

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Dear Families

In the gospel this Sunday we hear Jesus state that his mission is not to repudiate the Law and call it into question, but to fulfil it and to bring it to perfection.

What does this perfection consist of ? Its found in a relationship of trust and love with Jesus, whom the Father has sent, not in the material fulfilling of whatever the Law demands.

If the Law condemns someone for murder, Jesus goes further still. He wants the very roots of anger and vengeance which lead to murder removed completely. He declares that forgiveness and reconciliation among ones own is more important than offering sacrifice.

So it's not ritual observance and mechanical obedience which brings the Law to perfection within us, but when there is a change in our attitude. That is when our hearts are transformed.

Coming Events To Note:

Feb 10	School Mass in the hall at 11.20
Feb 13	School Assembly in the hall at 11:20
Feb 23	School Liturgy in the hall at 8:55
Feb 24	Welcome Picnic and Meet the Teacher 4:00
Feb 27	School Assembly in the hall at 11:20 - Presentation of Charism Awards

TEAM NEWS

Matikao Team: Please remember to send in water bottles to help children manage in the heat. We have been impressed with the independence of many of our students this year already. Students are carrying in their own bags, unpacking and organising themselves for the start for the day. Teachers will begin reading and maths assessments over the next week or so.

Mokehu Team: Thank you for a very positive smooth start to the year. Your help in establishing good routines is essential. A reminder that the red plastic folder and the Learning Diary should be in bags every day. Reading needs to be done every night and the Reading Log completed. With the hot weather, the children need to have a water bottle and sunscreen daily. The Library day for all classes is Friday. Books need to be returned in a book bag please. Ensuring these simple routines are maintained will help both your children and the class teachers.

Huruhuru Team: Classrooms continue to set up routines and all teachers have commented about the calm beginning to the year. We have begun Team maths and Tuhituhi writing where the students attend specific workshops targeted to their needs. Home learning routines will develop over the next few weeks. Please remember to return your Museum trip notices to the class teacher as soon as possible please.

God Bless

Alan Watts
Principal



This week in RE lessons our students are learning about prayer. We are learning that prayer is communication with God and that there are different ways to pray. As well as looking at traditional prayer the children are also exploring praying using the senses and the body.

At home ask your children for suggestions for family prayer time. They may like to show you some of the things they have been learning at school. Prayer helps keep us grounded and calm amidst the business of life. Take some extra time this week to listen to God.

“I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer.”

Psalms 17: 6

God Bless
Kathie Bodle DRS

SCHOOL NEWS

Buses 2017

We ask that if your child/children will be busing home in 2017 you complete a NEW bus form. Forms were sent home with your children last week. A new bus form is required each year. Thank you.

Stationery

This has been distributed to your child along with a list outlining the items and cost. 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 Uniform

As we start the new school year there are a few reminders about school uniform. There is an expectation that school uniform is worn correctly, with a pride and respect that reflects the Spirit of Stella Maris. The uniform code can be found in the Home Learning Diary or in the Parent Handbook (which can be found on the school website under news and information). If for some reason your child needs to wear a non-uniform item (eg: item is lost or medical reasons) please write a note to the class teacher who will provide your child with a uniform pass. Uniform passes are temporary. **Footwear** is a black roman sandal, or Mackinley safari style (term 1 and 4) or school shoe (term 2 and 3). **No street shoes to be worn**, this includes sandals or shoes that go above the ankle. We do understand that for medical reasons some children need to wear a different footwear, if this is the case please provide a doctor's note, and we ask that the alternative footwear is black and worn with the long black school socks. **School hats are compulsory in term 1 and 4.** **Hair:** black hair ties and ribbons only. All hair touching the collar, both boys and girls is to be tied up and off the face. **Jewellery:** Children with pierced ears are only allowed to wear gold or silver studs, no sleepers. Children may wear a necklace with a cross or of cultural significance. They may wear a watch.

Absences

If your child is to be absent from school **it is important to always notify the school office.** 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.

Stella Beacon

A weekly email sent on a Wednesday with current school news and information of events. To receive this you need to register via our school website www.stellamaris.school.nz The link is found on the bottom of the home page. Please note this does not replace our weekly newsletter.

School Assembly

Held at 11.20am fortnightly Monday in the school hall. All welcome to join us. Our next assembly will be on the 13th February.

School Liturgy

Held fortnightly on Thursday at 8.55am in the school hall, commencing on 20th February.

School Mass Tomorrow 11.20am

Please note there will be a special Mass to celebrate the start of the new school year. This will be in the school hall tomorrow at 11.20am. All are invited to join us.

Triadic Goal Setting
Wednesday 8th March
From 3.15pm

Thursday 9th March
From 1.15pm
School Will Finish At 12.20pm

Skids Will Be Open
Book At
<https://skids.aimy.co.nz>

More information will come home Monday

Pita Pit Lunches

Ordering envelopes can be collected from the school office and needs to be returned to the office by 9.00am on Friday morning. Last weeks 'golden ticket' winner was Caleb Jardim. Caleb gets his next pita pit for free.

Scholastic Books

Orders have closed. Thank you to all those who support this great initiative.

Congratulations

Well Done to Zara Main and her pony Benrose Obbi who won the "North Island Category A Show-hunter Champs" against stiff competition!! Awesome effort!



