

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

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Kia ora e te Whānau

Service – Āwhina is one of our school's Marian Values. One of the ways that we can action this is by giving our time to work with others to provide opportunities for our students. Over the last few weeks we have acknowledged those who have given their time to coach and support our many sports teams. Today I would like to say thank you to all who were involved in the organisation and running of the space-themed disco last Friday evening - our students had a fabulous time. There were many people involved – the PTFA organising team who did all of the preparation and decorated the hall, the parent helpers and Carmel College students who ran the food stalls, face painting and the disco knick knock sales, the staff who looked out for the students, Mr Hobman our fantastic DJ, all of the parents who sorted costumes and disco outfits for their children, and everyone who helped with the pack up and clean up at the end of the evening. Thank you to everyone who made the disco the fun evening that the students enjoyed so much.



Next Wednesday evening our PTFA are meeting. There are a few events planned for the remainder of the year – quiz night for the parents, an -Athon for the students, and the re-introduction of the Carols on the Coast community event. If you would like to help out with any of these events, please come along to the next PTFA meeting on Wednesday, 1 July at 7pm in the staffroom to learn more about how you can help. More opportunities to put our Marian Value of Service – Āwhina into action.

Next week to celebrate Matariki our students will be participating in a variety of art and music activities and learning about the significance of Matariki to us all as New Zealanders. The week will culminate in the Matariki liturgy and breakfast that you are all invited to join us for on Friday, 3 July at 7:30am. Thank you to those families who have already contributed to the breakfast. 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.

For the breakfast we ask that you bring your own bowl, spoon and mug.

We look forward to sharing this special time with you.

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

Catherine Cyprian
Principal



DRS Message

Next week we begin afternoon sessions exploring Matariki and we end our term with a special Matariki Liturgy in the morning and some shared Kai. 'Matariki' is the Māori name for the cluster of stars known from Greek Mythology as 'the Pleiades'. Matariki celebrations align beautifully with Catholic spirituality. The Māori New Year is a time for remembrance, thanksgiving, and looking forward, mirroring core Catholic values. The Church embraces this season by incorporating Māori traditions into prayer, stewardship of creation, and communal gatherings. Core Matariki Themes and Christian Parallels:

Remembering the Departed: Matariki is a time to remember whānau who have passed on. This seamlessly aligns with the Catholic tradition of praying for the deceased, particularly during November, and honoring the Communion of Saints.

Thanksgiving for Creation: Gathering for a shared feast honors God's gifts of the harvest and creation. It reflects the mandate in Genesis to care for the land and the environment.

Hope and New Life: As the night sky changes, the New Year becomes a sign of resurrection, spiritual renewal, and the hope we have in Christ.

Matariki reminds us of God's greatness at work in creation. Matariki reminds us of our need for a mediator, and Matariki reminds us of God's goodness and mercy at the cross; in the provision of Jesus.

"...he who made the Pleiades and Orion, who turns midnight into dawn and darkens day into night, who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out over the face of the land - the Lord is his name".

- Amos 5:8

Team News

Mārama Team News

Kia ora whanau, this week the Mārama team came together with an assembly on Monday. This was led by St Anne class. The children did a wonderful job and it was evident how hard they had been practicing their words and action dances.

Congratulations to the following students on being awarded certificates

St Lucy - Stella Corfield, Gray Brennan

St Benedict - Benji Jayakody, Oliver Hoffmann, Riccardo Dee, Georgie Glacken

St Nicholas - Ava Coiulam, Christopher Zachary, Emma Vickers, Andrea Javier

St Francis - Ashton Silich, Bella Santiago

St Clare - Hayley Kawishvara, Zachary Oliver

St Anne - Bridey Schmidt, Oscar Zhong, Taylor Hindle

St Mary - Artemis Vincent, Murray Heyde, Eleanor Bell, Erin Ganelo.

Next week we look forward to our Matariki school-wide rotation. Children will be working in levels across the school and doing a different activity each afternoon. This is a great opportunity for our younger students to get to know students from different classes.

