

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Dear Families

This Sunday we celebrate Feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Assumption of Mary is a doctrine which teaches that after the mother of Jesus died, she was resurrected, glorified, and taken bodily to heaven. The word assumption is taken from a Latin word meaning "to take up." In the gospel we hear about Mary visiting her cousin Elizabeth who is also expecting her first child. Elizabeth is so "filled with the Holy Spirit" she can't help but cry out in joy. Mary, too, is overwhelmed with God's presence, moving her to profess one of the great prayers of praise in the Catholic tradition (The Magnificat) which begins "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord."

The Feast of the Assumption is usually celebrated on 15th August, but this year the church will celebrate on Sunday 14th August. Our parish is celebrating with a "Family Mass" at St John's Church on Centreway Road at 10:15am. All are warmly welcomed.

At Stella Maris we will also mark the day with a school liturgy at 8.55am on Monday morning. Mary is the patron of our school.

Coming Events

August 14th	Family Mass St John's Church, Orewa 10.15am. An invitation to all the school community to join the Parish to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption.
August 15th	Feast of the Assumption – School Patronal Day.
August 18th	Interschool Hockey Tournament.
August 19th	Stella Maris School Cross country.
August 20th	Japanese students arrive.
August 30th	School Photos.
August 31st	Team / Group Photos

Thinking of Becoming Catholic?

A series of Enquiry Evenings for people interested in becoming Catholic begins on Tuesday 16 August, 7.30pm in St John's meeting room, Orewa, continuing on Tuesday evenings.

Interested folk who are not Catholic are most welcome to contact Fr Pat or the parish office by phone (09 426 5599) or email (patrickb@xtra.co.nz or hbcparish@xtra.co.nz) for more information, or to express interest.

Parishioners are encouraged to let family or friends know about these evenings.

TEAM NEWS

Matikao Team:

We are learning about Sacrament in RE at the moment, and how we are reminded of the Holiness of God through places, time, objects and rituals. We are continuing to train for the cross country on Friday of next week and we are also learning to identify classroom objects in Te Reo.

Mokehu Team:

Cross Country is on Friday 19th August and we will be focussing on continuous running at class fitness times. The children may bring trainers for the training runs. Please ensure your children bring PE gear every day.

Huruhuru Team:

This week Huruhuru will be sending out a few letters regarding essentials for our production. Prop lists and costuming requests will be out in the next few weeks. We are all training hard for cross country starting at 1pm on Friday 19th August.

Alan Watts

Principal



DRS Message

We celebrate our School Feast Day- the Assumption of Mary – on Monday 15th August. This year the Church celebrates this special day on Sunday the 14th and we will be joining the Parish for a Family Mass at St John's at 10.15am. The school will also celebrate with a Liturgy on Monday morning at 8.55am. We remember our special charism and follow Mary's example as we walk our faith journeys. Our students can confidently talk about our Marian Values and they are evident in daily life at school. At Assembly on Monday 15th at 11.20am we award this month's Charism Medals to three students who shine in this area. Next week is a time to refocus on the Marian Values and to think about Mary's words from the Gospel:

"My soul magnifies the Lord. My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour" (Luke 1: 46- 47)

God Bless,
Kathie Bodle
Acting DRS

SCHOOL NEWS

School Assembly

Assembly is held fortnightly on Monday at 11.20am. The next school assembly will be held on Monday 15th August. St Peter will be leading. All welcome to join us.

Feast Of The Assumption School Liturgy

Stella Maris Feast Day Liturgy will be held on Monday 15th August at 8.55am in the school hall. You are most welcome to join us for this special liturgy.

School Liturgy

Liturgy is held fortnightly on Thursday at 8.55am. The next school liturgy will be held on Thursday 25th August. All are welcome to join us.

Students Arriving Late To School

A reminder to families that schools starts at 8.45am and students should be at school ready to start the day before this time. Continual late arrivals causes disruption to the morning prayers in class and is not teaching your child good habits around punctuality and respect to others. It is appreciated that from time to time there can be a genuine reason for lateness. Your active co-operation in this matter would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Photolife August 2016

Class, individual, and sibling photos will be taken on Tuesday 30th August, all team and group photos will be taken on 31st August, students who are in sports / cultural groups will be required to bring sports uniforms including footwear on this date. We would encourage and invite all coaches of teams to be part of team photos. The office will communicate with you when the timetable has been finalised. Team and Group photos will be displayed and these will be ordered separately through an envelope system. Please note that **Photolife give a 100% money back guarantee** if you are not happy with your photo pack. Please do look out for your individual ordering "shoot key" coming home soon. **For sibling photos a separate envelope will be required to be completed.** These are available now, please collect one from the school office. **Please note this year there will be a new smaller pack of your children, available to purchase online.**

Pita Pit Lunches

Ordering envelopes can be collected from the school office and need to be returned by 9.00am on Friday morning to the office. Last week's 'golden ticket' winner was Adrian Pereira, Adrian gets his next Pita Pit order for free.

