

# Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER 23 April 2026

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Kia ora e te Whānau

As we begin Term 2 we welcome everyone back to school and trust that you all enjoyed a happy Easter, and that you had some time for recharging over the break. We welcome our new students and their families to Stella Maris, and Monique Jansen our new teacher who has started up the Year 0 class in St Leo.

This term our teachers and students are beginning to explore the draft Science Curriculum. Mārama Team are focusing on Biological Sciences and are investigating plant life and plant structures. The Ahi Team are focusing on Physical Sciences through Earth and Space. Both teams will bring the information and learning they have gained into a focus on Matariki towards the end of the term.

Alongside this learning they will have a focus on the Marian Values of Wisdom – Whakaaronui and Guardianship – Kaitiakitanga. Below is the essence statement that guides us in our understanding of what Wisdom – Whakaaronui means to us all at Stella Maris – for our students, staff, parents and families. You might like to take some time throughout the term to discuss as a family what Wisdom – Whakaaronui looks like for each of us in our family, in our school, in the church and in the community. Next week I will include the essence statement for Guardianship – Kaitiakitanga.

## **Wisdom - Whakaaronui**

***“The one who gets wisdom loves life; the one who cherishes understanding will soon prosper.” Proverbs 19:8***

Inspired by our Catholic faith and by Mary, the epitome of wisdom, we strive to instil a deep reverence for learning, a hunger for knowledge, and a lifelong pursuit of truth. We challenge and equip each other with critical thinking skills, intellectual curiosity, and the ability to think independently. We encourage each individual to cultivate wisdom in our interactions with others, promoting respect, empathy and compassion. Our commitment to the Marian Value of wisdom is a guiding light that illuminates our path as we strive to build a solid foundation of knowledge, faith and wisdom.

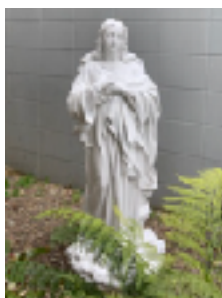


***We ask the Holy Spirit for the wisdom to see all things with the eyes of Christ and not with our own***

**Travel to school:** As World events continue to impact the cost of living and fuel costs I realise that this is creating concerns for many about the costs of travel to and from school. There are several options that you might like to consider. There is a dedicated Stella Maris bus that runs between Gulf Harbour and school in the mornings and afternoons. For students who live out Kaukapakapa way, or Puhoi we are fortunate to be able to share buses with Kingsway School. We may be able to help connect families for carpooling, and we could explore the possibility of Walking School Buses. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to explore possible options. [principal@stellamaris.school.nz](mailto:principal@stellamaris.school.nz)

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

Catherine Cyprian  
Principal



## DRS Message

This term at Stella Maris our students are exploring the "Te Rongopai- Good News" theme.

Te Rongopai focuses on Sacred Scripture in the Tradition of the Church, as God's relationship with people, with us (Revelation 33). It addresses such questions as what does the Bible contain, where did it come from and what do the stories mean for me? It highlights the 'joy of the Gospel' and addresses the complexity of revelation and interpretation as appropriate to different ages of young people. It invites and equips young people with ways of reading and praying Sacred Scripture.

We look forward to many class led liturgies and celebrations during the Easter season culminating in a Resurrection Stations liturgy and Pentecost Disco and mufti day on the Friday before Pentecost. We are looking forward to class and atrium masses later this term. We are also excited about our very special Matariki Liturgy and breakfast that has also become a tradition in the celebration of a special cultural time for Aotearoa and our Special Character.

A busy term in Religious Education at Stella Maris in what is our first and most important curriculum.

*Heavenly Father, we thank you for our school.  
As we start this term, guide our minds and hearts so that we  
will work for the good of our community.  
Teach us to be generous in our outlook, courageous in face of  
difficulty, and wise in our decisions.  
Amen*

## TEAM NEWS

### Mārama Team News

Kia Ora whānau, welcome back to term 2. We have been blessed with great weather this week and have got straight back into our programmes. In maths, the year 1 children are focussing on number knowledge, the year 2 are continuing to develop their addition facts and the year 3 classes have started with their multiplication chapter, this week focussing on 2x tables before moving onto 5x and 10x tables. Some of the classes have started a science unit with planting seeds which they will observe over the next few weeks. One class even had a butterfly hatch in the middle of a lesson on Monday! We continue to encourage reading to be happening at home each night.

