

# Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

**Board Election:** Thank you to everyone who took part in our recent School Board election – the candidates who stood for election and those who voted. Your votes and support help ensure that our school continues to be guided and supported by a strong and committed School Board. We warmly congratulate the newly elected Board members and acknowledge those who put themselves forward as candidates. It is great to see people willing to stand and serve our school community in this role. Our new Board officially took office yesterday, Wednesday 17 September. Our new Board members are: **Sheree Buchanan, Fr Chris Denham, Trish Hammond, Brandon Heinrich, Erica Mainwaring, Francis Morton-Jones, Rebecca Pereira, Rachel Wakelin and Natasha Wilson.**

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those Board members who have completed their term on the Stella Maris Board, **Rebecca Doyle, Liz Hansen, Theresa Harvey, Olwyn Hobman, Carl Mainwaring.** I thank you all for the wisdom, knowledge and willingness to serve that you brought to our school Board.

**Wheelathon:** A huge thank you to all involved in the Wheelathon that was held on Tuesday. It was a fabulous day and great to see all of the students involved in some way. I was so proud and impressed by the students who cycled, scooted, skated, walked or ran solidly for 30 minutes, and then still had energy enough to take part in timed rounds. The perseverance, independence and resilience that was on display was amazing. Thank you, especially to Karl Hobman and Karen Bessone who organized and ran the Wheelathon. Thank you to the PTFA for their support of the event, and the bananas and iceblocks. Thank you to all of the staff who supported the students. Thank you to the parent helpers and St Patrick class who helped with the recording and timing. Thank you to all who have sponsored our students and encouraged friends and family to sponsor – we have raised over \$22 000! An awesome effort by all.



As term 3 winds up we are very grateful for all the learning, and sporting and special events that have occurred throughout the term. Thank you to our students, staff, and families for all the support and effort you have put into the term.

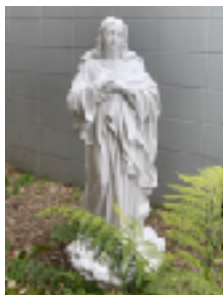
**Summer Uniform:** Term 4 means we make a move to summer uniform. School hats are compulsory in Term 4 when students are outside, please ensure they have their hat at school everyday. Footwear is a plain black school sandal - no coloured soles or markings. Students may wear their winter shoes and socks up to Labour Weekend if the weather is cold.

I wish everyone a safe and happy term break and look forward to seeing you all at the start of term 4 on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

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

Catherine Cyprian

Principal



## DRS Message

Each term ends with students completing RE Self Assessments that explore learning throughout the term. Over the last few years teachers have worked together to create meaningful and evidenced self assessment practices for the students. Achievement Objectives at each level are explored through questions that encourage students to share their learning. In year 1 and 2 students explore a question and respond with either feeling confident with answering it or perhaps needing some further work. Year 3 and 4 students answer Yes/No questions and are encouraged to explain their understandings of some of the concepts. Our Year 5 and 6 students are encouraged to demonstrate understanding of the Achievement Objectives through explaining their thinking and relating this to their own lives. They provide evidence for their learning and discuss Achievement Objectives at a more advanced level.

These Self Assessments and RE books are brought home over the break to share with whanau. We encourage discussion about the learning. Teachers have carefully designed Self Assessments to encourage exploration at home. This allows the learning students have had throughout the term to shine through in not only the work in RE books but in the conversations at home. We encourage and invite discussions with whanau about what we are exploring in RE and recognise the importance of whanau as the first educators in RE and living out the Marian Values.

*Loving God, We thank you for all our successes and all our failures this term.*

*We thank you for the times of joy and the times we felt challenged.*

*We thank you for opportunities to demonstrate Your love to others through our Marian Values.*

*We thank you for the opportunities to learn and to grow this term.*

*We thank you for all those who have given of themselves to make this term successful.*

*We thank you for the gift to us all that is Stella Maris.*

*We thank you for an opportunity to rest, rejuvenate and to return in Term 4 with Your Spirit of energy and love.  
Amen.*

## MĀRAMA TEAM NEWS

Kia ora Whanau.

