

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER 2 July 2026

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Kia ora e te Whānau

As the term draws to a close it is a time for us to reflect on all that has been achieved in the term and thank everyone for your support. This term has seen our winter sports teams get underway in their competitions, Year 5/6 teams participate in rippa rugby and football inter-school tournaments, school cross country, Pentecost celebrations, Mum's Day and Book Week, Disco. And in between all of this there has been learning and academic achievement. None of these events are possible without the help and support of our staff and parents. Thank you to everyone who has helped out with these and many other activities that provide such a range of opportunities for our students. Everything you do is truly appreciated by us all at Stella Maris.

This week at school each afternoon students have been taking part in a variety of arts activities to celebrate Matariki. The children have been grouped into 19 groups of mixed year levels and they have participated in art and music activities with the older students supporting the younger students. I am sure that the students have been sharing the learning they have been doing. We hope that you are all able to join us tomorrow morning at 7:30am for our Matariki liturgy and community breakfast (don't forget to bring your own cereal bowl, spoon and a mug for a warm drink, and dress warmly).

Congratulations to Isobel D'Unieville (Year 6) who won the Year 4-6 division of the New Zealand Space Agency competition in which students were invited to design a space themed mission patch showing their ideas about space, science and New Zealand's place in the future.



I hope that you all have a restful term break and come back to school ready for an exciting term – we welcome back Dance Curriculum and Harold in the Life Education caravan, the Year 5 and 6 students head off to camp, the Year 4s have an EOTC day planned, and we welcome students from Kobe Kaisei school in Japan for a few days. And I hope you are organising your groups for the parents' Quiz Night in August.

Mānawatia a Matariki – Happy Matariki

Catherine Cyprian
Principal



DRS Message



*The new light of Matariki has risen!
 May it be to you a sign of resurrection and new life.
 May it be to you a sign of hope in times of darkness.
 May it be to you a sign of the wondrous mystery
 of Atua who loves you.
 May it be to you a sign that the eyes of the Eternal One are
 ever upon you and that the presence of the Holy One is ever
 with you. And may this be the cause of your rejoicing.
 Go in peace.
 Through Christ and in the perfect unity of the Holy Spirit,
 we pray.
 Amen*

TEAM NEWS

Mārama Team News

Kia ora whanau, this week began with the whole school assembly led by the Year 3's in St Lucy class. Thank you for this St Lucy, you were amazing. This week we have thoroughly been enjoying our Matariki rotation. Tomorrow is our Liturgy and all the children have set goals for the coming year that we will send to Hiwa-i-te-Rangi. Please ask your child about the goal they set. Our Religious Education books have come home this week, thank you for looking at our hard work and for adding your parent comment. In Term 3 and 4 we will continue to encourage your child/ren to grow in independence. A great way to do this is to take advantage of the drop-off zone in the morning. Please be mindful of this after the holidays. Finally, we wish you all happy holidays and look forward to all the exciting things that are planned for term 3

Ahi Team News

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding term, we would like to thank all of our Ahi families for your ongoing support. Reports have now been sent home, and we look forward to connecting with families during our Whānau Connect interviews on the 22nd and 23rd of July after the holidays. Next term is already shaping up to be another exciting one, with Year 5/6 camp, the Year 4 Millennium visit in Week 4, and dance sessions in Weeks 2-3 to look forward to.

Over the holidays, we encourage families to take some time to check stationery supplies and replenish any items needed for next term. This is also a great opportunity to check camp supplies and begin preparations. The Ahi team wishes all of our families a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable holiday break, and we look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for another great term ahead.

SCHOOL NEWS

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.

Buses For Half Day 22nd July

Stella Maris Bus 22 will collect students at the earlier time of 12.20pm. All other buses will operate at their usual time. If you would like your child to catch the later bus home, they will need to be booked into Skids to await pick-up.