### Ahi Team News

Welcome back to all our families to term 2. We have another busy term ahead of us.

**Book week** is in week 3, culminating with Mums Day on the Friday afternoon. We look forward to our awesome mums joining our learning programmes. Our children need to start thinking about which book characters they will be dressing up as, for the parade.

**Science** - This term, our Monday afternoons are dedicated to our Science curriculum, with each year level involved in expanding their science knowledge.

**Resurrection Stations** - St Joseph is busy preparing to present the Resurrection Stations to the school in week 5. Whanau is welcome to attend.

**Speeches** - All Year 4-6 students will be involved in writing and delivering persuasive speeches. For the Year 5-6 students this will slightly differ from previous years. Students can elect to follow the competitive or non-competitive route. Students who wish to be considered for the Y5/6 Stella Maris competition must present their speech to their whole class to be considered for the school competition. From the school competition, 2 students will be chosen to represent Stella Maris at the North Shore Catholic Schools Competition. Students who prefer the non-competitive route, will write persuasive speeches, but can choose to deliver their speeches to their teacher only, or friends or family members. This will be discussed with all Year 5-6 students next week.

**Puberty** - Information about the Year 5 Puberty Programme being run this year will be sent home soon. Please look out for this. The Year 6 students completed the programme last year, however, there may be places available for any Year 6 student who was absent on this day and would like to complete it this year.

**Camp** - Camp Letter #2 came home this week and is available on HERO. More information is coming soon.



## **Book Fair!**

Our school Book Fair is coming soon!! It will run from **Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May**.

We'll finish the week with a fun **Book Character Dress-Up Day and Parade on the Friday**.

More information will be coming home in leaflets towards the end of next week.

We're looking forward to a **great week of books and reading!**

## Sacramental Programme

Applications for the Sacramental Programme are closing on May 1. Please ensure you have submitted the enrolment forms prior to this date. For more information Contact Brenda Neville at the Parish Office [Brenda.neville@hibiscuscoastparish.org.nz](mailto:Brenda.neville@hibiscuscoastparish.org.nz)

**AWESOME RAFFLES HAPPENING ON THE DAY!**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

## Two Birds EVENTS

# YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS MARKET DAY

A Fun, Family-friendly Event Supporting Young Business Minded!

**SUNDAY APRIL 26, 2026** | **9:30 AM - 1:30 PM** | **DAIRY FLAT HALL, POSTMAN ROAD!**

STALL INFORMATION	FOR VISITORS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$10 Small Table</li> <li>\$15 Large Table</li> <li>Gazebos available for hire upon request</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Family-Friendly Event</li> <li>Games &amp; Entertainment</li> <li>Support Amazing Young Entrepreneurs!</li> <li>Plenty of Free Parking</li> <li>Wheelchair Accessibility</li> </ul>

**BRING YOUR BLANKET & CHAIRS**

**FOOD & DRINK** Available to Purchase from the On-Site Café

OUR YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS CAN SELL ANYTHING FROM THEIR OLD TOYS, HOMEMADE GOODS, WHATEVER THEY DREAM OF!

Proceeds go towards funding future community events!

Two Birds Events | [facebook.com/twobirdsevents](https://www.facebook.com/twobirdsevents) | [instagram.com/twobirdsevents](https://www.instagram.com/twobirdsevents) | [twobirdsevents@xosocial.com](mailto:twobirdsevents@xosocial.com)

**KIDS COLLECTIVE MARKET - FOR KIDS BY KIDS**

## Second Hand Uniform Sale Friday 1 May 8.15am School Foyer

**Gently Loved Markets**  
*BIG Kids!*

**11AM - 2PM**  
**SATURDAY 9TH MAY**

Sunderland Lounge - Te Rere  
Cinema Road, Hobsonville

**Preloved Market - Free Entry**

A preloved market day dedicated to items for the big kids aged 5 to 12.

Clothing, accessories, games, toys and everything in between!

QR CODE | **FIND US AT** | [GENTLYLOVEDMARKETS.NZ](https://www.gentlylovedmarkets.nz) | QR CODE



## Enrolment Information and Dates

### Enrolments for 2027 are open

We encourage parents to complete the online application as soon as possible. This is a 3 step process, 2 online forms followed by an enrolment interview, to be held later in the year.

### Open Evening

18 Aug (Term 3, Week 5)

Our Open Evening is designed for all parents and caregivers of students enrolling for 2027, especially those entering Years 7-9.

