

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER 23 June 2016

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Dear Families

This Sunday in the gospel we hear Jesus speak about discipleship and about the implications of following him. Jesus is saying, "Be willing to let go of the past." He knows that his disciples' lives will be radically and unexpectedly different than anything they had imagined. They will leave behind what they have known and done and go in totally new directions.

Being a Christian and a disciple of Jesus gives us a whole new identity. No matter how we think of ourselves, it is because we follow Jesus, that often takes us into new ways of living.

This week we are celebrating Matariki. Matariki is the Māori name for the star cluster known as the Pleiades. Traditionally for Māori when it appeared just before dawn in late May or early June, it signalled the start of the Māori New Year. For some tribes, the rising of Puanga (Rigel in Orion) signals the start of the New Year. In the early 2000s Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori (Māori Language Commission), the Ministry of Education and the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, became involved in the revival of Matariki celebrations. As part of our school celebrating Matariki we are having a hangi this Friday.

Thank you for your donations of toothbrushes to go to India. Over 400 were collected. Brooke Churches will be speaking at a future assembly showing the difference these toothbrushes have made, when she returns from India.

The school disco is coming up in the school hall on Friday July 1. Year 0 - 4 will be from 5:00-6:30pm and Years 5 - 8 from 7:00 - 8:30pm. The Theme is "Winter Wonderland." Entry is \$7 per child. Please note there has been a change of year level times from earlier notices.

Coming Events

Friday	24 June	Matariki Hangi
Monday	27 June	School Assembly at 11:20

TEAM NEWS

Matikao Team

We have been learning about Matariki this week. We have continued to learn about how we can be Kaitiaki, or guardians, of our world. Our 40 hour Famine fundraising pyjama day was exciting (and snuggly) and everyone seemed to love the plain rice! Thank you for your support in this event. A total of funds raised will be published soon.

Mokehu Team

The Mokehu classes are all busy creating artworks for the PTFA art show. Each child will have an individual piece of art on display as well as the class canvas creations. Keep your eyes out for this fun event. We would like the children to have a painting shirt to use at school – this will help protect the uniforms. Please send one to school in school bag.

Huruhuru Team

Congratulations to our Football teams on their successful tournament last week. Please continue to get any late Sportathon money into the Red PTFA box, every dollar counts. We will be organising auditions for our Term 3 Production over the coming weeks and look forward to beginning this exciting project.

Alan Watts

Principal



DRS Message

So often we take our children to Sunday Mass and the familiar cry of, "It is boring," goes up. This week I ask that you stop and reflect on how you and your family could become more involved as a family so that it becomes a personal experience.

The children have been studying what their role in belonging to a church is. Serving, singing, children's liturgy, reading and cleaning are just a few ways you could be involved within your parish church. Enquire today.

God Bless

SCHOOL NEWS

IMPORTANT Health And Safety Requirement

Please remember to sign in, and out at the school reception if you are coming into the school for any reason during the school day, other than at the start of the day to drop your child off or at the end of the school day to collect your child.

URGENT Call For Host Families

Stella Maris is looking forward to welcoming International guests to our school from 20th August to 4th September 2016. We need our Stella Maris families to welcome them in to their homes and show them what our wonderful kiwi culture is all about. Hosting can be a fun and rewarding experience for your family. Payment of \$230 per week to cover expenses. If you have a spare room and keen to welcome an international guest in to your family and learn about another culture, please call Liz on 836 1277 during working hours.

Pita Pit Lunches

Pita Pit continues to offer healthy and convenient lunches to our students each Friday. Ordering envelopes can be collected from the school office and need to be returned by 9.00am on Friday morning to the office. Please note that Pita Pit **do not give change**, please provide the correct money with your order. Every order goes in the draw for a "Golden ticket" the winner will get their next Pita Pit order for free. Last weeks winner was Finn Aitken.

School Liturgy

Liturgy is held fortnightly on Thursday at 8.55am in the school hall. Our next Thursday Liturgy is on 7th July. St Dominic will be leading. You are invited to join us.

School Assembly

Assembly is held fortnightly on Monday at 11.20am. The next school assembly will be held on Monday 27th June. All welcome.

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.

