

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER 18 June 2026

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Kia ora e te Whānau

What a fabulous afternoon we all had last Friday as the students participated in the school cross country. It was great to see the top of the bank lined with so many family members supporting the students in all the races. The loud cheering from families and students helped to motivate the children to run the hardest they could. Thank you to Mr Hobman, Mrs Bessone and St Patrick class for the set up and running of the event, to all of the staff who had a variety of roles to ensure a smooth run event, to everyone who came along to support and most of all to the students for giving the event their best and supporting their peers. From the school cross country we have selected the Year 5 and 6 students who will represent the school at the Hibiscus Coast Inter-School Cross Country next term.

Last Thursday 7 teams of Year 5 and 6 students participated in the Hibiscus Coast Inter-School Tag Tournament. By all accounts they had a great day, the sun shone and they all played hard and represented Stella Maris really well and a lot of fun was had. Thank you to Mrs Bessone for preparing the teams for the day, and to all of the parents who helped out with transport and supervision on the day.

End of Day Pickup – At the end of the day if you are using the pick up please make sure that you move along the pick up area as far as you are able to help keep a flow of traffic behind you. Pick up needs to be done as quickly as possible. A reminder that there is no parking in the pick up area. Any children who are playing on the playground after school must be directly supervised by their parents, all other children must go to the pick up area to wait for their parents to arrive.

Matariki liturgy and community breakfast – You are all invited to join us for our school Matariki celebration on the last day of term, **Friday 3 July starting at 7:30am** with liturgy followed by a shared breakfast in the hall.

Breakfast will be cereal, fruit and yoghurt. As Matariki is a time of sharing, and to help with catering we are asking for families to donate the following food items:

- ☆ **Nazareth families** – one box of Weetbix per family
- ☆ **Bethlehem families** – one packet/box of Cornflakes per family
- ☆ **Galilee families** – one packet/box of Ricies per family
- ☆ **Jerusalem families** – one tin of peaches per family

Please place your donation in the boxes in the main atrium from Monday morning next week. Your support in this would be greatly appreciated. We will organise gluten free and non-diary options.

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

Catherine Cyprian
Principal

DRS Message



Last Friday many of our Marian Values were on display in an authentic and exciting context. Our school cross Country. First and foremost there was an abundance of **Aroha-Love**. It was clear that some of our athletes absolutely love the competition of racing and loved the excitement of winning, racing and trying to gain points for their Houses. There was Aroha for each other as chants for students rang out across the school. Aroha was demonstrated by spectators as they celebrated and felt the emotion of the huge support our runners received. The cheers were consistently loud for all from first to last place. There were moments of pure joy as runners crossed the finish line. Some who surprised themselves and their parents with their efforts and some who were simply elated at not having to run any more.

Awhina- Service was abundant as St Patrick and St Mary classes helped set up the track. Steve and Kevin were on call all day to support and problem solve any challenges we had. Teachers spent time training their children all term as well as setting up the areas for spectators along with their support and assistance with organising runners. Senior students offered to run with our junior classes with many running multiple races as guides for the younger runners. There was a real sense of “what can I do to help?” that made the day a complete success.

Whanaungatanga-Belonging was present in the support runners showed for each other. It was also present in students through the sense of belonging to a House and working collectively towards a common goal. I’m absolutely certain many of our divergent learners and their whanau felt the complete support of the school as their efforts were loudly celebrated by all. Even the spectators felt a sense of belonging through their contribution of support, celebrating all runners and a few cheeky Mexican waves to demonstrate their involvement.

Kaitiakitanga-Guardianship was observed in the way many joined in the task of packing up. All rubbish, clothing, mats and gazebos were carefully removed and the fields left in perfect condition despite having had hundreds of supporters and excited students running around on them all afternoon. We are truly blessed with an abundance of people who help to keep our environment so beautiful.

This is one of the ways we as a Catholic Primary School create moments for our students to Encounter Christ through authentic and memorable contexts.

Stella Maris whanau continues to work tirelessly to achieve our school motto- Shine for God.

Aroha-Love

“Let us love one another, for love is God.” 1 John 4:7

Awhina-Service

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25:40

Whanaungatanga- Belonging

“In Christ we form one body and every member belongs to all the others.” Romans 12:5

Kaitiakitanga-Guardianship

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

TEAM NEWS

Mārama Team News

Kia ora whanau, last week we all had a great day at the cross country. The children put a lot of effort in and tried their hardest throughout the race. All the training definitely paid off. The atmosphere was wonderful and hearing the children supporting one another was heart warming. Thank you to the Year 5/6 helpers who ran and directed us around the track. Thank you to the parents who came along and cheered the children around the track. Yesterday the St Mary atrium celebrated Mass with Father Chris. This was a special time and it was lovely to have Father Chris join us. A reminder that no children should be unsupervised on the playground after school. The playground is also out of bounds before school. These are both for safety reasons.

Ahi Team News

Last week was a busy one for the team. We congratulate our Y5/6 interschool rippa rugby teams who represented the school in the festival last Thursday. Thank you to Mrs Bessone, Mrs Cunningham Tyler, and the many parents who supported our students on the day. Friday was our school cross country where our Y5/6 interschool team was chosen for our competition in term 3. On Monday, the Year 5's participated in the Positive Puberty Programme as part of our Health Education. A quick reminder that the Camp fees for Year 5/6 students is due at the end of July.

A Family Affair

They often say that teaching is in your blood and at Stella Maris we have three wonderful teachers from the same family. Pictured is Nada Boric with her aunties, Kathy O'Connell and Jenny Bentley. Kathy has been a reliever at school for many years and now volunteers her mornings in the junior classes. Nada and Jenny are both full-time teachers in the Mārama team.



