

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

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Kia ora e te Whānau

On Tuesday of this week our Kapa Haka participated in the North Shore Catholic School's Kapa Haka Showcase at Rosmini College. This day has become a special day in the calendar for our schools as we come together to celebrate Te Reo Māori and Kapa Haka. Our students gained a lot from participating, but also from seeing the other school performances, especially Carmel and Rosmini when they recognized past pupils. We thank Rosmini College for hosting this wonderful event, and we thank Ms Hunt for her preparation of our students, who did us all very proud.



Read-a-thon: The Read-a-thon fundraiser starts on Monday and runs until Thursday 24 September. Students are asked to sign up for gathering sponsors on the Go Raise It online. Information for signing up will come home on Monday, please keep an eye out for this information. Students will also bring home a Read-a-thon log to track their reading, and an extra optional challenge, the Read-a-thon Bingo. The Year 0-3 children will count the number of books they read, and the Year 4-6 students will track the number of minutes they read. Look out for the full information on Monday. If you have been into school in the last few days you may have noticed classroom doors transforming as classes decorate them a reading theme. We have a number of activities planned throughout the coming weeks, including scavenger hunts in the library and visiting authors, one of whom is a past pupil of Stella Maris.



School Uniform: As term 4 is coming up fast many of you will be thinking about summer uniform requirements. If you are purchasing new school sandals please make sure you are purchasing plain black sandals – no coloured or white soles. A reminder also that long hair (that touches the shoulders) should be tied up completely – no half ponies. Earlier this term we cleared out the lost property box which was filled with a lot of unnamed items that went unclaimed and were passed on to the second hand uniform sale. The lost property box is filling up again, it is important that you make sure that every item is clearly named (including shoes and socks) as we are then able to return them to the students.

Dads' Day: We are looking forward to sharing in learning and play with dads, or a significant family member, tomorrow. We hope you can join us from 12:20 to 2:45pm. Don't forget to bring your lunch to share with your children at 1pm before joining them in the classrooms.

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

Catherine Cyprian
Principal

DRS Message

This week we welcome our Fathers and Father figures in our lives to Stella to celebrate alongside our tamariki. This afternoon of celebration is one we all look forward to on our calendars. The joy the children display in working, playing, praying and singing with Dads in classes and on the playgrounds is a blessing. One of the images we are taught about God is "God the Father". Jesus used the Aramaic word Abba, which is translated as Father, Papa or Dad. This shows us Jesus recognised we should strive for extreme closeness with God through this relationship. He taught us to begin our most important prayer with "Our Father in Heaven..." and the parable of the Prodigal son demonstrates God's ultimate forgiveness for us when we return to Him. Ultimately it reminds us that God's love for us is as a parent who is always there for us. God wants the best for us. Waits patiently for us to seek forgiveness when we make mistakes and loves us unconditionally. We are reminded we should work to build this relationship, recognise the things that are done for us and ultimately take real joy in this relationship.

Heavenly Father,

You Entrusted Your Son Jesus, the Child of Mary,

To the Care of Joseph, an Earthly Father.

Bless all Fathers and Father Figures as They Care for Their Families.

Give Them Strength and Wisdom, Tenderness and Patience;

Support Them in the Work They Have To Do,

Protecting Those Who Look to Them,

As We Look to You for Love and Salvation,

Through Jesus Christ our Rock and Defender.

Amen.

Team News

Marama Team

Kiaora Whanau, this week has been another exciting, busy one in the Mārama team. All the classes have been decorating their doors for the reading-athon, it's been great to see the wonderful ideas that the classes are coming up with and seeing all of our favourite books come to life. We enjoyed the "Puss N Gumboots" show on Wednesday and some of the classes have been also working on their calendar art. Tomorrow afternoon, we look forward to welcoming the Dad's to school.

Ahi Team

Congratulations to the Kapa Haka group and Ms Hunt for their performance at the Showcase at Rosmini College on Tuesday. You should all be very proud of how well you represented the school. We look forward to sharing Dad's Day with our dads this week. We hope you enjoy the afternoon with us. As we approach our last three weeks of term, our students are busy completing Calendar Art, Read-a-thon Door Displays, Reading for our Read-a-thon and completing several assessments. It is a busy time ahead for all.

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St Francis' Brain Food Breakfast

As part of our ongoing learning about making healthy food choices, the students in St. Francis enthusiastically designed and created their own custom cereal boxes! They applied real-world marketing techniques alongside the essential nutrition knowledge they have gained around healthy eating. To celebrate their wonderful creativity and hard work, we had a Brain Food Breakfast on Wednesday. The children brought in their own cereal and kept it safely in their box, Mrs Boric was on milk and fruit, then when it was time we all enjoyed a yummy breakfast together! A healthy, happy morning had by all!



