

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER 7 May 2026

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Kia ora e te Whānau



At Stella Maris we look to Mary, mother of Jesus, to guide us in all we do, and especially to come to know Jesus more – everything Mary said and did leads to Christ. Our Marian Values teach us and guide us to be good disciples of Jesus, we pray regularly through Mary in our school prayer, the rosary, and sing hymns and songs dedicated to her. The Catholic Church dedicates the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of God and spiritual mother of all. Some traditions during the month of May include laying a crown of flowers on the head of Mary, laying flowers at her feet, praying the rosary and singing songs of Mary. During this month you are invited to stop and say the Hail Mary or our school prayer as you come into school and maybe lay a flower at her feet (either at the statue outside the main entrance or the one in the main atrium).

Stella Maris School Prayer

O Mary, Star of the Sea

We entrust this day to you

Look upon us with a Mother's love

Keep us in your heart

Protect us from all harm

And be our guide on life's journey.

Amen



Tomorrow is a busy day at school. We are looking forward to welcoming our mums anytime from 11:20am. The Book Character Parade will be held from 11:30am – weather permitting this will be on the courts, otherwise we'll be in the hall if it is raining. Mums, don't forget to bring your lunch with you. After the book parade you will be able to join the children in the playground, and then at 1pm share in the learning in the classrooms.

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

Catherine Cyprian
Principal





DRS Message

Last week I was blessed to be able to attend a DRS conference for all the Auckland Catholic Primary School Directors of Religious Education. One of the sessions we had explored St Francis to enrich us with more knowledge. Pope Leo chose to use this Jubilee Year for St Francis as it is the 800th anniversary of his death. He wants us to use this time for spiritual renewal, encouraging Christians to embrace St. Francis' message of peace, forgiveness, and care for creation.

The below prayer was written by St Francis after receiving the Stigmata, the bodily signs of Jesus' suffering on the cross and while Francis suffered with near blindness. He was under intense physical pain but demonstrates his spiritual strength and joy.

The praises of God - St Francis.

Lord God:

you alone are holy,
you who work wonders!
You are strong, you are great,
you are the Most High,
you are the almighty King,
you, holy Father, King of heaven and earth.

Lord God: you are Three and you are One,
you are goodness, all goodness,
you are the highest Good,
Lord God, living and true.

You are love and charity, you are wisdom,
you are humility, you are patience,
you are beauty, you are sweetness,
you are safety, you are rest, you are joy,
you are our hope
and our delight,
you are justice, you are moderation
you are all our wealth
and riches overflowing.

You are beauty, you are gentleness,
you are our shelter, our guard
and our defender,
you are strength, you are refreshment,
you are our hope.
you are our faith.
you are our love,
you are our complete consolation,
you are our life everlasting,
great and wonderful Lord,
all powerful God, merciful Saviour!

Amen.

TEAM NEWS

Mārama Team News

Kiaora Whanau, WOW! What a great week we have had with the book fair. A highlight has been having different teachers reading picture books to us each day. The excitement is building for the Book Character Parade tomorrow and Mum's Day, we look forward to having you in a classes in the afternoon. We farewell Mrs Morton-Jones from St Francis class, as she leaves in preparation for the arrival of her new bundle of joy. We wish you all the best and can't wait to see photos! The Mārama team will keep Mrs Morton-Jones and her family in our prayers.

Ahi Team News

This week, Sts Augustine, Dominic, Patrick and Joseph held a Mass together, here at school. It was a beautiful occasion that provided our students with an opportunity to experience Mass in a smaller setting. Sts Peter, John, Anthony and Joachim will be holding their groups Mass in week 5. We are looking forward to our mums joining us for Mum's Day on Friday. Thank you for all that our mums do for us. Next week our interschool football teams will be representing us our their tournament. We wish them the best of luck, and we know that you will make us proud with your sportsmanship and leadership.

Mums day at Stella Maris tomorrow from 11:20am (Please bring your own lunch)

Book Character parade starts at 11.30am.



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Mark Your Diaries

08 May	Mothers Day at Stella Maris 11.20am onwards
08 May	Book Character parade 11.30am
10 May	Mothers Day
11 May	Marama Assembly 9am
14 May	Liturgy 9am
14 May	Year 5/6 Interschool Football Tournament
14 May	Year 5/6 Camp Information Meeting for Parents 6.30
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
01 Jun	King's Birthday - School Closed
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
03 Jul	Term 2 Ends 2.45pm
20 Jul	Term 3 Starts 8.45am

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

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

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– Cancellation Contact –
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Parish Office

– Parish Priest –

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Theresa Fouché

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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

**“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**