

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

This weekend as Catholics we observe two feast days. Saturday, 1st November is All Saints' Day, a feast day that commemorates the lives of all saints, people who have lived lives of extraordinary faith and dedication to God, and serve as role models for us all, inspiring us to follow Jesus and grow closer to God. Sunday, 2nd of November is All Souls' Day. This is a day of prayer, and remembrance of the faithful departed – our relatives and friends who are no longer living, especially those who have passed away in the last year. This leads us into the month of remembrance – a time for us to continue to pray and give thanks for those who have gone before us, and to look with hope to their new life in heaven. This weekend when you attend Mass you will have the opportunity to place the names of loved ones who have passed away in a basket to be prayed for throughout the month of November.

“Holiness consists simply in doing God’s will, and being just what God wants us to be.”

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux.

Thank you to all of the grandparents and special people who joined us at school on Tuesday. It was lovely to see so many of you here, and to see the sharing and learning that was going on in all of the classrooms. Thank you to our staff and students who hosted you all, and to the Kapa Haka for their beautiful performance.

REMINDERS:

Absences: It is important if your child is absent that you report their absence by 8:30am each day they are absent. We need to account for every student, and unnotified absences must be followed up. Last Friday we had over 70 students absent, 35 of these were unexplained – it took almost 2 hours to contact each family and ensure all children were accounted for and safe. You can report an absence by ringing and leaving a message on the absence line, or through the school app absences. Thank you for your support in this.

VIP carparks: The two VIP carparks in the school carpark have been paid for by two of our families as part of a fundraiser. They are clearly marked as VIP parks. We ask that you do not park in these two carparks, and that you let any family members or friends who may pick up your children know also not to park in these carparks.

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

Catherine Cyprian
Principal



DRS Message

During the Month of October we dedicate our prayer times at Stella Maris to praying the Holy Rosary. We explore the Mysteries of the Rosary and encourage our students to deepen their faith through exploring these events in the life of Jesus. Daily rosaries are prayed in each class and we get together as a whole school once a week to pray. We hope to help foster this relationship with Mary as a guide for us so we might meet Jesus more fully.

"I love praying the Hail Mary because it is calming for me." Rylee. Year 5.

"I learn more about Jesus and Mary when we pray the Rosary." Piper. Year 4.

"It helps me feel closer to God and Jesus." Emilia. Year 4.

"It helps me connect to God because we do it so much." Jason. Year 6.

"I like holding the Rosary beads so I know where we are up to." Trevor. Year 2.

"I like it because it reminds me what Jesus did for us." Aidan. Year 4.

"It's a peaceful time to pray all together." Eliza. Year 4.

"It brings me closer to God and I learn lots of prayers." Ivy. Year 6.

"It helps me focus to have the beads and I can pray lots of prayers all at once." Lexi. Year 3.

"It helps my faith grow because I get to lead others in praying the Rosary." Miguel. Year 5.

"I like praying the Our Father because we talk to God." Emma. Year 1.

"It helps me be more peaceful because it's really calm and I get to learn about different parts of Jesus' life." Leo. Year 4.

MĀRAMA TEAM NEWS

Kia ora Mārama whanau, we all had a wonderful day with our very special guests, our beloved grandparents on Tuesday. This was such a lovely morning and was a special time for the children and grandparents to cherish. Thank you to the grandparents who came along and got involved in our class activities.

In week 2, all children brought home a notice regarding the upcoming swimming lessons at Northern Arena, please ensure these forms are returned to the office TOMORROW. We require parent help for walking to and from the pools, if you are able to help with this, please let your classroom teacher know. Thank you.

Hats- children need to be wearing school hats to play outside, please check that these are named, thank you.

This week we also welcomed back Mrs Bates from her overseas adventure. It is great to have you back. Thank you to Mrs Fitzgibbon who did a fantastic job of looking after the St Leo children while she was gone.

AHI TEAM NEWS

Congratulations to our Y5/6 softball teams that competed in the Interschool Tournament last week. We thank our parents who supported and transported our students on the day, and to Ms Hunt for her organisation and coaching of the teams.

This week we have had ex Stella students from Carmel and Rosmini talk to the Y6 students about their experiences in preparation for their 2026 year. **All** Year 6 students also received a notice about our Y6 Connections Day at St Mary's school next week. Please return this slip asap.

Ahi Swimming lessons are in week 7. Please ensure that you have returned the slip and money when possible.

We would like to thank the grandparents who attended grandparents day this week. We hoped you enjoyed the experience as much as we did.

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Basketball

Congratulations to the Stella Suns who won the semi-final in the Year 5/6 Basketball league on Tuesday night. These 7 passionate Stella boys are playing up a level and have made it the finals next week. Look out Kingsway!



Summer Football

An outstanding 2 games by the Stella 6, 7ers for summer football. They beat the Kingsway Spartans 4-0 and Silverdale Silver 5-1. Our player of the day was Jmar! A solid effort by the whole team.

Calendar Art

A Flyer was sent home last week with your child showing their individual artwork and a unique code. These creations make such treasured and beautiful Christmas gifts. Ordering is open until **3rd November**.

To place your orders Go to www.kidsartworks.com



Frankie Thorne made these awesome Rosary beads as a shine challenge.



St Clare (Yr 0) Diwali Creative Art

RCIC Programme

Please pray for the following who are being baptised at St John's Church, Orewa this Saturday November 1

Mikayla Chou, Milla Chou, Sadie Robertson, Stella Robertson, Nash Cooper, Dixie Cooper, Talulah Cooper, Willow-Rose Caine, Harrison Goudie, Zachary Goudie, Rylee Sutherland

Malachi Kirk-Jones and Rosemary Kirk-Jones are being received into the Catholic Church.

Estuary Arts Centre

Is running a **Christmas Photoshoot Fundraiser** on **1-2 Nov** — a fun, affordable way for families to get professional Christmas photos while supporting local art programmes.

📸 Tickets \$60 | 🌲 Great for cards & gifts

👉 Book here: <https://www.estuaryarts.org/event-details-registration/fundraiser-christmas-photoshoot>



YOU'RE INVITED TO THE
STELLA MARIS PTFA



SPLASH AND DASH



FRIDAY 5TH DEC



3-6PM

**TICKETS AND EVENT
DOLLARS AVAILABLE TO
PURCHASE ON KINDO
NOW!**



SLIP N SLIDE
BOUNCY CASTLES
RAFFLES
CHOC A TOSS
DUNK THE TEACHER
WATER FIGHT
(BYO WATER SPRAYERS)
FOOD STANDS AND MORE!



Mark Your Diaries

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 Jolly Jar
05 Dec	Splash 'n Dash
11 Dec	Marama Nativity Performance 1pm
12 Dec	End of Year Thanksgiving Liturgy
15 Dec	Shine Challenge and Service Assembly
15 Dec	Year 6 Graduation Dinner 6pm
16 Dec	END OF TERM FOUR 12:20pm
02 Feb	TERM ONE 2026 COMMENCES

2025 School Term Dates

TERM 4 Monday 6 October - Tuesday 16 December

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**