

# Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER 12 March 2026

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Kia ora e te Whānau

Tomorrow evening a small group of Year 5 and 6 students are leading the Stations of the Cross at St John's church in Orewa at 7pm. You are all welcome to join us. This is a way for us to come together as community in prayer and reflection, and to take time away from distractions and turn towards God as we reflect upon Jesus' journey to The Cross.

**Cultural Day** – tomorrow the children are encouraged to come dressed in a way that reflects and shares their family story with their classmates. This could be a traditional costume, or a costume that they create that tells their story. You welcome to check out the cultural display in the library.



**Colour Run** - have you signed your children up for the Colour Run? Check out the communications from the PTFA for more details. This is set to be a fun community afternoon event next Friday, 20 March from 3pm.

**Carpark Drop off and Pick Up Zone** – a reminder that the drop off/pick up zone in the carpark is for quick drop offs and pick ups. If your child is not ready to get out of the car in the mornings please park elsewhere while they get organized. If your child is not at pick up in the afternoon please do another circuit of the carpark until they get out from their classrooms. To help keep the flow of the carpark moving as smoothly as possible we ask that you:

Do not park, or stop and wait in the drop off/pick up zone

Move as far forward in the drop off/pick up as you can, allowing other cars to come in behind you.

**Safer Plates** – This Saturday the Hibiscus Coast Neighbourhood Watch Support are holding an event in the school carpark at which you can have the screws on your number plate replaced with more secure ones. You are welcome to come along between 9am-12pm. Please bring a cash donation of \$5.

Catherine Cyprian  
Principal  
Stella Maris Primary School



## DRS Message

This Friday, 13th March, we have a group of Stella Maris senior students leading the Stations of the Cross at our Parish. 7pm at St John's Orewa for those who may like to join us. We also have a tradition of exploring The Stations of the Cross in a Liturgy as close to Good Friday as possible as a whole school. It provides children with an accessible understanding of the Passion of Jesus in 14 scenes from Jesus being condemned to death to Jesus being placed in the tomb. Students, staff and visitors are actively involved in this liturgy with prayers and songs and experience different stations from afar and up close as the actors journey through the audience. We do a lot of work in our junior classes to prepare the students for this as obviously some of the Stations can be challenging. They are presented in age appropriate ways to acknowledge the journey Jesus took and His absolute love for each one of us. In many ways we try to create moments where we are companions with Jesus on this journey. The 14 stations don't change so in their time at Stella Maris we may use slightly different readings, prayers and songs but students would experience these moments in different ways as they mature in their faith, grow in their knowledge and deepen their understanding of this sacrifice Jesus made for us. St Anthony class are preparing to lead us in this very special Liturgy. The Stations of the Cross liturgy at Stella Maris will be on Thursday 2nd April beginning at 9am in our school hall.

*"We adore you, O Christ,  
and we bless You because by Your Holy Cross  
You have redeemed the world."*

## TEAM NEWS

### Mārama Team News

Kia ora Whanau, this week we began with a Team Assembly led by St Nicholas class. These year 2 children did a fantastic job speaking into the microphone and demonstrated a beautiful dance to the song "We are the World". We also recognised the children who placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Team sprints last Thursday and were lucky to have the 2 fastest girls in the school, Tiffany and Rose, present the certificates. Thank you to the Mārama teachers who helped ensure the sprint races were a successful event.

Pictured are Tiffany and Rose with Hayley Kawishvara, Paige Gallacher and Evie Henderson.

We look forward to our Cultural Mufti day tomorrow and seeing the bright, happy colours of our unique identities.



### Ahi Team News

**Cultural Day** - This week the school is holding a cultural day where students can wear mufti that shows their cultural identity.

**Sport** - As from next week (W7), the Year 5/6 students will hold their sports sessions on Tuesday afternoons. Students are to bring their PE gear to school and change into it at lunchtime. The Year 4 students will continue to have Sport on Thursdays.

**Ahi Team Assembly** - On Monday, the Ahi team will be holding their first Team Assembly for the year. We thank St Peter for running this for us.

