

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER 14 May 2026

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Kia ora e te Whānau

Last week was a busy and fun week at school with all the Book Week activities. The library was a hive of activity everyday, and after lunch each day staff switched around classes to read stories to the different classes. And of course, the week culminated on one of our favourite days of the year – Book Character Parade and Mums' Day. Every year I am amazed by the variety of costumes and characters. Carpark duty is amusing as I don't know which character will hop out when I open the car doors. It was great to have so many mums come along, and few dads sneak in too, to share in the day with the students and staff. A huge thank you to Nicky Jordan and Jenny Bentley for the work they put into preparing the week for everyone, and to all of the staff and students who made the week a fun week. And a special thank you to all of the mums and people who are special to our students who joined us for the day on Friday.

Support Staff Week: This week we have been celebrating our support staff and showing our appreciation for all that they do for the students and school. Our support staff are the teacher aides in classes, our office administrators and our caretakers. Every one of these people goes above and beyond to ensure our students and teachers are supported, and our school is well looked after. They are true Stella Stars who consistently model the Marian Values, Love - Aroha, Service - Awhina, Belonging – Whanaungatanga, Wisdom - Whakaaronui , Faith – Whakapono, and Guardianship – Kaitiakitanga. Please make sure you say thank you to them when you see them around the school.

Lorraine Budding, Katherine Craig, Steve Flemwell, Brooke Fowler, Nicky Jordan, Kevin Kemble, Karen Lloyd, Sarin Lork, Sandy McCaulay, Brooke McKenzie, Mon McKernan, Luciana Moura, Lauren Muriwai-Mumby, Carol Powell, Mel Shimwell, Colleen Smith, Catherine White, Lola Wilson, Bec Wood.

Pentecost Celebrations: Next Friday, 22 May, the school will celebrate Pentecost. The students are invited to come dressed in the colours of Pentecost – red, yellow, orange. The day will begin with liturgy in the hall at 9am, to which you are invited to attend. When you attend Mass on the weekend of 24-25 May you are encouraged to wear red, yellow or orange.

Next week I am attending a Catholic Principals' Conference in Sydney. The conference is being held at the Mary McKillop Centre, and is an opportunity to gather, reflect on, share and build our leadership in faith centred schools.

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

Catherine Cyprian
Principal



DRS Message

Last week Father Chris celebrated the first of four Atrium masses with classes. Teachers work together to design these masses with responses, music and readings that are relevant to our students. One of the areas of Key Content for our strand this Term, the Rongopai-Good News, is Church Tradition.

"The Sacred Scripture came into being in Jewish and Christian communities through the inspiration of God. Two thousand years of study and reflection on this revelation have informed Catholic Tradition. It is important for young people to understand sacred texts in terms of what the Church says and does, especially in terms of addressing timeless religious and social issues such as poverty and peace. As the Church continues to reflect on Scripture she seeks and finds fresh ways to respond and teach on new issues that arise through human experience."

Students explore this through the readings and gospel during these masses along with the traditional prayers of the mass. From the Curriculum we see the Touchstones of Prayer linking perfectly with our experience of mass in school. Father Chris offers us an up close and personal experience of the mass that may not be possible in other settings.

Year 1-2- We can always pray to God and God always hears us.

Year 3-4- We can give thanks for the love in our lives and pray for those we love.

Year 5-6- The actions and words of others can teach us how to pray in our own actions and words.

Our Atrium masses and some individual classes celebrating masses later in the year is just one of the ways we create opportunities for our students to "Encounter Christ."

*Pentecost Celebrations
Friday May 22
Wear Red, Orange, Yellow*

TEAM NEWS

Mārama Team News

Kia ora Whanau, we started our week by coming together for our first assembly of the term, this was led beautifully by St Clare class. They performed a poem, sung songs and we welcomed all the new children who have joined us, particularly our brand new 5 year olds in St Leo. In classes, the children have been busy exploring plants, growing seeds and learning about herbivores and carnivores.

Last Friday, it was wonderful to have the book Character Parade, followed by our Mum's Afternoon.

Ahi Team News

We wish our students well at their interschool football tournament today. Thank you to Mrs Bessone, coaches, and parent volunteers who have supported all of our teams.

We remind all our Y5/6 parents to return their child's permission/medical forms to the box on the high table in St Anthony's class as soon as possible. For those who are unsure when their child had their last tetanus shot, we encourage you to contact your doctor.

Mrs Buckley and Mrs Kleingeld are currently organising an 'Education Outside the Classroom, EOTC' for the Year 4 students. Watch this space!



Stella Maris PTFA presents

SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND CUPCAKE FUN LUNCH

FRIDAY 29 MAY

SAUSAGES \$2.50
*GF AVAIL.
CUPCAKES \$3

Orders open on Kindo now!
Kindo orders must close by 8pm on 27 May



Stella Snakes - Hockey

A huge congratulations to the Stella Maris Snakes, beating the Silverdale Cyclones 5-3. Everyone played so well. Congratulations to our player of the day Marco who played an amazing game.

Netball

A reminder that netball fees are now due.



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AT STELLA MARIS,
our
Support Staff
ARE
Wonderful!

THEY MAKE A DIFFERENCE
EVERY DAY

Your kindness, dedication, and hard work help our students, teachers, and school *shine* brighter every single day.

Thank you
FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!

STELLA MARIS IS BETTER BECAUSE OF YOU.



Green Sea Scouts
Trivia Night

Bright Lights • Big Questions • Bigger Fun

BELIEVE IT OR NOT?

15 JUNE 2026
Starts: 6 PM

Northern Union

LEAVE THE KIDS AT HOME AND BRING YOUR A-GAME

CREAT RAFFLES & SPOT PRIZES

HOW TO PLAY

Teams of up to 5 people
100 entry per session
Green Sea Scouts pay by credit card or cash
Email us at green@stella.catholic.school.nz

QR code for sign up

All proceeds going to Green Sea Scouts' charity work 2027

**STELLA MARIS PTFA
PRESENTS**



**space
DISCO**

FRI 19TH JUNE

YEAR 0-3 / 4.30PM TO 6PM

YEAR 4-6 / 6.30PM TO 8PM

TICKETS & DISCO \$ AT KINDO

\$15 (ENTRY + PIZZA SLICE)

Mark Your Diaries

14 May	Year 5/6 Interschool Football Tournament	
14 May	Year 5/6 Camp Information Meeting for Parents 6.30	teresa@netballnorthharbour.co.nz
18 May	Ahi Assembly 9am	
22 May	Pentecost -Resurrection Stations 9am	
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



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**