

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

Last week I had the privilege of attending the St Augustine class poetry recital. These year four students had spent a number of weeks preparing for the recital – learning about poetry, and then practising their chosen poem so that they were able to recite it, mostly without reading or prompts. I was so impressed with the courage that each of the students displayed in standing up on their own to recite their poem in front of their classmates and family members. It was so lovely to see the support that their peers and families gave them. Well done St Augustine.



As we reach the end of the Mārama Team Swimming week I would like to say thank you all of the parents or other family members who have helped with walking the students to and from the pools. Walking to and from the pools each day, with a half hour swimming lesson in between has seen the students building up their resilience, perseverance and fitness levels, as well as their swimming skills. Some classes even having to walk in the rain. Next week Ahi Team will be heading off to swimming. The weather forecast is showing more rain next week, so we ask that you make sure the students have their raincoat and their PE uniform each day.

Splash and Dash, Friday 5 December 3-6pm. I hope you all have this event marked in your diaries. This is the last fundraising and social event for the year, and is a fun way for the community to end the school year. There will be a number of water activities for the students (and any willing parents) to take part in, bouncy castles, some food stalls, raffles and more. Help is needed running some of the activities and stalls, please consider putting your name down to help for part of the afternoon to help make this a fun event for all involved.

One of the stalls at the Splash and Dash is "Jolly Jars" – **next Friday, 21 November is a mufti day** (non-uniform day) and the children are asked to bring a Jolly Jar that can be sold at the Splash and Dash. Jolly Jars are decorated jars filled with a variety of goodies in a theme, such as sweets, small toys, stationery, and craft items.

Ma te Atua koutou e manaaki – May God Bless you all

Catherine Cyprian
Principal



DRS Message

One of the highlights of our term is our whole school assemblies. We come together twice a term to celebrate our successes as a school and successes of many of our individual students. We award six or seven Charism Awards to students who have demonstrated deep commitment to our school's Marian Values of Whakaponofaith, Whakaaranui-Wisdom, Whanaungatanga-Belonging, Aroha-Love, Kaitiakitanga-Guardianship and Awhina-Service.

Below are some of the messages teachers have shared about our Charism Award recipients this term.

(Student) is receiving this Charism Award for always thinking of others and being incredibly kind. He truly lives our Marian Values every day. (Student) notices the good things his friends do and acknowledges them, encouraging others to do their best and celebrating their achievements.

(Student) beautifully embodies our Marian values in all that she does. She lives her Faith through her thoughtful contributions to daily prayer. She reflects Mary's unconditional love in every interaction with those around her.

(Student) shows Whanaungatanga - Belonging and Aroha - Love through her gentleness and kindness towards others. She is a wonderful friend who is thoughtful and inclusive, and she is always willing to help her classmates and teachers.

(Student) is a student who truly exemplifies the Marian values in all she does. She shows wisdom (whakaaronui) in the way she approaches social situations, always considering the feelings of others and responding with kindness and thoughtfulness.

(Student) shows deep faith in God. He makes wise choices in his learning and daily actions. He helps others feel included and valued as part of our school whānau.

(Student) demonstrates wisdom, whakaaronui by making thoughtful choices and always giving her best effort in every task. She also demonstrates service, āwhina through her caring nature and willingness to help others.

MĀRAMA TEAM NEWS

Kia ora, Whanau.

Another busy week for Mārama tamariki and kaiako! Our Year 1 to 3 children have shown real staying power for the week of swimming lessons – and it all went, may we say, swimmingly! Most classes have been lucky with the weather, thank goodness. We would like to thank all the wonderful parents who volunteered to get their steps in while walking with us to and from the pool – and to all for sending all the correct gear for the swimming lessons each day. We couldn't have done it without you!

Things are beginning to ramp up now as Christmas fast approaches. Don't forget to start making your treat jars for next Friday 21 when it will be a mufti day for the tamariki, as we prepare for the exciting Splash and Dash event on 5th December. And don't forget to save the date for our Mārama Nativity Celebration on the afternoon of Thursday 11th December. It's getting exciting now!

Blessings to you all.
The Mārama Team.

AHI TEAM NEWS

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 Interschool Swimming Team on placing 1st out of the small schools on the Hibiscus Coast at Northern Arena! The students demonstrated great sportsmanship and reflected our Marian Values throughout the event.

The students have been having so much fun with their new goal posts! A big thank you to Steve for putting these up.