Matariki Celebration Hangi Tomorrow

Big thanks to our wonderful parents who have done so much preparation work for this special event.

Parent Interviews

Wednesday 27th July commencing at 1.15pm and Thursday 28th July commencing at 3.15pm. Online appointment bookings www.schoolinterviews.co.nz Our school access code is g7y29. Please note that **school will close at 12.20pm on Wednesday 27th July**. Bayes buses will run at 12.20pm. Ritchies buses will run at the regular time, children who use Ritchies buses will need to be collected from school at 12.20pm or booked into Skids after school care until the bus arrives. Please contact Skids directly www.skids.aimyplus.com E:stellamaris@skids.co.nz Ph:027 846 1725.

Scooter / Bike Club With Mr Watts


Thursdays lunchtime weather permitting, in the carpark. Children will need to bring their bike or scooter, helmet and suitable footwear.

Scooter Lunch With Mrs Brading

Wednesdays lunchtime behind the library, weather permitting. Children will need to bring their scooter, helmet and suitable footwear.

Buddy Class Masses
11.20am School Library

30th June	St Augustine, St Dominic
11th Aug	St Joseph, St Patrick



"Bring A Toothbrush" Mufti Day

A big thank you from Brooke Churches. Over 400 toothbrushes were donated. These will be taken to remote villages in Northern India to support the Himalayan Dental Project. How fantastic that over 400 children will benefit from your generosity.

Congratulations

Stella Maris students achieved some excellent results at a recent Taekwondo Sparring Tournament. Well done boys.

Alex Lal	Age 9	U27kg	Gold Medal
Aaron Lal	Age 6-7	U21kg	Silver Medal
Nicky Lim	Age 6-7	U29kg	Bronze Medal

Congratulations

Last weekend Liv Brendel, a year 6 student competed at the Karate Auckland Tournament and won a Silver medal in her age/skill level in the Kumite (sparring) division. Liv has also recently passed her grading to become a brown belt in Karate. Well done!

SPORTS NEWS

Netball

Stella Ferns V Gulf Harbour

Score	Won 10 – 8
Players of the Day	Brooke Hand Kristen Pryce

Hockey

Stella Maris V St Joseph's

Score	Draw 0 – 0
Player of the Day	Holly Gray

Flipperball

Stella Scuttlefish V Whanga Piranhas

Score	Lost 3 – 6
Player of the Day	Grainne Aitken
Fair Player	Ella Aguas

Stella Seahorses V Whanga Jets

Score	Won 7 – 3
Player of the Day	Jack Handford

Stella Scuttlefish V Some Idea

Score	Lost 1 – 10
Players of the Day	Lachie McDougall
Fair Player	Summer McKee-Wright

Stella Sharks V Silver Fish

Score	Won 4 – 2
Players of the Day	Grainne Aitken
Fair Player	Ashton Falloon

Stella Stingrays V Sea Eagles

Score	Won 8 – 2
Player of the Day	Jack McEwan
Fair Player	Ella Aguas

Stella Seals (Adults) V Orewa Plus

Score	Won 10 – 8
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PTFA NEWS

Stella Disco - Friday 1st July

The Disco is just around the corner. See the flier in today's newsletter or attached to yesterdays school beacon for full details. We are also looking for helpers to decorate on the morning of the disco as well as helpers at both sessions to sell the food and serve the drinks. If you are able to lend a hand, sign up sheets are in the school foyer or let your text angle know.

Sports-A-Thon

A huge thank you for all the donations to support the athon fundraiser. We have raised just shy of \$5000 and there are still a few forms coming in. Amazing result and all going to the purchase of new readers in our school. The class winning the pizza lunch was St Francis with 83% of the children bringing back their forms, well done.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

The next second hand uniform sale will be held in the school foyer on Friday 1st July from 8.15am – 9.00am.

Mum's Movie Night Wednesday 29th June

Mums night out with dinner at Paprika Indian Restaurant, followed by "Me Before You" movie at Hoyts Whangaparaoa. Lock in the leave pass and buy the tissues! RSVP via the facebook event or text Sarah on 021 995 226. Dinner is at 7pm, movie is 8.30pm. Come to either or both!