Stella Sparkles — What A Season! ✨

What a netball season we have had with our Year 4 Stella Sparkles team! Bailey Kemble, Frankie Stanley, Georgia Ramsey, Georgia Walker, Isha Phansekar, Malia Ashman, Olivia Lehmann, Sara Clumba. I am so incredibly proud of our girls and the hard work they have put in throughout the entire season, developing amazing skills, confidence and perseverance. We've had our share of adversity, with sickness and injury along the way, but the girls showed incredible determination and still managed to make the semi-final, going down in a very close fought game against Red Beach School. They played their hearts out! 🍷 We finished the season with a win in our final game and added some fun into the mix by wearing tutus, glitter and fluorescent pink face paint — truly living up to our name, inside and out! ✨💖 A huge thank you to our fantastic umpire, **Isla Ashman**, who, in her first year of umpiring, has done a mature and accomplished job. We are so proud of you, Isla! 🍷 Thank you also to our wonderful parents for supporting the girls with such enthusiasm — and for getting up for those early mornings to bring them to training! And finally, a big thank you to **Jess, our Manager, and Mel Hogg** for all your help and effort throughout the season. What a fantastic group of girls — we've loved watching them grow, learn and play together, and make such wonderful friendships along the way. 💖🏐 Signing off - Coach Mel. Go Stella Sparkles!



SPORTS NEWS

Netball

The Stella Year 5 netball team played an intense game in the final against Red Beach. It was very evenly matched throughout and at full time with a score of 10 all the game went to overtime. Chloe Foster scored the winning goal and the Year 5 netball team came first in their grade. All the girls have learnt so much and have grown into excellent netball players. Well done girls you had a fantastic season!



Team 4/2 What an amazing occasion - our final game of the season and in THE final against Red Beach. Unbeaten all season and came away with a win; 9-5. The team aka Stella Shooters: Makenna Scott, Emme Walker, Kyla Fisher, Cece Franich, Aria Silich, Isla Brennan, Beba Martin Buitron, Jaina Morton-Jones, Milla Dee and Quinn Drake - CONGRATULATIONS! POD x10! You are all stars! We are all very proud of you!





Holiday HQ

Holiday HQ the ultimate destination for kids looking for an unforgettable break from the school routine!

From exciting outdoor escapades to creative workshops, cooking classes and interactive learning sessions - our expert educators provide a dynamic blend of engaging activities and enriching experiences.

Spring Holidays 2026

Step into the wild these spring school holidays at Holiday HQ: Animalia!

Step into a world of amazing animals, exciting adventures and hands-on fun! Explore the wilds of Aotearoa, dive beneath the ocean, discover jungle creatures, meet polar animals and travel back in time to the world of dinosaurs!

28 Sept – 9 Oct

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HOLIDAY HQ

ANIMALIA

Go wild these school holidays!

Scan the QR code to secure your spot today!

MSD-Approved. Work & Income OSCAR Subsidy available!

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Customer Service: 021 08297693
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28th September – 9th October 2026

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Monday 28th



BUSY BEES

Get ready for a buzzing day of creativity & delicious fun! Make your own Honey Bee Bead Craft, create a beautiful Honeycomb Canvas Masterpiece, & enjoy a delicious honey-inspired treat.



Tuesday 29th



JUNGLE MISSION TRIP: My Wonderland

Join us for a day as we head off to My Wonderland for an exciting play adventure! More jungle fun missions & games back on site with a Monkey Madness Sundae treat!



Wednesday 30th



BUBBLE JUNGLE

A fantastic bubbly jungle adventure like no other with a Bubble Show, jungle games & animal inspired art using bubbles of course! Let the jungle fun begin!



Thursday 1st



ANIMALIA DINER DAY

Get ready for a wildly delicious day! Kids create their own donuts & milkshakes in our decorating & mixing stations! Come hungry & ready to make some wild treats!



Friday 2nd



LOST CREATURES

Dig it, discover it, uncover the secrets of the past! Step back in time & be an extinct creature explorer! Fossil digs, creature detective challenges, extinction survival games & hands on fossil making.



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Monday 5th



MADAGASCAR MUSICAL

Lights, camera, ACTION! From hilarious animal characters & wild dance moves, there's something for every budding star! Find your character, own the stage & let the show begin!



Tuesday 6th



THE GREAT WHEELS DERBY

Start your engines for a wild ride! Design, build & customise your own animal inspired wheels. Test it out in an exciting Derby Challenge. Build it, race it, bring home the roar!



Wednesday 7th



FLYING HIGH

Spread your wings & get creative! Explore the world of flying animals & make awesome take-home creations including their own bird feeders, wind chimes & flying animal projects!



Thursday 8th



SHAUN THE SHEEP: THE BEASTY OF MOSSY BOTTOM

Grab your popcorn & get ready for a baaa-riffant day! We're heading to the movies followed by more fun back on site with game, creative activities & crafty farmyard fun.



Friday 9th



FUR & FEATHERS HIGH TEA

Step into the world of animal-inspired elegance! Expect plenty of tasty treats, creativity & a touch of wild sophistication! Bring your fave animal stuffy along to join the fun!



<https://enrolmy.com/skids-bumblers-limited/book-now/157-Stella-Maris-Spring-Holidays-2026>

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Mark Your Diaries

04 Sep	Dad's Day at Stella Maris 12.20pm - BYO Lunch
06 Sep	Father's Day
07 Sep	Mārama Assembly 9am
07 Sep	PTFA MEETING - Northern Union 7.00pm
07 Sep	Fundraising Read-A-thon until 24th September
0 Sep	Liturgy 9am in the hall - CANCELLED
14 Sep	Ahi Assembly 9m
18 Sep	Second Hand Uniform Sale 2.30pm
21 Sep.	Whole School Assembly 9am
25 Sep	Term 3 Ends 2.45pm
27 Sep	Daylight Saving starts - clocks forward
12 Oct	Term 4 Begins 8.45am

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**