**Year 5/6 Interschool Athletics** - Next Thursday our Interschool Athletics team will be representing the school at our event at Orewa College. We wish them well in the competition. We thank Mrs Bessone, Mrs Hobman and the parents who are supervising on this day.

**Year 5/6 Camp** - Parents who wish to support the Year 5/6 students at camp can access the forms on Hero. All camp information has and will continue to be added to Hero.

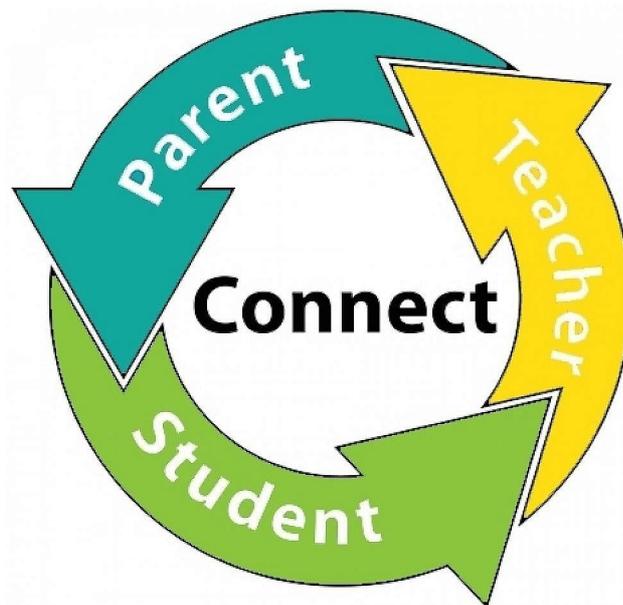


# Whanau Connect Conferences

Wednesday 25 March from 1:15pm to 7:00pm

Thursday 26 March from 3:15pm to 6:00pm

**School will finish at 12:20pm on  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**



**Bookings are to be made online by visiting:**

[www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)

**Our school Access Number is 6h4uq**

**All bookings for all levels are online.**

<https://enrolmy.com/skids-bumblers-limited/book-now/142-Stella-Maris-Early-Finish-Day-25-March-2026>

**Join the fun**  
**EARLY FINISH DAY**  
25 March 2025  
12:20pm – 2:45pm  
Ask your Coordinator for more info about what's happening!  
Book Now  
skids

THE PTFA WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE

# STELLA MARIS'S FIRST EVER COLOUR RUN

**MARCH 20**

**3PM - WARMUP  
3:30PM - START**



**TICKETS LIVE ON KINDO  
\$10/PP OR \$25/FAMILY PASS  
FOR 3 OR MORE CHILDREN**

**ONLINE FUNDRAISER  
TO UPGRADE THE SCHOOL'S SPORTS  
AND PE EQUIPMENT**

**SIGN UP NOW AT  
[HTTPS://STELLAMARISCOLOURRUN.RAISEIT.CO.NZ/](https://stellamariscoLOURRUN.RAISEIT.CO.NZ/)**

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THE POOL MAN

F45 TRAINING

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE (PREPAY ON KINDO) AND THE HARCOURTS ICE CREAM TRUCK  
WILL BE AT THE EVENT. BRING CASH TO AVOID QUEUES!**

**GET READY TO RUN, GET MESSY, AND HAVE FUN! - BYO WHITE T-SHIRT**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: [STELLAPTFA@STELLAMARIS.SCHOOL.NZ](mailto:STELLAPTFA@STELLAMARIS.SCHOOL.NZ)**

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Parents, and Teachers



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## Mark Your Diaries

13 Mar	Cultural Mufti Day
25 Mar	<b>School Finishes at 12.20pm</b>
25 Mar	Whānau Connect Conferences
26 Mar	Whānau Connect Conferences
02 Apr	<b>END OF TERM ONE 2:45pm</b>
20 Apr	Term Two Commences 8.45am



## 2026 School Term Dates

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

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](mailto: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**