

# Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER 28 May 2026

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Kia ora e te Whānau

It sounds like last Friday's Pentecost celebrations provided a lot of excitement and fun on the day. I would like to say thank you to our year 6 classes who have led the school in two liturgies through this Easter period. Thank you to St Anthony for leading the Stations of the Cross on Holy Thursday – preparing everyone for Good Friday and the Easter celebrations. Thank you to St Joseph for leading last week's Resurrection Stations which ended the Easter period. Thank you to our year 6 students, their teachers and Mr Hobman for the reverent way in which you led the school at this important time in the liturgical calendar.

Our winter sports teams are well underway with their seasons. We have 7 netball teams, 6 hockey teams, 2 basketball teams and 3 flippaball teams participating in the various competitions. A huge thank you to the parents who have put their hands up to be coaches and managers of these teams and providing our students with these sporting opportunities. Thank you also to Mel Hogg and Diana Pearson for preparing the netball and hockey teams and thank you to Karen Bessone for all she is doing in overseeing our sports teams.

**Enrolments for 2026 and 2027:** If you have a younger child who is turning 5 this year or next year and you have not yet enrolled them for school please contact the office urgently for an enrolment pack. Our planning for 2027 is underway and we need to have a clear picture of numbers of students.

**PTFA:** Next Wednesday, 3 June at 7pm the PTFA are holding their monthly meeting. All are welcome to join in the meeting.

A reminder that school is closed on Monday for King's Birthday weekend.

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

Catherine Cyprian

Principal

### 2027 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 organize these during the school holidays.



This Sunday we celebrate Trinity Sunday.

The Church teaches that God is three distinct Persons sharing one divine nature or substance. Jesus tells us in John 10:30, "***I and the Father are one.***"

Again in John 14:9, He says... "***Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.***"

When giving His final instructions to His disciples, Jesus placed the Son and the Holy Spirit on equal authority and named them as a single, unified "name" of God. Matthew 28:19, "***Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.***"

Pope Francis spoke about the Trinity as a community of love... "The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity tells us that we do not have a solitary God up there in heaven, far away; no, He is the Father who gave us his Son, who became man like us, and who sends his own Spirit to be even closer to us."

The Mystery of the Holy Trinity is a reality above human comprehension. It is not a riddle to be solved, but rather a mystery to be entered into, experienced, and worshiped.

On this Sunday, instead of commemorating a specific historical event (like Christmas or Easter), the Church uses this day to reflect on the nature of God and God's invitation to humanity into God's communion of love.

One of the most powerful prayers we say without even realising it is the Sign of the cross. It is a profession of our faith and through it we call on the Trinity for protection and to ground our hearts before and after other prayers.

*In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.*



## Team News

### Mārama Team News

Kia ora whanau, week 6 started with a whole school assembly where we came together to celebrate all the fantastic learning that has been happening this term. The classes are now all busy training for the upcoming cross country as part of their daily fitness, fingers crossed that this great weather continues. Winter sport is our focus in PE and it's been great to see so many classes getting out and developing their skills in hockey, netball, basketball, rugby and football. We hope you all have an enjoyable long weekend.

### Ahi Team News

Ahi team are very busy with learning and sporting activities. Our Rippa Rugby teams are busily preparing for their interschool event on 11th June. The team is also preparing for our school cross country, which is the following day on 12th June. On the 11th June at 6pm, Year 5 parents are invited to the Puberty Parents Meeting run by Nest Consulting. They will explain the programme that your children will be participating in on Monday of the following week.

For parents preparing their child for camp, we know that there are sales on sleeping bags at a few stores at the moment.

## Certificates Awarded This Week

### Mārama Team

- St Lucy** - George Heneghan, Leo Scurr
- St Clare** - Dilran Ekanayake
- St Benedict** - Areta Vidoto, Ollie McCarthy
- St Anne** - Evie Henderson, Elias Son
- St Nicholas** - Elliot Hogg, Connor Swartz
- St Francis** - Hailey Jayakody, Lola O'Brien
- St Mary** - Indie Readhead, Ezekiel Pereira

### Ahi Team

- St Peter** - Sophia Randall, George Sefton
- St John** - Marco Tome, Georgia Walker
- St Augustine** - Stan Buchanan, Frank Heyde
- St Joachim** - Jayce Naguit, Evie Hansen
- St Dominic** - Leo Doyle, Lily Verdonkschot
- St Patrick** - Flori Elliman, James Hammond
- St Joseph** - Goldie West, Sam Bell
- St Anthony** - Corban Wilson, Gia Gomes

## Charism Awards

*Congratulations to Mikayla Tang, Sam Bessone*

## Book Week

What an amazing week of reading, storytelling, and celebration we had during Book Week!

A huge thank you to our students, staff, and families for all of the support and enthusiasm shown throughout the week. Thank you to our wonderful school community as we raised an incredible **\$3,400** from the Book Fair which will be used to purchase new books and resources for our library.

Book Character Day was definitely a highlight, with students and staff showing off some fantastic costumes. It was wonderful to see so much creativity, excitement and love of books shared across the school.

Every purchase, visit and contribution helps us continue building our library collection and giving our students even more exciting books to enjoy.

*Thank you again for helping make Book Week such a success.*



## The 2026 Sacramental Programme

This year's programme begins on Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> with the first Parent-Only meeting at 7pm in the hall of St. John's Church. It is essential for a parent from each family enrolled in the programme to attend this meeting. On Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 9am, the children and parents meet the team and will be put into their groups for the programme. The children are being presented to our parish family during the 10.30am mass on the same morning. The children will sit with their parents/families during the mass. Please contact [Brenda.neville@hibiscuscoastparish.org.nz](mailto:Brenda.neville@hibiscuscoastparish.org.nz) if you have any queries.

## Sports

### Hockey

The Stella Maris Snakes had another amazing week, winning against the Wainui Wasps 5-0! Everyone played so well and as a team. A big congratulations to Stan our player of the day, for his outstanding game and goals scored!

The Stella Monkeys year 5/6 team had a tough game on Monday and went down 3-2. Player of the day was Sam Bell for his strong defence and ability to control the ball. Sam has had a fantastic start to the season.

### Netball

Stella 4/2 team had a closely contested game coming out on top with a win against Gulf Harbour. Final score 8-6. Sienna our amazing player of the day! Well done team!



**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

29 May	Sausage Sizzle and Fun lunch
<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



**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](mailto: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)

**“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**