Stella Stars Playgroup

Meet in the School Hall on Friday mornings 8.45 - 11.00am. All children and parents welcome! Newborn - 4 years. Relaxing morning spent doing a craft, free play, mat time and morning tea. This week they will be celebrating Matariki. They will be making Poi's with the kiddies and maybe a dance to go with! For more information please contact Nicole 021 02419332.

Friday Fun Lunch

Mark your diaries for Friday 8th July. Order forms and details to follow.

PARISH NEWS

A Celebration Of Thanks

The Hibiscus Coast parish of St John's and St Francis would like to invite all those who contribute to parish life (past and present) in any way, to a celebration on 10th July at St John's Hall, from 3.00pm–5.00pm. If you are able to attend please R.S.V.P by 5th July to Grainne McAnnalley 021 178 9971 or 09 427 4436 or Mike de la Fuente 021 136 1620 or tyke0802@yahoo.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

East Coast Bays Football Association

July School Holiday programme. 11th–13th July Andersons Road, Browns Bay. for more information or to enrol E: ecbaafc@xtra.co.nz

Guitar Lessons At Stella Maris With Jason Herbert (BMus, Victoria)

Jason is a professional musician and teacher, with over 6 years experience working with young students. Jason teaches on a weekly basis here at Stella Maris. Phone or Text 027 478 5832 E: jasonherbertmusic@gmail.com

Lilliput Mini Golf Family Pass Winners

Congratulations to the following families who have each won a family pass to Lilliput Mini Golf.

Tyler Porter Family, Beckett Family, McDowall Family, Patrick Matthews Family. Please collect your passes from the school office.

Busy Sunday At Puhoi

Saints Peter and Paul, Puhoi is celebrating their Patronal Mass this Sunday 26th June at 11.00am. Shared lunch in the hall, followed by Bohemian dancing and music. Also on is the Farmers Market in the Puhoi Pioneers Domain. Join in the Treasure Hunt at the Puhoi Museum (free entry) starting times 1.00pm and 2.00pm.

Mark Your Diaries

24	June	Matariki Celebrations - Hangi lunch
27	June	Assembly 11.20am
29	June	PTFA Mums night out - Dinner and Movie 'Me before you'
01	July	School Disco
01	July	Diocesan Justice and Peace meeting
04	July	Maori Language Week to 10th July
05	July	BOT Meeting 7.30pm
06	July	PTFA Meeting 7.15pm
07	July	Liturgy 8.55am
07	July	2nd Rugby Tournament Year 3-4 and 5-6
07	July	School Reports Home today
08	July	Mufti Mania Day
08	July	PTFA Fun Lunch
08	July	TERM TWO ENDS
25	July	TERM THREE STARTS
25	July	Assembly 11.20am
27	July	Parent Interviews School Finishes 12.20pm - Bookings are open
28	July	Parent Interviews School Finished 2.45pm - Booking are open
31	July	Cook Island Language Week begins
01	Aug	"Bring a Can" for Parish Care and Share Team
02	Aug	Year 4-8 Bike / Scooter Safety Session 1pm
02	Aug	ICAS English
03	Aug	PTFA Meeting 7.15pm
04	Aug	Liturgy 8.55am
08	Aug	Assembly 11.20am
11	Aug	PTFA Fun Lunch
11	Aug	BOT Meeting 7.30pm
15	Aug	School Feast Day "Feast of the Assumption" Liturgy 8.55am
16	Aug	ICAS Mathematics
18	Aug	Hockey Tournament Year 5-6
19	Aug	Year 7/8 Tech
20	Aug	Japanese students at Stella Maris to 4th September
22	Aug	Assembly 11.20am
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	Liturgy 8.55am
01	Sep	Interschool Cross Country Year 5-8
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
25	Sep	Tuvaluan Language Week begins
03	Oct	Fijian Language Week begins
16	Oct	Niuean Language Week begins
23	Oct	Tokelauan Language Week begins
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
24	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

2016 School Term Dates

TERM 2	Monday	02 May	-	Friday	08 July
TERM 3	Monday	25 July	-	Friday	23 Sept
TERM 4	Monday	10 Oct	-	Thursday	15 December

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**