

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Dear Families

This Sunday in the gospel we hear Jesus tell us to turn the other cheek. What did Jesus mean when He said not to resist an evildoer, and to instead turn the other cheek? What Jesus asks of His followers is not passivity, but surrender of the right to personal revenge. His three examples make His point about the attitude we should have toward those who wrong us. Rather than getting even, we should be willing to go to the opposite extreme. We need to be ready to humble ourselves for the kingdom of God. We need to understand that vengeance isn't ours, but the Lord's.

Goal Setting interviews take place on 8th and 9th March. Notices have been sent home this week with the code to book your time. Please note that school finishes at 12:20 on 9th March.

Huruhuru Team don't book online, but have a separate notice which needs to be returned to school ASAP.

Congratulations to the following who were awarded certificates at Assembly:

St Mary Jakob Smith, Madison Ling.	St Lucy Amaia Warren, Gabe Bovelander.
St Benedict Luke Searancke, Finn Cuffe.	St Leo Toby Di Muro, Tiana Lafaialii, Noah Johanson.
St Nicholas Darcey Kelleher, Rosie Thomas.	St John Nathan Craig, Elizabeth Beckett.
St Joachim Sam Minogue, Ilaria Spalletta.	St Anthony Summer McKee Wright, Timothy Eckard.
St Peter Flynn McDougall, Polly Walker, Billy Hindley.	St Patrick Daniel Ellery, Niamh Jones, Amelia Hines, Quinn Wright, Simonne Lawson.
St Joseph Lachlan Buckley, Lucca Hinton.	St Augustine Grace Brand, Georgia Brackebush, Finn Aitken.
St Dominic Caylum Hudson, Nina Thornton.	

Coming Events To Note:

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: Triadic Goal Setting Forms have come home this week. Teachers will be working individually with students to set goals for their learning. These will be discussed and confirmed at the Goal Setting Evening. We look forward to meeting with families at the Welcome Picnic on Friday 24 February.

Mokeyhu: We still have some children without PE gear. Please ensure it comes to school on Monday and stays at school. We have begun our Mokeyhu Maths and Reading programmes where the children are cross-grouped across the four classes. Each teacher has also begun the school assessments so it will be a busy few weeks settling into new routines. Please return the RED envelopes each day. Thanks for your help in establishing these routines.

Huruhuru: All Huruhuru students have visited the Museum this week thank you to all families who returned their slips promptly and the generous response to our requests for assistance.

God Bless
Alan Watts
Principal



Our school gathered last Friday morning to celebrate the Eucharist in the school hall. It was a fitting way to start our school year and to welcome Father John. It is good to gather as a community to pray as it helps remind us that we do not make our spiritual journey alone. We need to walk with others and for all of us at the moment, those in Stella Maris community are a part of our faith journey.

Jesus teaches us that we should gather to worship and pray. When we share with others we see things in different ways and this helps build our understanding of the mystery of Christ. This week, let us seek the opportunity to talk about our faith journey with someone we don't usually share with.

*“For where two or three are gathered in my name,
there am I among them.”*

Matthew
18:20

God Bless
Kathie Bodle DRS

SCHOOL NEWS

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.

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.

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 Sophie Sykes. Sophie gets her next pita pit for free.

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.

PTFA NEWS

PTFA Forum

Come along to our monthly forums first one next week, **Wednesday 22nd February at 7.15pm–9.15pm** in the staff room. Find out more about what's on the plan, meet other parents and join in the fun. Wine and nibbles provided. See you there, Renee Beckett, PTFA Chair.

PTFA - Welcome To 2017

Great to see everyone settling back into what's starting out to be another great year. The playgrounds are a big hit with phase one adding a bit of colour and refurbishment. We will have an official ribbon cutting opening at the Welcome Picnic next Friday. This is to celebrate and thank the alumni students who presented the team their vision and ideas to upgrade our playgrounds. This year, we're continuing our Playground Enhancement project with phase 2. This consists of expanding both the playground footprints and adding more play equipment. We have a fun calendar of events planned each term and with everyone volunteering to help we will have a great time, lots of laughs and build a great community amongst the families.

**Triadic Goal Setting
Wednesday 8th March
From 3.15pm**

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

Information was sent home with your child this week
For students in years 1-4 bookings are made online
www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
access code **pqdw**

For year 5-6 students please return the sheet sent home on Monday with your preferred time.

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

Buses

Bayes Bus will run at 12.20pm on Thursday
Ritchies Bus will run at the regular time. If you wish to use the Ritchies service your child will need to be booked into SKIDS to await pickup.