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

SPORTS NEWS

Hockey

A fantastic team effort from the **Stella Strikers** this week, coming away with a well-deserved 1-0 win! 💙🏒 The team worked brilliantly together, showing great teamwork, determination, and support for one another from start to finish. A huge congratulations to Sienna Franich, who was named Player of the Day after scoring the winning goal! 🌟🏒 What a fantastic effort. Well done, Stella Strikers – keep up the amazing work! 🙌💪

Congratulations to Bruno Oliboni de Souza who was player of the day in the **Stella Monkeys win** over Red Beach on Monday.

Netball

Our **4/2 team** had another cracker of a game with a 22-0 win against Whangaparaoa Primary. Other than all playing with such great heart it is very clear to see they all love their netball! Amazing effort to our player of the day Milla Dee who has a particular skill in ensuring all 50/50 balls remain in the possession of Stella! Well done team.

Basketball

Stella Swish had their semi-final last Wednesday 23rd of June against Orewa Beach Primary school. They played an epic game together and won 9 - 2. The player of the day was Benji for great defence and getting lots of rebounds. Stella Swish play in the finals for 1st or 2nd place on Wednesday the 1st of July. Well done Stella Swish! We will update you with the result of the game after the holidays.

Suns On Fire

Congratulations to **The Suns** Year 5/6 basketball team, who won against The Dunkers in Tuesday night's grand final! The game was neck and neck to start, but The Suns turned up the heat in the second half. Their relentless teamwork, determination, and fast-paced play saw them pull away to secure a well-earned **24-17 victory**. This passionate and committed team finished the season **undefeated**, with an incredible **13/13 wins**, making their gold medals well deserved. A huge thank you to Coach Franco.

Congratulations to our championship team:

Nate Fong, Miguel Bugarin, Max Mayhew, Kieran Gibson, Levi Cheval, Jordan Alapatt, and Marcello Boric.



Thank You

We sincerely thank Michelle Arnott for her incredible seven years of dedicated service as Treasurer of our PTFA. Michelle has worked tirelessly behind the scenes, managing the finances that have helped make so many of our fundraising events, projects, and initiatives possible. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Michelle for everything she has contributed over the past seven years. Your time, energy, and dedication have made a lasting difference to our school community.

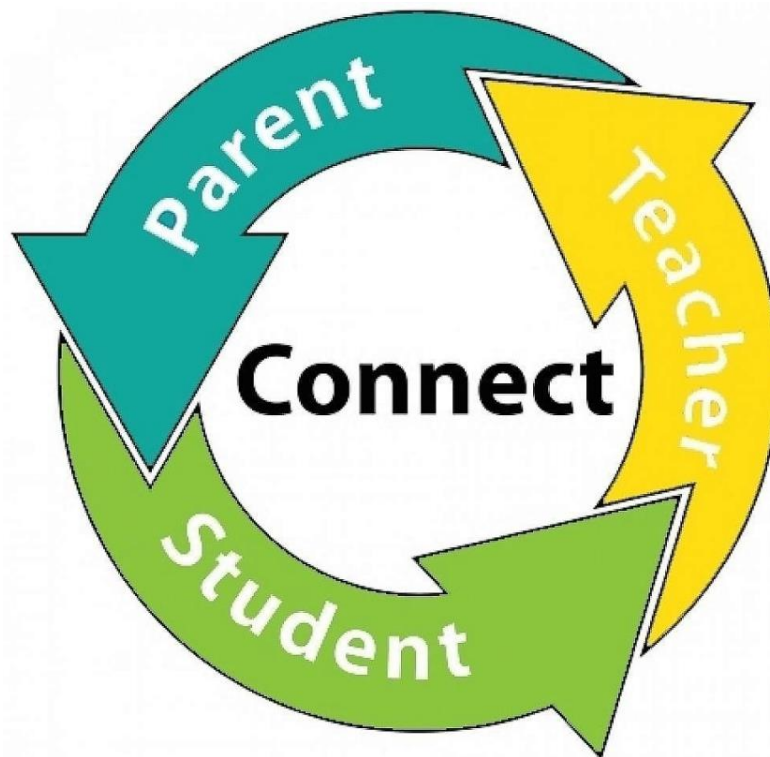


Whanau Connect Conferences

Wednesday 22 July from 1:15pm to 7:00pm

Thursday 23 July from 3:15pm to 6:00pm

**School will finish at 12:20pm on
Wednesday 22nd July**



Bookings are to be made online by visiting:

