during the 10.30am Mass on August 10 at St. John’s Church. As the Eucharist is the summit of Christian life, it is important that the children celebrate the Eucharist within a Sunday Mass highlighting the communal nature of this sacrament. The church will be quite busy so you may like to take this into consideration when planning which mass to attend that weekend. Apologies for any inconvenience caused by this.





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](mailto:TARA@NEEDRECRUITMENT.CO.NZ)



## Mark Your Diaries

|        |                                                 |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 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 |
| 19 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





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|--------|----------------------------------------|
| TERM 3 | Monday 14 July - 19 September          |
| TERM 4 | Monday 6 October - Tuesday 16 December |

## 2025 Public Holidays



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| Labour Day | Mon | Oct 27 |
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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 

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.webhealth.co.nz)  
Auckland Youth  
[www.akyouth.org.nz](http://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**