

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

It was lovely to that so many of our families joined the school and parish for the Mass last Friday to celebrate the very special feast day of the Assumption of our Lady into Heaven. It is always a joyful occasion when we are able to join the parish for Mass. We thank Fr Chris for his warm welcome. We also thank Fr Chris and Fr James for celebrating Mass with the individual Year 4-6 classes over the last few weeks here at school, and in the coming weeks. As well as celebrating the Eucharist, they are taking time to explain the parts of the Mass. They are making these small group Masses very personal for the students. Yesterday afternoon Fr Chris led the after school teacher meeting and walked the teachers through the Mass – a great reminder of the “why” of the Mass, and who we are there for.

A huge thank you to Steve and the dads who spent last Saturday morning putting in posts for the extension of the junior playground surround. We thank you for giving your time and energy to get this project underway. The main work on the upgrade will occur in December/January, but it is great to have this part of the preparation done while the ground is soft enough to dig.

After school today we welcome 13 students from Kobe Kaisei school in Japan. We will formally welcome them on Friday morning. They are spending 3 days with us here at Stella Maris and will be integrated into the year 5/6 classes in the mornings, and participate in other activities in the afternoons – a sharing of cultures and learning.

Absences: It is important that if your child is going to be away that you please ring or email the school office before 8:45am. It is also important to let us know if they will be in later due to an appointment. You need to inform the office each day that they are away (if you know in advance how long they will be away you can let us know on the first day). Please give a brief reason for their absence. If you are going to be away due to family holiday please email us in advance of this. A reminder that family holidays during term time are considered an explained but unjustified absence.

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

Catherine Cyprian
Principal



St Francis' class depictions of Our Lady



DRS Message

This week Father Chris joined teachers to explore parts of the mass. We were taken through different parts of the mass and he explained the meaning behind some of the different prayers and rituals. It was a very informative and revealing meeting with new learning for all of us. We are called to join with Jesus in Eucharist. We are called to accept the sacrifice Jesus made for us and accept Him into our lives. At the end of mass we are sent out to live the gospel with Jesus literally in us. The nourishment we receive at Eucharist is a gift to help us grow, strengthen and share Jesus' love with the world.

In 2018 Bishop Steve Lowe shared a series of informative Youtube sessions in short instalments exploring the mass. I encourage all of us to continue to learn about the mass so we can truly come to Eucharist with thanksgiving.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IBVjLHvC1rc>

MĀRAMA TEAM NEWS

Kia ora Whanau.

As ever, lots has been happening in the last week. Last Friday we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption at Mass with the parish at St John's - it was a lovely way to honour our school's Patron Saint. Our Wheelathon has been launched! Please be sure to register your child and push for sponsorship - the more we make the more the school benefits! Another reminder to talk to your children about using the bathroom appropriately. The expectation is that children use the toilet at school in the same way as they would do at home.

Ma te Atua koutou ē Manaaki,
the Mārama Team.

AHI TEAM NEWS

On Thursday our Y5/6 hockey teams represented the school in the Interschool Tournament. We congratulate them for their sportsmanship and accomplishments in this tournament. We would like to thank the parents who assisted on the day, along with Mrs Pearson who organised and managed the teams. On Friday from 11:20am, the Year 5 and 6 students will hold their cross country event to organise our teams for the interschool event. We intend to go ahead, rain, hail or shine, so we encourage students to bring appropriate clothing, such as PE gear, to run this event in. They will be running on the grass, which will be quite muddy. Students will change back into their school uniforms after the event. Mrs Dragicevich is planning a reading unit around the novel, 'Matilda' by Roald Dahl. If anyone has any spare copies at their homes that they are prepared to lend or donate to her, please bring these to St Augustine.

A final reminder. In fine weather, students are more regularly able to play on the fields at morning tea and lunch. Students who wish to do so, must have a change of clothes, that does not include PE gear.

SPORTS NEWS

Term 4 Sports: Notices will be going out shortly for the following school team sports that are being offered in term 4. Please keep an eye out for the notice and full information.

