

NEWSLETTER

Stella Maris Catholic Primary

Kia ora e te Whānau

I had the privilege of attending the Year 5 and 6 camp at Carey Park Monday to Wednesday of this week, and was so proud of our students, teachers and parent helpers. All of the weeks of preparation by the teachers, and then the students prior to camp paid off. Every student rose to the many safe challenges they faced over these three days – whether it be their first time staying away from home, sharing a cabin with a large group, working with different people, or participating in a variety of activities that involved heights, climbing, “flying”, balancing, aiming, blindfolds, being in the bush in the dark, or eating different foods. They were so well supported and encouraged by the teachers, parents, instructors and each other, and every achievement was celebrated with so much joy for one another. As well as the physical challenges, there were so many times we saw our Marian Values in action as the children had to build their co-operation and team skills – sharing, compromising, encouraging, helping, communicating, problem solving, persevering and a “have a go” attitude – all of which helped to build confidence, courage and trust.

A huge thank you to all of the teachers who prepared and attended camp - Tracey Law for the overall organisation of the camp, and to Phoebe Cunningham-Tyler, Natasha Kain, Tina Hunt and Karen Bessone. Each of these teachers had different roles at camp and ensured that the students had such a positive experience.

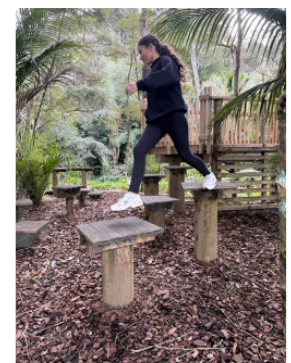
Another huge thank you goes to all of the parent helpers on camp – your support of the students in the activities or carrying out the different duties that helped to keep everything running smoothly was truly appreciated.

And a big thank you to all of the Year 5 and 6 students who gave everything a go, challenged themselves, tried new things, supported one another and had so much fun on camp.

It was a privilege to be able to share wonderful experience with them all.

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

Catherine Cyprian
Principal





Father in heaven,
all creation rightly gives you praise,
for all life and all holiness come from you.
In the plan of your wisdom
she who bore the Christ in her womb
was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven.
May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness
and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Team News

Mārama Team News

Kiaora Whanau, the Mārama team has had a fantastic week. With the seniors away, break times on the courts have seen lots of different games occurring and the younger students being able to take advantage of the extra space with some amazing tries, fantastic goals and plenty of hoops being made! All classes have been to visit Harold in his caravan. We've also been busy focussing on improving our gymnastics skills. This has been very popular and it has been great to watch the children develop their gymnastics skills and confidence. Tomorrow, St Francis class will be leading the school in Liturgy, celebrating Mary's Assumption. They have been working very hard in preparation for this special occasion. We are beginning to notice a lot of children are coming to school with lunch that they are unable to access, please ensure if you are sending containers or pouches as part of lunches, that your child can open these independently. Thank you.

Ahi Team News

A busy, week for the Ahi team. Year 5 and 6 students had three fun and adventure filled days at Carey Christian Camp and Year 4 students are today at AUT Millennium Institute participating in Kayaking, Rock Climbing, Team Building and Water Safety. No doubt they will all be sharing with you tales of their activities. Year 4 students have also visited Harold the Giraffe in the Life Education Caravan. Year 5 and 6 students will be having their sessions next week.

SCHOOL NEWS

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Feast Of The Assumption School Celebration Tomorrow

Children are asked to come dressed in blue, white or gold mufti in honour of Our Lady. There is a gold coin collection where all proceeds will be donated to St Vincent De Paul. We also ask each child to bring a small plate of food to share at morning tea with their class. (A reminder - no nuts). The morning will start with a liturgy at 9am in the hall being led by St Francis class, please feel free to join us.

Sibling Photos - Monday 24th August

This year Photolife are trialling sibling photos to be registered online. Please see information below.

On Monday 24th August Photolife are coming to school to take individual, sibling and class photos. If you want your children to have a sibling photo on this day please see the link below. If you click on this it will take you to a screen to register your children. Note this is only for sibling photos.

https://forms.photolife.co.nz/photolifeld/form/SiblingsPhotosRequestForm/formperma/JgpAIWWMHCUXQagHdfPD_eOteRCaIKG8Zx2ECt3qQyw?zfcrm_entity=5362ba29adccc816b580fc591b4aeb97c82d76830bc330daa318f19c9cc47dd6d45524d084a75a93d0a9b4c67b5dbf91c70a500c3b019ff7c62b02e591e0b60a



Another fantastic win for our **Stella 4/2 team**; this week 12-1 up against Gulf Harbour. It has been a delight to see how each player has just grown from strength to strength throughout the season. Two PODs today - Kyla Fisher for her fantastic effort in each rotated position and Makenna Scott for her amazing intercept skills. We are so proud of this team! Well done.

