

Stella Maris Catholic Primary

Kia ora e te Whānau

Tomorrow sees the end of the Dance Curriculum sessions that the students have been participating in. Today I got a sneak peak of some of the dances the students have been learning and they are looking very polished. Tomorrow you have the chance to share in this learning also.

Families are invited to come along to the dance performances tomorrow morning.

9:40am-10:20am: Group 1 – Years 0, 1, 3 and 6

10:20am-11:00am: Group 2 – St Clare class, and Years 2, 4 and 5.

Weather permitting the performances will be on the courts, otherwise in the hall. We will make the decision on the location tomorrow morning.

Life Education: Next week we welcome Harold and the Life Education caravan onsite for the next two weeks. Each of the classes will visit the caravan and participate in sessions with a Health focus on “Relationships” and “Caring for our Bodies”. These sessions will support the Health curriculum lessons the students are participating in within their classrooms.



Education Outside the Classroom: On Monday our Year 5 and 6 students and teachers head off to school camp at Carey Park in Henderson. They have been preparing for this all year and are very excited about the adventure they have ahead of them. We look forward to hearing all about it when they return on Wednesday afternoon. On Thursday of next week the Year 4 classes are going to the Millenium Centre in Mairangi Bay for a day of kayaking, climbing, team building and water safety activities.

Feast of the Assumption: Next Friday, 14th August, we will celebrate the Feast of the Assumption as a school. This day is a mufti day and students are encouraged to come dressed in blue, white or gold. We ask for a gold coin donation that will be passed on to St Vincent de Paul society. You are invited to join us for liturgy which will be led by St Francis class at 8:50am.

Quiz Night: Thank you to the PTFA team who have been working hard behind the scenes to organise tomorrow evening's Quiz Night. It looks like it is going to be a fun evening for everyone. I hope that those of you who are attending have been checking out the silent auction items on the school facebook page and thinking about what you might bid on. See you there.

End of Day in the Playground: A reminder that students are only able to play on the playgrounds after school if they are directly supervised by their parents. When you are supervising your children please do not allow them to climb the retaining wall and fences.

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 Inter-school hockey teams for a great day last week representing Stella Maris. Double Congrats to the girls team who won their division.

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

Catherine Cyprian
Principal



DRS Message

Next Friday we celebrate our school feast day- The Assumption of Mary, with a Liturgy in the hall led by St Francis class, a blue/gold or white mufti, (gold coin donation) a shared morning tea in classes and Assumption lessons. Throughout the week our students will explore how Mary died peacefully just as if she fell asleep and her friends and the Apostles took her body to be buried. We learn that her body was raised to Heaven by the glory and power of God. Mary's assumption into Heaven reminds people that they are also called by God to eternal life in heaven through humility and serving him. Mary's service and complete openness to God's call is an example of how we can be a true disciple of Jesus. Before he passed, Pope Francis challenged us "Do I make service the 'springboard' of my life? ... Do I, like Mary, exult in God? ... And, after praising Him, do I spread His joy among the people I meet?" The Holy Father concluded his remarks with a prayer calling on "Mary our Mother, assumed into Heaven" to "help us to climb higher each day through prayer and service." He also offered another prayer, "May Mary extend her maternal protection over each one of you".

Year 1

Recognise that the Assumption is a special day we celebrate Mary.
Recognise that Mary was taken body and soul into Heaven.

Year 2

Recall that Jesus was raised from death and ascended into Heaven.
Recall that God took Mary body and soul into Heaven.
Identify ways Mary was like Jesus.

Year 3

Recall that all creation is good and all created things, including people are connected.
Recognise that Mary was taken body and soul into Heaven.
Identify ways in which Mary's assumption shows what God will do for all people.

Year 4

Recognise that after her Assumption, Mary is present to all people everywhere.
Recognise that Mary of the Assumption is the patron and protector of Aotearoa New Zealand.
Recognise that the Feast of the Assumption is a Holy Day of obligation.

Year 5

Recognise that the Feast of the Assumption is a Holy Day of obligation.
Recognise that in her Assumption to Heaven Mary shares in the resurrection of her Son.

Year 6

Recognise the Feast of the Assumption celebrates that Mary was taken body and soul into Heaven.
Recognise how Mary's Assumption gives Christians hope-tūmanako that they too will be raised body and soul and enter the glory of heaven.

***Mō Maria aianeī O tatou waiata
Kia kaha rā tātou Kia nui te aroha
For Mary now, Our songs.
Let us be strong. Let there be great love.***

**Feast of the Assumption Celebration Day
Friday 14th August**

**Wear Mufti - White, Blue, Gold
Gold Coin Donation for St Vincent De Paul**

TEAM NEWS

Mārama Team News

Kiaora Whanau, this week we have thoroughly enjoyed learning and perfecting our dances with Manny. We look forward to sharing these with you tomorrow morning. Next week, while the Ahi team is away at camp, Mārama will be taking part in a Gymnastics intensive and each class will be doing 3x sessions in the hall. If you have an expertise in gymnastics, please contact your class teacher. Please make sure that PE gear is at school for this next week. We are also excited to have Harold the Giraffe on site and can't wait to do some learning with Harold. We continue to encourage parents to be reading with and to children each night.

Ahi Team News

Next week is a busy week for Ahi Team, with the Year 4 students going to the Millennium and the Year 5/6 attending their 3-day camp at Carey Park. We thank all the parents who are assisting with these two events. We look forward to sharing our adventures with you all.

SCHOOL NEWS

Cheerleading Champions

Three of our very own Stella girls Milla, Lyla and Gia, and our lovely past student Emily competed at the Battle in the Bay cheer comp on the weekend and came home with the medals!!!! Lyla and Milla won Gold for their respective team and Gia's team took out Silver! Cheerleading takes huge commitment, passion and resilience. These girls are amazing!



Interschool Hockey

Last Thursday 16 year 5/6 children headed along to the Millwater Hockey turfs to participate in the HBC Zone day. We were fortunate to be blessed with blue skies on the day. We had 2 teams competing in the Boys and Girls Competitive A Grade.

The Boys team was coached by our Teacher Aide Brooke and all played with heart and determination. Unfortunately a couple close losses and draws prevented the team from making it through to the finals. Even though, they were often more skilful than their opponents.

The Girls team started strongly with a 3 big wins and a 3-all draw. These goals made the difference as they progressed through to the final on goal-differential. In the final, Stella came across a strong Kingsway team, and showed a lot of determination and bravery. At full time the score was locked at 0-0. This meant extra time! The score was still 0-0 after extra time so Kingsway and Stella were crowned joint champions!

Many of our players are year 6 children and have been playing hockey for Stella since year 1. It was fantastic to see just how far these children have come and both the girls and boys teams should be very proud of their skill level and also how they represented our school with pride. Thank you to all the parents who assisted and supported the teams on the day. Mrs Pearson



Girls Interschool Hockey

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!



Boys Interschool Hockey

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
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DEWSE**

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STARTING AT
5:30PM
HAPPY HOUR
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**FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:
STELLAPTFA@STELLAMARIS.SCHOOL.NZ**

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SALVATION ARMY 36 - 38 GREENVIEW LANE
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10TH - 14TH AUGUST

MONDAY - THURSDAY 1.00PM - 6.30PM

FRIDAY 8.30AM - 2.00PM



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Mark Your Diaries

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 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.

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**