- **Summer Football** (soccer): Year 1-6 students. Monday evenings at HBC Football Club, Stanmore Bay. Karl Hobman is the initial point of contact and will be sending out information when it becomes available from the club. karl@stellamaris.school.nz



- **Touch Rugby:** Year 1-6 students. Wednesday evenings at Silverdale Rugby Club. Karen Bessone is sending out information.



- Karen.Bessone@stellamaris.school.nz

- **Spring League Netball:** Year 3-6 students. Wednesday evenings (15 October – 19 November) at Edith Hopper Park, Whangaparaoa. Registrations will be in early September. Tara Fisher is the initial point of contact tara@needrecruitment.co.nz



- **NB: Basketball** – the basketball seasons now run over two semesters (term 1&2, and term 3 & 4), teams for the current semester were formed earlier this term and remain in place for term 4.



All other sports are offered through the clubs and you need to contact them directly.

Photolife

Individual, class and sibling photos will be taken at school on Monday 25th August. **If you would like a sibling photo** please request this by completing the form that was sent electronically to you in last weeks Beacon or you can complete one at the school office.

Team and Group Photos will be taken on Tuesday 26th August.

Love Tennis Day

Sunday 7th September 2025 (10am-2pm)

Whangaparaoa Tennis Club (Edith Hopper Park, 34 Ladies Mile, Manly) Love Tennis is Tennis NZ's annual event where tennis clubs around the country open their doors and courts to their community. Bring the whole family and give tennis a go for FREE. There will be fun activities including a BBQ, a lolly scramble, giveaways and much more! • We will have games/coaching for all ages and abilities – no experience necessary to give tennis a go...for FREE!!

- On the day discounted offers to join the club and and/or coaching.
- Meet some of the Whangaparaoa Tennis Club members.

2026 Term Dates

Term 1: Monday 2 February to Thursday 2 April

(Public Holidays: Waitangi Day - Friday 6 February, Good Friday – Friday 3 April)

Term 2: Monday 20 April to Friday 3 July

(Public Holidays: ANZAC Day – observed Monday 27 April, King's Birthday – Monday 1 June, Matariki falls in the July holidays)

Term 3: Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September

Term 4: Monday 12 October to Tuesday 15 December

(Public Holidays: Labour Day – Monday 26 October)

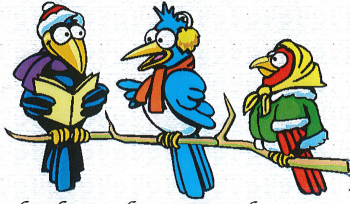
An RCIC Programme

(Baptism Preparation Programme for children aged 7+) will begin on Oct 12th at St. John's Parish in Orewa. This programme will include three sessions for the children and the parents (Oct 12, Oct 19 and Oct 26). These sessions will be from 9.15-10.15 with mass beginning at 10.30. The children will then be baptised on Nov 1st. Please note that you and your child will need to attend each of the three sessions of this programme to complete the necessary preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism. If you are interested or would like some additional information please contact Brenda Neville brendaneville@hibiscuscoastparish.org.nz

Parent Prayer Group

You are invited to come and join in prayer at Stella Maris. The next gathering will be on Thursday 28th August 8:45am in the prayer room in the library.


SCHOLASTICS BOOK CLUB



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

Thursday 28th August
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.



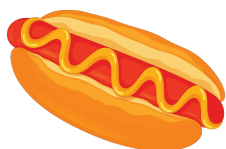


PLEASE JOIN US FOR

FATHER'S DAY

AND

SAUSAGE SIZZLE + CUPCAKE FUN LUNCH



**FRIDAY
5 SEPT**

**SAUSAGE W/ OR
W/O ONIONS \$2.50
CUPCAKES \$3.00
*GF AVAIL.**



**ACTIVITIES
START AT 12:20PM**

**ORDERS OPEN ON KINDO NOW!
KINDO ORDERS MUST CLOSE BY
12PM 4TH SEPT**



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YEARS



Mark Your Diaries

25 Aug	Class, Individual and sibling photos
26 Aug	Team, Group Photos
29 Aug	NZ Playhouse - The Boy Who Cried Wolf
04 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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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

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**