Well, Wheelathon! What can we say? It was amazing! fabulous! exciting! - not to mention a huge success! We are so proud of our tamariki for showing perseverance, determination and a great sense of fun - tino pai tatou!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continuing support of our tamariki and kaiako as we continue together in our learning journey.

Your child's RE book will have come home this week. Please take a little time to talk through this term's theme, To Tatou Whakapono - Our Story, with your child, write a comment and send the book back in time for the new term, if you haven't already done so.

A reminder that it will be summer uniform next term which includes a school hat. Please ensure these are labelled clearly with your child's name.

It is now time for a well-deserved break and we wish you all a happy whanau holiday.

We just hope the weather will be kind to us all - and that winter will finally give way to a beautiful spring.

We look forward to seeing you all soon and to continuing on with our learning journey together next term.

Ma te Atua koutou ē Manaaki,

the Mārama Team.

## AHI TEAM NEWS

Last week The Y5/6 students held a Rippa House Tournament. It was a highly successful event, where students were given the opportunity to show pride for their house in a very competitive competition. We congratulate our students for their leadership, and sportsmanship. We thank our referees, Hamish Morris and Claudio Bessone for their support. We also thank Mrs Bessone for organising an amazing event.

As this term comes to an end we would like to reflect on some of the events that have occurred in this busy term.

-Dance

-Interschool Cross Country and Hockey - House Rippa Competition

-Kapa Haka performing at Kapa Haka Showcase at Rosmini

-Leadership opportunities - Open Day, Wheelathon, Team/Whole School Assemblies, Liturgies, Whole School Mass, Japanese Students

-Ahi Class Masses - Feast of the Assumption at St John's Church - NZ Playhouse Production

-Dad's Day - Calendar Art - Discovery Hour

We thank all our families for their support.

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## Canterbury University Kiwi Cem Competitions

Students who participated in the Canterbury University Kiwi Cem Competitions for English, Maths and Science received their certificates and results this week.

Twenty two Year 5 and 6 students completed the NZ curriculum-based competition last term. Against hundreds of other New Zealand Students.

We would like to make special note of those who achieved either Distinction, Excellence or Merit in these competitions:

**Alicia Chan**, St Joachim: Distinction in English, Excellence in Maths, Merit in Science

**Rob Perez**, St Joachim: Excellence in Science, Merit in English

**Inigo Cardeno**, St Patrick: Merit in Maths, Merit in English

**Ava Macken**, St Joseph: Merit in Maths Merit in Science

**Allegra Kinmond**, St Joachim: Merit in English

**Isla Ashman**, St Patrick: Merit in Maths

**Zeya Pereira**, St Joseph: Merit in Maths

**Congratulations to these students and all those who participated in the competition.**

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Aleksandr (1st) and Maxim (2nd) who came 1st and 2nd at Pinewood Race Car Derby raced through their Kaukapakapa Scout Group.

## Community Events

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### TERM THREE

*"Dear Families of Stella Maris,*

*As we welcome the fresh air and vibrant blooms of spring, our school community is also experiencing a time of renewal. The season, with its promise of new life, beautifully mirrors a significant transition on our School Board.*

*We are delighted to introduce the new members who have been elected to serve our school. Their commitment and willingness to give of their time and talent are a true blessing, and we are grateful for their readiness to lead. This infusion of new perspectives and energy is a testament to the Holy Spirit's continued presence in our community, guiding us toward a future filled with grace and growth.*

*In the Catholic faith, spring is a powerful symbol of resurrection and new beginnings. Just as Christ conquered death and rose again, bringing new hope to the world, our Board's new members bring a renewed sense of purpose and direction. Their work will be rooted in our shared faith, ensuring that our decisions always reflect the values of the Gospel and the teachings of the Church.*

*Please join us in offering a warm welcome and our full support to our new Board members. We look forward to the wonderful things we will accomplish together, guided by God's love and the spirit of renewal that spring so beautifully represents.*

