Kia ora e te Whānau

Lately our Year 5/6 students have been busy participating in a number of inter-school sports events. Last week our Year 5/6 hockey teams participated in the Hibiscus Coast inter-school hockey tournament. They played hard and had a great day representing Stella Maris School. Today our Year 5/6 cross country team are participating in the inter-school cross country at Shakespear Regional Park. The team has been training hard in their lunchtimes preparing for the big run. Next Thursday teams of Year 5/6 students will participate in a school rippa rugby festival. It is great to see the students participating in a variety of sports.

Wheel-a-thon: There is great momentum on the upcoming fundraising event for the students in the Wheel-a-thon. Thank you to Mrs Bessone who is keeping us up to date with the leaderboard in the main atrium. As I type this 244 out of 356 students have signed up to gather sponsors, and we have raised \$11 080 so far. That is awesome!

Dad's Day: We are looking forward to welcoming dads, or grandads, uncles or a family friend to school tomorrow afternoon to share in lunch and learning with your children. Parking will be tight, you might like to consider parking in the underground parking across the road from school. Please do not park on grass areas (both inside the school grounds, or in the neighbouring streets).

School Board Election: Voting for the School Board Election closes next Wednesday 10th September. So far 23% of eligible voters have placed their votes. If you have yet to vote, please check your inbox for an email from Election Pilot with information on candidates and how to vote. If we don't have an email address for you your voting pack should have come to you in the mail.

Cans for Christmas: Next Wednesday, 10 September, we are joining other Catholic schools across Auckland in donating cans of food to the Cans for Christmas collection for St Vincent de Paul. This is a house colour mufti day, and instead of gold coin we ask families to donate a can of food for each child if you are able. The cans will be collected on Friday of next week and passed on to St Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you for your anticipated generosity for this cause.

Ma te Atua Koutou e Manaaki - May God bless you all

Catherine Cyprian Principal

A Prayer for Fathers

Heavenly Father,

You entrusted your son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.

Bless all fathers as they care for their families.

Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience;

Support them in the work they do, protecting those who look to them,

As we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.

Amen





DRS Message

Ngā Kōtahu are touchstones within our RE curriculum that emphasise an aspect of a learners journey. It recognises these as areas that we too may sometimes fall short in but always aspire to improve.

Year 1 and 2. Whakatau/Welcomed

Jesus was welcomed at Bethlehem by whānau, shepherds, angels and wise men. He and his family also experienced the pain of not being welcomed.

I am welcomed.

I have welcomed others.

Year 3 and 4. Aroha mai, Aroha atu/Loved

Jesus was loved by his Father in heaven and his whānau on earth. Jesus was a gift of love to us and when he grew up he taught us how to love the giver, ourselves and one another.

I am loved.

I have loved.

Year 5 and 6. Oho Ake/Inspired

Jesus inspired those who followed him. From the beginning of his earthly ministry his words and actions showed people that there was a better way to live, love and believe.

I am inspired.

I have inspired others.

MĀRAMA TEAM NEWS

Kia ora Whanau.

Happy Spring! The weather will surely soon reflect the new season!!!!

We all thoroughly enjoyed the NZ Playhouse Production of 'The Boy Who Cried Wolf' last Friday. We hope the meaning and message of the story got through amidst the singing, dancing and laughter. Our Tamariki really impressed us with the quality of the questions they asked the actors afterwards – clearly our teaching around what makes a question has paid dividends. We look forward to welcoming our dads for an afternoon of fun on Friday to get the celebrations for Father's Day off to a great start!

Reminders:

House colour mufti-day – Wednesday 10th September - bring a can, please. Wheelathon – sign up and donations are going well – keep it up! Two weeks to go!

Blessings,

Marama Team.

AHI TEAM NEWS

Interhouse Rippa Rugby Y5/6 competition, is from 9am-12:20pm on Thursday 11th September at Stella Maris. Parents are welcome to join us for the competition. All students will come to school dressed in their school uniform and change once at school. Competitors can then wear PE gear or clothes in their house colours during the morning. They should also bring a towel. Students who are watching can change into house colours if they wish. All students will change back into their school uniform at lunchtime. All games will be played in bare feet.

Dad's Day - We remind our Dad's that Dad's Day is this Friday 5th September from 12:20pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Wheelathon - We encourage the Ahi Team to join the school sponsorship page and help to raise money for our junior playground.

