

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER 30 July 2026

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Kia ora e te Whānau

This week our students have been having a lot of fun participating in the Dance Curriculum programme, led by Manny. There are so many skills the students are learning through participating in this programme – co-ordination, rhythm, team/partner work, listening, following instructions, and not to forget fitness. Even after a couple of sessions we can see the dance routines coming together as the students pull on the skills they have learnt from previous years' sessions.

Today our Year 5 and 6 inter-school hockey teams are participating in the Hibiscus Coast Inter-school Hockey Tournament. How blessed are they that the sun is shining today. We wish then all the best for their games and look forward to hearing about their day upon their return.

Attendance: We have received our Term 2 Attendance Report from the Ministry of Education and it shows that only 66% of our students are attending school regularly (more than 90% of the time, or absent less than 5 days in a term). This places us well below the government's goal of 80% of students attending school regularly 90% of the time. Every absence is counted, including medical and justified absences. We understand that there was a lot of sickness last term and we really appreciate you keeping your child home when they are unwell – this helps to speed the recovery for your child, and it helps to slow the spread of bugs through the class or school. The Ministry of Education have worked with Ministry of Health and produced a resource that may be helpful in making decisions about whether or not to keep your child home. The link below provides helpful advice:

<https://www.education.govt.nz/news/healthy-habits-learning>

Of the absences last term, 21% of these were due to students and their families travelling overseas during term time. Some of these trips were to visit sick family members which is understandable, however many were holidays during term time. Families are encouraged to plan holidays during the term breaks as much as possible.

Regular school attendance (absent less than 5 days a term) has such a positive impact on students' learning and achievement. The new curriculum sees teaching and learning moving at a fast pace and even a few days missed makes a difference.

Reporting Absences: It is important that you inform the office staff by 8:30am if your child is going to be absent, and when doing this that you give a clear reason why they are absent. Please note that there are different codes for the different reasons for absences. If we do not have a clear reason your child will be marked as an unexplained or truant absence. You can inform the office of an absence by ringing the school office (09 427 9189) and leaving a message on the absence line, or emailing absences@stellamaris.school.nz or using the Absentee link in the School App.

If you have organised a holiday in term time please email me at principal@stellamaris.school.nz

PTFA Quiz Night: I hope you have organised your team table for the quiz night, and been studying up on trivia knowledge – it is sounding like it will be a fun night.

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

Catherine Cyprian
Principal



PTFA NEWS

Donations Needed

Support Our Stella Maris Quiz Night Silent Auction

On **7 August**, our school will host its annual Quiz Night — a fun evening that brings our community together while raising funds for important school initiatives. A key part of the night is our **Silent Auction**, and we're seeking donations to help make it a success.

We welcome contributions such as:

- Gift vouchers
- Services or experiences
- Food or themed hampers
- Artwork or handmade items
- Products from local businesses

If you're able to donate, please contact us. All donations must be received by 5 August.

Email: fundraising@stellamaris.school.nz **Phone:** 021321790 or drop off at School reception

Thank you for supporting our school community

TEAM NEWS

Mārama Team News

Kiaora Whanau, this week the school has been full of up-beat music, tapping toes and happy faces as we've all participated in the Dance Curriculum programme with Manny. The children have all thoroughly enjoyed these sessions. We've also kept up with our reading, writing, maths and RE programmes, making for busy, happy days!

Ahi Team News

What a busy, fun time we are having this week. Our Dance lessons are always a popular time with the students, and they are quickly learning their routines for their performance next week. This week Year 5 and 6 campers have started pre-camp sessions in preparation for our camp in week 4. These will continue till the end of next week. Please note, that all camp fees are due this Friday. Can all Year 4 families ensure that permission slips are returned and money is paid for your trip to the Millennium in preparation for their trip, also in week 4.

SCHOOL NEWS

Payments Now Due

Dance	\$30.00
Year 5 /6 Camp	\$377.00
Flipper Ball	\$70.00
Year 4 EOTC Day	\$40.00

Payment can be made at the school office or into school account Stella Maris Primary School Board

12 3046 0362238 00 - Ref: Childs name and Activity or Sport

SPORTS NEWS

Netball

Another fantastic win for our **Stella 4/2 team** who came home with 9 goals to 1 against Gulf Harbour. Graded in the top 6 teams; let's see where the rest of the season takes us! Gorgeous effort from our POD Aria Silich - our amazing all rounder!

Flipperball

The Stella Sharks have clinched third place in the A grade for Y5/Y6 in Flippaball at the Hibiscus Coast Sunday Leagues. The team have displayed grit, hustle and intelligent plays with awesome passing and teamwork throughout the season. Well done to Flori Elliman, Inigo Cardeno, Max Mayhew, Rafael Boveland, Corban Wilson, Layla Brennan, Aoife Byrne, Chloe Foster, Huxley Selkirk, Daniel Pratt and Miguel Bugarin. They will play a new season in A grade this term. Well done Stella Sharks!

Hockey

Another great week for the **Stella Maris Snakes**, against the Wainui Wasps. It was a very tough 1st half, 0 all, then we worked together as a team, winning 3-1. Congratulations to our player of the day Logan!

STELLA MARIS PARENTS

RIO CARNIVAL QUIZ NIGHT

DUST OFF YOUR FEATHERS,
ADD SOME RING AND SPOONS
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 KIND

LIVE MUSIC
BY
DJ ANDREW
DEWEE

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

SILENT + LIVE AUCTION
SPECIAL PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED + MORE

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:
STELLA.MARIS@STELLA-MARIS.SCHOOL.NZ

SPECIAL GUEST
FR FRANKIE MULGREW FROM THE UK

*"Come to
me, all
who labour
and are
burdened,
and I will
give you rest."*

MT 11:28

EUCHARISTIC HEALING SERVICE

WITH
FR FRANKIE MULGREW
& FR JAMES MULLIGAN

SATURDAY, 8 AUGUST 2026 • 3-5PM

**BRING
YOUR
FRIENDS
AND
FAMILY
SPREAD
THE
WORD!**

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
180 CENTREWAY ROAD, OREWA

Come with the expectation and openness that
Jesus will help us with whatever trials and
tribulations you are experiencing.

Visiting priests will be available
for confession.

ABOUT FR FRANKIE
A gifted communicator, Fr Frankie has addressed major Christian events in the UK and has ministered and spoken alongside such inspirational Catholic figures as Fr Mike Schmitz, Matt Maher, Chris Stefanick and Paul J. Kim. Fr Frankie is from an entertainment background, was a professional entertainer before eventually answering a calling to become a Catholic priest. Ordained in 2013, he is an Assistant Priest at Salford Cathedral in Manchester, UK.

Healing Ministry
Joy
Cathy Allen
021 943 307
callen@allens.co.nz

Open Circle

OPEN CIRCLE MARKETS PRESENTS:
ON TOUR - NIGHT 2

OREWA BEACH RESERVE

Hibiscus Coast Highway, Orewa 0931

Delicious Food Family Fun
Drinks and Desserts Entertainment

Friday 7 August 2026

5PM - 8PM FREE ENTRY

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 021 943 307 or
tania.wright35@gmail.com

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Mark Your Diaries

31 Jul	Second hand Uniform Sale 8.15am
07 Aug	PTFA Event - Parent Quiz Night 5:00pm
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 3	Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September
TERM 4	Monday 12 October - Tuesday 15 December

2026 Public Holidays

Labour Day	Monday 26 October
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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

Stella Maris Primary School Board

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**