Ahi Team News

Congratulations to Oliver Morton-Jones and Kieran Gibson for representing Stella Maris at the Y5/6 North Shore Catholic Schools Speech Competition. You both should be proud of this great achievement. Next week the school celebrates Matariki, with a range of fun learning experiences. This is also an opportunity for all our Ahi students to take on leadership, by supporting the Marama students. St Anthony (now St Therese), St Augustine (now St Anthony), and St Joachim (now St Augustine) have all successfully moved to their new classrooms. We are proud with how well our students assisted us in this process. Finally, a reminder that the Y5/6 camp fee of \$377 is due by the end of July.

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Whānau Connect Conferences

On Wednesday 22nd July and Thursday 23 July we have Whānau Connect Conferences taking place. This is an opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their progress and their mid-year reports. Please note that school on the Wednesday will close at 12.20pm as the interviews begin at 1.15pm. Further information will come home next week about booking your time slot.

Skids

Please be advised that Skids will open at 12.20pm on the Wednesday so if you need to book your child in to Skids please see the link below.

<https://enrolmy.com/skids-bumblers-limited/book-now/154-Stella-Maris-Early-Finish-Day-22-July-2026->

Join the fun

Early Finish Day
@
Stella Maris
22 July 2026
12:20pm-2:45pm

School's out early which means extended hours of fun at sKids Stella Maris today! Normal after school care hours follows at 2:45pm onwards.

skids RISE UP STAY AND PLAY

The Thrilling Disco

I got dropped off at the disco by my friend's Mum. I got an epic lolly bag. It had 19 lollies in it and I was thrilled. When I walked in I could hear the booming songs. I did extreme dance moves and got a spot prize. The spot prize was a bag of lollies and some glow sticks that I made into a necklace. 'Bang, bang, bang' the songs boomed. What a great time of the year! As my friends sang and laughed, I did a backflip off the stage - I wish!

By Ashton Silich
St Francis - Year 3



PTFA

A reminder that the PTFA are holding their monthly meeting on Wednesday 1 July at 7pm in the staffroom. All parents, caregiver and friends of the school are invited and welcome to attend. The PTFA would love to see you there and this is a great opportunity to get to know other families within the school and to get involved within the school community.

SPORTS

Hockey

Stella Maris Snakes

This week was a tough game against the Silverdale Cyclones, but the team worked together and won 3-1. Well done to our player of the day Josh Bessone for all your great tackles & defence.

Netball

Team 4/2 had another cracker of a game coming home with a great win against Kingsway; 15-3. It was amazing to see the space they were creating, the confidence with their passing and their fantastic team work. Our star player of the week and POD goes to Jaina Morton-Jones. So well deserved! Proud coach and parents.

Basketball

The Year 5/6 Stella Suns won their semi-final last night against the Chase Kings and will play in the FINAL next Tuesday. We wish them all the best!

Football

Two super stars from St Benedict received player of the day for their RDS football teams this week. Riccardo scored a whopping 6 goals to take out the win. Levi absolutely smashed it on the field! Amazing football skills boys



A Silverdale Business Association Event in Partnership with Stella Maris School presents

CAROLS ON THE COAST

- Music
- Food
- Family Fun
- Raffles

5TH DECEMBER 2026

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to lend a hand on the big day; please get in touch if you're interested!

Contact Tania Wright on 0210 60530 or taniawright5@gmail.com

DANCE DIMENSIONS
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SCHOOL HOLIDAY DANCE PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY 8 JULY 2026
DISCO PARTY!
5PM - 7PM
\$10 PER PERSON

DANCE • CREATE • PERFORM • PARTY!

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.co.nz for more information.

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!

EduExperts
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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			

Boost Confidence & Achievement | Expert Tutors Engaging Lessons | Small Groups Personalised Support | Fun, Safe & Supportive Environment

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

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	Whanau Connect Conferences from 1.15pm
23 Jul	Whanau Connect Conferences Continue 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**