

Stella Maris Catholic Primary

Kia ora e te Whānau

Last Friday was a joy filled day as we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady. This day is New Zealand's national patronal feast day, New Zealand was dedicated to Our Lady Assumed into Heaven by Bishop Pompallier in 1838 – asking Mary to pray for us. This day is also our school's feast day and last Friday we celebrated Mary by gathering in liturgy led by St Francis, wearing blue, white or gold, placing wreaths on statues of Mary around the school, shared morning tea, reflected on how we can be more like Mary and Jesus, and asked her to pray for us.



Tomorrow afternoon, after school, we will welcome 14 students from Kobe Kaisei (Stella Maris) School in Japan. They will be hosted by us until Thursday morning of next week, spending time in our senior classes and getting a taste of school in New Zealand. We look forward to sharing our school, learning and culture with them.

Next Monday and Tuesday Photolife are onsite. Monday is class, sibling and individual photos. Please ensure that students are in correct and tidy uniform, with long hair tied up fully (no half ponies). We ask that you especially ensure that shoes are plain black and socks are knee high black socks). On Tuesday students in school sport teams need to ensure they have their team sports uniform or PE uniform, including sport shoes at school.

Upcoming events:

The next PTFA fundraiser is a Readathon. This event will run from Monday 7th September to Thursday 24th September. It will involve students being sponsored for reading as much as they can during this time. We have organised author visits and will provide opportunities for reading at school and hope that you will be able to join in reading to and with the children at home too. More information about the Readathon will come home shortly, please keep an eye out for this.

Dad's Day: Dads are invited to join us at school on **Friday 4th September from 12:20-2:45pm** to share in learning and play with your children. The afternoon begins with lunch break at 12:20pm, followed by lunch eating at 1pm (Bring your own lunch to enjoy with the children) and then time in the classrooms to share in the learning.

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

Catherine Cyprian

Principal

The Feast of the Assumption, our school Feast day, was a very special occasion at Stella Maris. Students and staff wore white, blue and gold mufti to honour Our Lady.

A gold coin donation raised money for St Vincent de Paul society.

We started the day off with a wonderful Liturgy led by St Francis class. We were challenged to say "Yes" to God as Mary did by doing the following things.

Love others – Treat everyone with kindness, respect, and compassion, just as Jesus did.

Pray every day – Spend time talking and listening to God, thanking Him and asking for His help.

Help others – Look for opportunities to serve family, friends, neighbours, and those in need.

Forgive and be kind – Say sorry when you've done wrong, forgive others, and choose peace instead of anger.

Do the right thing – Be honest, make good choices, and have the courage to stand up for what is right, even when it's difficult.

Each class shared a "Feast" for morning tea to celebrate together. Throughout the day each class explored their lessons exploring the Assumption of Mary that help explain the Feast day for our students. Each student was also encouraged to place a heart at a special display to share how we too can say 'Yes' to God.



*Loving God,
Thank you for giving us Mary to be the mother
of Jesus and our mother too.
Help us to trust you as Mary trusted you.
Help us to be kind, loving and faithful every day.
May we always follow Jesus with joyful hearts.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

SCHOOL NEWS

Marama Team

Kiaora Whanau, it is hard to believe that we are already into week 5 of term! We started this week with a beautiful assembly led by St Nicholas, they taught us all about the food groups and eating the rainbow! Here we welcomed Miss Spargo and her class from St Joachim. We are very excited about this new class opening and getting to know Lucy and her students.

We are continuing to remind children to move safely around the school, please remind your children that they should not be running or pushing past others, especially adults. Children are encouraged to stop and wait, especially at doorways to let adults go first.

Ahi Team

The Year 4 classes, along with the Y5/6 classes would like to thank the parents who joined us on our recent EOTC days (Education Outside the Classroom). This week we have enjoyed our visits to the Life Education Caravan. Next week we have Japanese students visiting the Year 5 classrooms. This is a wonderful opportunity for the students to share in and learn from each other's cultures. Next Thursday, our Year 5/6 Interschool Cross Country team will attend their event at Shakespear Regional Park. We wish all our competitors the best of luck.

Sibling Photos - Monday 24th August

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 the link that was sent out has now been closed. However if you would still like a sibling photo please come in to the office and fill out a form.

Sports News

Touch Rugby

If your child is interested in playing Touch Rugby for Stella Maris after school in term 4 (2026) and term 1 (2027), please go to HERO for more information and how to sign up. The notice was sent out on Wednesday 19th August.