PTFA NEWS

Stella Walkers

The Stella Maris walking group will kick off from the top of the school stairs Mondays and Fridays at 8.45am sharp! Come and join in for a lap of the block (and usually a coffee after!) Everyone welcome.

Back To School Mum's Lunch

Welcome back to school Stella families! Mums, Dads, Caregivers and friends are welcome to join for lunch on Friday 12.30pm (after the school mass) at the Northern Union. Please do encourage new families to the school to come along too - everyone always welcome and the more the merrier! Please RSVP via the Friends of Stella Maris facebook event page or text Sarah on 021 995 226 so we can book accordingly.

Stella Stars

Welcome back to what is going to be a fun year with Stella Stars! This week they are easing back into it! They will have some arts and crafts out for a bit of creating, play dough, and the usual toys for the kiddies! They are all really excited to see you all again. They would love the playgroup to grow, so please invite your buddies along, the more the merrier! See you Friday in the School Hall, 8.45am-11.00.

PARISH NEWS

Altar Servers

The parish is needing more altar servers at both churches. If you are aged 10 years or older and have been confirmed, please consider volunteering for this ministry. This is a wonderful way for youth to participate in the Mass. A training session will be held. For more information please contact Chris or Jo Wilson Ph: 09 427 9425.

Ash Wednesday 1st March

Ashes are usually made by burning palm leaves from the previous year. If you still have your palm leaves from 2016 please return these to the box in the foyer at school or at the church.

Dove Catholic Fellowship

Invites all women to the celebration of Holy Mass to welcome in 2017, on Wednesday 15th February, 7.30pm at St Thomas More Church, Glenfield. The celebrant will be Fr Alfredo Garcia. Fellowship and refreshments afterwards.

Sacramental Programme

The programme for children preparing for the sacrament of Holy Communion begins on 19th February, 9am at St John's Church. A **parent only meeting** will be held on Tuesday 14th February at 7.00pm in the parish hall.

Warkworth/Puhoi Parish 2017 Sacramental Programme

For information and to register please contact Bernadette Straka on (09) 422 0716, or email berny@holyname.org.nz

COMMUNITY NEWS

Marist North Harbour Rugby Club

Calling all juniors to sign up for the 2017 season. Registration Days. Thursday 16th February, Friday 24th February and Saturday 25th February. Stadium Drive, Albany. Great fun for 5-13 year olds. Email juniorchairman@maristnh.com.

Marist North Harbour Girls Ripa Rugby

Have a go! Girls ages 5-13 years. Free skills day 18th February 11.00am - 1.00pm. For more information see the flyer on the school community notice board or Phone Joanne Smith 021 026 13876.

Mark Your Diaries

10	Feb	Full School Mass 11.20am - School Hall
21	Feb	Catholic Schools Staff Mass Owairaka 7pm
22	Feb	PTFA Forum 7.15pm to 9.15pm
24	Feb	Welcome Picnic and Meet the teacher Evening
01	Mar	Ash Wednesday - Selected Year 6 students to Mass at St John's 9.30am
01	Mar	Ash Wednesday - Liturgy at school 1.30pm - Distribution of ashes
05	Mar	Round the Bays
08	Mar	Triadic Goal Setting from 3.15pm
09	Mar	Triadic Goal Setting from 1.15pm
15	Mar	Life Education at school until 24th March
22	Mar	Year 5-6 swimming until 29th March
22	Mar	PTFA Forum 7.15pm to 9.15pm
30	Mar	Inter school swimming 9.30am
07	Apr	Stella 'Market Day' 8.15am school foyer
12	Apr	PTFA AGM 7.15pm to 9.15pm
12	May	Mum's Day 12pm-2.45pm
24	May	Full School Mass - St Patrick's Cathedral 10am
24	May	PTFA Meeting 7.15pm to 9.15pm
22	Jun	Open Day for 2018 Enrolments 9am - 12pm
28	Jun	PTFA Meeting 7.15pm to 9.15pm
06	Jul	Catholic Schools Mufti Mania - Gold coin for Caritas
07	Jul	TEACHER ONLY DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
15	Aug	Full School Mass - St John's Church - School Feast Day 9.30am
23	Aug	PTFA Meeting 7.15pm to 9.15pm
29	Aug	Photolife - Class and Individual Photo's
30	Aug	Team and Group Photo's
01	Sep	Dad's Day 12.00-2.45pm
27	Sep	PTFA Meeting 7.15pm to 9.15pm
24	Oct	Grandparent's Day 8.45-12.00pm
25	Oct	PTFA Meeting 7.15pm to 9.15pm
22	Nov	PTFA Meeting 7.15pm to 9.15pm

Please Note: School Calendar Dates May Be Subject To Change

2017 School Term Dates

TERM 1	Tuesday	31 January	-	Thursday	13 April
TERM 2	Monday	01 May	-	Thursday	06 July
FRIDAY 07 JULY TEACHER ONLY DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED					
TERM 3	Monday	24 July	-	Friday	29 September
TERM 4	Monday	16 October	-	Friday	15 December

2017 Public Holidays

Easter	14th - 17th April
ANZAC Day	25th April
Queen's 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@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**