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Our school Access Number is nb8jv

All bookings for all levels are online.

STELLA MARIS PARENTS

RIO CARNIVAL QUIZ NIGHT

DUST OFF YOUR FEATHERS,
ADD SOME BLING AND SEQUINS
BRING THE COLOUR, IT'S CARNIVAL!

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 7
AT HIBISCUS COAST RSA**

DOORS OPEN AT 5PM
HAPPY HOUR 5-6:30PM

TICKETS

\$30

Per Person

TEAMS of 4,6,8,10,12
or SINGLES
AVAILABLE
FOR PURCHASE
ON KINDO



LIVE MUSIC
BY
DJ ANDREW
DEWSE

[DJANDYJUICER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:djandyjuicer@gmail.com)

BUFFET DINNER
STARTING AT
5:30PM
HAPPY HOUR
DRINK SPECIALS

SILENT + LIVE AUCTION
SPECIAL PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED + MORE



FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:
STELLAPTFA@STELLAMARIS.SCHOOL.NZ

Piano Lessons

at Stella Maris School



Join us for piano lessons
Monday & Fridays from 11 am to 3 pm

• Boosts Focus • Sparks Creativity • Builds Confidence

All children welcome, from beginners to advanced.

Call or Text: 021 145 6816
 Email: ruil.guodongzhang67@gmail.com

A FREE COMMUNITY TALK: DIAGNOSED - NOW WHAT?

NAVIGATING THE PATH FORWARD AFTER A
 NEURODIVERGENT DIAGNOSIS

**TUESDAY 21ST JULY,
 7 - 8:30PM**



Your neurodivergent child has received a diagnosis, now what?

Join us for a presentation where we look at the common challenges and hurdles immediately following diagnosis and beyond, including talking to your child about their diagnosis, collaborating with your child's teacher, navigating medication, sourcing funding and support, looking beyond the label and more.

Spaces are limited.

- *Facilitated by certified coaches
- *Free to attend.
- *All welcome.
- *Location: 4/867 Whangaparua Road

Register by scanning below



Or by email, cather@neurolinks.co.nz



BASKETBALL ACADEMY YR 4-6



Run by Coast Basketball, Storm Club Academy delivers high-quality training for players from Silverdale School, Stella Maris Primary & Clingwood Primary. Focusing on fundamentals like dribbling, passing, laywork, and shooting, this programme is designed to provide accessible, high-quality basketball opportunities for tomorrow's all-stars, supporting skill development, confidence, and a love for the game.

SILVERDALE  **Stella Maris**

2024 SEASON | **TERM 3 WEDNESDAYS**
 3:20PM - 4:20PM
 SILVERDALE SCHOOL COURTS

www.coastbasketball.co.nz



CAROLS ON THE COAST

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

- 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 Taina Wright on 021350530 or taiawright95@gmail.com

Learn to Sew

Classes for kids, teens & adults
 Silverdale




Sewing Class
 At Home of Hope - Silverdale
 For kids & teens 4-13

Teen Classes - (Mon 2:30-3:30, 4:00-5:00)
 Open 2 Adults classes on weekends

For teacher classes where you learn and receive skills and make projects for your project.

"My daughter LOVES the class so we're planning to come another week. She was so proud of her dress and our fabric selections. We'll be back!"

www.theadroom.com

Mark Your Diaries

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**