

# Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Dear Families

In the gospel this Sunday we hear Jesus tell us 'Do not worry! Your heavenly Father cares for you.' He meets our needs through the work and goodness of other people. The question we should ask ourselves is do I, in my turn, show that care to others?

Jesus tells us to look at the bird, the flowers, the grass in the field. The question we need to ask ourselves is do I take time to contemplate and wonder at the beauty of God's creation? Jesus promises us that God is generous. God can be trusted to provide what we need as we strive first for the kingdom of God.

This Friday we have our Welcome Picnic and Meet the Teachers. There will be the official opening of stage one of the playground revamp around 4:30pm. Bring along a picnic tea for your family and relax on the bank above the field. There will be sausages available. Meeting times for meet the teacher are as follows:

**5:30pm Matikao Team**

St Mary, St Lucy, St Benedict, St Leo, St Nicholas in the Atrium outside St Mary.

**6:00pm Mokehu Team**

St Joachim, St Anthony, St John, St Peter in the atrium outside St Joachim

**6:30 pm Huruhuru Team**

St Augustine, St Dominic, St Patrick, St Joseph in the atrium outside St Augustine.

Congratulations to Finn Aitkin who has been selected to represent Orewa Surf Club at the New Zealand Under 14 Surf Life Saving Championships being held at Mt Maunganui during the week of Monday 27th February. This is a very important National event on the Junior Surf Lifesaving calendar. Good luck Finn. We all wish you well.

**Coming Events To Note:**

Feb 24	Welcome Picnic and Meet the Teachers
Feb 27	School Assembly in the hall at 11:20am
Feb 28	BOT Meeting in the staffroom at 7:30pm
Mar 01	Ash Wednesday School Liturgy in the hall at 1:30pm.

**Bus Alert On "Stella Maris App"**

If you would like to receive an alert, should there be any change to the bus your child's travels on, can you please subscribe to receive this on the school "app"

*Go to Alerts, Click on top right of page on the "tick", choose which bus your child travels on, click the button to the right hand side of the appropriate bus, this will change to a circle, that is it. You will now receive any alerts for bus changes*

**Team News**

**Matikao Team:** We look forward to seeing parents at the Welcome Picnic on Friday afternoon/evening. At 5:30, we will be gathering parents together in the end atrium outside St Mary, St Lucy and St Benedict, where we will introduce our team. Then classroom teachers will go back to their own classes where they can answer any questions you may have.

**Mokehu Team:** We have had a busy week completing Progress and Achievement Tests (P.A.T's). The Year 4 group have completed Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary Comprehension, Maths, Listening and Punctuation and Grammar. Year 3 only do the Listening Test. We are pleased with how they coped with this different week. We look forward to seeing you all on Friday at meet the teacher/ School Picnic. We will meet in the Atrium outside St Joachim, St Peter, St Anthony and St Peter at 6:00pm.

**HuruhuruTeam:** Huruhuru teachers are looking forward to meeting you all at our Picnic on Friday night. We will meet in the Atrium outside St Augustine, St Dominic, St Patrick and St Joseph at 6:30pm. A reminder that all children are expected to wear their correct PE gear at sports each Wednesday. Please return all Goal setting forms to the class teacher.

God Bless  
Alan Watts



At the moment all of our students are working on the Jesus Strand. The Year 1 students are learning about Jesus as a person and what life was like in the time of Jesus. I hope they invite me to their Jesus lunch at the end of the strand. The focus for Year 2 is on the ways Jesus showed his love. The focus for Mokehu students is on how Jesus is present in a special way in the Eucharist. In HuruHuru we are exploring what it means to say that Jesus was fully human and fully divine and learning more about his life journey. This week in our staff meeting the teachers also spent some time reflecting on and reading about the impact of Jesus on our world. Our relationship with Jesus is central to how we live our lives in response to his call. The Gospel Readings for this week and last week outline some of the teachings of Jesus and how we are called to respond in different ways from what is usual in our world. Ask your child what they have learnt from the Gospel readings – we use them each day in class prayers and at Assemblies.

*“Jesus said to his disciples: “You cannot be the slave of two masters! You will like one more than the other or be more loyal to one than the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”*

Matthew 6:24

God Bless

Kathie Bodle DRS

## SCHOOL NEWS

### School Welcome Picnic - This Friday 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.

### Meet The Teacher Times

Matikao Team	5.30–6.00pm
Mokehu Team	6.00–6.30pm
HuruHuru Team	6.30–7.00pm

### Stationery Payments

Stationery packs were distributed to students on the first day of term. Thank you to those who have paid for your children's stationery. Payment options are on the form sent home with your child. Cash, cheque, Eftpos at the school office or via internet banking.

### Walking, Biking, Scootering To School And From School

We have a number of students who walk, bike or scooter to and from school. Please remind your children of road safety and the need to be alert at intersections and when crossing roads.

### A Huge THANK YOU

To Jenny and the team at Warkworth Mitre 10 Mega for their generous donation of plants to brighten our gardens. Your support of our school is most appreciated.

### End Of School Day 2.45pm

A reminder that our end of school bell rings at 2.45pm. If your child is not catching the bus, it is expected that your child will be collected at this time. If you need to book your children into afterschool care please contact SKIDS 027 846 1725 or E: [stellamaris@skids.co.nz](mailto:stellamaris@skids.co.nz)

### Attendance Dues And Donations 2017

School accounts were posted out this week, if you have made a payment on or after the 18th February this will not show on your account. The balance owing is for the full year, you may choose to pay in a variety of ways, over the counter eftpos, cash, cheque, credit card, via the internet, or automatic payments. Please contact Mrs Mackereth at the office should you wish to discuss your account. Families are encouraged to pay term by term, but understand that your preference may be a fortnightly payment spread over the year. Accounts are posted out each term so you can keep track of your balance owing. Thank you to our families who have already paid and set up automatic payments for 2017 it is greatly appreciated.

