

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER 4 June 2026

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Kia ora e te Whānau

The teachers are currently writing the mid year reports that you will receive at the end of this term outlining your child's progress and achievement in their learning for the first half of this year. As well as the new English and Mathematics curriculum introduced at the beginning of 2026, there are also new assessment and reporting guidelines. The report you receive at the end of this term will look different to what you have received previously as we are working to bring the reporting in line with the new Ministry of Education guidelines for reporting to parents and whānau.

To report student progress against the new curriculum, schools will explain progress using five progress descriptors in reading, writing and maths. The five progress descriptors are:

Emerging – students require support to meet curriculum expectations for their year level

Developing – students are making some progress towards curriculum expectations for their year level.

Consolidating – Students are meeting many curriculum expectations for their year level and are steadily strengthening their understanding across learning areas.

Proficient – students are meeting curriculum expectations for their year level.

Exceeding – students are exceeding curriculum expectations for their year level.

As well as the progress descriptor for each of the elements in reading, writing and maths, there will also be a comment explaining their progress on the learning so far this year, a couple of bullet points outlining their next steps, and a couple of bullet points on how you can help them at home.

The report will also include a comment about Religious Education, attendance and a general comment.

In the first week of term 3 we will hold parent/teacher conferences to follow up on the mid year reports. Please note that for some year 1 students the report will look different due to the short amount of time your child has spent at school.

More information about the changes in reporting will come home at the same time as you will be able to view the reports on Hero. Please keep an eye out for this information in Week 11.

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

Catherine Cyprian

Principal

2027 Term Dates

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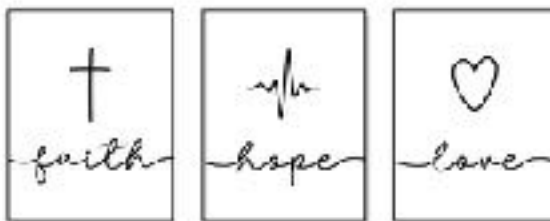
A reminder when you are organising family holidays to please organise these during the school holidays.

DRS Message



We fall into “Ordinary time” in the churches calendar after the Easter season. The term “Ordinary” comes from the latin word ordinalis, meaning counted or sequenced. We return to our green liturgical cloths that symbolise hope, growth and life. The special seasons like Advent and Lent focus on preparation for Christmas and Easter, ordinary time is a time for us to reflect on the public ministry of Jesus and His teachings. The gospel stories at this time focus on the teachings and healing mission of Christ. The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time are about how we are called to participate in the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ. This is the season of discipleship. Ordinary Time is a time for reflecting on our lives of discipleship that we may grow and mature into the dream God has for us.

*Loving God,
We know you are with us at all times.
May we use this “Ordinary Time” in the Liturgical
year to learn more about the works of Jesus.
To grow closer to Jesus,
And to put into practice what we have learnt about
Christs mission for each of us.
Amen.*



Team News

Mārama Team News

Kia ora Whanau, this week has been busy, trying to squeeze 5 days of learning into 4 days after the Kings Birthday holiday on Monday! Half of the Mārama team celebrated Mass with Father Chris on Wednesday. The children were reverent throughout and demonstrated our Stella Maris values. St Lucy are continuing to explore animals with omnivores being the focus. In St Francis they are investigating native plants in the environment and their characteristics. In the year 2 classes, they are learning about photosynthesis and MRS GREN. In the year 1 classes, children are learning about mammals and you will see a collection of wild animals appearing throughout the atriums. In all of the classes beans and plants are continuing to grow. A reminder that next Friday afternoon is the cross country.

Ahi Team News

With Week 8 being a busy week, here are a few reminders.

Speeches - Each Year 5/6 class has chosen 2-3 students to participate in the Stella Maris Speech Competition on Wednesday 10 June. From there, 2 students will be selected to represent the school at the North Shore Catholic Schools Speech Competition in week 10. All Ahi students will be in the audience to observe this competition.

Rippa Rugby - Our Stella Interschool Teams will be participating in the Interschool event on Thursday 11 June.

Positive Puberty Plus Programme Parent Meeting - Year 5 parents are invited to attend this information evening where our programme providers from Nest Consulting will show the programme they are providing to our students the following week. This will be held on Thursday 11 June at 6pm in the school hall. There are a small number of Year 6 students who missed this programme last year and their parents are welcome at this meeting too.

Cross Country - The whole school will be participating in the Stella Maris Cross Country on Friday 12 June at 1pm.

Youth Group

FRIENDSHIP • FAITH • FOOD • FUN

We warmly invite all students in Years 6 to 13 to join us on

5 June

for an evening of *fun, food, faith sharing, and friendship.*

Come along and enjoy a welcoming time together from **6:30–8:00pm** in St John's Hall.

Our group meets fortnightly on Fridays during term time, *and we would love to see you there.*

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Arya or Kathy at hbcpyouth@gmail.com

St John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Orewa
180 Centreway Road, Orewa, Auckland 0931

Faith in our hearts. Friends by our side. Joy in our journey.

SPORTS

Netball

Stella 5/1 played against Stanmore Bay 5/1. The girls worked so well as a team and secured a strong win of 15-1 to us. Our player of the day was Isla Barker for playing a great defensive game and getting many wonderful intercepts.



Payments Due

Thank you to those who have paid their children's sports and activity fees, however, there are still a number who have outstanding fees.

Netball - Amount varies depending on the team your child plays in - Check with your team manager or the office.

Hockey - Amount varies depending on the team your child plays in - Check with your team manager or the office.

Interscholar Rippa Rugby - \$10.00

Maths Buddy - Year 3 students only - \$12.50

Congratulations to Millie Pearson, Mia Granich and Brooke Madsen who won their grade at the Papamoa Football tournament over King's Birthday weekend. They were playing for the Hibiscus Coast Phoenix.



STELLA STARS PLAYGROUP

MAKE FRIENDS

CONNECT WITH OTHER STELLA FAMILIES

Join us on **Friday's** during term time from **8.45 - 10am** in the hall.

For more information, please join our Facebook group 'Stella Stars Playgroup'

Contact: Keyla on 022 042 5371

For under 5s and their caregivers!

A vibrant, colorful poster for a 'Space Disco' event. The background is a dark purple space scene with a large, glowing disco ball in the center. Two astronauts in white suits are floating in space, one on the left and one on the right. A green alien with two antennae stands on a blue planet in the bottom right corner. The text is in bold, stylized fonts. The event is presented by Stella Maris PTFA.

**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 S AT KINDO

\$15 (ENTRY + PIZZA SLICE)

Mark Your Diaries

08 Jun	Marama Assembly 9am
15 Jun	Ahi Assembly 9am
16 Jun	CEM Exam - English
17 Jun	CEM Exam - Mathematics
18 Jun	CEM Exam - Science
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

Matariki	Friday 10 July (During July Holidays)
Labour Day	Monday 26 October

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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**