

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER 4 February 2016

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Dear families

Welcome to the 2016 school year. A special welcome to all of our new families.

Our students and teachers are in three teams with each team named after the different parts of a fern.

Matikao (In Bud) St Mary – Pam Pyatt, St Lucy – Sue Elliott/Estelle Geddes, St Benedict – Amanda Bates, St Nicholas – Natasha Pretorius/Liz Raikes, St Nicholas – Sarah Kovac. Sue Brading is the Associate Principal with overall responsibility for this team. Olwyn Hobman is the team leader.

Mokehu (Emerging Frond) St Francis – Monica Manning/Carol Byrne, St Joachim – Patricia Watt/Doreen Hogan, St Anthony – Kathie Bodle, St Peter Michelle Kleingeld. Catherine Cyprian is the Associate Principal with overall responsibility for this team. Kathie Bodle is the team leader.

Huruhuru (Full Frond) St Augustine – Tina Hunt, St Dominic – Peter Harpur, St Joseph – Karl Hobman, St Patrick – Tracey Law. Catherine Cyprian is the Associate Principal with overall responsibility for this team. Karl Hobman is the team leader.

Sue Elliot is the Director of Religious Studies (DRS).

Welcome to Katherine Craig who has joined the office team this year.

If you have any concerns, in the first instance contact your child's class teacher. Next see the team leader and then the Associate Principal with responsibility for the team.

Parents and family are most welcome to join us for assembly, which is held on Mondays at 11:20 in the hall. A school Liturgy is held every fortnight on Thursday at 8:55, starting 25th February. Changes will be notified in the newsletter and the school App. You can download the Stella Maris School App(free) at the App store.

Events are listed on the calendar on the school website www.stellamaris.school.nz and the school App: Coming events to note:

Feb 10 Ash Wednesday	St Patrick's class attending parish Mass at 9:30. School liturgy at 1:30 in hall please join us.
Feb 15	School Assembly at 11:20 in hall
Feb 22	School Assembly at 11:20 in hall
Feb 25	School Liturgy at 8:55 in hall.

Special thanks To Mr Glenn Gray who with his daughters Charlotte, Jaimee and Holly, along with Steve our caretaker, planted out the area by the flagpole in the week before school started. You have given the area a great facelift thank you very much.

TEAM NEWS

Matikao Team: Welcome back to everyone and a special welcome to all of our new families starting this term. We are working to establish classroom routines while learning about each other and making new friends. A letter with information related to our team has been sent home, so please keep an eye out for that. Please remember hats, sunscreen and water bottles every day. We look forward to meeting with you all over the next little while. God bless.

Mokehu Team: Welcome to all the families with children in the Mokehu team. All our classes are settling in well and routines are being established. It has been great to see parents in the classrooms in the mornings these first few days, but once your child is settled in the new classroom we encourage you to use the drop off zone. The focus for the Mokehu years is on developing increasing independence and sound self management skills.

Huruhuru Team: We warmly welcome all students and families, new and returning, to the Huruhuru team. All teachers have sent home a letter introducing themselves and a full team letter will come home next week offering information about many areas of the senior school. We have organized stationery and are setting up our programs over the coming days.

God Bless

Alan Watts
Principal



DRS Message

This year Pope Francis declared 2016 to be a year of Mercy.

"I have decided to announce an Extraordinary Jubilee which has at its centre the mercy of God. It will be a Holy Year of Mercy. We want to live in the light of the word of the Lord: "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (cf. Lk 6:36).

Christ showed mercy to people from all walks of life. We too are called to show mercy. The children will learn ways they can show mercy to those around them and towards others less fortunate than themselves.

E te Atua o Atawhai- pray for us.

SCHOOL NEWS

School Attendance Dues Sponsorship Scheme

The Attendance Dues Sponsorship Scheme - has been created to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of attendance dues, for students attending Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary. The purpose of the sponsorship scheme is to allow parents or caregivers facing financial hardship another option to seek relief where they may be reluctant to approach their school for help. The existing financial hardship scheme - operated by your school - is also available to parents or caregivers facing hardship and we do encourage families facing financial difficulties to please contact your school office. Application forms are available from school and parish offices, or can be downloaded from the Catholic Schools Office Website: www.catholicschools.org.nz go to Property and Finance / Finance / Attendance Dues. If you have any queries or require assistance with the payment of attendance dues under the sponsorship scheme, you are invited to phone in confidence, Carol Krebs Ph.09 360 3069 at the Auckland Diocese office. Applications to the sponsorship scheme for 2016 attendance dues will be accepted by the Auckland Common Fund Ltd up to November 2016.

