

# Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER 28 August 2025

## NEWSLETTER

Kia ora e te Whānau

Today's newsletter has to begin with a round of thank yous to all involved in last Friday evening's fabulous quiz night.



Thank you to Tara Fisher, Beth Walker, Emma Wooldridge and Chirarn Wilson for all of the organisation, supported by the wider PTFA. Your energy and enthusiasm in putting the event together made for a fabulous evening.

Thank you to Karl Hobman and Olwyn Hobman who did such a awesome job of officiating the evening.

Thank you to all of the sponsors who generously gave items and vouchers for the silent and live auctions.

Thank you to Captial Theatre for the music that got everyone up and dancing at the end of the night.

Thank you to the RSA who hosted us all.

And finally to all who came along and participated with such enthusiasm in the quiz and silent and live auctions, and danced the night out – thank you.

It was a very successful fundraising event with \$12,338 raised. But just as importantly it was a great social evening for our school community. It was a fun evening, with lots of laughter and friendly competition - congratulations to all winners.

**Wheelathon:** Have you signed your child up for the Wheelathon which is being held on Tuesday 16 September? Please check the letter that went home last week for details. If you need another copy of the letter please collect one from the school office. The Wheelathon is a fun day for the students to participate in. Congratulations to Flynn Robertson who won the first spot prize by being signed up. The next prize draw for all who are signed up is being held on tomorrow.

**Japanese students:** Yesterday we farewelled the Japanese students who visited us from Kobe Kaisei School (Stella Maris) in Japan. They really enjoyed their few days with us and their teachers spoke very highly of our students, and are looking forward to bringing another group next year.

**Dads' Day:** We are looking forward to the dads joining us at school next Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> September from 12:20pm to share lunch and learning with the children for the afternoon. Make sure you have ordered your sausage on Kindo.

**Enrolments 2026:** We are beginning to look at planning for next year and to help with this we ask that if you have a child who is turning 5 next year that enrolments are in to the school office as soon as possible this year.

**Board election:** Have you voted in the Board election? Please check your emails for the voting information sent by Election Pilot (Schooled). If you don't have an email registered with school you will have received the information via the post. It is important that you have your say in the election.

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

Catherine Cyprian  
Principal



## DRS Message

One of our Year 2 RE Learning Intentions is to learn about what Mana is. That we all have mana within us that has come from God and our ancestors. Mana begins with tapu. Tapu is sacredness or holiness. Where there is tapu, there can be mana. Mana is tapu in action. It is all about our relationships with Atua – God, whenua – land, and tangata – people. God's mana is in all things God created. Every created thing is tapu – holy, sacred and special so, all of creation can have mana. You and I have te mana o te Atua within us because God created us. Our mana is a special part of who we are. One way to think about mana is to think about Christ's light inside us. God created us so we are tapu. God's mana is within us. It is passed down to us from our parents and ancestors, and it can be shared with our friends. No matter where we are or what we do, our mana can never be taken from us, it is within us always. It is like a light that shines within us, and when we make good choices, our light gets brighter, our mana grows stronger because our relationships are strong.

*God of mana,  
we thank you for the relationships we have with You,  
the whenua and all tangata.  
May our mana grow as we journey  
through Stella Maris.  
May we become true children of Yours  
and live fully our school motto as we  
"Shine for God".*

## MĀRAMA TEAM NEWS

Kia ora Whanau. Wow! What a fun time we had on Friday night at the Quiz Night! There was lots of glitz and glamour and high spirits. A great fundraiser and it was great to see so many of our parents in attendance. We are looking forward to our annual visit from the NZ Playhouse team who will present the classic 'The Boy Who Cried Wolf' tomorrow morning. Wheelathon reminder - get registered and start raising funds, please! Have a wonderful weekend, everyone.

Ma te Atua koutou ē Manaaki,  
the Mārama Team.

## AHI TEAM NEWS

Congratulations to students who participated in our Y5/6 school cross country last Friday. You demonstrated your resilience and perseverance and should be proud of yourselves. Mrs Cunningham Tyler has sent home letters to those students who will be representing the school at the Interschool event on Thursday 4th September at Shakespear Park. She will need parents to assist with transport and supervision on the day. Training for these students will take place on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at lunchtime. They will need a change of clothes for training. This week we have had Japanese students working alongside our students in our classes. The sharing of cultures, language and formation of friendships has been beneficial for all students.

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## SPORTS NEWS

### Stella Tigers

Big congratulations to the Stella Tigers for winning their grade in the Hibiscus Coast primary hockey competition. Awesome season!



### Stella Maris Minions

Hi Everyone,

I'm proud to talk to you about our Stella Maris hockey team - The Stella Maris Minions.

We played our games in Millwater on a Monday night in rain or shine, our season just ended on Monday the 25th August. We had an awesome run, winning six games and only losing one. We won our grade. It has been a season full of teamwork, fun and true minion power.