SPORTS

Hockey

Stella Maris Snakes: What an amazing game by the Stella Maris Snakes! Everyone played so well as a team, with great passing and communication. Well done to our player of the day Abi! You played such an amazing game.



Netball

Stella 4/2 Last two game update. Another game and another great win; 9-4 against Gulf Harbour with a fantastic effort by all. Player of the day for her 100% commitment to each position - Makenna Scott. Our latest game was tightly contested with the last goal the decider; 6-5; a win to us against Red Beach. Our star POD Kyla Fisher who showed amazing commitment and effort throughout the game!

Stella 4/1

Our girls had a great game on Thursday night against Gulf Harbour School. It was a really tough match and despite a couple of falls, we went into half-time 4-4. The girls never gave up and were able to get a couple of great goals late in the fourth quarter to win the game. Congratulations to our Player of the Day Malia Ashman for her many intercepts.



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 9 AT KINDO
\$15 (ENTRY + PIZZA SLICE)

DANCE DIMENSIONS
INSPIRE • EMPOWER • PERFORM

SCHOOL HOLIDAY DANCE PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY 8 JULY 2026
DISCO PARTY!

5PM - 7PM
\$10 PER PERSON

Looking for something fun these school holidays?
Join us for a day full of dance, creativity, and exciting activities while supporting our Dusk & Daunt Dancers on their journey to Australia!

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

MONDAY 6 JULY 2026	TUESDAY 7 JULY 2026	WEDNESDAY 8 JULY 2026
AGES 9-11 YEARS	AGES 6-8 YEARS	DISCO PARTY!
Tutors: Emily & the Dusk & Daunt Dancers	Tutors: Lily & the Dusk & Daunt Dancers	5PM - 7PM AGES 6-11 YEARS
MON 6 & TUES 7 9:30AM - 3:30PM	\$60 PER PERSON	2/8 CURLEY AVE

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Dance & Choreography
- Creative Activities
- Hair & Make-Up Fun
- Special Performance for Parents at Pick-Up (Mon 6 & Tues 7 only)

WHAT TO BRING

- Lunch & Snacks (Mon 6 & Tues 7 only)
- Water Bottle (Mon 6 & Tues 7 only)
- Comfortable Clothing

REGISTER NOW!

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER THROUGH YOUR PORTAL or email crews@dancedimensions.com.au for more information.

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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE DUSK & DAUNT DANCERS!
Come dance, create, perform and be part of the fun!

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!

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2026 TERM 2 Holiday Learning Programme

6 - 17 July (Mon-Fri) 10 July: Public holiday

Full Day Price	\$65 Years 1 - 3	\$75 Years 4 - 6	\$85 Years 7 - 8	\$95 Years 9 - 11
09:00 - 10:00	Phonics, Reading, Vocabulary, Writing	Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary, Writing	Algebra, Geometry, Statistics	Writing Text Analysis
10:00 - 10:15	Morning Tea			
10:15 - 11:15	Number Sense, Place Value, Addition, Subtraction	Multiplication, Fractions, Measurements	Critical Reading, Essay Writing	Algebra, Statistics, Calculus Support
11:15 - 12:15	STEM (Single Science) Activities	Goal Setting, Study Skills, Science	Speech & Debate	Science: Biology, Chemistry, Physics Support
12:15 - 1:00	Lunch			
1:00 - 2:00	Storytelling Show & Tell	Team Challenges, Presentations	ICAS (Maths/English)	Study Club (Optional)
2:00 - 3:00	Finish Homework Fun Activities			

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Pay before 20th June and get a 5% discount. EduExperts reserves the right to change terms and conditions at any time.

SCAN TO REGISTER!

Silverdale Centre
3/1 Silverdale Street, Silverdale
09 426 0880
silverdale@eduexperts.co.nz

Mark Your Diaries

19 Jun	School Disco
22 Jun	Marama Assembly 9am
25 Jun	Meeting for Parents going to camp 6pm
25 Jun	Second hand uniform sale 2.30pm
29 Jun	Whole School Assembly 9am
03 Jul	Matariki Liturgy - 7.30am
03 Jul	Term 2 Ends 2.45pm
20 Jul	Term 3 Starts 8.45am
22 Jul	School finishes at 12.20pm
22 Jul	Parent Teachers Conferences from 1pm
23 Jul	Parent Teacher Conferences Continue from 3.15pm
27 Jul	Dance Curriculum - All students 2 week programme
30 Jul	Year 5/6 Inter school Hockey - Metro Park
31 Jul	Second hand Uniform Sale 8.15am
07 Aug	PTFA Event - Parent Quiz Night 6.30pm
10 Aug	Year 5 /6 3 Day Camp - Carey Park
10 Aug	Life Education - all students
13 Aug	Year 4 EOTC Day - AUT Millennium
14 Aug	Feast of the Assumption Celebration Day
24 Aug	Photolife Class, Portrait and Sibling Photos
25 Aug	Photolife Team and Group Photos
27 Aug	Inter school Cross Country - Shakespear Park
28 Aug	PTFA Fun Lunch
02 Sep	Playhouse - Puss in Gumboots show
04 Sep	Dad's Day at Stella Maris 12.20pm - BYO Lunch
18 Sep	Second Hand Uniform Sale 2.30pm
22 Sep	Fundraising A-thon Event
25 Sep	Term 3 Ends 2.45pm
27 Sep	Daylight Saving starts - clocks forward

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**