Stationery

This was distributed to your child this week and a list outlining the items and cost was sent home. Payment can be made via online banking or by cash or cheque or eftpos at the school office. Regardless of the method of payment, your child's stationery form **must be returned** to the office for processing. Thank you.

School Donations And Attendance Dues

Accounts will be posted home next week.

Address And Contact Information

If you have changed your address and or contact details during the holiday period, please notify the school as soon as possible so we can update your information. Email: achieve@stellamaris.school.nz

**WAITANGI DAY OBSERVED
MONDAY 8TH FEBRUARY
SCHOOL CLOSED**

Buses 2016

We ask that if your child/children will be busing home in 2016 you complete a NEW bus form. Forms were sent home with your children on Tuesday, if you have not received one it is available for downloading from our school website. News and Information - school notices. A new bus form is required each year. Thank you.

Absences

If your child is to be absent from school, please either email absences@stellamaris.school.nz, alert us through the Stella Maris School app or phone the school and leave a message on the absence line 09 427 9189. Please include child's name, class and reason for the absence.

School Assembly

Held at 11.20am each Monday in the school hall. All welcome to join us.

School Liturgy

Held fortnightly on Thursday at 8.55am in the school hall, commencing on 25th February. Please note there will be a special Ash Wednesday Liturgy at 1.30pm on Wednesday 10th February .

Uniform - No Hat No Play

School hats are compulsory and must be worn in Terms 1 and 4 for outside break times and outdoor activities.

Pita Pit Lunches

Pita Pit will continue to offer healthy and convenient lunches to our students on Friday's this year. Ordering envelopes can be collected from the school office and need to be returned by 9am on Friday morning to the office.

Litterless Lunch Wednesdays

As a WasteWise school and to keep alive the awareness of the necessity to reduce, reuse and recycle responsibly Stella Maris has Litterless lunch Wednesdays. Thank you parents for supporting your children in their efforts to rethink the way we create and dispose of waste.

PTFA NEWS

Second Hand Uniform Sale

The first sale of the year will be this Friday at 8.15am in the school foyer.

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Stella Stars Playgroup

Welcome back to 2016! Come and join them with your preschooler and have some fun! Stella Stars meet every Friday during term time in the school hall, 8.45am till 11am. It's a great way to meet new parents within our community so come along and join in! Any queries please E: stellastarsplaygroup@gmail.com or Ph: Nicole Lawson on 021 024 19332.

Welcome Picnic & Meet The Teacher - Friday 19th February

Welcome back to the new school year for our existing families, and welcome to all new Stella Maris families joining this year. At the start of each year, the PTFA run a small social school picnic for our families. It's an opportunity to say hello and catch up with the Stella Maris families you may not have seen all summer or get acquainted with the families that you will become familiar with over the coming year. At the same time, you get the chance to meet your teachers over the course of the evening starting with the youngest atrium classrooms to the oldest. Our famous muscle fritters will be on sale along with a sausage sizzle and soft drinks. You can also BYO picnic. So, bring a blanket and hopefully some sunglasses, and relax with the Stella Maris community on Friday 19th February, from 4pm.

PARISH NEWS

Ash Wednesday

Previously blessed palms are burnt to create the ashes for Ash Wednesday on 10th February. Kindly return your palms to the basket in the Church foyer by Sunday 7th February. Thank you.

St Valentine's Day Mass

Bishop Pat invites you to a Celebration of Marriage and Family Mass on Saturday 13th February 5.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. All welcome - couples, singles and children.

Stations Of The Cross In Lent

Lent 2016 begins on 10th February, Ash Wednesday. Stations of the Cross will be held as usual in St John's Church on Friday's starting 12th February at 7.30pm and in St Francis on Sundays starting 14th February at 4.00pm. This year the parish would like families or community groups to lead these devotions. If you wish to lead these devotions please contact Deacon Murrury, St John's or Deacon Greg, St Francis. All texts and guidance for the devotions are provided. All you have to do is lead.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Kidz Can Music Company

Your local Music School. They are able to offer students the opportunity to learn Piano, Guitar, Drama and Singing during the school day. Why not give it a go. They are now open for enrolments in 2016. For more information please contact Susan Fraser on 410-1506 or 021 378 007. susanf@kidzcan.co.nz

Long White Cloud Kung Fu

Teaching classes at Stella Maris this year on Tuesdays at 7pm. The class is for the whole family, kids through to adults. They teach traditional Chinese Kung Fu including five animals (Tiger, Snake, Crane, Leopard, and Dragon), and Chinese weapons. Great for Fitness, Confidence, and Self Defence. Come along and try your first class for free! For more information check out the website: www.longwhitecloudkungfu.com Ph: John 021 970 211 E: info@longwhitecloudkungfu.com

Yummy Yoga For Everyone!

