

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

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Kia ora e te Whānau

On Monday evening I had the pleasure of watching our two year 4 hockey teams play against one another in the finals at Millwater. It was a hard fought game and I was greatly impressed with the level of skill shown by both teams. We have had many school teams participating in winter sports this year, and for most of them their seasons are winding up. I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the parents who have coached and managed our teams through the season, for giving your time to make these sporting opportunities available, fun and challenging for the students. Thank you too to Mrs Bessone for co-ordinating our sports teams (we had 27 teams have photos taken on Tuesday).

Today we farewelled our visitors from Kobe Kaisei School in Japan. They enjoyed their short stay with us and I thank our Year 5 classes who hosted the students during this time. There was a lot of opportunity to share in learning and culture. Thank you to Ms Hunt and the Kapa Haka for the beautiful mihi whakatau to greet our visitors.

Our Year 5/6 inter-school cross country team are participating in the Cross Country at Shakespear Regional Park today and we look forward to hearing their results when they return.

Next Tuesday our Kapa Haka are participating in the North Shore Catholic Schools Kapa Haka Showcase at Rosmini College. This is always a special day for the groups from our Catholic schools to gather and share, and learn from one another.

READATHON: The next PTFA and School fundraiser is the Readathon which will run from Monday 7 September to Thursday 24 September. Over this three week period all students are encouraged to read as much as they can at home, and will have reading challenges at school as well. Mārama Team (Year 0-3) will record each book they read, and Ahi Team (Year 4-6) will record the number of minutes they read each day. We have organised author visits from Sam Smith and Laetitia Tan (Laetitia is a past pupil of Stella Maris), and are organising a fun day on the 24 September to celebrate reading as we finish the Readathon. We ask that you support your children in their reading during this time, and also help them to sign up for sponsors on the Go Raise It online platform. More information will come home next week about how to gather sponsors, as well as the Reading Log and a Reading Bingo Challenge for students to track their reading.

DADS' DAY: We are looking forward to sharing the afternoon with dads or a significant family member next Friday, 4 September. We hope that you can come along from 12:20 to 2:45pm. The afternoon will begin with the lunch break at 12:20, followed by lunch eating at 1pm (Bring your own lunch to share lunch eating with your children), and then time in the classes to share in the learning. We hope you can join us.

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

Catherine Cyprian
Principal

URGENT:

If You Have A Child Who Is Turning Five Next Year, And You Wish Them To Attend Stella Maris Please Contact The Office For An Enrolment Form. We Require Completed Enrolment Forms Before The End Of This Term.

DRS Message

Recently we witnessed a Stella Maris Netball team Shine for God. Having won a Future Ferns voucher for \$500 they all decided to share half of their winnings with Love Soup Hibiscus Coast. Our RE curriculum is designed as a knowledge based curriculum where students explore who God is and that Jesus came to teach us how to be connected to God. We explore the teachings and actions of Jesus, the Saints and how we can demonstrate these in our daily lives. The true assessment of this learning is not always seen straight away but we know the seeds have been planted with students from their very first moments at Stella Maris. These year 4 students took an opportunity to display our Marian Values in the community. We pray for opportunities for our students to encounter Jesus. Through their actions along with guidance from their parents and coaches, they have clearly encountered Jesus and made decisions to show Jesus' love for others. We thank you, our Stella Maris Year 4 Netball team, your coaches and parents for all giving us a real life example of how we might Shine for God.

**'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these
who are members of my family, you did it to me.'**

Matthew 25:40

Gracious God, we thank You for the precious gift of children.

*We praise You for placing pure insight, humble wonder,
and deep truth into their growing minds.*

*Thank You for the unique wisdom they show us,
reflecting Your pure light and teaching us how to love more deeply.*

Amen.



SCHOOL NEWS

Marama Team

Kiaora Whanau, as we race through term 3 we would like to remind you that we encourage children to grow their independence now they are at school. All children should be carrying their own bags, unpacking their bags ready for the school day and arriving by 8.30am so that they can greet their friends and get ready for the day ahead. Using the drop off/pick up zone is also a great way to grow their independence. We find encouraging children to be independent helps build their confidence, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills early, which helps them develop the resilience needed to navigate everyday challenges on their own.

Ahi Team

Another busy week for the team, beginning with photos. The Kapa Haka group welcomed the Japanese students to our school, with the Year 5 classes hosting these students this week. Today our Y5/6 Interschool Cross Country Team represented the school at their event at Shakespear Park. We thank Mrs Bessone and all of the parent helpers that supported our students. Results will be included in next weeks newsletter. Next week our Kapa Haka group, led by Ms Hunt will be attending the Kapa Haka Showcase at Rosmini College. We wish them well and hope they enjoy the experience. We look forward to having our Dads join us on Dads Day on the Friday 4th September.

SPORTS NEWS

Netball

Stella 4/2 have made it to the finals and wow the last game really made us work for it. For a great all round team effort we came away with a very close win against Gulf Harbour; 6-5. One last push and one last game - let's see what our girls have got left in them! POD x2; both for effective shooting when it counted - Beba Martin Buitron and Sienna Franich! Please wish our team well for next week's final!

The Stella Year 5 netball team had a great game against Stanmore Bay 5/1. It was very evenly matched but our girls held the lead throughout and secured a win of 15-13. Congratulations to our player of the day Darla Olliff for playing an excellent defensive game and getting more intercepts than we could count!



Touch Rugby Registration

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.

Hockey

This year we had two Year 1 & 2 Hockey Teams playing for Stella Maris. They were the 'Stella Winners' and the 'Stella Stars'. Both teams had a wonderful season where they experienced lots of wins, some losses and draws. Each player grew in confidence and skill level over the season with both teams winning their final Games: Stella Winners won 6 - 1 and the Stella Stars won 6 - 2. Well done to all of our year 1 & 2 hockey players!





OREWA
SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

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



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



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Mark Your Diaries

28 Aug	PTFA Fun Lunch
31 Aug	Ahi Assembly
01 Sep	Kapa Haka Showcase - Rosmini College
02 Sep	Playhouse - Puss in Gumboots show
03 Sep	Scholastics Orders Close
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**