Every player gave it their all, and we are so proud of how far we've come. A massive THANK YOU to Mrs Pearson for your support and encouragement and all the time you have put into helping us grow as players, we couldn't have done it without you. (all those early practice hours).

It was a season to remember, GO MINIONS.

Rose Walker, Year 6.

## PTFA NEWS

### Quiz Night

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Oscars Quiz Night on Friday night! It was a wonderful evening with everyone dressed to the 9s and having a great time! Congratulations to our quiz and award winners. We fundraised an incredible \$12,338 for our school! Such an amazing outcome. The RSA also had their best earn in years! A win win! This evening would not have been possible without the hard work of our PTFA organising team, Karl & Olwyn, the RSA, the band and all of our sponsors and supportive community. Next up...The Wheelathon!

### 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

### Pastoral Coordinator Position

The Cathedral wishes to employ a person part-time for 25 hours per week as the parish Pastoral Coordinator. This role is to assist the Cathedral Dean to ensure that the pastoral and administrative needs of the parish are met. The role provides pastoral assistance and is responsible for the coordination of the Parish Education Programmes and assisting with Sunday morning Masses. Applicants should be active Catholics able to partake in the full sacramental life of the church, with theological formation (preferred) and ministerial experience. Good communication, planning and organisation skills are essential. Applicants for this position must have NZ residency or a valid NZ work permit.

To view the full advert, position description and how to apply, please visit: [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/) Applications close at 5pm on 4th September 2025.

### Hibiscus Coast Cricket Club

Is now open for registrations for girls and boys aged 5+ through to senior levels. Skills, softball cricket, hardball cricket (U10-U13, Year 5-8), college cricket (Year 9-13) - there is something for everyone. Come along, bring your friends and have some fun. We'd love to see you. For more information and to register go to [www.hibiscuscricket.co.nz](http://www.hibiscuscricket.co.nz)

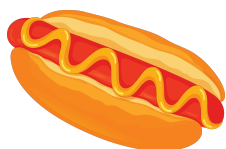


PLEASE JOIN US FOR

# 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 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPT**







## Holiday HQ

Holiday HQ the ultimate destination for kids looking for an unforgettable break from the school routine!

From exciting outdoor escapades to creative workshops, cooking classes and interactive learning sessions - our expert educators provide a dynamic blend of engaging activities and enriching experiences.

**Kids Support Office**  
 Freephone: 0800 274 772  
 Phones: (09) 576 6602  
[skidscc.org](http://skidscc.org)

## Spring Holidays 2025

**Strap In these spring holidays at Holiday HQ Kids Fest!**

Get ready for non-stop games, challenges and activities to keep kids engaged, active and having fun all day long. Whether you're heading off on an exciting excursion, exploring the wonders of STEM, or mastering life-sized games, it's an unforgettable experience where every move counts!

22 September – 3 October 2025

**skids**



22nd September – 3rd October 2025

### September

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>

#### Medieval Magic

Experiment with your own magic! Create a potion, make dragon masks, create a go through an obstacle course to reach the dragon's lair!

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

#### Soundwave: K-Pop Dance Workshop

Wow everyone with a K-pop dance routine with our friends from Kinetic Studio! Practice, perform and have fun expressing yourself in various art forms!

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>

#### Trip: Adventure Alley

Tampolines, hoops & climbing walls! What more can you ask for! Have a bouncing fun with your friends with us today! Fun continues on site.

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>

#### Fun Fair Market Day

Build & run your own market stall. Be it games, craft, food or face painting, enjoy the day with your friends!

Friday 26<sup>th</sup>

#### Wheel Into Spring

Bring your own wheels & let us get on an scavenger hunt! Make dirt pudding, paint a seed & enjoy your wheels!



### September

Monday 29<sup>th</sup>

#### Fiesta of Colours

Join us for a colourful Mexican Fiesta! We'll dive into bright crafts, a radio station then keep the fun going with lively games and activities!

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>

#### TBD: Megazone Silverdale

Be ready for some laser tag & the Floor is Lava game at Megazone. More fun, treats & activities on site.

### October

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Be Active: Roll Out Mini Golf

A great day to tee off with an indoor mini golf course. Decorate your own golf ball and lots of activities to finish this perfect!

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>

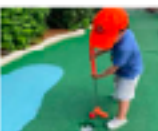
#### Make & Create

From craft to recipes, today is a fantastic day where we can let our creative juices flow. Parents beware: there may be fun leftovers to take home today!

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Dawson's Pale

Join us for a paw-some pet-themed day! With baking, craft projects, trivia and games, the day will surely be pawsome!



Scan the QR code to secure your spot today!



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## Mark Your Diaries

29 Aug	NZ Playhouse - The Boy Who Cried Wolf
01 Sep	Ahi Team Assembly 9am
04 Sep	Whole school Liturgy 9am
04 Sep	Inter school Cross Country
05 Sep	Dads Day and Sausage Sizzle 12.20pm
08 Sep	Marama Team Assembly 9am
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](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**