Please complete the Google form by Friday 28th August. Please note: No late entries will be accepted after this date, due to teams needing to be submitted to Silverdale Rugby Club for the draws to be formed.

Netball

Another amazing win for our Stella 4/2 team in what we had prepared for, to be a highly competitive game. A great win 11-3 against Red Beach. The entire team locked in and were on fire. Well done team!!! The PODs were Isla and Beba who were also the team's pick as clear standouts on the night. Well done!

PARISH NEWS

This Saturday at St John's Church, Orewa. Bishop Steve is coming to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with the following candidates and therefore ask that you keep all of these children in your prayers. Wishing you all a very special day as you take this next step in your faith journey and may you all enjoy this wonderful celebration and be filled with the Holy Spirit today and always.

Kayla Juliet Sturge, Henry Mathew Sturge, Symon Francis Balmeo, Carl Trevor Pascual Reyes, Brenton Sao Pedro Stynes, Jmar Khayne Apilado, Harry John Deed, Ben Rata Deed, Ciara Moreira Luck, Anna -Chaeon Hwang, Eliza Nina Menzies, Rafael Willem Harray Bovelander, Jayce Malkiel Naguit, Chloe Michelle Foster, Hailey Noul Jeong, Olive Hyojung Kim, Milla Tsai-Wei Chou, Rebecca Rose Connors, Sebastian Frank Coomber, Edward James Coomber, Yuni Soedarmo, Andres Hughes, Sylvie Mary Hopkins, Lee Anthony Sugiarto, Elle Antonia Sugiarto, Abigail Ling, Brooke Valerie Madsen, Goldie Ava West, Salvador Gonzalo Pena, Phoenix May Frater-Caintic, Arleyan Marie Aganon Sapon, Aqua Emelia Wooldridge, Zachariah Ronald Vicars, Luke Tan, Piper Faith Humphreys, Bruno Oliboni de Souza, Antonio Oliboni de Souza, Erin Rae Deniega, Rikard Ulrich Candy, Lola Olive Davies, Tiffany Bao Nhi Hoang, Hudson John Symmons, Mathea Niziel Olaivar, Harper Rose Foster.

Community News

Orewa Surf Life Saving Club. Junior Surf Have A Go Open Day



Surf Life Saving
Fun for the whole family
www.orewasurfclub.org.nz

Junior Membership
ON SALE
until 30 September

JUNIOR SURF HAVE A GO - OPEN DAY

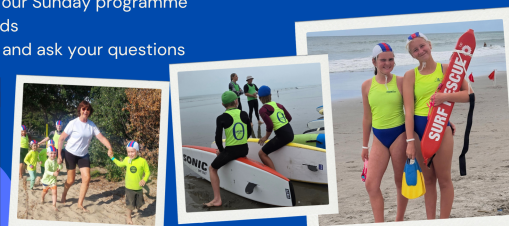
9.30-11.30am

- 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





The PTFA Presents

AMERICAN HOT DOGS COOKIES AND CRISPS FUN LUNCH



FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST

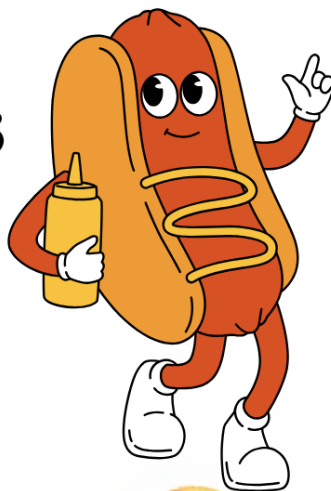
Order Now on Kindo



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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NEWSLETTER 20 August 2026

Mark Your Diaries

24 Aug	Photolife Class, Portrait and Sibling Photos
25 Aug	Photolife Team and Group Photos
27 Aug	Liturgy 9am in the hall
27 Aug	Inter school Cross Country - Shakespear Park
28 Aug	PTFA Fun Lunch
31 Aug	Ahi Assembly
01 Sep	Kapa Haka Showcase - Rosmini College
02 Sep	Playhouse - Puss in Gumboots show
04 Sep	Dad's Day at Stella Maris 12.20pm - BYO Lunch
06 Sep	Father's Day
07 Sep	Mārama Assembly
10 Sep	Liturgy 9am in the hall
14 Sep	Ahi Assembly
18 Sep	Second Hand Uniform Sale 2.30pm
21 Sep.	Whole School Assembly
22 Sep	Fundraising Read-A-thon
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.



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**

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**