Donation Of Board Games To The Library

The wet weather is bringing students inside during break times to the library, which is fantastic, they are all enjoy reading, the stitch club, and board game activities. The school is however low on board games, if you have any tidy and complete games that are appropriate for students to play, that you no longer use, the school would appreciate it very much if you could donate these to the school for use in the library during breaks. Can you please leave these at the school office, again a BIG thanks to you all for your continued support.

Sacramental Program

Please pray for the following in our school community as they prepare for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. The Mass will be held at Puhoi Church, 9.00am on 18th September.

Indianna Coman-Meyer, Seann Kelay, Danielle Kiezer, Lachlan McDougall, Katie O'Shea, Charlotte Pickup, Isaac Porter, Lilly Rumsby, Jack Rust, Polly Walker.

SPORTS NEWS

Hockey Results

Stella Stealers V St Joseph School

Score Won 1-0
Player of the Day Lucca Hinton

Flipper Ball Results

Stella Seahorses V Whangaparaoa Piranhas

Score Won 11-0
Player of the Day Summer McKee-Wright
Fair Player Jack Rust

Stella Stingrays V Silverfish

Score Won 1-0
Player of the Day Pipi Quinlan

Stella Sharks V Red Caps

Score Lost 0-6
Player of the Day Noveah Butt

Netball Results

Stella shooters V Whangaparaoa Barracudas

Score Won 5-2
 Players of the Day Nina Balogh
 Amy Thornton

Cross Country Dates

Whole school Cross Country will be held at 1pm on Friday 19th August. This time differs from that advertised previously in the newsletter calendar. Parents are invited to come along and support your children. Inter school Cross country will be held on Thursday 1st September.

Congratulations

Regan Mant from St Dominic completed his second half marathon on Sunday in Millwater with a fantastic time of 1hr 51 minutes. He placed 2nd in the under 19's division. We are very proud of his determination and commitment. Well done Regan!

PTFA NEWS

End Of Year School Picnic

This is for all the enthusiastic parents in the school community. I have put my hand up to lead the end of year school picnic. If I have helpers it will be a much cooler event than what I can do on my own. If you are keen to be involved please email simon.alexis@xtra.co.nz. My aim is to do the event as best we can with as little effort as possible, so please don't be put off thinking it will be too big a time commitment!! Thanks Alexis Purvis.

Stella Stars Playgroup

Meet in the school hall on Friday mornings 8.45am - 11.00am. All children and parents welcome! newborn - 4 years. Relaxing morning spent doing a craft, free play, mat time and morning tea. This weeks theme is fish and nature. Juanita will be making fish out of CD's with the kids. For more information please contact Nicole 021 0241 9332 .

StellArt Auction & Art Exhibition Friday 16th September

Get your ticket Next Week, starting Monday 15th August. **TICKETS ARE LIMITED** so get in quick. Stella Maris PTFA invites you to an amazing evening of art, music, door prizes, mystery balloon prizes, along with both silent and live auctions. Enjoy the music of a live Jazz Quartet featuring Ben Fernandez and Maria O'Flaherty, complimentary canapés and a cash bar. You can view, buy and bid on your children's class mural creations. There will also be well known and highly talented local and NZ artists/sculptor's work including original art, hand blown glass, ceramics and jewellery featured in the auctions. Enjoy all this while socialising with your friends in a relaxing and buzzing atmosphere. Come join us for a fun, adult only event to raise money to go towards the Stella Maris playground upgrade and enhancement project. Tickets on Sale from Monday 15th August early bird special of \$20.00 per person until 31st August, thereafter price \$30.00. Purchase tickets in main school atrium before and after school from 15th August until sold out. No door sales. Or, to reserve tickets contact Michelle Nottage E:michellenottage@gmail.com

PARISH NEWS

Marriage Encounter Weekend

23rd - 25th September at Allenby Park Motor Inn, Manukau, Auckland. A special weekend encouraging couples to focus on each other. Ph: 0800 362 686 for more information and to BOOK NOW!

Year Of Mercy

All parishioners are invited to a talk on 'Mercy in our World' by Sr Sian from Pompallier Centre, St John's church hall Thursday 11th August at 7:30pm. In this year of Mercy you are encouraged to attend and reflect on different aspects of mercy. To register your interest phone 09 4234 7245 or email helenbernard04@yahoo.com

Sacramental Programme

Are you thinking of enrolling your son or daughter in the Sacramental Programme this year? We are currently looking for people to be leaders both for the children and for the parent groups. Full training and material provided as well as a lot of support from the team. The programme is well regarded and we would like to be able to maintain its format, for that we need your help. If you can help out please contact Claire Buckley 09 420 4045 or cbuckley@clear.net.nz

COMMUNITY NEWS

Free Community Meals - Love Soup

They invite you to join them for a soup, main and dessert. Every Sunday during August from 5pm for a free community dinner. Whangaparaoa Hall, 717 Whangaparaoa Road, just above the library. Ph: Julie King 022 074 9526.

