

Stella Maris Catholic Primary

Kia ora e te Whānau

There have been a number of fun reading photos sent in for the board in the main atrium and this has led to many stories as the children come into school each morning. I am enjoying hearing stories from children about how they are going on their Bingo Challenge, and how many books they have read, and hearing the pride they have in what they are achieving. It has been great to see the engagement in reading that has occurred with the Read-a-thon.

This morning when I checked we had 214 out of 392 students signed up on the Go Raise It site and they have raised \$9,930 – an awesome achievement. There is one more week of the Read-a-thon it would be great if we can see more of our students signed up.

The next spot prize draw is for everyone that is signed up by tomorrow and has at least 2 donations. The prize is an electronic drawing pad.



Today we have New Zealand children's author Sam Smith in to share his writing experience with the children. He is very engaging, enthusiastic about reading and writing and was very excited to hear that we are in the middle of a Read-a-thon, reading being one of his favourite things to do. Next week we are excited to have past pupil Laetitia Tan come and speak to some of our classes. Laetitia has written two books which are in our library and we look forward to hearing about her writing journey.

Wear Your PJs to School Day: To celebrate our Read-a-thon next Thursday, 24 September, the children are invited to wear their pyjamas to school and bring along a soft toy for a Teddy Bears' Picnic. Please remember that Reading Logs and Bingo Challenge cards need to be returned to the class teacher next Thursday 24th September to be eligible for the prize draws.

Grandparents' Day: Don't forget to let grandparents know that they are invited to school on Tuesday 27 October from 8:45am to 12:00pm to share in the learning in the classes, join in morning tea in the hall and be entertained by our choir and kapa haka.

Summer Uniform: A reminder to please make sure that you have all of the correct uniform items as we move into summer uniform next term. Especially the school hat which is compulsory in term 4, and plain black school sandals and hair accessories.

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

Catherine Cyprian
Principal

DRS Message

Throughout the term classes explore Inoi-Prayer, Achievement Objective 8 in our RE curriculum. This strand focuses on the significance of prayer in all aspects of life and as an important part of RE. Students will learn about the history, styles, traditions, examples and purposes of Inoi Prayer. Opportunities will be provided to create and practise different ways of praying which have meaning for young people's lives.

Year 1 and 2:

Recognise that prayer is talking with and listening to God on our spiritual journey. We can tell God how amazing God is, in words and waiata.

Year 3 and 4:

Recognise that through prayer we can develop a loving relationship with God, and pray together using the names of the three persons of the Trinity.

Year 5 and 6:

Identify ways the Saints are active in people's lives and understand that we can ask Mary and other Saints to speak to God on our behalf when we pray.

*Loving God,
We ask you to hear the prayers of all whanau at Stella Maris.
May our students grow in their faith, love and understanding of You.
May they encounter You as they explore different ways of praying.*

Amen.

Team News

Mārama Team News

Kiaora Whanau, this week the children have been allowed back on the fields with a change of clothes, it's been great to see their happy faces after morning tea and lunch breaks. They have enjoyed running around and using the sports equipment which has recently arrived thanks to the PTFA. We've also been enjoying the D.E.A.R initiative to help support the read-athon. Thank you to everyone who has signed their child up to Raise-It and begun fundraising. Next week we look forward to a whole school assembly, another author visit and celebrating the end of the read-athon.

Ahi Team News

Our students are avidly participating in the Read-a-thon, by counting up the minutes they are reading each day. We encourage families to sign up their children on the official fundraising page. This week we have had author Sam Smith visit us and next week we have an ex-Stella student and author, Laetitia Tan visit us. We remind students who wish to trial for the Y5/6 Interschool Swimming competition that will be happening in week 1 next term, that you return your slips asap. Y5/6 Interschool Hockey information has been sent home this week, for those students participating in the tournament next term.

