

# Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER 21 May 2026

## NEWSLETTER

Kia ora e te Whānau

Tomorrow we celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of our Church. We will be celebrating with a special liturgy led by St Joseph at 9:00am, which celebrates how the Holy Spirit came over the Disciples. Tomorrow is also a red orange, yellow themed mufti day (no gold coin required) and students will also have a team disco during the day to celebrate this special day.

Across all levels of the school we have been investigating Science concepts.

**Year 0/1** are exploring and comparing the characteristics of living things.

**Year 2** are growing beans, learning about the life cycles of plants and what plants need to thrive.

**Year 3** are learning about the characteristics of plants and also looking at the differences between herbivores, omnivores and carnivores.

**Year 4** are studying the Matariki star cluster and the associated patterns of movement and change of seasons.

**Year 5** are exploring how plants reproduce with fruit and comparing this with the life cycles of animals and fungi.

**Year 6** are investigating our Solar System and its characteristics and relative size. Across all classes students have been very excited about our science investigations and there has been a high level of engagement.

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

Olwyn Hobman

Acting Principal





This week at Stella Maris we celebrated the lead up to Pentecost with a “Birthday” of the Church on Friday. A red, yellow and orange mufti day finishes the week with excitement and celebration. The main atrium is set up with boards celebrating the arrival of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and its impact on the early church. We started Friday with a Resurrection Stations Liturgy where 14 key events after the resurrection of Jesus are focussed on. From Jesus rising from the tomb to the Holy Spirit coming at Pentecost we are led in prayers and reflections by St Joseph, one of our year 6 classes. We follow a similar process to our Stations of the Cross Liturgy held before Easter. Later in the morning our Marama team, Year 1 to 3 classes, will enjoy a disco in the hall with a mix of dance songs. Lunchtime was Ahi team's turn with our Year 4 to 6 students enjoying a disco in the hall. Classes have explored their Pentecost lessons throughout the week.

Year 1- Identify who was present at Pentecost.

Year 2- Identify how the Holy Spirit came as wind and fire.

Identify how the actions of wind and fire are like the Holy Spirit.

Year 3- Identify some of the things that happen when a person or group is born.

Relate some of these things to the birth of the church.

Year 4- Recall the people present at the first Pentecost.

Recognise that Mary was in the upper room, praying with the other Apostles when Holy Spirit-Te Wairua Tau came.

Year 5- Identify who were the foundation members of the Church.

Recognise the effects of the Spirit in the lives of the foundation members of the Church.

Year 6- Recall the story of the first Pentecost in the life of the Church.

Recognise ways the Holy Spirit Te Wairua Tau gives life too the Church.

A very special time for us all at Stella Maris to celebrate the Birthday of our Church.

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

## TEAM NEWS

### Marama Team News

Kia ora Whanau, we have been blessed with a stunning week at school and this has not only helped with our seed growing but also everyone has had an extra boost of enthusiasm for learning, both inside and outside of the classroom. The children are working so hard at learning their number facts and developing decoding skills in reading and the teachers have been busy developing exciting learning experiences.

Tomorrow we look forward to coming to school in red, orange and yellow to celebrate Pentecost- the birthday of the Church.

### Ahi Team News

This Friday, we celebrate Pentecost with St Joseph beginning the day by leading the school through the Resurrection Stations at 9am in the hall. Families are welcome to join us.

With our Interschool Football tournament over, Mrs Bessone is now trialling students for our Interschool Rippa Rugby Tournament. We thank parents who came to our recent Y5/6 Camp Information Meeting. Notes from this meeting will soon be available on Hero.

Information about the Y4 EOTC event is coming soon.

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**



### Hockey

The year 5/6 Monkeys have had a great start to the season, playing some fantastic team hockey on a Monday night. The children (and parents) are dedicated to their training, being at school at 7.45am and this is showing an improved skill level for the games.



Congratulations to the Player of the Day recipients, so far this season Inigo Cardeno, Millie Pearson, Mia Granich (pictured)

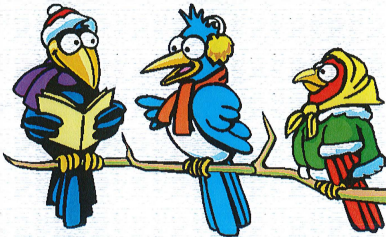
### Netball

#### A Reminder That Netball Fees Are Now Due.

The **Stella Year 4/2 team** had an amazing first game win against Stanmore Bay 9-2. Well done to all of our players and to Beba, with her amazing defensive efforts, our player of the day!



## SCHOLASTICS BOOK CLUB




*Order forms have gone home this week - orders will close on*

*Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May*

*This is a wonderful way of supporting your child's reading and raising bonus points for the school to purchase curriculum items. Please hand your orders into the school office.*

*Your support is appreciated.*





**STELLA MARIS PTFA  
PRESENTS**

# **space DISCO**

**FRI 19<sup>TH</sup> 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

22 May	Pentecost -Resurrection Stations 9am
22 May	Pentecost Celebrations - Red, Orange, Yellow Mufti Day
25 May	Whole School Assembly 9am
29 May	Sausage Sizzle and Funlun ch
<b>01 Jun</b>	<b>King's Birthday - School Closed</b>
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
<b>03 Jul</b>	<b>Term 2 Ends 2.45pm</b>
<b>20 Jul</b>	<b>Term 3 Starts 8.45am</b>

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.webhealth.co.nz)

Auckland Youth

[www.akyouth.org.nz](http://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**