

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

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Kia ora e te Whānau

This term as our teachers and students explore the draft Science Curriculum there is a focus on God's creation, His gift to us all. Mārama Team will look at this through the Biological strand investigating plant life and structures, while Ahi Team will focus their learning through the Physical Sciences strand as they investigate Earth and Space. Alongside of this they will be looking at the Marian Value of Guardianship – Kaitiakitanga, and our responsibilities to care for God's creation. The essence statement below guides us in the way ways we can show Guardianship – Kaitiakitanga.

Guardianship - Kaitiakitanga

“The Lord God took the man into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.” Genesis 2:15

Inspired by the example of Mary, who cared for and protected Jesus, we believe that as guardians of God's creation it is our duty to safeguard and preserve the environment, all living creatures, and the resources entrusted to us. We aim to nurture a lifelong commitment to environmental stewardship, ensuring a sustainable future for generations to come. Together, as a school community, we embrace our role as caretakers of God's creation and seek to inspire others with our actions and dedication to preserve and protect the world around us.



We ask Mary, Mother of our Creator, to pray for us.

A few reminders as we begin the term:

Picking children up early – if you are picking your child/ren up early from school, or taking them out for an appointment it is important that you come to the school office and sign them out first. To help minimise interruptions to the class we will then call for them to come and meet you at the office.

Late arrivals – children who arrive at school after the 8:45am bell must come to the school office to sign in and get a late pass.

Attendance – Thank you for keeping your child home when they are unwell as this helps to slow the spread of illnesses amongst classmates and staff. All absences must be notified to the school office by 8:45am on the day of absence, with a clear reason for the absence. This can be done by leaving a message on the school absence line 09 427 9189, emailing absences@stellamaris.school.nz or using the Absentee link in the school App.

Holidays during term time - If your child is going to be absent due to holiday in term time we ask that you **email prior** to the trip to inform us. It is important to note that holidays during term time are considered an explained but unjustified absence.

Mums' Day – Next Friday, 8th May 12:20pm – 2:45pm we invite all mums to bring your lunch and join us at school for the afternoon to share in the learning with your children. The afternoon will begin with lunch play from 12:20pm, followed by lunch eating at 1:00pm before you spend the afternoon in classes with the children. We hope you are able to join us.

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

Catherine Cyprian
Principal



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!

TEAM NEWS

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Mārama Team News

Kia Ora whanau, this week the children have been learning about ANZAC Day and the significance of this. The plight of the ANZAC soldiers, nurses and animals at war has led to lots of discussions about Peace and we have been reminded how important it is to show Love/Aroha to our friends, classmates and family. Both the junior atriiums now display ANZAC artwork, please take the time to look at these displays. We remind you that all children should be carrying their own bags into school each day.

Ahi Team News

With week 2 here classes are back into their routines and enjoying the beautiful weather. The Year 5/6 interschool football teams have been organised and are well into their training. St Patrick led a lovely liturgy Thursday morning, reminding us that in this season of Easter, Jesus is alive in us. Year 5/6 parents, please remember that you are welcome to attend our Camp Information Meeting on Thursday 14th May at 6:30pm in the school hall.



Sacramental Programme - Enrolments Close Tomorrow

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



Neurolinks growth centre



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4/97 Whangaparua Road, Whangaparua Bay

Registration of interest by email to: wher@neurolinks.co.nz

Mark Your Diaries

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
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

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

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**