**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 last week  
For students in years 1-4 bookings are made online  
[www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)  
access code **pqdwmm**

For year 5-6 students please return the sheet sent home last week, with your preferred time.

**Skids Will Be Open 9th March 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.

### 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 Flynn Willis. Flynn gets his next pita pit for free.

## PTFA NEWS

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

Tickets are limited, so book your place immediately. Booking forms went home in last weeks newsletter. Place your booking form in the red PTFA Box. Colouring sheets were handed out to students last week. All entries will go into a draw for 2 spot prizes.

### Stella Stars

This week they have Liz from the Orewa Library coming to do mat time. There will be an earlier start of 9.30am to ensure that all are ready for mat time at 10am. It has been so lovely meeting all the new people who have joined Stella Stars!

## PARISH NEWS

### Fast Response To Fires

If you wish to support the families and individuals impacted by the recent fires in the South Island, you can donate at [www.caringfoundation.org.nz](http://www.caringfoundation.org.nz), or by post to Catholic Caring Foundation Fire Appeal, Private Bay 47904, Auckland 1144 or by direct banking to 02-0100-0242648-00 with your name as reference and FIRE as code. All donations receipted.

### Bishop Pat's Auckland Diocese Earthquake Appeal

Thanks to the generosity of spirit demonstrated by Auckland Catholic Schools, parishioners and religious communities, Bishop Pat's appeal to help families and individuals suffering from the impact of the November 2016 earthquakes, received an incredible \$67,061.18. Cardinal Dew, in expressing his prayerful thanks to everyone throughout the Auckland diocese for their overwhelming support, thanked the Catholic Caring Foundation for their help in its appeal to help the stricken community get back on its feet. "My pastoral team are working collaboratively with the local Catholic Parish, Marae and other social services to ensure those families and individuals who are struggling with the aftermath of the November earthquake can be best supported through this challenging time," Cardinal Dew said. Bishop Pat Dunn said that the volume of messages of support, prayers offered and donations received has been wonderful, and the lives of all of those adversely affected by the earthquake's devastation would be enhanced as a result. As the bishop's charity, the Catholic Caring Foundation was appointed to collect all donations within the Auckland Diocese to go towards the earthquake recovery in Kaikoura and surrounding areas towards the end of 2016.

### World Day Of Prayer

All parishioners are invited to represent our Parish at an Ecumenical Service on Friday 3rd March, 10am at Orewa Baptist Church. Offerings will be used to support projects in the Philippines and New Zealand as well as to contribute to local and international World Day of Prayer. Organisers are encouraging members of the Filipino community to participate in the service by doing a reading. If you would like to put your name forward please email Deacon Greg, [annegreg@xtra.co.nz](mailto:annegreg@xtra.co.nz)

### Invitation To Mass For Life With Bishop Pat

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.

### RCIA - Rite Of Christian Initiation Of Adults

As members of our Parish Community are currently going through the RCIA program, can we please keep them in our prayers as they grow in their Faith and gain a greater understanding of the teachings of the Church. Please pray also for those leading and teaching these parishioners on their journey. RCIA Candidates: *Dafanie Goldsmith, (Tony) Hoi Jeon Kim, Phil Jones, Fiona Methven, George Beck, Brett Butland.*

### 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.

### Lent Easter Preparations

If you would like to volunteer for the following please add your name to the lists in the church foyer.

**Palm Sunday:** Reading the Gospel at either the 5.30pm, 8.30am or 10.15am Mass.

**Holy Thursday:** Minister of the Word or Minister of Holy Communion.

12 volunteers needed for foot washing ceremony.

**Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday:** Minister of the Word or Minister of Holy Communion.

If you can help with the following please contact Deacon Murray:

**Ash Wednesday:** 2 people needed to burn last year's palms prior to Ash Wednesday.

**Stations of the Cross during Lent:** will be held at St John's on Fridays at 7.30pm and St Francis' on Sundays at 4pm. Families or community groups are invited to lead the devotions.

### What Are You Going To Do For Lent This Year

What about joining the Parish Lenten programme? Caritas provides material each week based on a shared reflection on the Gospels. This years programme is entitled "Your face Lord do I seek" This gives the opportunity to meet and reflect together on the Sunday scripture readings. Two sessions will be run for the six weeks of Lent. One on Thursday evenings at St John's Hall and one on Thursday afternoon at St Francis Church. Both will begin on 2nd March. For further information contact Catherine Birt 09 424 0134 or Helen Reinen 021 262 6492.

## Mark Your Diaries

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
05	Mar	Round the Bays
08	Mar	Triadic Goal Setting from 3.15pm
09	Mar	Triadic Goal Setting from 1.15pm
14	Mar	BOT Meeting 7.30pm
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
<b>13</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>TERM ONE ENDS</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
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
20	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
<b>07</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>TEACHER ONLY DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
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
<b>FRIDAY 07 JULY TEACHER ONLY DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>					
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@hbcpaish.org.nz](mailto:theresa@hbcpaish.org.nz)

- Pastoral Associates -  
Deacon Murray Morgan  
[murraymorg@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.webhealth.co.nz)

### Vodafone

- Intelligent Rewards -  
0508 011 737

[www.intelligentrewards.co.nz](http://www.intelligentrewards.co.nz)

### Auckland Youth

[www.akyouth.org.nz](http://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**