*God bless, Ma te Atua koe e mansaaki, Presiding Member Carl Mainwaring"*

### STELLA MARIS PTFA TERM 3 RECAP

*Another busy term for the PTFA this term! **In Term 3** we have enjoyed the hugely successful Quiz Night raising a total of \$12,338. A big thanks to the PTFA organising team for putting on this event – the Oscars theme made for a very glitzy and sparkly night enjoyed by all. It was such a fun evening for parents and staff. We have also enjoyed two popular fun lunches, two second hand uniform sales, and just this week the incredible and much anticipated Wheelathon! The fundraising total for the Wheelathon currently sits at \$22,468!!! The fundraiser will be open until the first Monday of term 4. Thank you everyone for your support. The kids had such an awesome day, and enjoyed a free iceblock (donated by the PTFA) and **banana** (donated by Dole courtesy of Kamilla Camilo) to celebrate their achievements.*

*We are so excited to share that the new junior playground is all booked in for later in the year. Steve and some handy dads kindly donated their time last month to put in new posts to extend the retaining wall around the playground, and we are now ready to remove the old playground and make way for the new! Watch this space!*

***Looking forward to Term 4** we have one more second hand uniform sale, Grandparents Day, and the annual Splash and Dash on the 5<sup>th</sup> December. This event is an awesome way to celebrate a wonderful school year. Keep an eye out for ticket sales later next term. We also welcome donations for the silent auction. This event is a huge undertaking and requires over 50 volunteers to make it happen. Next term we will put a call out for volunteers to help on the day, please consider signing up to help so that we can pull off an awesome final event for the year.*

***Wondering how you can help?** We hold monthly PTFA meetings, and everyone is invited to attend and give input. Our next meeting is our 2026 planning meeting, and will be held on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 6.30 pm (dinner provided) in the school staff room. We would love to see you there! You can also continue to support the PTFA and our school community by helping out at events, donating second hand uniforms (box in the office), answering our call outs for donations and sponsorship, coming along to the events, and sharing business connections or skills. No support, donation, or help is too small, and every bit makes a difference.*

*Big thanks,  
Stella Maris PTFA*

# HOLIDAY HQ KIDS FEST



## 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.

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Freephone: 0800 274 772  
Phones: (09) 576 6602  
[skids.co.nz](http://skids.co.nz)

## 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

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22nd September – 3rd October 2025

### September

Monday 22nd

#### Medieval Magic

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

Tuesday 23rd

#### 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 24th

#### Tépi: Adventure Alley

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

Thursday 25th

#### 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 26th

#### Wheel Into Spring

Bring your own wheels & let us help you on an asparagus hunt! Make dirt pudding, paint a seed & enjoy your wheels!

### September

Monday 23rd

#### Fleets 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 30th

#### TSD: Magezone Silverdale

Be ready for some team play & the Floor is Lava games at Magezone. More fun, treats & activities on site.

### October

Wednesday 1st

#### Be Active: Roll Out Mini Golf

Agreat day to tee off with friends on our mini golf course. Decorate your own golf ball and add an obstacle to finish this par hole!

Thursday 2nd

#### Make & Create

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

Friday 3rd

#### Pawome Pals

Join us for a paw-some get-together! We'll baking, craft projects, trivia and games, the day will surely be pawsome!

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## Mark Your Diaries

<b>19 Sep</b>	<b>End of Term three 2.45pm</b>
<b>06 Oct</b>	<b>Start of Term four 8.45am</b>
06 Oct	Daily Rosary during October
09 Oct	Whole School Rosary 9am
10 Oct	Second hand Uniform Sale 8.15am
16 Oct	Whole School Rosary 9am
16 Oct	Shakeout Drill
22 Oct	Interschool Softball
27 Oct	Labour Day - School Closed
28 Oct	Grandparents Day 8.45am -11am
31 Oct	Carmel and Rosmini Orientation Day
10 Nov	Marama Team swimming one week
17 Nov	Ahi Team swimming one week
21 Nov	Mufti Day - Bring a Gourmet Item
05 Dec	Splash 'n Dash
12 Dec	End of Year Thanksgiving Liturgy
15 Dec	Shine Challenge and Service Assembly
15 Dec	Year 6 Graduation Dinner 6pm
<b>15 Dec</b>	<b>End of Term 4 12.20pm</b>

## 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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**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**

## 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)

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In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit Amen**