School Welcome Picnic - Friday 24th Feb From 4pm

Come along with your picnic blanket and basket to relax on the Stella hillside. The start of year picnic is a chance to meet the families in school, meet your teachers, meet your children's friends and overall enjoy the Stella community. The PTFA will have a BBQ going from 4pm with some sausages, crisps and soft drinks for sale. Bring your own nibbles, wine or cheese, and let's have a nice Friday wind down together.

Pastoral Care Service – Stella Maris Caring Committee

This is a service of volunteers from Stella Maris that assists in providing meals for those in our school community that may be struggling through illness, accident, bereavement, new baby etc. The simple act of providing a few meals takes the pressure off and shows that the community cares and are supported which is a huge boost in times of hardship and/or sorrow. We are looking for more supporters to provide meals. Just once a term, it requires making an extra-large home meal and freezing half for another family. If interested in assisting, please contact Sarah Quinlan sarah@sqd.co.nz or 027 252 5100, who can provide you with more details or guidance around what is required. Consider this as a shine challenge opportunity for your older children or a chance to give back?

Stella's Date With Dad: Rewilding The Child - 18-19th March 2017

Following on from last year's phenomenal success, this event will be repeated again this year at the world reknown Buffalo Farm. Starting midday Saturday through to Sunday morning, this action packed wild night out camping with Dad features a commando track, mudcrawls, big rope swings, rope bridge, huge waterslide, bonfires, Night Games and more. This is your chance to get away from the trappings of the city, from technology and civilisation and reacquaint yourselves with the wild child within. Plus, you get to have Dad all to yourself—no phones, no mum, no jobs to do. If your Dad is busy, then see if you can tag along with a mate's, or ask Grandpa or an Uncle. Tickets are limited, so book your place immediately. Booking forms in this week's newsletter, or on the PTFA table in the foyer. PS... if you have to go to surf club on Sunday morning, you can easily leave in time to get there!!!!

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 is for a lap of the block (and usually a coffee after!) Everyone welcome. All are welcome to come along to Stella Stars Playgroup with your Pre-Schooler for a fun filled and relaxing morning! Meet in the School Hall on Friday Mornings 8.45 - 11am. This week we are having a wheels day! Bring along your bikes, scooters, trikes and skateboards! Hopefully there is sunshine! For more information Contact Kelly 021500786 or stellastarsplaygroup@gmail.com

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.

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** was held on Tuesday 14th February in the parish hall. Please call the Parish office 09426 5599 for any enquiries.

North Shore Regional Youth Mass 19th February

All youth are invited to join in a scavenger hunt in Takapuna, followed by food, then Mass on Sunday 19th February. Scavenger Hunt begins at 4.30pm. Youth meet at the park opposite Shore City Mall. Mass will commence at 7pm at St Joseph's Parish Takapuna. For more information email Manu Bennett stmnglenfielddyouth@gmail.com

St Valentines Day Mass

A celebration of marriage and family on Saturday 18th February at St Patrick's Cathedral, 5.30pm.

Invitation To Mass For Life With Bishop Patrick Dunn

Shrove Tuesday 28th February at Good Shepherd Church, Balmoral at 7.30pm. Bishop Pat will celebrate a very special Mass for Life to open this year's 40 Days for Life in Auckland. 40 Days Chairman Matt Britton will speak afterwards and a light supper will be served.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Creative Dance Orewa

Offering Lyrical, Modern Jazz and Hip Hop classes. Enrol now at www.creativedanceorewa.co.nz or Ph 021 119 3449

We're working together to grow great kids

counsellors, assessment services, sports, preschools, before & after school care, vision and hearing, tutors, play therapists, extra-curricular activities, osteopaths, dentists, teen careers & motivation, psychologists, in-home childcare, OT's, speech language therapists, under 5's activities, chiropractors, baby specialists, dyslexia specialists, dietitians, physiotherapists, holiday programmes, driving instructors, dance & drama, self confidence, parent education...

kidslink.co.nz

Mark Your Diaries

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 4pm
28	Feb	BOT Meeting 7.30pm
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
04	Mar	BOT Meeting 7.30pm
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
11	Apr	BOT Meeting 7.30pm
12	Apr	PTFA AGM 7.15pm to 9.15pm
09	May	BOT Meeting 7.30pm
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
13	Jun	BOT Meeting 7.30pm
22	Jun	Open Day for 2018 Enrolments 9am - 12pm
28	Jun	PTFA Meeting 7.15pm to 9.15pm
04	Jul	BOT Meeting 7.30pm
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