Hospice Homes Tour

Exceptional homes and gardens of Sandspit and Warkworth. Sunday 13th November. Tickets \$50.00 Phone 09 425 9535. E; admin@hospicehouse.org.nz W: warkworthwellsfordhospice.co.nz.

Roller Disco

Saturday 20th August 6pm coaching 6.30pm Disco. Orewa Community Centre, 368 Hibiscus Coast Highway. Entry \$10 including skates, Coaching \$5.00. Family discount \$50 for 4 includes entry, skates, coaching. Information skatescool.co.nz and FB. Please share the event on facebook and like SKATESCOOL they pick some names for freebies.

Shrek The Musical

Kristin School's middle school production will be held on 2nd and 3rd September. Past pupil Nathaniel Churches has a lead role. Tickets on sale through iticket.co.nz

Silverdale Pony Club

Enrolment day, Sunday 21st August 3-5pm. Please note they offer riders without horses a 10 week horse management programme. Minimum age is 8 years. For more information please see our school community notice board.

HBC Softball Have-a-go Day

Date has changed from this Sunday 14th August to Sunday 11th September. E: secretary@hbcsoftball.org.nz

Mark Your Diaries

14	Aug	Family Mass St John's Church Orewa 10.15am
15	Aug	Feast of the Assumption - School Patronal Day Liturgy 8.55am
15	Aug	School Assembly 11.20am - St Peter leading
18	Aug	Hockey Tournament Year 5-6
19	Aug	Year 7/8 Tech
19	Aug	Whole School Cross Country 1.00pm
20	Aug	Japanese students at Stella Maris to 4th September
22	Aug	Powhiri to welcome Japanese students 9.00am
30	Aug	Photolife Class and Individual Photos
31	Aug	Photolife Team Photos
01	Sep	World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
01	Sep	Interschool Cross Country Year 5-8
02	Sep	Farewell function for Japanese students
04	Sep	Tongan Language Week begins
07	Sep	PTFA Meeting 7.15pm
08	Sep	"You have the Power" 1.30pm show to all students
09	Sep	Dad's Day at Stella Maris 12.20 to 2.45pm
09	Sep	PTFA Fun Lunch
09	Sep	Year 7/8 Tech
11	Sep	Social Justice Week focused on migration
15	Sep	3rd Rugby Tournament Year 3-4 and Year 5-6
16	Sep	Art Auction - PTFA
18	Sep	Confirmation and First Holy Communion Mass at Puhoi 9am
23	Sep	TERM THREE ENDS
25	Sep	Tuvaluan Language Week begins
03	Oct	Fijian Language Week begins
16	Oct	Niuean Language Week begins
23	Oct	Tokelauan Language Week begins
24	Oct	Labour Day - PUBLIC HOLIDAY
25	Oct	Grandparents Day
26	Oct	PTFA Meeting 7.15pm
04	Nov	Cricket Tournament Year 5-6
18	Nov	Term One to March 2017 visit 1 parents and students 8.45am to 11.20am
23	Nov	PTFA Meeting 7.15pm
29	Nov	Inter school Athletics Year 5-8
25	Nov	Term One to March 2017 visit 2 8.45am to 11.20am
02	Dec	Term One to March 2017 visit 3 8.45am to 1.15pm

Please Note: School Calendar Dates May Be Subject To Change

DAD'S DAY AT STELLA MARIS

Friday 9th September

12.20pm - 2.45pm

2016 School Term Dates

TERM 3	Monday	25 July	-	Friday	23 September
TERM 4	Monday	10 October	-	Thursday	15 December

2017 School Term Dates

TERM 1	Tuesday	31 January	-	Thursday	13 April
TERM 2	Monday	01 May	-	Friday	07 July
TERM 3	Monday	24 July	-	Friday	29 September
TERM 4	Monday	16 October	-	Thursday	14 December

2017 Public Holidays

Auckland Anniversary	30th January
Waitangi Day	6th February
Easter	14th - 17th April
ANZAC Day	25th April
Queens Birthday	5th June
Labour Day	23rd October

Telephone

Kelly Sport

- Cancellation Number -
09 427 9377

Netball

- Cancellation Number -
09 424 2318

Parish Office

- Parish Secretary -
Theresa Fouché

theresa@hbccparish.org.nz

- Pastoral Associates -
Deacon Murray Morgan
murraymorg@gmail.com
09 426 5599

SKIDS

- After School Care -
027 846 1725

School Dental Clinic

09 426 8470

Bayes Buses

09 426 5504

Ritchies Buses

09 420 6091

Public Health Nurse

09 427 0300 ext 4339

Influenza A (H1N1)

- Advise Healthline -
0800 611 116

Stella Maris School

- Website -
www.stellamaris.school.nz

School Bank Details

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

Vodafone

- Intelligent Rewards -
0508 011 737
www.intelligentrewards.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