Kids Yoga (ages 5-7) on Tuesday at 3:30pm Older Kids (ages 8-12) on Monday at 3:30pm Teens (13 +) on Monday at 4:30pm. Adults: Morning and Evening Adult Classes to choose from! See website for more details: www.yummyyoga.co.nz

Marrzipan Drama

Is your child shy? Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Do they just need 45 minutes a week to take part in organised craziness?! Come and join Marrzipan! We run awesome drama classes which focus on key life skills on Tuesdays after school. We play fun engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to the school. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS. All children receive an end of term progress report too, along with a certificate to remind them they are awesome! Give me a call to come along for a free trial, or just a chat to discuss how our classes can benefit your child's development. Contact Alisha on alisha@marrzipandrama.co.nz or call 0212570372

Spanish Language Classes For Children


Saturday Mornings Stella Maris school in the hall from 9.00am. For more info contact Cristina on 021-0734-528

Piano Keyboard Lessons At Stella Maris

Ben Fernandez pianist, composer and arranger has Piano/ keyboard lessons at Stella Maris school on Wednesday and Thursday during school time. There are a few spaces available. M: 0210565506 Res: 09 4787726 E fernandez.ben@gmail.com

Music Lessons With Maria O'Flaherty

Maria is back at Stella Maris offering singing and guitar tuition. For bookings and more details please contact Maria. E: oflaherty.maria@gmail.com Mob 021 0325287 ph 09 4267986



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Mark Your Diaries

05	Feb	Year 7/8 Tech
08	Feb	WAITANGI DAY OBSERVED - SCHOOL CLOSED
10	Feb	Ash Wednesday Liturgy 1.30pm
12	Feb	Year 7/8 Tech
15	Feb	School Assembly 11.20am
19	Feb	Meet the teacher and Welcome Picnic 4.00pm
24	Feb	PTFA Meeting 7.30pm
25	Feb	BOT Meeting 6.00pm
29	Feb	School Assembly
4	Mar	Year 7/8 Tech
7	Mar	Huruhuru Team Swim Carnival
7	Mar	School Assembly 11.20am
9	Mar	SCHOOL FINISHES 12.20pm
9	Mar	Goal Setting Interviews 1.00–7.00pm
10	Mar	Goal Setting Interviews 3.15–5.00pm
10	Mar	HPV Vaccine Year 8 girls and Year 7 Boostrix
11	Mar	Year 7/8 Tech
14	Mar	School Assembly 11.20am
18	Mar	Year 7/8 Tech
19	Mar	Soap Box Derby
20	Mar	Soap Box Derby
21	Mar	Swimming for Year 5–8 students commences
24	Mar	Holy Thursday Liturgy 1.30pm
25	Mar	GOOD FRIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
26	Mar	EASTER SATURDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
27	Mar	EASTER SUNDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
28	Mar	EASTER MONDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
29	Mar	EASTER TUESDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
30	Mar	Swimming for Year 5–8 students continues
01	Apr	Year 7/8 Tech
07	Apr	School Liturgy 8.55am
08	Apr	Year 7/8 Tech
11	Apr	School Assembly 11.20am
14	Apr	BOT Meeting 6.00pm
15	Apr	Year 7/8 Tech
15	Apr	BOT / PTFA Newsletter home today
15	Apr	TERM ONE ENDS
2	May	TERM TWO STARTS
2	May	School Assembly 11.20am
6	May	Year 7/8 Tech
6	May	Mum's Afternoon at Stella Maris from 12.30pm
9	May	School Assembly 11.20am
11	May	Open Day 9.00am–12.00pm
12	May	School Liturgy 8.55am
12	May	BOT Meeting 6.00pm
13	May	Year 7/8 Tech

2016 School Term Dates

TERM 1	Tuesday	02 Feb	–	Friday	15 April
TERM 2	Monday	02 May	–	Friday	08 July
TERM 3	Monday	25 July	–	Friday	23 Sept
TERM 4	Monday	10 Oct	–	Thursday	15 December

2016 Public Holidays

08 Feb	–	Waitangi Day
25 – 29 Mar	–	Easter
25 Apr	–	Anzac Day
06 Jun	–	Queens Birthday
24 Oct	–	Labour Day

Telephone

Kelly Sport

– Cancellation Number –
09 427 9377

Netball

– Cancellation Number –
09 424 2318

Parish Office

– Parish Secretary –
Theresa Fouché

theresa@hbcp parish.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**