SPORTS NEWS

Stella Warriors

As manager of the Stella Maris Warriors hockey team this season, it's been great to see the team bring their energy and enthusiasm to the field each week, finishing the season with a fantastic 2nd place in their grade. I'm incredibly proud of the positive attitudes and great sportsmanship they consistently showed-both towards one another and their opponents. Under the outstanding guidance of Coach Cassie Morris and her assistant, Hamish, the players have grown tremendously in skill and confidence, individually and as a team. thank you to our dedicated coaches for giving their time, rain or shine, to support and inspire the team each week. To our Year 6 players, you will be truly missed next season. We wish you all the best for your future games and continued success on and off the field. To our Year 5 players, we look forward to seeing you back next season, playing with the same energy and enthusiasm you've shown this year.

~ Nicole Bayly



The Stella Warriors have had a great season, its been hard work. Big thanks to Cassie our coach. We stayed into the games and came second place, it was worth it, and thanks to all the students that played this year.

~ Olivia Negri-Vivar

Looking forward to seeing our Stella Maris Dad's at school tomorrow from 12:20pm

Stella Tigers

The Stella Tigers are a year 3 and 4 hockey team and made up of Piper, Lola, Stella, Milla, Sophia, James, Thomas, Stan and myself, Aoife. We trained every Monday morning with our Coach Sheree and played our games every Monday afternoon at the Millwater Hockey fields. A big thank you to our great Coach Sheree and to Mrs Pearson for organising the hockey season. We had a lot of fun and worked really hard as a team and were delighted to win our grade this season.

~Aiofe Byrne



Mufti Day - Cans For Christmas Drive - St Vincent De Paul

Next Wednesday 10th September we are asking for donations of cans for this very worthy cause. Children come to school dressed in their house colours. and please bring a can.

Bethlehem Yellow. Jerusalem- Blue. Galilee- Green. Nazareth- Red.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ez7dpCsRJo0

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







Keep On Eye On The Leader Board In The Main Foyer.

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Don't Forget To Sign Up! Prizes To Be Won.

# SCHOOL HOLIDAY BAKING CHALLENGE

## HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT BAKES?

- Learn to bake 3 delicious recipes
   these school holidays.
- FREE fun from the comfort of your own home.
- \$200 worth of prizes to give away!
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### Holiday HQ

Holiday HO 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 reephone: 0800 274 hone: (09) 576 660

## 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 daylong. 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





22nd September - 3rd October 2025

#### September



Tuesday 23\*

## Soundwave: K-Po Dance workshop

with our friends from Knetic Studiol Practice, perform and yourself in various art forms!

Wednesday 24\*\*

Trampolnes, heogs & Inampoine, hoops as climiting wells! What more can you ask for? Have a bouncing fun with your triends with us today! Eun

Thursday 25\*\*

Build & sun your own games, craft, food or face painting, enjoy the day with your continues on site

Friday 26\*\*

Bring your own wheels & refres & les gero ascavenger hunt! Make dirt pudding, pant a seec a enjoy









#### September

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#### Fiests of Colours

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#### Tuesday 30%

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## Silverdale Be ready for some

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#### October

Wednesday F

#### Be Active: Roll Out Mini Golf

Agreat day to see off golf course. Decorate your own golf ball and icts of activities to finish this par-feet

Trumsday 2-

#### Make & Create

day where we can let our creative juicesflow. Parents beware: there may be no leftwees to take home loday!

#### Prinkry 3rd

#### Pawrome Pale

Join us for a pew-some pet themed day! With haking traft projects. trivia and games, the day will surely be per-tured













#### **Mark Your Diaries**

05 Sep Dads Day and Sausage Sizzle 12.20pm08 Sep Marama Team Assembly 9am

12 Sep Second Hand Uniform Sale 2:30pm

15 Sep Whole school Assembly 9am

16 Sep Wheel-a-thon

19 Sep End of Term Three 2.45pm

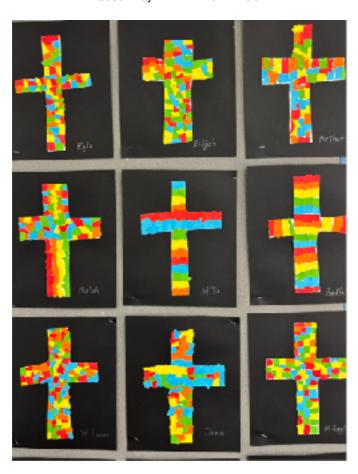
#### 2025 School Term Dates

TERM 3 Monday 14 July - 19 September

TERM 4 Monday 6 October - Tuesday 16 December

#### 2025 Public Holidays

Labour Day Mon Oct 27



#### Artwork from St Lucy

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. <a href="https://stellamaris.schooldocs.co.nz">https://stellamaris.schooldocs.co.nz</a> 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