

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER 11 June 2026

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Kia ora e te Whānau

Yesterday Olwyn Hobman and I had the absolute pleasure of judging the Year 5 and 6 Speech Competition. Over the last few weeks, the students in the Ahi team have been preparing their persuasive speeches and presenting them to their classes. The Year 5 and 6 classes selected finalists for yesterday's school competition, with the two winners going on to represent Stella Maris at the North Shore Catholic Primary Schools Speech Competition in a couple of weeks time. Olwyn and I had a very difficult job yesterday. Each of the finalists delivered their speeches so well. It was evident that they had worked really hard to research their topic, write their speech using relevant vocabulary and persuasive language, and then practice the delivery ready for presentation. They can all be very proud of themselves. I congratulate Oliver Morton-Jones and Kieran Gibson who won the competition and will go on to represent Stella Maris at the inter-school competition.

Classroom Movement

This year we have experienced significant roll growth at Stella Maris. In Term 3 we will be opening a new Year 0 class. To accommodate the new class we are moving several of our Ahi classes.

On Friday 26 June the following movement of classes will occur:

- St Anthony is moving into St Therese (the prefab outside St Joseph class).
- St Augustine is moving into St Anthony.
- St Joachim is moving into St Augustine.
- St Joachim class will be set up to become the new Year 0 class in Term 3.

Moving classes in Week 10 will give each of the classes a few days before the end of term to set up and organise, and be ready to start the new term in their new spaces – ahead of pre camp activities for the Year 5 and 6 classes.

This means that all 17 classrooms in the school will be active classrooms from Term 3.

Enrolments

If you have a younger child who is turning 5 either this year or in 2027 and you have yet to enrol them please contact the school office urgently.

Sports Fee Payments

We have many students who are representing the school in various sports teams after school. It is great to see the enthusiasm the students have for the sports. All fees for these sports teams should have been paid by now – if you are yet to do this, we ask that they are paid by the end of next week as they are now overdue.

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

Catherine Cyprian
Principal



DRS Message

Classes continue to explore Te Rongopai-Good News throughout the term. Our classes spend time exploring the bible and learning about it as a Holy text with a number of books written by lots of different authors. They learn about the difference between the Old Testament and the New Testament. They learn about who God is through the bible and how it is Good News for all people. They also explore how the stories of Jesus show that He is Holy and is God. Students learn how we can use the teachings of Jesus and His actions to give us guidelines on how to bring about the Kingdom of God on Earth. Senior students also explore important people in the Old Testament and how they help us create our images of God through their books. They also learn how the Old Testament tells the story of the Jewish people but is also important to Christians and Muslims as well. Students also explore how the Hebrew Bible informed Jesus' worldview and is the whakapapa from which the New Testament grew. Young people need to have a knowledge of these formative histories, stories and revelation. Our role in Stella Maris is to provide encounters with Jesus and learning about the bible, it's origins and it's message is another important way we can all encounter Jesus.

*Lord, We thank You that Your Word is truth.
Thank You for giving us a reliable anchor in a shifting world and
for speaking to our hearts across the generations.
Thank You, God, that the Bible is living and active, capable of
giving wisdom, correcting us, and guiding our daily decisions.
Thank You for the stories of Your faithfulness, the promises of Your
presence, and the hope of salvation found within these pages.
When we are weary, Your Word brings peace.
Help us to treasure these scriptures, to read them with an open
heart, and to apply their teachings to our lives every day.
In Jesus' name,
Amen.*

Team News


Mārama Team News

Kia ora whanau, week 8 started with a beautiful Mārama assembly led by St Mary class. The children were so proud to share their learning from the term and did a fantastic job presenting, singing and dancing. During the winter terms we often see an influx of Pokemon cards arriving at school. Children are only to trade cards with children from their own team (eg Mārama with Mārama team, and the Year 4-6 team amongst themselves). Trading should only occur during break times or before school and Pokemon cards should not be seen during class times. Children need to also be aware of the risk of losing or damaging their cards when they come to school. With the colder weather, it's a great idea for children to have an activity in their book bags for wet lunchtimes, a colouring in, puzzle book or deck of cards from a \$2 shop is a fantastic option. We look forward to seeing parents for the cross country from 1pm tomorrow.

Ahi Team News

This week 14 of our Year 5/6 students participated in the Stella Maris Y5/6 Speech Competition. It was a truly enjoyable event and we are very proud of our students. We will announce the winners in next weeks newsletter. The top 2 students will represent the school in the North Shore Catholic Schools event in Week 10. The Year 5's Parent information evening for their child's Puberty programme is being held tonight 6pm in the school hall. The interschool rippa rugby teams competed this week. Their results will be mentioned in next weeks newsletter. A quick reminder for our Y5/6 campers. All money needs to be paid by the end of July. The cost is \$377 per child, and the payment information is located on HERO posts for Camp Newsletter #2 and #3.

SPORTS



Cross Country


Dear Parents,

This Friday afternoon is our annual cross country. The children have been training hard during fitness in all of the classes.

Children are able to wear their house colours and bare feet. The children have been reminded of their house colours today.

Nazareth - red
Bethlehem - yellow
Galilee - green
Jerusalem - blue


Races begin at 1pm with the order being Year 6, Year 5, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, and finishing with Year 4. We are unable to provide more accurate start times.



Basketball

Stella Swish played against OPS Dragons (2nd on the table) last Wednesday and played a great, cohesive game together. Stella won 14 - 7 and now go in to 2nd place. Our player of the day was: Cooper Walker for great shooting and defence.



 **Stella Lakers Match Report** – The Stella Lakers continued their strong season with an impressive **43–14 victory over Wanga Lakers**. The team played outstanding basketball, showing great teamwork, defence, and effort from start to finish. **Players of the Day** were the **Hammond Twins**, whose incredible shooting helped drive the Lakers to a dominant win. Well done to all the players on a fantastic team performance!



Netball

It is so exciting to have 7 netball teams this year. On behalf of our year 5 and 6 netball teams, I would like to thank the PTFA and school for new netball uniforms! The girls love playing in them. I look forward to working with the PTFA to be able to outfit more of our teams. I am incredibly grateful to our coaches, manager, and parents for volunteering their time and making these netball teams happen.



Team 5/1: The girls played a highly competitive and very evenly matched game against Red Beach 5/1. Unfortunately Red Beach took the lead in the last quarter and the final score was 14-8 to Red Beach. A very well deserved Player of the Day went to Layla Brennan who played an outstanding game, securing many goals for the team as well as intercepts.

Stella 4/2 played against Silverdale Primary and came out on top with another win; 15-3. The played stellar game with the whole team putting in an amazing effort. Emme Walker with her intercepts, court positioning and shooting skills our fantastic POD.



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.

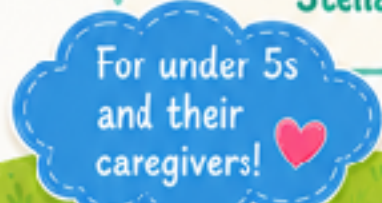



For more information,
please join our Facebook group
'Stella Stars Playgroup'

OR



Contact Kayla on
022 042 5071



For under 5s
and their
caregivers! 



**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

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

2027 School Term Dates

Term 1: Starts Tuesday 2 February, ends Friday 9 April

(Easter falls in term time 26 March to 30 March)

Term 2: Starts Tuesday 27 April, ends Friday 2 July

Term 3: Starts Monday 19 July, ends Friday 24 September

Term 4: Starts Monday 11 October, ends Thursday 16 December

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

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**