SCHOOL NEWS

Stella 6/1 Netball Season Round-Up

Congratulations to our dedicated Year 6 girls - Mia, Capri, Milla-Rose, Mila, Amelia, Brooke, Ava R, Ava M, Goldie, Mikayla and Isla - who all performed exceptionally throughout the netball season. They represented Stella with so much heart, skill and determination, competing in two NNH tournaments as well as the HBC weekly league. For many of the girls, it was their first season of netball, but you certainly wouldn't have guessed it! The athleticism, teamwork and sportsmanship each girl demonstrated made us parents incredibly proud. Their enthusiasm and positive attitudes were infectious, they earned a FairPlay nomination, and they were an absolute pleasure to coach. It has been such a privilege watching them grow in confidence, develop their skills and, most importantly, enjoy playing together. A massive thank you to Melissa Granich for managing the team, Nicole Bayley for umpiring, and to all the families who showed up week after week to cheer our girls on and support them. You are all so appreciated. Well done, girls - you should be incredibly proud of yourselves! Hope to see you all on the sideline again next year, Coach Des.



The First Holy Communion Mass

The children who are completing the Sacramental Programme will be celebrating their First Holy Communion next weekend, September 20 during the 10.30am mass at St. John's Church in Orewa. There will be a lot of seating reserved for the families. There will also be an additional mass celebrated on that morning at 8.30am at St. John's Church (due to St. Francis's currently being closed for renovations), so if you would like a less busy option, you are warmly invited to attend the 8.30am mass.



Need something to do these school holidays? Create your very own LEGO creation inspired by our theme 'DANGER!' and enter the competition to win a LEGO prize pack for your classroom and a \$100 Toyworld gift voucher for you! But that's not all, finalists will win a family pass and have the opportunity to feature their creations at the Auckland Brick Show 2026, October 3-4, Auckland Netball Centre, St Johns. Tickets available now at www.eventbrite.co.nz There are four age categories Years 0-2, 3-4, 5-6, and 7-8. Entries close Sunday 27 September. Head to www.aucklug.co.nz for further competition details and to submit your entry.



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OREWA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

JUNIOR SURF

HAVE A GO - OPEN DAY

9.30-11.30am

- Membership Info & try uniform for size
- Find out about our Sunday programme for 3-13 year olds
- Meet the team and ask your questions

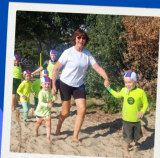
10.00-11.00am

- Have a go at our Junior Surf activities

EVENT DATE

20 SEPT 2026

9.30-11.30AM







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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50 Silverdale Street
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Email:
stellamaris@skids.co.nz

Onsite:
027 2754377

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28th September – 9th October 2026

Sept

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.



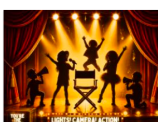
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Monday 5th



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-rilliant 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-bumblerods-limited/book-now/157-Stella-Maris-Spring-Holidays-2026>

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NEWSLETTER 17 September 2026

Mark Your Diaries

18 Sep	Second Hand Uniform Sale 2.30pm
21 Sep	Whole School Assembly 9am
24 Sep	Fundraising Read-A-thon Ends
25 Sep	Term 3 Ends 2.45pm
27 Sep	Daylight Saving starts - clocks forward
12 Oct	Term 4 Begins 8.45am
13 Oct	Ahi Swim Carnival 10am - 12pm
22 Oct	Year 5/6 Softball - Victor Eaves Park
26 Oct	Labour Day - School Closed
27 Oct	Grandparents Day at Stella Maris 8.45 - 12.00pm
06 Nov	Carmel College Orientation 9.30am
06 Nov	Rosmini Orientation 9.30am
09 Nov	Marama Year 1-3 Swimming - One week
16 Nov	Ahi Year 4-6 Swimming - One Week
27 Nov	New Students start of 2027 visit 9.30 - 11.20am
04 Dec	New Entrants 2027 visit 2 8.45am - 11.20am
11 Dec	Thanksgiving Liturgy 11-12pm - St John's Church
14 Dec	SHINE Assembly Year 3-6 10am
14 Dec	Year 6 Graduation Dinner 6-8pm
15 Dec	Term Four Ends 12.20pm

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

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– 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**