A reminder that Ahi swimming begins next week. Please ensure your child comes prepared with **named** swimming caps, goggles, towels, and togs, and consider packing a rain jacket in case of wet weather. For parents walking with the classes to swimming, please ensure you have signed the form in the main atrium.

Next week is the last week for Shine Challenges, so please ensure all entries are submitted by Friday 21st, as late submissions will not be accepted.

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Swimming Programme

Next week Ahi Team, Year 4 - 6 Students will have their week of swimming lessons. By now the permission and swimming level forms should have been handed in and payment made. A reminder notice with information on what is required and session times will be coming home with your child today.

Attendance Dues And Special Character Donation 2026

We have been advised by the Auckland Catholic Diocese that these will be increasing next year.

Attendance Dues will increase by \$3.00 per term to \$136.00 per term **\$544.00 per year**

Special Character will increase by \$2.50 per term to \$17.50 per term **\$70.00 per year**



*Mufti Day
Friday 21st November
Please bring a
JOLLY JAR
for the Splash and Dash*

All ages!

SANTA SAYS
Let's make it a ZERO WASTE Christmas

FREE

Make your own gifts for family and friends in our zero waste makerspace!

NOUGHTY WASTERS MAKERSPACE
Devonport-Takapuna Local Board
Auckland Council

RESOURCE RECOVERY DEVONPORT

Sundays
Dec 7th 1-4
Dec 14th, 21st 10-1
27 Lake Rd, Devonport

limited spaces available
book on humanitix

SCHOLASTICS BOOK CLUB

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

Thursday 27th November
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.

SCHOLASTIC

CHRISTMAS Wanderland

Bring your whānau, kindy, class or friendship group for a one of a kind festive outing!

Volunteer run charity event to spread some joy!

\$5 per person
\$10 for family photo with Santa on select days
\$5 for Activity room

Opening 2nd Nov!! Silverdale
Bookings essential

Tickets + Raffles will be donated to Blue Light and SALT Community trust!
Helping local families and young people!

Follow FB page for booking links
 Rego link for groups

SALT



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!





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.

sKIDS Support Office

Freephone: 0800 274 172

Phone: (09) 576 6602

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Festive Celebrations | December 2025

Join Holiday HQ for Festive Holiday Celebrations!

Get ready for daily festive fun at Holiday HQ as we countdown to the holiday season!

Get ready for a jolly good time filled with festive fun and laughter! Each day brings a new holiday surprise — from *Candy Cane Stripes Day* treats and *Santa's Workshop Imposter* games, to *Grinch* mischief, *Gingerbread Baker's Day* creations, and our *Elf on the Shelf Party*! It's a week of creativity, giggles, and Christmas cheer you won't want to miss! ✨

17 – 23 December 2025

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Scan the QR code to secure your spot today!



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17-23 December 2025

December

Wednesday 17th



Candy Cane Stripes Day

Be prepared for some sweet peppermint fun! Feel free to dress in red & white stripes & join the fun! Experiments, challenges and crafts all with our candy cane!



Thursday 18th



Santa's Workshop Imposter

Come dressed like you work in Santa's workshop & helping who's been eating the cookies and mixing up the presents!



Friday 19th



Gingerbread Baker's Day

Christmas season is all about baking yummy treats for your family & friends! Let's make, decorate and taste! And take some home for mum & dad or yourself!



Monday 22nd



Grinchmas at sKIDS

Join us for a day of Who-ville fun as we celebrate all things Grinch! Crafts, games & delicious treats that will make the even the Grinch's heart three sizes bigger!



Tuesday 23rd



Elf on the Shelf Party

Party with our resident elf friend at sKIDS & enjoy our hot cocoa station! Get into the festive games & enjoy a Christmas movie. Make last minute presses and cards!



Mark Your Diaries

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

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## 2026 School Term Dates

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| TERM 1 | Monday 2 February - Thursday 2 April    |
| TERM 2 | Monday 20 April - Friday 3 July         |
| TERM 3 | Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September    |
| TERM 4 | Monday 12 October - Tuesday 15 December |

## 2026 Public Holidays

|                 |                                       |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Waitangi Day    | Friday 6 February                     |
| Good Friday     | Friday 3 April                        |
| ANZAC Day       | Monday 27 April (Observed)            |
| King's Birthday | Monday 1 June                         |
| Matariki        | Friday 10 July (During July Holidays) |
| Labour Day      | Monday 26 October                     |

**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)

**“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**