You can meet with homeroom teachers, Heads of Departments and Deans for Years 7 and 8, and senior staff from other year levels, to discuss curriculum, academics, extracurricular activities, sports, performing arts programs, and our House Programme.

The Principal, staff members, and current students will also give a presentation, followed by a brief Q&A session.

### 2027 New Year 8 to 13 Student Tours

25 & 26 Aug (Term 3, Week 6)

Orewa College is pleased to invite all our new students for 2026, and their caregivers, to register their interest in one of our New Student Tours in August. Registration will be available on our website closer to the time.

Students who are starting in Year 7 at Orewa College in 2027, and coming from one of our contributing primary schools (Ahutoetoe, Dairy Flat, Nukumea, Orewa, Orewa Beach, Red Beach or Silverdale), will be attending a tour and information day with their school in early August. These tours will be a double up for those students so please only complete this form if an additional tour is required.

### Out of Zone Enrolments close

2 Sept (Term 3, Week 7)

### Out of Zone Ballot

9 Sept (Term 3, Week 8)

All out of zone applicants will be notified of the outcome of the ballot via email by 3pm. Successful applications will then be sent the link to the second online form which must be completed in order to be assigned an interview time.

### Enrolment Interview Evening

15 Sept (Term 3, Week 9)

Our only interview evening. Times allocated by Orewa College once both online application forms are complete. 3.45pm to 7pm

### Enrolment Interview Day

6 Nov (Term 4, Week 5)

Final opportunity to complete an enrolment interview before the end of the school year. Times allocated by Orewa College once both online enrolment forms are complete. 9.30am to 12pm

**KidsCan GLOWRUN**  
Supported by ASB

Ready. Set. **GLOW!**

**Saturday 2 May 2026, Eden Park**

## Invitation to KidsCan GlowRun

On Saturday 2 May 2026, we're lighting up Eden Park, and would love your school community to be part of it while helping Kiwi kids in need!

Designed for all ages and abilities, KidsCan GlowRun, supported by ASB is a 2.5km family-friendly fun run or walk.

Every entry helps raise funds to provide shoes and warm jackets for Kiwi kids facing hardship as we head into the colder months.

Enjoy a festival-style family night out with:  
A rare chance to glow through one of New Zealand's most iconic stadiums  
Glow zones and interactive games  
Live DJs, food trucks and more.

**How your school community can get involved**

- ✓ Add this fun family event to your school calendar
- ✓ Share about KidsCan GlowRun in your newsletter and pin up the poster
- ✓ Encourage your school community to sign up together

Find out more and buy tickets at [kidscan.org.nz/glowrun](https://kidscan.org.nz/glowrun)



# ***ONLY BALLERS FOOTBALL ACADEMY***

**6 WEEK TRAINING PROGRAM**

**THURSDAYS - APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> - JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**7:30 AM - 8:30 AM**

**STELLA MARIS PRIMARY FIELDS**

**PROFESSIONAL COACHING FOR ONLY \$84**

**CONTACT - ADMIN@ONLYBALLERS.CO.NZ**

**SIGN UP HERE**



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## Mark Your Diaries

24 Apr	Lockdown Drill
<b>27 Apr</b>	<b>ANZAC Day Observed - School Closed</b>
30 Apr	Liturgy 9am
01 May	Second Hand Uniform Sale 8.15am
04 May	Book Fair Week
04 May	Ahi Assembly 9am
08 May	Mothers Day at Stella Maris 12:20pm onwards
08 May	Book Character parade
10 May	Mothers Day
11 May	Marama Assembly 9am
14 May	Liturgy 9am
14 May	Year 5/6 Interschool Football Tournament
18 May	Ahi Assembly 9am
21 May	Pentecost -Resurrection Stations
22 May	Pentecost Celebrations - Red, Orange, Yellow Mufti Day
25 May	Whole School Assembly 9am
<b>01 Jun</b>	<b>King's Birthday - School Closed</b>
04 Jun	Liturgy 9am
08 Jun	Marama Assembly 9am
15 Jun	Ahi Assembly 9am
18 Jun	Liturgy 9am
19 Jun	School Disco
22 Jun	Marama Assembly 9am
03 Jul	Matariki Liturgy - 7am
<b>03 Jul</b>	<b>Term 2 Ends 2.45pm</b>
<b>20 Jul</b>	<b>Term 3 Starts 8.45am</b>

## 2026 School Term Dates

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

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**