Year 2 "Stella Ferns" netball team had their final game this week. They played so amazingly well this entire term. We're so incredibly proud of them and they had such a blast.



Joshua Bessone gives Harold a pat

Netball

Another fantastic effort and win for our **Stella Team 4/2** up against Whangaparoa Primary; 13-8! We have 4 games left to the season, and we hope all of our efforts continue to give the best outcomes! Our player of the day went to Quinn Drake who with her fantastic all round skills and confidence in reading the game, made a strong impact. Well done! Our team also managed to win the "Countdown weekly prize draw" and received game day oranges and a \$500 voucher (half shared amongst the team and the other half to be donated to Love Soup as a team collective Shine Challenge). Big week of excitement for sure.



Stella Ferns and Stella Stars

Hockey

Stella Maris Snakes - Our toughest game yet against the Orewa Primary Sandsticks. Unfortunately, this was our first loss, but everyone tried so hard. Our player of the day was Harper Boughtwood, with her excellent defence skills, keeping her eyes on the ball and determination. A special mention to Logan for his sportsmanship when a team member was injured.



The PTFA Presents

AMERICAN HOT DOGS COOKIES AND CRISPS FUN LUNCH



FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST

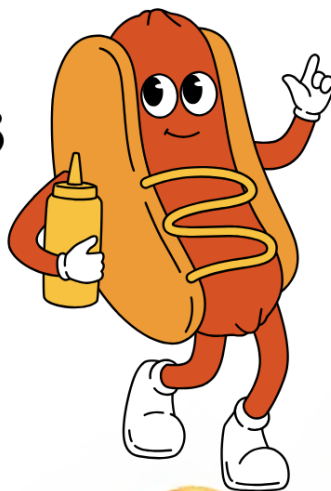
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HOT DOGS

\$5.00

***GF AVAIL**



COOKIES &

CRISPS

\$2.00



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 Taila Wright on 0211360530 or
tailawright95@gmail.com



Relax. Engage. Connect.

The Hive, hosted at Neurolinks Growth Centre, is an exciting and engaging environment where primary and intermediate age Tamariki can:

- unwind after the school day
- connect with like-minded peers
- play games / draw / create
- get support with homework

Facilitated by an experienced team, *The Hive* is a unique, neuroinclusive environment where kids leave feeling happy and centred.

Come for a visit and check us out!

 **Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 3:15pm – 4:30pm**

 **4/667 Whangaparaoa Road**

 **\$40 per session**

 **Bookings & Info**
www.neurolinks.co.nz/hive



OREWA REPAIR CAFÉ

Have your broken items fixed at no charge

 Ōrewa Community Centre, 10am - 1pm
40 Ōrewa Square

Visit us the first Saturday of each month
5 Sep, 3 Oct, 7 Nov, 5 Dec

Volunteers can fix:

- Small furniture pieces
- Clothing repairs or patching
- Toys
- Small appliances (no microwaves)
- Laptops and electronics
- And more!

Repair • Renew • Reuse

If you are happy with your repair, a small
donation or **koha** supports future events.

Repair Cafés prevent waste going to landfill
and create community connections based
on circular economy principles.



repaircafe.doughnuteconomicsnz.com



SCAN ME



Gently Loved Markets
Just Kids!

10AM - 1PM
SATURDAY 22ND AUGUST

Sunderland Lounge - Te Rere
Cinema Road, Hobsonville Point

Preloved Market • Free Entry

A range of stalls selling preloved baby
to kids' clothes, toys, accessories,
nursery items and more



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HIBISCUS COAST PARISH

St Francis by the Sea, Manly · St John's, Ōrewa



A PARISH FUNDRAISER

A Fun Musical Evening



FEATURING LIVE BAND

Good Company

St. Francis Manly's 'Guitarist Group' and Friends

Sunday, 13 September 2026 · 4:30 – 7:30 pm

Doors open 4:00 pm

Ōrewa Community Centre, 40-46 Ōrewa Square, Ōrewa

\$20 per person — includes tea & coffee

FOR TICKETS CONTACT:

Franz: 027 541 3793 · Joe: 022 136 3296 · Maria: 021 106 4278 · Sumant: 021 849 297

Tickets will be sold every weekend after Mass. Book early to reserve your spot.

AN AFTERNOON OF

🎵 Live music & entertainment 🎵 Raffle — tickets \$5

RAFFLE PRIZES INCLUDE

*2 nights accommodation for 2 at Whangaparaoa Lodge or Kerikeri Park Lodge
including breakfast!*

Bring your own snacks · No alcohol permitted · All sales are cash only — please bring exact change.

All proceeds go towards maintaining and improving our churches for future generations.

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Mark Your Diaries

14 Aug	Feast of the Assumption - Liturgy 9am
14 Aug	Feast of the Assumption Gold, White, Blue Mufti
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
21 Sep	Kapa Haka Showcase - Rsomini College
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 Read-A-thon
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.***

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

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**